

GENERAL SYNOD
NOVEMBER 2013 GROUP OF SESSIONS
BUSINESS DONE AT 7 P.M.
ON MONDAY 18TH NOVEMBER 2013

WORSHIP

The Ven Christine Hardman led the Synod in prayer.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

1 The following introductions were made:

New members

Ms Christina Baron (Bath and Wells) (who had succeeded the late Dr Cherida Stobbart)

The Revd Mark Barker (Rochester) (who had succeeded the Revd Dr John Perumbalath)

Mrs Heather Black (York) (who had succeeded Mr Richard Brown)

The Revd Dr Hannah Cleugh (Durham and Newcastle Universities) (who had succeeded the Revd Miranda Threlfall-Holmes)

The Revd Canon Julie Conalty (Rochester) (who had succeeded the Revd Canon Gordon Oliver)

The Ven Michael Everitt (Blackburn) (who had succeeded the Revd Peter Law Jones)

The Revd Amanda Fairclough (Liverpool) (who had succeeded the Revd Jacqui Stober)

The Revd Gulnar Francis-Dehqani (Peterborough) (who had succeeded the Ven Christine Allsopp)

The Rt Revd Julian Henderson, the Bishop of Blackburn (Blackburn) (who had succeeded the Rt Revd Nicholas Reade)

Canon Elizabeth Holdsworth (Peterborough) (who had succeeded Dr Dennis Allsopp)

The Revd Paul Hutchinson (York) (who had succeeded the Revd Andrew Howard)

Canon Dr Adanna Lazz-Onyenobi (Manchester) (who had succeeded Mr James Townsend)

The Ven Jonathan Lloyd (Europe) (who had succeeded the Revd Canon Dr Gary Wilton)

The Revd George Newton (Guildford) (who had succeeded the Ven Julian Henderson)

The Revd Richard Poole (Chichester) (who had succeeded the Revd Alastair Cutting)

Canon John Spence (ex-officio) (who had succeeded Andrew Britton as Chair of the Finance Committee)

The Rt Revd Dr David Thomson, Bishop of Huntingdon (Ely) (who had succeeded the Bishop of Dudley)

The Rt Revd David Walker, the Bishop of Manchester (Manchester) (formerly Bishop of Dudley) (who had succeeded the Rt Revd Nigel McCulloch)

The Revd Marcia Wall (Manchester) (who had succeeded the Revd Canon Sarah Bullock)

The Rt Revd Mark Bryant (Bishop of Jarrow), acting for the Bishop of Durham during the vacancy in See, the Rt Revd Peter Maurice (Bishop of Taunton), acting for the Bishop of Bath and Wells during the vacancy in See, the Rt Revd David Hamid (Bishop of Europe), acting for the Bishop of Gibraltar in Europe during the vacancy in See, the Rt Revd Alistair McGowan (Bishop of Ludlow), acting for the Bishop of Hereford during the vacancy in See and the Rt Revd Richard Blackburn (Bishop of Warrington) acting for the Bishop of Liverpool during the vacancy in See, were also welcomed by the Synod.

PROGRESS OF MEASURES AND STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2 The ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY reported that:

The Clergy Discipline (Amendment) Rules 2013, the Clergy Discipline Appeal (Amendment) Rules 2013, the Ecclesiastical Judges, Legal Officers and Others (Fees) Order 2013, the Faculty Jurisdiction Rules 2013, and the Legal Officers (Annual Fees) Order 2013 had been laid before Parliament.

The Dioceses of Bradford, Ripon and Leeds and Wakefield Reorganisation Scheme 2013 had been confirmed by Her Majesty in Council on 9th October 2013. The Archbishop of York had announced his intention that the ‘appointed day’ for the purposes of the Scheme should be 20th April 2014 (i.e. Easter Day).

PRESENTATION

- 3 The ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY led a presentation under Standing Order 97.

REPORT BY THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE (GS 1889)

- 4 The motion

‘That the Synod do take note of this Report.’

was carried.

CHALLENGES FOR THE QUINQUENNIUM: INTENTIONAL EVANGELISM

- 5 The motion

‘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.’

was moved.

- 18 The amendment (Order Paper I) was carried.

19 The amendment (Order Paper I) was carried.

20 The amendment (Order Paper I) was lost.

5 The motion (as amended by Items 18 and 19)

‘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 and urge that its membership include:

(i) staff of Anglican home mission agencies with expertise in helping local churches engage in effective evangelism and disciple-making, and

(ii) those with a proven record in those disciplines at local level;

(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;

(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; and

(e) urge every local church in 2014 prayerfully to try at least one new way, appropriate to their local context, of seeking to make new disciples of Jesus Christ.’

was carried.

**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

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

500 The motion

‘That the Synod do take note of this Report’

was carried.

512 The special amendment (Order Paper I) was carried.

Draft Measure for Final Approval

The ARCHBISHOP OF YORK reported to the Synod that Her Majesty the Queen and His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, having been informed of the purport of the draft Church of England (Miscellaneous Provisions) Measure, had consented to place their interests, so far as they were affected by the draft Measure, at the disposal of the Synod for the purposes of the draft Measure.

501 The motion

‘That the Measure entitled “Church of England (Miscellaneous Provisions) Measure” be finally approved.’

was carried after a division by Houses. The voting was as follows:

	IN FAVOUR	AGAINST
Bishops	18	0
Clergy	74	0
Laity	85	0

No abstentions were recorded.

The Chair reported that the draft Church of England (Miscellaneous Provisions) Measure now stood committed to the Legislative Committee.

Draft Amending Canon for Final Approval

502 The motion

‘That the Canon entitled “Amending Canon No. 31” be finally approved.’

was carried after a division by Houses. The voting was as follows:

	IN FAVOUR	AGAINST
Bishops	23	0
Clergy	76	0
Laity	95	1

No abstentions were recorded.

Adoption of Petition for the Royal Assent and Licence

509 The motion

‘That the petition for Her Majesty’s Royal Assent and Licence (GS 1877C) be adopted.’

was carried.

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

509 The motion

‘That the Diocese of Leeds (Temporary Provision for Membership of Convocation and the House of Laity) Resolution 2013 be approved.’

was carried.

QUESTIONS

6 Questions 1 to 61, as set out in the Questions Notice Paper, were answered.

WOMEN IN THE EPISCOPATE

7 Under Standing Order 97 the Bishop of Rochester gave a presentation.

FORTY-EIGHTH REPORT OF THE STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE (GS 1923)

Under Standing Order 39(c) the proposed amendments to the Standing Orders contained in items 15 to 17 of the First Notice Paper were deemed to have been approved by the General Synod without amendment with effect from 21st November 2013, no member having given notice of a wish to have the amendments debated.

The Archdeacon of Macclesfield led the Synod in prayer.

The ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY dismissed the Synod with the blessing at 7 p.m.

GENERAL SYNOD

NOVEMBER 2013 GROUP OF SESSIONS

BUSINESS DONE AT 12.55 P.M.

ON TUESDAY 19TH NOVEMBER 2013

**SPECIAL AGENDA I
LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS
DRAFT CARE OF CHURCHES AND ECCLESIASTICAL
JURISDICTION (AMENDMENT) MEASURE (GS 1919)
Draft Measure for First Consideration**

507 The motion

‘That the Measure entitled “Care of Churches and Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction (Amendment) Measure” be considered for revision in committee.’

was carried.

**SPECIAL AGENDA IV
DIOCESAN SYNOD MOTIONS
BRADFORD DIOCESAN SYNOD MOTION: NAMES OF DIOCESES
(GS 1927A and GS 1927B)**

24 The motion

‘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.’

was carried.

The Chair adjourned the sitting at 12.55 p.m.

GENERAL SYNOD
NOVEMBER 2013 GROUP OF SESSIONS
BUSINESS DONE AT 7.15 P.M.
ON TUESDAY 19TH NOVEMBER 2013

PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

8 The ARCHBISHOP OF YORK gave a Presidential Address.

THE CHURCH SCHOOL OF THE FUTURE: A REPORT FROM THE BOARD OF EDUCATION (GS 1920)

9 The motion

‘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.’

was moved.

21 The amendment (Order Paper II) was lost after a division of the whole Synod. The voting was as follows:

IN FAVOUR	109
AGAINST	190

10 abstentions were recorded.

22 The amendment (Order Paper II) was carried.

9 The motion as amended by Item 22

‘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;
- (d) encourage parishes to identify and implement good practice to strengthen links between Church schools and parishes; and
- (e) 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.’

was carried.

SPECIAL AGENDA I
LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS
DRAFT CHURCH OF ENGLAND (ECCLESIASTICAL PROPERTY)
MEASURE (GS 1921)
Draft Measure for First Consideration

508 The motion

‘That the Measure entitled “Church of England (Ecclesiastical Property) Measure” be considered for revision in committee.’

was carried.

**DRAFT VACANCY IN SEE COMMITTEES (AMENDMENT)
REGULATION 2013 (GS 1922)
Draft Instrument for Approval and Declaration of an Act of Synod**

510 The motion

‘That the vacancy in See Committees (Amendment) Regulation 2013 be approved.’

was carried.

511 The motion

‘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.’

was carried.

The Presidents signed the instrument ratifying and confirming the Act of Synod in their respective Provinces and proclaiming it to their dioceses. The Registrar then read the customary form of proclamation.

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

10 The motion

‘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.’

was moved.

23 The amendment (Order Paper II) was lost.

The motion

‘That the Synod do pass to the Next Business.’

was lost.

Under Standing Order 14(e) the sitting was extended by not more than 10 minutes by the Chair with the general consent of the Synod.

10 The motion

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- (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.’

was lost.

The Revd Canon Deborah Flach led the Synod in prayer.

The ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY dismissed the Synod with the blessing at 7.15 p.m.

GENERAL SYNOD
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ON WEDNESDAY 20TH NOVEMBER 2013

EUCCHARIST

The ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY presided at a celebration of Holy Communion.

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

11 The motion

‘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.’

was carried after a division of the whole Synod. The voting was as follows:

IN FAVOUR:	378
AGAINST:	8

25 abstentions were recorded.

The Chair adjourned the sitting at 12.50 p.m.

GENERAL SYNOD
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BUSINESS DONE AT 5.35 P.M.
ON WEDNESDAY 20TH NOVEMBER 2013

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)

503 The motion

‘That the Measure entitled “Bishops and Priests (Consecration and Ordination of Women) Measure” be considered for revision in Full Synod.’

was carried.

504 The motion

‘That the Measure entitled “Bishops and Priests (Consecration and Ordination of Women) Measure” be considered for revision in committee.’

lapsed.

505 The motion

‘That the Amending Canon entitled “Amending Canon No. 33” be considered in Full Synod.’

was carried.

506 The motion

‘That the Amending Canon entitled “Amending Canon No. 33” be considered in committee.’

lapsed.

**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)**

12 Debate was resumed on the motion (moved at the 2013 group of sessions)

‘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.’

25 The amendment (Order Paper IV) was lost.

26 The amendment (Order Paper IV) was lost.

27 The amendment (Order Paper IV) was lost.

28 The amendment (Order Paper IV) was carried.

29 The amendment (Order Paper IV) was lost.

30 The amendment (Order Paper IV) was lost.

31 The amendment (Order Paper IV) was lost.

32 The amendment (Order Paper IV) was lost.

12 The motion (as amended by Item 28)

‘That this Synod request legislative proposals to be brought forward to:

(a) make provision by 2020 for elections to the General Synod to be undertaken online; and

(b) make provision by 2015 for nominations for elections to the General Synod to be undertaken by email.’

was carried.

FAREWELLS

13 The Secretary General paid tribute to Sir Anthony Hammond KCB QC who had served as the Synod’s Standing Counsel for 13 years, and was attending his last meeting of the Synod.

The ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY paid tribute to the Rt Revd Christopher Hill (Bishop of Guildford) who was attending his last meeting of the Synod.

The ARCHBISHOP OF YORK paid tribute to the Rt Revd John Packer (Bishop of Ripon and Leeds) who was attending his last meeting of the Synod.

PROROGATION

14 The ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY prorogued the Synod at 5.35 p.m.