

GENERAL SYNOD

NOVEMBER 2012 GROUP OF SESSIONS

BUSINESS DONE AT 6.50 P.M.

ON MONDAY 19TH NOVEMBER 2012

WORSHIP

The Revd Canon Glyn Webster led the Synod in prayer.

INTRODUCTIONS

1 The following introductions were made:

New members

The Rt Revd John Goddard, Bishop of Burnley (Northern Suffragans) (who has succeeded the Rt Revd Martyn Jarrett)

The Revd Neil Patterson (Hereford) (who has succeeded the Revd Clare Sykes)

The Revd Rupert Shelley (Southwark) (who has succeeded the Revd Canon Anne Stevens)

The Revd Canon Gary Wilton (Europe) (who has succeeded the Revd Canon Ian Hutchinson-Cervantes)

Mr Ian Yemm (Bristol) (who has succeeded Miss Jacky Humphreys).

PROGRESS OF MEASURES AND STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2 The ARCHBISHOP OF CATERBURY reported that:

the Church of England Marriage (Amendment) Measure had been approved by the House of Commons and was due to be considered by the House of Lords that evening. If the Measure were approved by the House of Lords, it was hoped that it would receive the Royal Assent on a date in December;

the Diocese in Europe Measure and the Clergy Discipline (Amendment) Measure had been submitted by the Legislative Committee to the Ecclesiastical Committee of Parliament; and

the Legal Officers (Annual Fees) Order 2012 and the Ecclesiastical Judges, Legal Officers and Others (Fees) Order 2012 had been laid before Parliament and would come into force on 1st July 2013.

REPORT BY THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE (GS 1880)

3 The motion

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

was carried.

ANGLICAN CONSULTATIVE COUNCIL MEETING

- 4 Under Standing Order 97, the ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY (President of the Anglican Consultative Council), Mrs Elizabeth Paver (Vice-Chair of the Council) and the Church of England members of the Council (the Bishop of Chelmsford, the Revd Rose Hudson-Wilkin and Mrs Margaret Swinson) gave a presentation and answered questions.

SPECIAL AGENDA I

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

DRAFT ACT OF SYNOD ADOPTING THE ANGLICAN COMMUNION COVENANT: REPORT ON THE REFERENCE TO DIOCESES (GS 1878)

Report by the Business Committee on the Article 8 Reference

(Article 7 and 8 Business)

- 504 The motion

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

was carried.

QUESTIONS

- 5 Questions 1 to 67, as set out in the Questions Notice Paper, were answered.

The Revd Sharon Jones led the Synod in prayer, following which the ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY dismissed the Synod with the blessing at 6.50 p.m.

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HOLY COMMUNION

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

SPECIAL AGENDA I

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

DRAFT BISHOPS AND PRIESTS (CONSECRATION AND ORDINATION OF WOMEN) MEASURE (GS 1708D) and DRAFT AMENDING CANON NO. 30 (GS 1709C)

Draft Measure and Draft Amending Canon for Final Approval (Final Drafting February 2012; Final Approval on the draft Measure adjourned July 2012)

(Article 7 and 8 Business)

(Resumed debate)

The Chairman reported, on behalf of the Presidents, Prolocutors and Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the House of Laity that the requirements of Article 7 and Article 8 in relation to this item of business had been complied with.

501 Debate on the motion

‘That the Measure entitled “Bishops and Priests (Consecration and Ordination of Women) Measure” be finally approved.’

was resumed.

The Chair adjourned the sitting at 1.00 p.m.

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(Resumed debate)

501 The motion

‘That the Measure entitled “Bishops and Priests (Consecration and Ordination of Women) Measure” be finally approved.’

was lost after a division by Houses, a majority of not less than two thirds of those present and voting in each House being required. The voting was as follows:

	IN FAVOUR	AGAINST
Bishops	44	3
Clergy	148	45
Laity	132	74

Two abstentions were recorded in the House of Bishops, none in the House of Clergy and none in the House of Laity.

502 The motion

‘That the Canon entitled “Amending Canon No. 30” be finally approved.’

was not moved.

503 The motion

‘That the petition for Her Majesty’s Royal Assent and Licence (GS 1709E) be adopted.’

was not moved.

The Rt Revd James Bell, Bishop of Knaresborough led the Synod in prayer, following which the ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY dismissed the Synod with the blessing at 6.30 p.m.

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ON WEDNESDAY 21ST NOVEMBER 2012

MORNING WORSHIP

The Revd Canon Clare Edwards led the Synod in prayer.

PRESIDENTIAL STATEMENT

The ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY gave a Presidential Statement.

SPECIAL AGENDA IV

DIOCESAN SYNOD MOTIONS

AMENDMENT TO CANON B 12 AND REGULATIONS (GS 1881A and GS 1881B)

6 The motion

‘That this Synod request that Canon B 12 and the Regulations taking effect under it be amended so that:

(a) the Holy Sacrament may be distributed by any authorised regular communicant (including children admitted to the Holy Communion under the Admission of Baptised Children to Holy Communion Regulations 2006);

(b) if the diocesan bishop agrees, the necessary authorisation may be given in relation to any parish by the incumbent, priest in charge or (during a vacancy) rural dean; and

(c) no person shall be authorised to distribute the Holy Sacrament without the support of the parochial church council of the parish or, where the Holy Communion is celebrated in a school and the person concerned is a child, of the head teacher of the school.’

was moved.

20 The amendment (Item 20 Order Paper III) was lost.

21 The amendment (Item 21 Order Paper III) was lost.

22 The amendment (Item 22 Order Paper III) was lost.

23 The amendment (Item 23 Order Paper III) was carried.

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(d) the authorisation given in relation to any parish is required to be kept under regular review in accordance with guidelines issued by the diocesan bishop.’

was carried.

**SPECIAL AGENDA III
PRIVATE MEMBERS’ MOTIONS
LIVING WAGE (GS 1882A and GS 1882B)**

7 The motion

‘That this Synod, recognising that the widening gap between rich and poor harms all of society and that paying a “Living Wage” lifts people out of poverty:

(a) affirm the Christian values inherent in the concept of the “Living Wage”;
and

(b) strongly encourage all Church of England institutions to pay at least the “Living Wage”.

was moved.

24 The amendment (Item 24 Order Paper III) was lost.

25 The amendment (Item 25 Order Paper III) was lost.

7 The motion

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“Living Wage”.

was carried.

DATES OF GROUPS OF SESSIONS

8 The motion

‘That this Synod meet on the following dates in 2013:

5-9 July
18-20 November.’

was carried.

The Chair adjourned the sitting at 1.00 p.m.

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STATEMENT ON THE AGENDA

Under Standing Order 4(b) the Presidents directed the addition to the agenda of a new item of business for the sitting, Item 26: 'Farewell', to be taken after Item 11 and not later than 4.20 p.m.

FAREWELLS

- 9 The Clerk to the Synod paid tribute to the Church of England Youth Council Representatives and the Ecumenical Representatives who were attending their last meeting of the Synod.

The Clerk to the Synod also paid tribute to Miss Judith Gracias who had worked as part of the Synod's Secretariat for 39 years, and who was retiring shortly.

The ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY paid tribute to Dr Colin Podmore, (Clerk to the Synod), who had been a member of the Synod's staff for 24 years and who was attending his last meeting of the Synod.

The ARCHBISHOP OF YORK paid tribute to the Rt Revd Nigel McCulloch (Bishop of Manchester), who was attending his last meeting of the Synod.

YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT: REPORT BY THE MISSION AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS COUNCIL (GS 1883)

- 10 Under Standing Order 97, Mr Philip Fletcher gave a presentation.

- 11 The motion

‘That this Synod, mindful of the corrosive effect of unemployment on young people, their future prospects and social integration, and recognising that economic policy solutions alone cannot tackle the problems without strong networks and initiatives in the community at large:

(a) encourage parishes and church groups to listen to the voices of unemployed young people, both locally and through reports such as “I Am One in a Million”, and

(b) commend and encourage the multiplication of church and community initiatives which can provide training and other support to assist young people

into work and help them manage the experience of unemployment without despair.’

was carried.

FAREWELL

- 26 The ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY paid tribute to the Revd Canon Glyn Webster (Prolocutor of the Lower Convocation of York), who was attending his last meeting of the Synod.

The ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY also paid tribute to the Rt Revd Peter Price (Bishop of Bath and Wells), who was attending his last meeting of the Synod.

FAREWELL TO THE ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY

- 12 The motion

‘That this Synod record its deep gratitude for the Archbishop of Canterbury’s outstanding ministry to Church and Nation, and offer him and Mrs Williams its very best wishes for the future.’

was carried.

PROROGATION

- 13 The ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY prorogued the Synod at 5.30 p.m.

47TH REPORT OF THE STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE (GS 1884)

Under Standing Order 39(c) the proposed amendments to the Standing Orders contained in items 15 to 19 of the First Notice Paper were deemed to have been approved by the Synod without amendment with effect from 22nd November 2012, no member having given notice of a wish to have the amendments debated.