

**GENERAL SYNOD
JULY GROUP OF SESSIONS 2015
AT THE UNIVERSITY OF YORK**

TIMES OF SITTINGS

Friday 10 July	3.00 p.m. to 6.15 p.m. 8.30 p.m. to 10.00 p.m.
Saturday 11 July	9.30 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. 2.30 p.m. to 6.15 p.m. 8.30 p.m. to 9.45 p.m. <i>(or Article 7 reference meetings)</i>
Sunday 12 July	2.30 p.m. to 6.20 p.m. 8.30 p.m. to 10.00 p.m.
Monday 13 July	<i>(9.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m.- group work)</i> 11.30 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. 2.30 p.m. to 5.45 p.m.

SERVICES

Friday 10 July	
10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion in the Berrick Saul Building
6.20 p.m.	Evening Worship in the Central Hall
10.15 p.m.	Night Prayer in the Berrick Saul Building
Saturday 11 July	
7.30 a.m.	Holy Communion in the Berrick Saul Building
9.30 a.m.	Morning Worship in the Central Hall
6.20 p.m.	Evening Worship in the Central Hall
Sunday 12 July	
10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion in York Minster
6.25 p.m.	Evening Worship in the Central Hall
10.15 p.m.	Night Prayer in the Berrick Saul Building
Monday 13 July	
9.30 a.m.	Morning Worship in Groups
4.45 p.m.	Holy Communion in the Central Hall

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:
 - i. The period of notice of new business has expired, save for urgent or other especially important business included by the direction of the Presidents.
 - ii. Notice of motions and amendments arising out of business on the Agenda (other than amendments to legislative business or to proposed amendments to Standing Orders) must be delivered to the Clerk to the Synod as follows (SOs 10(a), 11 and 26(a)):

Business appointed for the *first day of the group of sessions* (10 July) –
5.30 p.m. on Thursday 9 July

Business appointed for the *remaining days of the group of sessions*:
Business appointed for a morning sitting –
10.00 a.m. the day before;

Business appointed for an afternoon or evening sitting –
4.00 p.m. the day before.
 - iii. Under Standing Order 10(a) and 26(a), 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 (i) legislative business or (ii) proposed amendments to Standing Orders.)
 - iv. Notice of amendments to legislative business or to proposed amendments to Standing Orders must be given in accordance with the notes accompanying the relevant item in the Agenda. (Note that, following the amendment of SO 10(c) agreed at the February 2015 group of sessions, such notice must now be given **two days earlier** than was previously the case.)
 - v. An amendment of which due notice has not been given may only be moved by permission of the Chair (SO 26(b)(i)).
 - vi. Notice of Questions under Standing Orders 105-106 must be delivered **not later than 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday 30 June 2015** (SO 10(b)(i)), (with an indication of whether an oral or written answer is required (SO 105(c)). Members are reminded that, unless notice is given that an oral answer is required, it will be assumed that a written answer is required.
 - vii. Notice must be in writing signed by the member giving notice and delivered to the Clerk to the Synod either by hand or by post, fax or e-mail. The postal address is Church House, Great Smith St, London SW1P 3AZ. The fax number is 020 7898 1369. The e-mail addresses are:

in respect of Questions:

questions@churchofengland.org

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ORDER OF BUSINESS

2. 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.

MEETINGS OF THE CONVOCATIONS AND THE HOUSE OF LAITY

3. The Convocations will meet from **1.15 p.m. to 2.30 p.m.** on **Friday 10 July** to discuss the *Revised Guidelines for the Professional Conduct of the Clergy*.
4. Should a reference be required under Article 7 in relation to the Additional Texts for Holy Baptism in Accessible Language and/or the Administration of Holy Communion Regulations, separate meetings of the Convocations and of the House of Laity would also need to be held. They would take place on the **evening of Saturday 11 July** (in place of the Synod's evening sitting).

FRIDAY 10 JULY 2015

3.00 p.m. to 6.15 p.m.

WORSHIP

1 INTRODUCTIONS

WELCOME TO ANGLICAN AND ECUMENICAL GUESTS

- 2** *The Most Revd Dr Antje Jackelén (the Archbishop of Uppsala) (Church of Sweden) will address the Synod at the invitation of the Presidents under SO 112.*
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PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

- 3** The Archbishop of York will give a Presidential Address.
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REPORT BY THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE (GS 1988)

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

- 4** 'That the Synod do take note of this Report.'
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Not later than 4.25 p.m.

APPOINTMENT TO THE ARCHBISHOPS' COUNCIL (GS 1989)

One of the Presidents to move:

- 5** Details of the motion to be moved under this item will be given in a Notice Paper.
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APPOINTMENT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL (GS 1990)

If, in accordance with SO 123(a), 40 or more members give notice of their desire that they wish the appointment of the Secretary General to be debated, that appointment will be debated at this point in the Agenda.

In accordance with SO 123(a), any member who wishes to debate the appointment must give notice to the Clerk to the Synod in accordance with SO 12 **within 14 days of notification of the appointment being sent to members – ie by midnight on 24 June.**

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

The Chair of the Standing Orders Committee (*Mr Geoffrey Tattersall (Manchester)*) to move the proposed amendments to Standing Orders at items 29 to 44 in the First Notice Paper:

Notes:

1. *Under SO 39(b), with the permission of the Chair, motions may be taken en bloc where no notice of amendments has been given and where no member indicates that he or she wishes to speak against the motion.*
 2. *Amendments to the proposed amendments are permissible. Any member who wishes to give notice of an amendment must do so in writing to the Clerk to the Synod **not later than 5.30 p.m. on Monday 6 July 2015.***
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**SPECIAL AGENDA I
LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS**

The following items (full details of which are contained in Special Agenda I - see pages 11-15) will be taken:

- 500** Amending Canon No. 35 (**GS 1964D**)
- Canon for Enactment
- 501** Administration of Holy Communion Regulations (**GS 1992**)
- Preliminary Consideration
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**PRESENTATION ON BEHALF OF THE ETHICAL INVESTMENT
ADVISORY GROUP AND THE NATIONAL INVESTING BODIES**

- 6** Presentation under SO 97.
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6.20 p.m. Evening Worship

8.30 p.m. to 10.00 p.m.

- 7** **QUESTIONS**
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SATURDAY 11 JULY 2015

9.30 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.

MORNING WORSHIP

**SPECIAL AGENDA I
LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS**

The following items (full details of which are contained in Special Agenda I - see pages 11-15) will be taken:

503-506 Draft Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure (**GS 1952B**) and draft Amending Canon No. 34 (**GS 1953B**)
- Draft Measure and draft Amending Canon for Final Drafting and Final Approval; Approval of petition for Her Majesty's Royal Assent and Licence

507-508 Draft Diocesan Stipends Funds (Amendment) Measure (**GS 1969A**)
- Draft Measure for Revision, Final Drafting and Final Approval

509 Draft Ecclesiastical Offices (Terms of Service) (Amendment) Regulations 2015 (**GS 1993**)
- Draft Regulations for approval

If a debate is required on the draft Ecclesiastical Offices (Terms of Service) (Amendment) Directions 2015 (**GS 1994**) it will be taken at this point.

510 Faculty Jurisdiction Rules 2015 (**GS 1995**)
- Rules for approval

511 Draft Ecclesiastical Property (Exceptions from Requirement for Consent To Dealings) Order 2015 (**GS 1996**)
- Draft Order for approval

If a debate is required on the Legal Officers (Annual Fees) Order 2015 (**GS 1997**) it will be taken at this point.

512 Single Transferable Vote (Amendment) Regulations 2015 (**GS 1998**)
- Regulations for approval

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

The Chair of the Standing Orders Committee (*Mr Geoffrey Tattersall (Manchester)*) to move the proposed amendments to Standing Orders at items 45 to 49 in the First Notice Paper.

Notes:

1. *Under SO 39(b), with the permission of the Chair, motions may be taken en bloc where no notice of amendments has been given and where no member indicates that he or she wishes to speak against the motion.*
 2. *Amendments to the proposed amendments are permissible. Any member who wishes to give notice of an amendment must do so in writing to the Clerk to the Synod **not later than 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday 7 July 2015.***
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2.30 p.m. to 6.15 p.m.

8 FAREWELL

**SPECIAL AGENDA III
PRIVATE MEMBERS' MOTIONS**

SENIOR LEADERSHIP (GS 1999A and 1999B)

The Revd Canon Simon Killwick (Manchester) to move:

- 9** 'That this Synod do take note of the report of the Faith and Order Commission *Senior Leadership: a resource for reflection.*'
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**SPECIAL AGENDA I
LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS**

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

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

Proposed amendments to the Standing Orders included in the Agenda for the morning sitting (see above) will be taken at this point if not completed or not reached previously.

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

The Bishop of Peterborough (Chair of the Council for Christian Unity) to move:

- 10** 'That this Synod, welcoming the convergence text from the World Council of Churches' Commission on 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.'
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6.20 p.m. Evening Worship

8.30 p.m. to 9.45 p.m.

Note:

If a reference is required under Article 7 of the Synod's Constitution in relation to the Additional Texts for Holy Baptism in Accessible Language and/or the Administration of Holy Communion Regulations:

1. *the Convocations and the House of Laity will meet from 8.30 p.m. to 9.45 p.m. for the purposes of the reference; and*
 2. *this sitting of the Synod will not take place (so that items 11 and 12 will not be taken).*
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CHURCH COMMISSIONERS' ANNUAL REPORT

- 11** Presentation under SO 97.
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ARCHBISHOPS' COUNCIL'S ANNUAL REPORT (GS 2001)

- 12** Presentation under SO 96.
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SUNDAY 12 JULY 2015

2.30 p.m. to 6.20 p.m.

**SPECIAL AGENDA II
LITURGICAL BUSINESS**

**CHRISTIAN INITIATION: ADDITIONAL TEXTS FOR HOLY BAPTISM IN
ACCESSIBLE LANGUAGE (GS 1958B and GS1958X)**

Article 7 business

The following item (full details of which are contained in Special Agenda II – see page 16) will be taken:

- 600** Christian Initiation: Additional Texts for Holy Baptism in Accessible Language
(GS 1958B and 1958X)
– Final Approval
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**SPECIAL AGENDA I
LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS**

Any legislative business included in the Agenda for the morning sitting on Saturday 11 July which has not been completed or not been reached will be taken at this point.

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

The Chair of the Standing Orders Committee (*Mr Geoffrey Tattersall (Manchester)*) to move the proposed amendments to Standing Orders at item 50 in the First Notice Paper.

Notes:

- 1. Under SO 39(b), with the permission of the Chair, motions may be taken en bloc where no notice of amendments has been given and where no member indicates that he or she wishes to speak against the motion.*
- 2. Amendments to the proposed amendments are permissible. Any member who wishes to give notice of an amendment must do so in writing to the Clerk to the Synod **not later than 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday 7 July 2015.***

The following item (full details of which are contained in Special Agenda I - see pages 11-15) will be taken:

Article 7 business

- 502** Administration of Holy Communion Regulations (**GS 1992**)
– *Final Approval*
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**SPECIAL AGENDA IV
DIOCESAN SYNOD MOTIONS**

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

Mrs Mary Judkins (Leeds) to move on behalf of the Leeds Diocesan Synod:

- 13** ‘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.’

**PRESENTATION BY THE COMMITTEE FOR MINORITY ETHNIC
ANGLICAN CONCERNS**

- 14** Presentation under SO 97.
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**INTRODUCTION TO GROUP WORK AND BIBLE STUDY ON THE
ENVIRONMENT**

- 15** Presentation under SO 97.
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6.25 p.m. Evening Worship

8.30 p.m. to 10.00 p.m.

FINANCIAL BUSINESS

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

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

16 '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 2016, as shown in its budget, of £[X] in respect of [Y]':

	EXPECTED EXPENDITURE [X]	AREA OF ACTIVITY [Y]
17	£13,488,475	Training for Ministry
18	£12,153,987	National Support
19	£1,272,082	Grants and provisions
20	£787,950	Mission agencies' clergy pension contributions
21	£4,359,170	CHARM Scheme

Canon John Spence to move:

22 '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.'

Canon John Spence to move:

23 '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.'

NATIONAL SOCIETY: DEVELOPMENT OF TEACHING AND EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP PARTNERSHIPS

24 Presentation under SO 97.

MONDAY 13 JULY 2015

9.30 p.m. to 11.00 p.m.

Group Work on the Environment (including Morning Worship)

11.30 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.

COMBATting CLIMATE CHANGE: THE PARIS SUMMIT AND THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH (GS 2003)

The Bishop of Salisbury (Chair of the Environment Working Group) to move:

- 25 '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 20C, 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.
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2.30 p.m. to 5.45 p.m.

CLIMATE CHANGE AND INVESTMENT POLICY (GS 2004)

The Bishop of Manchester to move:

- 26** ‘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.’

27 FAREWELLS

A Service of Holy Communion will be celebrated in the Central Hall

28 PROROGATION AND DISSOLUTION

SPECIAL AGENDA I – LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

AMENDING CANON No. 35 (GS 1964D)

Canon for Enactment

(Finally approved at the February 2015 group of sessions)

Article 7 business

One of the Archbishops to move:

- 500** 'That the Canon entitled "Amending Canon No. 35" be made, promulgated and executed.'

ADMINISTRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION REGULATIONS (GS 1992)

Regulations under Canon B 12

Article 7 business

The Bishop of Sodor and Man (the Rt Revd Robert Paterson) to move:

- 501** 'That the Administration of Holy Communion Regulations be considered.'
- 502** 'That the Administration of Holy Communion Regulations be approved.'

Notes:

- 1. The Business Committee has determined in accordance with SO 68(a) that the Regulations shall be considered under the Preliminary Motion Procedure under SO 71.*
- 2. Amendments to the Regulations are permissible. Any member who wishes to give notice of an amendment must do so in writing to the Clerk to the Synod **not later than 5.30 p.m. on Monday 6 July 2015.***

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 at the February 2015 group of sessions)

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

- 503** 'That the Synod do take note of this Report.'

Note:

If item 503 is carried, any special amendments will be moved (SO 59(d)).

The Chair of the Steering Committee (the Bishop of Durham) (the Rt Revd Paul Butler) to move:

- 504** 'That the Measure entitled "Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure" be finally approved.'
- 505** 'That the Canon entitled "Amending Canon No. 34" be finally approved.'
- And, if item 505 is carried:

- 506** 'That the petition for Her Majesty's Royal Assent and Licence (**GS 1953C**) be adopted.'

SPECIAL AGENDA I – LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

DRAFT DIOCESAN STIPENDS FUNDS (AMENDMENT) MEASURE (GS 1969A)
Draft Measure for Revision

(First Consideration at the November 2014 group of sessions)

Notes:

1. *As reported in the Second Notice Paper, no proposals for amendment were received by the Revision Committee and there were no other matters for the Revision Committee to report.*
2. *The Synod will consider the draft Measure clause by clause, first considering any amendments of which due notice has been given (SO 55(a)).*
3. *Any member who wishes to give notice of an amendment under SO 56(a) to the draft Measure must do so in writing to the Clerk to the Synod **not later than 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday 7 July 2015.***

Draft Measure for Final Drafting and Final Approval

The Chair of the Steering Committee (Mr John Booth) (Chichester) to move:

507 'That the Synod do take note of this Report.'

Notes:

1. *Under SO 59(a) there will be no Final Drafting Stage for the draft Measure if the Steering Committee considers that a Final Drafting Stage is unnecessary and so informs the Synod. In that event item 507 will not be moved.*
2. *If item 507 is moved and carried, any special amendments will be moved (SO 59(d)).*

The Chair of the Steering Committee (Mr John Booth) (Chichester) to move, subject to the provisions of SO 61(b):

508 'That the Measure entitled "Diocesan Stipends Funds (Amendment) Measure" be finally approved.'

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

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

The Bishop of Willesden (the Rt Revd Pete Broadbent) to move:

509 'That the Ecclesiastical Offices (Terms of Service) (Amendment) Regulations 2015 be approved.'

Notes:

1. *The Archbishops' Council has laid the above draft Regulations (GS 1993) before the General Synod for approval under section 2 of the Ecclesiastical Offices (Terms of Service) Measure 2009.*
2. *The Business Committee has determined in accordance with SO 68(a) that the Regulations shall be considered under the One Motion Procedure under SO 70.*

SPECIAL AGENDA I – LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

3. *Amendments to the Regulations are permissible. Any member who wishes to give notice of an amendment must do so in writing to the Clerk to the Synod **not later than 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday 7 July 2015.***

**DRAFT ECCLESIASTICAL OFFICES (TERMS OF SERVICE) (AMENDMENT)
DIRECTIONS 2015 (GS 1994)
Directions made under the Ecclesiastical Offices (Terms of Service)
Regulations 2009**

Notes:

1. *The Archbishops' Council has laid the above draft Directions (GS 1994) before the General Synod for approval under Regulation 23 of the Ecclesiastical Offices (Terms of Service) Regulations 2009.*
2. *The Business Committee has determined (as provided by the 2009 Regulations) that the draft Directions do not need to be debated.*
3. *Any member who wishes to debate the draft Directions must give notice in writing to the Clerk to the Synod **not later than 5.30 p.m. on Friday 10 July 2015.***
4. *Amendments to the draft Directions are permissible. Any member who wishes to give notice of an amendment must do so in writing to the Clerk to the Synod **not later than 5.30 p.m. Tuesday 7 July 2015.***

**FACULTY JURISDICTION RULES 2015 (GS 1995)
Rules made under the Care of Churches and Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction
Measure 1991**

The Chair of the Rule Committee (the Right Worshipful Charles George, Dean of the Arches and Auditor (ex officio)) to move:

- 510** 'That the Faculty Jurisdiction Rules 2015 be approved'.

Notes:

1. *The Rule Committee has laid the above Rules (GS 1995) before the General Synod for approval under section 27 of the 1991 Measure.*
2. *The Business Committee has determined in accordance with Standing Order 68(a) that the Rules shall be considered on the One Motion Procedure under SO 70.*
3. *Amendments to the Rules are permissible. Any member who wishes to give notice of an amendment to the Rules must do so in writing to the Clerk to the Synod **not later than 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday 7 July 2015.***

**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**

Canon John Spence (ex officio) to move:

- 511** 'That the Ecclesiastical Property (Exceptions from Requirement for Consent to Dealings) Order 2015 be approved'.

SPECIAL AGENDA I – LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

Notes:

1. *The Archbishops' Council has laid the above draft Order (GS 1996) before the General Synod for approval under section 6A of the 1956 Measure and section 5A of the 1964 Measure.*
2. *The Business Committee has determined in accordance with Standing Order 68(a) that the draft Order shall be considered under the One Motion Procedure under SO 70.*
3. *Amendments to the draft Order are permissible. Any member who wishes to give notice of an amendment must do so in writing to the Clerk to the Synod **not later than 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday 7 July 2015.***

LEGAL OFFICERS (ANNUAL FEES) (ORDER) 2015 (GS 1997) Order made under the Ecclesiastical Fees Measure 1986

Notes:

1. *The Fees Advisory Commission has laid the above Order before the General Synod for approval under section 5 of the 1986 Measure.*
2. *The Business Committee has determined (as provided by the 1986 Measure) that the Order does not need to be debated.*
3. *Any member who wishes to debate the Order must give notice in writing to the Clerk to the Synod **not later than 5.30 p.m. on Friday 10 July 2015.***
4. *Amendments to the Order are not permissible.*

SINGLE TRANSFERABLE VOTE (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 2015 (GS 1998) Regulations for approval

The Revd Canon Simon Butler (Southwark) to move:

512 'That the Single Transferable Vote (Amendment) Regulations 2015 be approved.'

Notes:

1. *The Business Committee has determined in accordance with Standing Order 68(a) that the Regulations shall be considered under the One Motion Procedure under SO 70.*
2. *Amendments to the Regulations are permissible. Any member who wishes to give notice of an amendment must do so in writing to the Clerk to the Synod **not later than 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday 7 July 2015.***

SPECIAL AGENDA II – LITURGICAL BUSINESS

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

Article 7 business

Final Approval

The Bishop of Sodor and Man (Chair of the Steering Committee) to move:

- 600** '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.'

Note:

A majority in each House of not less than two-thirds of those present and voting is required (Standing Order 35(d)(i)(3)).

SPECIAL AGENDA III – PRIVATE MEMBERS' MOTIONS

Note: This is the current order which includes signatures received by 6 May 2015.

PUBLIC DOCTRINE OF CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE

Mrs Andrea Minichiello Williams (Chichester) to move:

'That this Synod affirm the public doctrine of Christian marriage, between a man and a woman, as set out in the Book of Common Prayer, as the only basis for engagement with public policy on marriage and family life.'

146 signatures

February 2012

REGISTRATION OF CIVIL PARTNERSHIPS

Mr John Ward (London) to move:

'That this Synod:

- (a) give its general consent, pursuant to regulation 2D of the Marriages and Civil Partnerships (Approved Premises) Regulations 2005, to any application made in respect of a church or chapel of the Church of England for approval as a place at which two people may register as civil partners of each other; and
- (b) require the Clerk to the Synod forthwith to publish evidence of this consent in writing.'

139 signatures

February 2012

PAROCHIAL FEES

The Revd Paul Cartwright (Leeds) to move:

'That this Synod request the Archbishops' Council to introduce legislation to provide, on grounds of subsidiarity, for the level of parochial fees to be determined by diocesan synods within a range approved by the General Synod, reflecting the fact that diocesan synods are responsible for both setting the level of clergy stipends within their dioceses and paying those stipends from fee income, parish share, glebe and investment income and grants.'

43 signatures

November 2014

NUCLEAR WEAPONS

Mr Samuel Margrave (Coventry) to move:

'That this Synod believe that Nuclear Weapons, by nature of being indiscriminate, are an affront to the nature of God.'

11 signatures

December 2014

SPECIAL AGENDA III – PRIVATE MEMBERS’ MOTIONS

REMUNERATION OF CHURCH WORKERS

Mr Samuel Margrave (Coventry) to move:

'That this Synod call on all those in the Church of England responsible for appointing lay and clerical staff as office holders or employees to remunerate them at a level equivalent to the clergy stipend and the value of a housing allowance, etc. so that the total remuneration package for anyone holding a Church office or employment does not exceed £45,000 after pension contributions.'

10 signatures

January 2015

SENIOR LEADERSHIP

The Revd Canon Simon Killwick (Manchester) to move:

'That this Synod do take note of the report of the Faith and Order Commission 'Senior Leadership: a resource for reflection.'"

131 signatures

February 2015

GENDER SELECTIVE ABORTION

Mr Sam Margrave (Coventry) to move:

'That this Synod call on Her Majesty's Government to bring forward legislation to amend the Abortion Act 1967 (which was drafted before it was possible to identify the sex of a foetus) so as to end the practice of gender selective abortion'.

31 signatures

March 2015

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ANGLICAN COMMUNION COVENANT

... to move on behalf of the Chelmsford 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 Bath and Wells, Lincoln, London, Manchester, Newcastle, Oxford St Albans 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 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

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- (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

NATURE AND STRUCTURE OF THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND – NATIONAL DEBATE

Mrs Mary Judkins (Leeds) to move on behalf of the Leeds Diocesan Synod:

‘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.’

July 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;

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- (b) urge the national investing bodies to examine the possibility of divestment from oil companies but not before three years from now;
- (c) urge the national investing bodies to examine the possibility of divestment 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

DISINVESTMENT FROM FOSSIL FUELS

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

'That this Synod:

- a) call on the national investing bodies to make an explicit commitment to begin divestment from companies primarily involved in the extraction of tar sands, oil, coal and gas, as soon as possible;
- b) request the national investing bodies actively to explore options for alternative investment in clean, renewable energy and other low-carbon technologies; and
- c) call on Her Majesty's Government to ensure that binding agreements are reached at the international summit in Paris in November-December 2015.'

March 2015

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

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