

Wednesday 11 February 2015

2.30 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.

ORDER PAPER II

DISCIPLESHIP (GS 1977)

The Bishop of Sheffield to move:

- 10** 'That this Synod, mindful that the Church of Jesus Christ is called to be a community of missionary disciples:
- (a) commend the Ten Marks for Developing Discipleship for further study and reflection with a view to the development in each diocese of an action plan for implementation at diocesan, deanery and parochial level; and
 - (b) invite the House of Bishops:
 - (i) to prepare a new Revised Catechism with a view to its approval by the General Synod under Canon B 2; and
 - (ii) to identify and commission other resources to help the whole Church to live out our common discipleship.'

The Revd Mark Ireland (Lichfield) to move as an amendment:

- 78** 'After "That this Synod," insert "inspired by the glory and grace of God shown in the face of Jesus Christ and".'

The Revd Canon Dr Chris Sugden (Oxford) to move as an amendment:

- 79** 'After "missionary disciples" insert "and in view of its resolution of November 2013 which highlighted the priority of evangelism and making new disciples".'

The Revd Canon Dr Simon Taylor (Derby) to move as an amendment:

80 ‘After paragraph (a) *insert* –

“(–) invite the laity and clergy of the Church of England:

- (i) to commit themselves to learn, pray, worship and proclaim the Gospel together; and
- (ii) to suggest what the Church of England and its leadership could do to help them deepen their discipleship;”.’

The Revd Mark Ireland (Lichfield) to move as an amendment:

81 ‘In paragraph (b)(ii) *leave out* “discipleship” and *insert* “calling to be disciples who make disciples”.’

The Revd Canon Dr Simon Taylor (Derby) to move as an amendment:

82 ‘At the end *insert* –

- “(iii) to engage in a wide consultation with all people in England, of all faiths and none, to discern how the Church of England could deepen its discipleship to enable it to better work to serve the common good of this nation.”.’

RESOURCING THE FUTURE (GS 1978) AND RESOURCING MINISTERIAL EDUCATION (GS 1979)

Canon John Spence (ex officio) to move:

11 ‘That this Synod,

welcoming the objective set out in paragraph 4 of **GS 1978** of investment focused on dioceses’ strategic plans for growth, and with a strong bias to the poor; and

the vision set out in paragraph 8 of **GS 1979**,

invite the Archbishops’ Council and the House of Bishops to reach early decisions on the specific recommendations in the two reports once the current consultation period with dioceses, theological training institutions and others is concluded.’

The Revd Father Thomas Seville (Religious Communities) to move as an amendment:

- 83** ‘Leave out everything after “bias to the poor; and” and *insert* –
“acknowledging with thanks the work done by the Resourcing Ministerial Education Task Group and the vision proposed in paragraph 8 of GS 1979,
invite the Archbishops’ Council and the House of Bishops to commission serious theological research, taking into account the context in which the Church of England finds herself and the sources with which she is gifted so as to inform and amend where necessary the recommendations made in the two reports.”.’

If item 83 is not carried:

The Revd Canon Jane Charman (Salisbury) to move as an amendment:

- 84** ‘Leave out everything after “House of Bishops” and *insert* –
(a) to reach early decisions on the specific recommendations in GS 1978; and
(b) to consult speedily with dioceses, theological educators, theological education institutions and Durham University on the recommendations contained in GS 1979 with a view to bringing agreed proposals to the Synod for further consideration in July.”.

If neither item 83 nor item 84 is carried:

Mr Samuel Margrave (Coventry) to move as an amendment:

- 85** ‘After “House of Bishops” *insert* –
“to consider further:
(a) whether the proposals set out in GS 1978 will reduce the resources available for ministry and mission in poorer areas;
(b) the extent to which the proposals are aligned with the requirement under section 2(3) of the National Institutions Measure 1998 for the Archbishops’ Council to have “particular regard to the requirements of section 67

of the Ecclesiastical Commissioners Act 1840 relating to the making of additional provision for the cure of souls in parishes where such assistance is most required”; and

(c) the difficulties in recruiting clergy to minister in poorer areas, the need in these areas for full-time stipendiary clergy and the impact of removing the Sheffield formula on the Church’s ability to provide ministry in poorer areas and, in the light of the outcome of that further consideration, ”.’

If neither item 83 nor item 84 is carried:

The Revd Christopher Hobbs (London) to move as an amendment:

- 86** At the end *insert* “and bring those decisions back to Synod for more detailed scrutiny before implementation”.
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SIMPLIFICATION (GS 1980)

The Bishop of Willesden (Southern Suffragans) to move:

- 12** ‘That this Synod, welcoming the proposals in **GS 1980** and noting the support that the Archbishops’ Council, the Church Commissioners and the House of Bishops have given them, invite the Archbishops’ Council and the Business Committee, in the light of any comments from dioceses and others, to bring the necessary amending legislation to the Synod for more detailed scrutiny.’

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

- 87** ‘After “That this Synod, ” *insert* “generally”.’

And

‘After “the necessary amending legislation” *insert* “(save in relation to recommendation 15)”.’

CHURCH COMMISSIONERS' FUNDS AND INTER-GENERATIONAL EQUITY (GS 1981)

The First Church Estates Commissioner (ex officio) to move:

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‘That this Synod,

welcoming **GS 1981**; and

noting that the funds of the Church Commissioners are a permanent endowment, held in perpetuity to support the Church of England as it seeks to proclaim the faith afresh in each generation,

support the Commissioners, in consultation with the House of Bishops and the Archbishops’ Council, giving consideration to the basis on which they might, for a limited period, release additional funds in order to support changes that will equip the Church of England more effectively for sustainable mission and ministry over the coming generations.’

7.00 p.m. Evening Worship
