

GENERAL SYNOD
NOVEMBER GROUP OF SESSIONS 2013
AT CHURCH HOUSE, WESTMINSTER

TIMES OF SITTINGS

Monday 18 November	1.45 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.
Tuesday 19 November	9.15 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. – <i>group work</i> <i>(see page 3)</i> 11.45 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. 2.30 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.
Wednesday 20 November	9.15 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. 2.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.

SERVICES

Monday 18 November

1.00 p.m.	Holy Communion in the Chapel
1.45 p.m.	Worship in the Assembly Hall
7.05 p.m.	Evening Worship in the Assembly Hall

Tuesday 19 November

8.00 a.m.	Holy Communion in the Chapel
1.05 p.m.	Holy Communion in the Chapel
7.05 p.m.	Evening Worship in the Assembly Hall

Wednesday 20 November

9.15 a.m.	Holy Communion in the Assembly Hall
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GENERAL NOTES

NOTICE OF MOTIONS, AMENDMENTS AND QUESTIONS

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:

1. The period of notice of new business has expired, save for urgent or other specially important business included by the direction of the Presidents.
2. Save as stated in paragraph 3, notice of motions and amendments arising out of business on the Agenda (other than amendments to legislative business) or to amendments of 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* (18 November) –
5.30 p.m. on Friday 15 November
 - Business appointed for the *remaining days of the group of sessions*:
 - Business appointed for a morning sitting –
10 a.m. the day before;
 - Business appointed for an afternoon or evening sitting –
4 p.m. the day before.
 - Contingency business – **10 a.m. on Monday 18 November**
3. The Business Committee has exercised its power under Standing Order 11 to determine that notice of amendments to item 11, relating to the report of the Steering Committee for the draft legislation on Women in the Episcopate, must be given by **2.30 p.m. on Tuesday 19 November**.
4. 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 legislative business or to amendments of Standing Orders.)
5. Notice of amendments to legislative business or to amendments of Standing Orders must be given in accordance with the notes accompanying the relevant item in this Agenda.
6. An amendment of which due notice has not been given may only be moved by permission of the Chair (SO 26(b)(i)).
7. Notice of Questions under Standing Orders 105-106 must be delivered **not later than 5.30 p.m. on Wednesday 6 November 2013** (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.**
8. 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 address is:

in respect of Questions: **questions@churchofengland.org**

in respect of amendments and motions arising out of business on the Agenda: **amendments@churchofengland.org**

in respect of submissions to Revision Committees:
revisioncommittee@churchofengland.org

in respect of other matters: **jacqui.philips@churchofengland.org**

ORDER OF BUSINESS

9. 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.

CONTINGENCY BUSINESS

10. If there is no uncompleted business and a gap appears in the Agenda during this group of sessions, contingency business will be taken as follows:

DIOCESAN SYNOD MOTION

NAME OF DIOCESES (GS 1927A AND GS 1927B)

Mr Ian Fletcher (Bradford) to move on behalf of the Bradford Diocesan Synod:

‘That this Synod call on the Archbishops’ Council to introduce legislation to enable dioceses of the Church of England to be named by reference either to a city or substantial town or to a geographical area.’

DIOCESAN SYNOD MOTION

NATURE AND STRUCTURE OF THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND – NATIONAL DEBATE (GS 1928A AND GS 1928B)

Mrs Mary Judkins (Wakefield) to move on behalf of the Wakefield 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.’

MONDAY 18 NOVEMBER 2013

1.45 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.

WORSHIP

1. INTRODUCTIONS

2. PROGRESS OF MEASURES AND STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

PRESENTATION

3. Presentation under SO 97 led by the Archbishop of Canterbury.

REPORT BY THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE (GS 1916)

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

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

CHALLENGES FOR THE QUINQUENNIUM: INTENTIONAL EVANGELISM (GS 1917)

The Archbishop of York to move:

5. 'That this Synod in the light of the priority of evangelism and making new disciples:

- (a) support the formation of an Archbishops' Task Group on Evangelism with the terms of reference and timetable as set out in GS 1917;
 - (b) call upon the Task Group to make its first priority a new call to prayer;
 - (c) commend to the Task Group an initial programme for its work around the seven disciplines of evangelisation as set out in the same paper; and
 - (d) call upon every diocesan and deanery synod and every PCC to spend the bulk of one meeting annually and some part of every meeting focusing on sharing experiences and initiatives for making new disciples.'
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LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

The following items of business (full details of which are contained in Special Agenda I – see pages 8-11) will be taken:

DRAFT CHURCH OF ENGLAND (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) MEASURE DRAFT AMENDING CANON No. 31

- 500** Draft Church of England (Miscellaneous Provisions) Measure (**GS 1866B**) and Draft Amending Canon No 31 (**GS 1877B**) – *Draft Measure and Draft Amending Canon for Final Drafting*
- 501** Draft Church of England (Miscellaneous Provisions) Measure – *Draft Measure for Final Approval*
- 502** Draft Amending Canon No. 31 – *Draft Amending Canon for Final Approval*

DRAFT DIOCESE OF LEEDS (TEMPORARY PROVISION FOR MEMBERSHIP OF CONVOCATION AND THE HOUSE OF LAITY) RESOLUTION 2013

- 509** Draft Resolution (**GS 1918**) under the Dioceses, Pastoral and Mission Measure 2007 – *Draft Resolution for Approval*

Not later than 5.20 p.m.

6. QUESTIONS

Not later than 6.50 p.m.

WOMEN IN THE EPISCOPATE

- 7.** Presentation under SO 97.
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7.05 - 7.25 p.m. Evening Worship

TUESDAY 19 NOVEMBER 2013

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion in the Chapel

9.15 a.m. to 11.30 a.m.

Members of the Synod will spend the morning in small groups, engaging in reflection, discussion and worship.

11.45 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

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DRAFT CARE OF CHURCHES AND ECCLESIASTICAL JURISDICTION (AMENDMENT) MEASURE

- 507** Draft Care of Churches and Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction (Amendment) Measure (**GS 1919**) – *Draft Measure for First Consideration*
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2.30 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.

PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

- 8.** The Archbishop of York will give a Presidential Address.
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THE CHURCH SCHOOL OF THE FUTURE: A REPORT FROM THE BOARD OF EDUCATION (GS 1920)

The Bishop of Oxford (Chair of the Board of Education and the National Society) to move:

- 9.** 'That this Synod, affirming the crucial importance of the Church of England's engagement with schools for its contribution to the common good and to its spiritual and numerical growth:
- (a) urge dioceses, in the light of *A DBE for the Future*, to complete the self-evaluation framework within twelve months and thereby review their support for schools;
 - (b) invite dioceses to draw up plans for promoting the widest possible use of the new Christianity Project materials in both church and other schools;

- (c) request the Ministry Council to consider and report to the Synod in 2014 how training for lay and ordained ministers can include more school-related experience; and
- (d) invite the Archbishops' Council to report to the Synod by February 2015 the outcome of its discussions with the National Society on the national governance proposals made by the Chadwick Report.'
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LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

The following items of business (full details of which are contained in Special Agenda I – see pages 8-11) will be taken:

DRAFT CHURCH OF ENGLAND (ECCLESIASTICAL PROPERTY) MEASURE

- 508** Draft Church of England (Ecclesiastical Property) Measure (**GS 1921**) – *Draft Measure for First Consideration*

DRAFT VACANCY IN SEE COMMITTEES (AMENDMENT) REGULATION 2013

- 510-511** Draft Vacancy in See Committees (Amendment) Regulation 2013 (**GS 1922**) – *Draft Instrument for Approval and Declaration of an Act of Synod*
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FORTY-EIGHTH REPORT OF THE STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE (GS 1923)

Notes:

- (i) The Business Committee has determined under SO 39(c) that all the proposed amendments to Standing Orders contained in items 15-17 of the First Notice Paper do not need to be debated.
- (ii) Under SO 39(c) those amendments will accordingly be deemed to have been approved by the Synod without amendment unless either:
- notice is given by not less than 5 members by 5.30 p.m. on Monday 18 November that they wish a proposed amendment to be debated; or
 - notice is given by 5.30 p.m. on Thursday 14 November of an amendment to any proposed amendment.
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Not later than 5.45 p.m.

**DIOCESAN SYNOD MOTION
REVIEW OF THE WORKINGS OF THE GENERAL SYNOD
(GS 1914A and 1914B)**

10. *Mr Anirban Roy (London)* to move on behalf of the London Diocesan Synod:

‘That this Synod request the Archbishops’ Council and the Business Committee to set in motion a review of the workings of the Synod and to propose alternatives to the Parliamentary model currently used, the review to include consideration of:

- (a) the frequency and length of groups of sessions;
- (b) the ways in which debate takes place and decisions are made; and
- (c) whether, in the light of recent changes in the democratic structures of local government and other public bodies, the current synodical framework and representative structures are still fit for purpose.’

7.05 – 7.25 p.m. Evening Worship

WEDNESDAY 20 NOVEMBER 2013

9.15 a.m. Holy Communion in the Assembly Hall

10.30 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.

REPORT OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE FOR THE DRAFT LEGISLATION ON WOMEN IN THE EPISCOPATE (GS 1924)

The Bishop of Rochester (Chair of the Steering Committee) to move:

11. 'That this Synod, welcoming the package of proposals in GS 1924 and the statement of principles endorsed by the House of Bishops at paragraph 12 of GS 1886, invite the House of Bishops to bring to the Synod for consultation in February a draft declaration and proposals for a mandatory disputes resolution procedure which build on the agreement reached by the Steering Committee as a result of its facilitated discussions.'
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LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

The following items (full details of which are contained in Special Agenda I – see pages 8-11) will be taken:

DRAFT BISHOPS AND PRIESTS (CONSECRATION AND ORDINATION OF WOMEN) MEASURE DRAFT AMENDING CANON No. 33

ARTICLE 7 AND ARTICLE 8 BUSINESS

- 503-504 Draft Bishops and Priests (Consecration and Ordination of Women) Measure (**GS 1925**) – *Draft Measure for First Consideration*
- 505-506 Draft Amending Canon No. 33 (**GS 1926**) – *Draft Canon for First Consideration*
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2.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

Items of legislative business appearing on the Agenda for the morning sitting (see above) will be taken at this point, if not completed previously.

**THE WORK OF THE ELECTIONS REVIEW GROUP:
ELECTORATE FOR THE HOUSE OF LAITY AND ONLINE ELECTIONS:
SECOND REPORT BY THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE (GS 1906)
Resumed debate**

Debate will be resumed on the motion:

- 12.** 'That this Synod request legislative proposals to be brought forward to:
- (a) establish an electoral college for elections by the laity to the General Synod and diocesan synods;
 - (b) make provision by 2020 for elections to the General Synod to be undertaken online; and
 - (c) make provision by 2015 for nominations for elections to the General Synod to be undertaken by email.'

moved by *the Ven. Julian Henderson* at the July 2013 group of sessions.

Not later than 5.15 p.m.

13. FAREWELLS

14. PROROGATION

SPECIAL AGENDA I – LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

**DRAFT CHURCH OF ENGLAND (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) MEASURE
(GS 1866B)**

DRAFT AMENDING CANON No. 31 (GS 1877B)

**Draft Measure and draft Amending Canon for Final Drafting and Final Approval
(Revision at the July 2013 group of sessions)**

Report by the Steering Committee (GS 1866Z/1877Z)

The Revd Paul Benfield (Blackburn) (Chair of the Steering Committee) to move:

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

***Note:** If item 500 is carried, any special amendments will be moved (SO 59(d)).*

Queen's and Prince of Wales's Consent to be signified

As the Draft Measure affects the prerogatives and interests of Her Majesty and the interests of the Prince of Wales, their consents have been applied for and will be signified before the Final Approval Stage is commenced.

The Revd Paul Benfield (Blackburn) (Chair of the Steering Committee) to move:

501 'That the Measure entitled "Church of England (Miscellaneous Provisions) Measure" be finally approved.'

502 'That the Canon entitled "Amending Canon No. 31" be finally approved.'

SPECIAL AGENDA I – LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

DRAFT BISHOPS AND PRIESTS (CONSECRATION AND ORDINATION OF WOMEN) MEASURE (GS 1925) DRAFT AMENDING CANON NO. 33 (GS 1926)

Draft Measure and draft Amending Canon for First Consideration Article 7 and Article 8 business

The Chair of the Steering Committee (the Bishop of Rochester (the Rt Revd James Langstaff)) to move with the consent of the Business Committee:

- 503** 'That the Measure entitled "Bishops and Priests (Consecration and Ordination of Women) Measure" be considered for revision in Full Synod.'

If item 503 is not carried, *the Chair of the Steering Committee* (the Bishop of Rochester (the Rt Revd James Langstaff)) to move:

- 504** 'That the Measure entitled "Bishops and Priests (Consecration and Ordination of Women) Measure" be considered for revision in committee.'

The Chair of the Steering Committee (the Bishop of Rochester (the Rt Revd James Langstaff)) to move with the consent of the Business Committee:

- 505** 'That the Amending Canon entitled "Amending Canon No. 33" be considered for revision in Full Synod.'

If item 505 is not carried, *the Chair of the Steering Committee* (the Bishop of Rochester (the Rt Revd James Langstaff)) to move:

- 506** 'That the Amending Canon entitled "Amending Canon No. 33" be considered for revision in committee.'

Note: *If item 504 or item 506 is carried, any member wishing to submit proposals for amendment to the Revision Committee must send them in writing to the Clerk to the Synod so as to reach her not later than 5.30 p.m. on Monday 23rd December 2013 (SO 53).*

DRAFT CARE OF CHURCHES AND ECCLESIASTICAL JURISDICTION (AMENDMENT) MEASURE (GS 1919)

Draft Measure for First Consideration

A member of the Steering Committee to move:

- 507** 'That the Measure entitled "Care of Churches and Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction (Amendment) Measure" be considered for revision in committee.'

SPECIAL AGENDA I – LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

Note: *If item 507 is carried, any member who wishes to submit proposals for amendment to the Revision Committee should send them in writing to the Clerk to the Synod so as to reach her **not later than 5.30 p.m. on Monday 23rd December 2013** (SO 53).*

DRAFT CHURCH OF ENGLAND (ECCLESIASTICAL PROPERTY) MEASURE (GS 1921)

Draft Measure for First Consideration

A member of the Steering Committee to move:

- 508** 'That the Measure entitled "Church of England (Ecclesiastical Property) Measure" be considered for revision in committee.'

Note: *If item 508 is carried, any member who wishes to submit proposals for amendment to the Revision Committee should send them in writing to the Clerk to the Synod so as to reach her **not later than 5.30 p.m. on Monday 23rd December 2013** (SO 53).*

DRAFT DIOCESE OF LEEDS (TEMPORARY PROVISION FOR MEMBERSHIP OF CONVOCATION AND THE HOUSE OF LAITY) RESOLUTION 2013 (GS 1918)

Resolution under the Dioceses, Pastoral and Mission Measure 2007

The Archbishop of York to move:

- 509** 'That the Diocese of Leeds (Temporary Provision for Membership of Convocation and the House of Laity) Resolution 2013 be approved'.

Notes:

- 1. Section 10 of the 2007 Measure empowers the General Synod, by resolution, to make provision for the representation of any new diocese created by a reorganisation scheme, in the relevant Convocation and in the House of Laity, during the period between the creation of the new diocese and the next dissolution of the General Synod.*
- 2. The Business Committee has determined in accordance with SO 68(a) that the Resolution shall be considered on the One Motion Procedure under SO 70(a).*
- 3. Amendments to the Resolution are permissible. Any member who wishes to give notice of an amendment to the Resolution must do so in writing to the Clerk to the Synod **not later than 5.30 p.m. on Thursday 14th November 2013**.*

SPECIAL AGENDA I – LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

DRAFT VACANCY IN SEE COMMITTEES (AMENDMENT) REGULATION 2013 (GS 1922)

Draft Instrument for approval

One of the Presidents to move:

510 'That the Vacancy in See Committees (Amendment) Regulation 2013 be approved.'

Notes:

1. *The Business Committee has determined in accordance with SO 68(a) that the Resolution shall be considered on the One Motion Procedure under SO 70(a).*
2. *Amendments to the Regulation are permissible. Any member who wishes to give notice of an amendment should do so in writing to the Clerk to the Synod **not later than 5.30 p.m. on Thursday 14th November 2013.***

If item 510 is carried, *one of the Presidents* being in the Chair to move:

511 'That the Vacancy in See Committees Regulation 1993, as amended by the Vacancy in See Committees (Amendment) Regulation 2003, the Vacancy in See Committees (Amendment) Regulation 2007 and the Vacancy in See Committees (Amendment) Regulation 2008, and as to be amended by the Vacancy in See Committees (Amendment) Regulation 2013 upon the coming into force of that Regulation, be solemnly affirmed and proclaimed an Act of Synod.'

SPECIAL AGENDA III

Note: This is the current order which includes electronic signatures received by 9 September 2013

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.’

126 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.’

126 signatures

February 2012

CANON B 8

The Revd Christopher Hobbs (London) to move:

‘That this Synod call on the Business Committee to introduce draft legislation to amend the law relating to the vesture of ministers so that, without altering the principles set out in paragraphs 1 and 2 of Canon B 8, the wearing of the forms of vesture referred to in paragraphs 3, 4 and 5 of that Canon becomes optional rather than mandatory.’

89 signatures

November 2012

SPECIAL AGENDA III

BURIALS IN CLOSED CHURCHYARDS

The Revd Andrew Dotchin (St Edmundsbury and Ipswich) to move:

'That this Synod call on the Archbishops' Council to:

- (a) consider the position in relation to further burials in churchyards which have been closed by Order in Council; and
- (b) make representations to Her Majesty's Government on the matter with a view to primary legislation being brought forward (whether by way of Measure or Act of Parliament) to facilitate such burials in appropriate cases.'

30 signatures

November 2012

WOMEN IN THE EPISCOPATE

The Revd Simon Cawdell (Hereford) to move:

'That this Synod call on the Business Committee to introduce a draft Measure to allow the consecration of women to the episcopate, in a form different from the draft Bishops and Priests (Consecration and Ordination of Women) Measure, within the next twelve months.'

3 signatures

November 2012

GENERAL SYNOD HOUSE OF LAITY

Mr Philip French (Rochester) to move:

'That this Synod call for the Church Representation Rules to be amended, in time for the 2015 General Synod elections, to provide that:

- (a) the diocesan electors for the House of Laity of the General Synod become all those lay persons entered on the church electoral rolls of parishes in the relevant diocese;
- (b) election addresses be provided online in a standard form, to include clear disclosure of candidates' positions on such matters as the House of Laity may by resolution direct; and
- (c) nomination and voting be conducted electronically.'

24 signatures

November 2012

SPECIAL AGENDA III

BISHOPS IN CIVIL PARTNERSHIPS

The Revd Dr Robert Munro (Chester) to move:

'That this Synod call on the House of Bishops to re-instate the moratorium on the consecration as bishops of clergy in civil partnerships and, having done so, to seek the approval of the General Synod before it is lifted again.'

81 signatures

March 2013

UNSAFE FOOD AND POST-2015 SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

The Revd Canon Richard Hibbert (St Albans) to move:

'That this Synod:

- (a) note the serious public health implications of chronic aflatoxin exposure, which affects an estimated 4.5 billion people living in developing countries, is responsible for over a quarter of the world's liver cancer and contributes to childhood stunting and immunosuppressive disorders;
- (b) acknowledge the economic impact of aflatoxin contamination on smallholder farmers in developing countries, both in terms of long-term health problems and export losses due to unsafe levels of the toxin; and
- (c) call on Her Majesty's Government to ensure the issue is addressed in the post-2015 Sustainable Development Goals through funding for household, private sector and national crop drying, storage and primary processing to improve food safety and food security.'

46 signatures

April 2013

RE-EVANGELISATION OF ENGLAND

The Revd Stephen Trott (Peterborough) to move:

'That this Synod wish to make the re-evangelisation of England an urgent priority and to that end call for a new Mission and Growth Measure to enable the Church Commissioners to promote the planting of new churches and the resourcing of existing churches for their calling both to serve the nation and to advance the Great Commission in Matthew 28.18-20.'

10 signatures

July 2013

SPECIAL AGENDA IV

EPISCOPAL MINISTRY ACT OF SYNOD

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

‘That the Episcopal Ministry Act of Synod 1993 be rescinded.’

March 2003

NAME OF DIOCESES

Mr Ian Fletcher (Bradford) to move on behalf of the Bradford Diocesan Synod:

‘That this Synod call on the Archbishops’ Council to introduce legislation to enable dioceses of the Church of England to be named by reference either to a city or substantial town or to a geographical area.’

[The Ripon & Leeds Diocesan Synod passed a motion in identical terms.]

June 2011

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.]

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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
 - (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;

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- (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 (Wakefield) to move on behalf of the Wakefield 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

REVIEW OF THE WORKINGS OF THE GENERAL SYNOD

Mr Anirban Roy (London) to move on behalf of the London Diocesan Synod:

‘That this Synod request the Archbishops’ Council and the Business Committee to set in motion a review of the workings of the Synod and to propose alternatives to the Parliamentary model currently used, the review to include consideration of:

- (a) the frequency and length of groups of sessions;
- (b) the ways in which debate takes place and decisions are made; and
- (c) whether, in the light of recent changes in the democratic structures of local government and other public bodies, the current synodical framework and representative structures are still fit for purpose.’

August 2012

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

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

‘That this Synod:

- (a) recognising the damage being done to the planet through the burning of fossil fuels;
- (b) aware of the huge reserves held by gas, oil and coal extraction industries;

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- (c) committing itself to taking seriously our Christian responsibility to care for the planet ('the earth is the Lord's');
- (d) acknowledging the financial responsibilities of the Church's national Investing bodies; and
- (e) noting that a review of recommended ethical investment policy with regard to climate change has been begun by the Church of England Ethical Investment Advisory Group ('EIAG')
 - (i) call upon the national investing bodies to ensure that their investment policy (including the option of divestment) is aligned with the theological, moral and social priorities of the Church which find expression in the reports 'Sharing God's Planet' and 'Church and Earth 2009-2016' and in the 'Shrinking the Footprint' campaign;
 - (ii) call upon the EIAG to publish the report of its review by the end of 2014; and
 - (iii) agree to the establishment of a General Synod Working Group on the Environment, to monitor this and other environmental issues.'

July 2013