

GENERAL SYNOD

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SECOND NOTICE PAPER

LOYAL ADDRESS

Item 7: Proposed Loyal Address

This is the draft text of the Loyal Address which it is proposed should be submitted on behalf of the General Synod to Her Majesty The Queen. The text will be finalised by the Archbishops. If any member wishes to comment on it, it would be helpful if they could do so to me.

WILLIAM FITTALL
Secretary General

November 2015

Draft Text

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‘We, Your Majesty’s faithful subjects, the Archbishops, Bishops, Clergy and Laity of the Church of England, together with the representatives of other Churches, assembled in General Synod, wish to assure Your Majesty of our loyal and devoted service to Your Majesty’s Throne and Person.

We offer our heartfelt thanks to Your Majesty and to the Duke of Edinburgh for honouring us with your presence on the occasion of the inauguration of the Tenth General Synod of the Church of England on Tuesday 24 November 2015, both at the service of Holy Communion in Westminster Abbey and at the opening ceremony in Church House.

It is a matter of rejoicing to us that, since the creation of the Synod in 1970, Your Majesty has been present for each inauguration. It has been an especial privilege to have Your Majesty with us on this occasion, two months after the present reign became the longest in our nation's history.

We express our deep appreciation of the example of Christian service which you have so steadfastly given the nation and Commonwealth over these many years.

As we face the challenges ahead of us, we shall take heart from the address you gave us and the assurance of your encouragement and good wishes. Be assured of our prayers for your continued health and well-being, and for that of all your family.

We pledge ourselves in all that we do to seek the renewal and reform of Christ's Church that it may be strengthened for service and more effectively advance the coming of His Kingdom. We pray that His blessing will remain upon you and on all members of the Royal Family now and always.'