

GENERAL SYNOD

FEBRUARY GROUP OF SESSIONS 2017

FOURTH NOTICE PAPER

Notice of motions and amendments received. Amendments will subsequently be marshalled, in the order in which they are to be taken, on the daily Order Papers.

ITEM 11

APPOINTMENT TO THE ARCHBISHOPS' COUNCIL (GS 2053)

The motion at Item 11 will be:

That the appointment of Mr Mark Sheard as a member of the Archbishops' Council for a term ending on 14 February 2022 be approved.

ITEM 14

MARRIAGE AND SAME SEX RELATIONSHIPS AFTER THE SHARED CONVERSATIONS: A REPORT FROM THE HOUSE OF BISHOPS (GS 2055)

Mr Anthony Archer (St Albans) to move as a following motion:

That this Synod request the House of Bishops to bring for debate by July 2018 a set of forward looking proposals on same-sex relationships (such 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, as demonstrated by the Shared Conversations.

Mr Ed Shaw (Bristol) to move as a following motion:

That this Synod:

- (a) endorse the view expressed by the House of Bishops in GS 2055 that gay, lesbian and same sex attracted people should

- be better welcomed and supported in our churches as people who are loved by God and made in His image;
- (b) affirm in its entirety the biblical understanding of the Anglican Communion, expressed in Resolution 1.10 of the 1998 Lambeth Conference;
 - (c) welcome the intention expressed by the House of Bishops in GS 2055:
 - (i) to maintain the established doctrine and teaching of the Church of England that marriage is the permanent and lifelong union of one man with one woman, and that sex is exclusively for marriage;
 - (ii) to develop new teaching documents that enable all to experience relational flourishing in accordance with biblical teaching; and
 - (iii) not to authorise or commend liturgies or prayers for the blessing of same-sex unions;
 - (d) request the House of Bishops to ensure that the clergy's "generous freedom for pastoral practice" is not permitted to give the appearance of blessing relationships which are inconsistent with the established doctrine and teaching of the Church of England.

SPECIAL AGENDA I LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

ITEM 506

DRAFT CHURCH REPRESENTATION, ECUMENICAL RELATIONS AND MINISTERS MEASURE (GS 2046)

and

ITEM 507

DRAFT AMENDING CANON NO. 38 (GS 2047)

The Business Committee has designated the draft Church Representation, Ecumenical Relations and Ministers Measure and draft Amending Canon No. 38 as Article 7 Business.

**SPECIAL AGENDA I
LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS**

ITEM 508

**THE ECCLESIASTICAL OFFICES (TERMS OF SERVICE)
(AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 2017 (GS 2048)**

The Revd Paul Benfield (Blackburn) to move as an amendment:

Regulation 2, paragraph 1, in the inserted regulation 29A, after paragraph (9) *insert—*

“(9A) A diocesan bishop may not give a direction under paragraph (5) in the case of a person holding the office of incumbent or priest in charge of, or vicar in a team ministry for, a benefice in the diocese or the office of assistant curate in the diocese unless the bishop—

(a) considers that the pastoral needs of the parish or parishes concerned or of the diocese make it desirable to give the direction, and

(b) has obtained the consent of the parochial church council of the parish or each of the parishes concerned.”

The Revd Prebendary Simon Cawdell (Hereford) to move as an amendment:

Regulation 2, paragraph (1), in the new regulation 29A, after paragraph (1) *insert—*

“(1A) An archbishop may give a direction for the person holding the office of the other archbishop, once he or she has attained the age of 70 years, to continue to hold that office for the period specified in the direction.”

And

Regulation 2, paragraph (1), in the new regulation 29A, in paragraph (7), before “(2)” insert “(1A),”.

**SPECIAL AGENDA I
LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS**

ITEM 511

DRAFT AMENDING CANON NO. 36 (GS 2029A)

Mr Nigel Bacon (Lincoln) to move as an amendment:

Paragraph 1(6)(a), *leave out* “is not held at public worship” and *insert* “does not take place during another service”.

**SPECIAL AGENDA III
PRIVATE MEMBERS’ MOTIONS**

CONTINGENCY BUSINESS

MISSION AND ADMINISTRATION (GS 2057A AND GS 2057B)

Mrs Mary Chapman (ex officio) to move as an amendment:

Leave out everything after “request the Archbishops’ Council to” and *insert* “develop its current work with dioceses to identify opportunities for nationally provided administrative services which would both release a larger proportion of resources for local growth and mission initiatives and generate economies for the whole Church.”

**SPECIAL AGENDA III
PRIVATE MEMBERS’ MOTIONS**

ITEM 9

PRELIMINARIES TO MARRIAGE (GS 2045A AND GS 2054B)

The Revd Neil Patterson (Hereford) to move as an amendment:

Leave out all the words after “draft legislation” and *insert* “which greatly simplifies the current system of ecclesiastical preliminaries in order to reduce the administrative burden on clergy whilst retaining so far as possible the one-stop-shop and pastoral benefits of the local arrangement of marriages.”

SPECIAL AGENDA III PRIVATE MEMBERS' MOTIONS

The following Private Members' Motions have been received and will be available for signature during this group of sessions:

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.

SCHOOLS ADMISSION CODE

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

That this Synod:

- (a) call on 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 schools 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 into the area.

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)

request the House of Bishops to bring for debate by July 2018 a set of forward looking proposals on same-sex relationships (such 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.

SPECIAL AGENDA IV DIOCESAN SYNOD MOTIONS

ANGLICAN COMMUNION COVENANT

The Chelmsford, Oxford and St Albans Diocesan Synods have given notice that they wish to withdraw their motion on the Anglican Communion Covenant.

The diocesan synods of Bath and Wells, Lincoln, London, Manchester, Newcastle and Worcester not having withdrawn their motions, Special Agenda IV will, therefore, continue to include the motion at the top of page 16 of the Agenda.

ERRATA

AGENDA (GS 2042)

ITEM 4

DATES OF GROUPS OF SESSIONS IN 2019-2020

The proposed dates for the February 2020 group of sessions are Monday-Saturday 10-15 February.

ITEM 2

REPORT BY THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE (GS 2043)

Page 4, paragraph 25

The First Church Estates Commissioner is to retire in **June** (not March) 2017.

GROUP WORK

Information about group work will be available from Tuesday morning. Individually labelled envelopes containing materials and details of your group may be collected from the trays in the Bishop Partridge Hall.

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