

GENERAL SYNOD
JULY GROUP OF SESSIONS 2013
AT THE UNIVERSITY OF YORK

TIMES OF SITTINGS

Friday 5 July	4.15 p.m. to 6.15 p.m. 8.30 p.m. to 10.00 p.m.
Saturday 6 July	(9.30 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. – group work*) (2.30 p.m. to 6.15 p.m. – group work*) 8.30 p.m. to 10.00 p.m.
Sunday 7 July	2.30 p.m. to 6.15 p.m. 8.30 p.m. to 10.00 p.m.
Monday 8 July	9.30 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. 2.30 p.m. to 6.15 p.m. 8.30 p.m. to 10.00 p.m.
Tuesday 9 July	9.30 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.

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SERVICES

Friday 5 July	
10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion in Heslington Church
6.20 p.m.	Evening Worship in the Central Hall
Saturday 6 July	
7.30 a.m.	Holy Communion in the Central Hall
6.20 p.m.	Evening Worship in the Central Hall
Sunday 7 July	
10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion in York Minster
6.20 p.m.	Evening Worship in the Central Hall
Monday 8 July	
7.30 a.m.	Holy Communion in the Central Hall
6.20 p.m.	Evening Worship in the Central Hall
Tuesday 9 July	
7.30 a.m.	Holy Communion in the Central Hall

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. Notice of motions and amendments arising out of business on the Agenda (other than amendments to legislative business) 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* (5 July) –
5.30 p.m. on Thursday 4 July

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 Friday 5 July**

3. 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.)
4. Notice of amendments to legislative business must be given in accordance with the notes accompanying the relevant item in this Agenda. Members' attention is drawn in particular to the fact that the Business Committee has exercised its power under SO 11 to determine that notice of amendments to the draft Church of England (Miscellaneous Provisions) Measure, draft Amending Canon No. 31 and the Faculty Jurisdiction Rules must be given by **5.30 p.m. on Tuesday 2nd July**, in order to allow the legal staff sufficient time to process them.
5. An amendment of which due notice has not been given may only be moved by permission of the Chair (SO 26(b)(i)).
6. Notice of Questions under Standing Orders 105-106 must be delivered **not later than 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday 25 June 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.**

7. 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

8. Business set out in the Timetable and the Agenda will be taken on the day and at the times shown there. 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

9. 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 REVIEW OF THE WORKINGS OF THE GENERAL SYNOD (GS 1914A and 1914B)

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.’

Members are therefore asked to be ready for such an eventuality and to submit any amendments by **10 a.m. on Friday 5 July**.

MEETING OF THE HOUSE OF LAITY

10. The House of Laity will meet at 1 p.m. on **Friday 5 July** in P/X001 in the Exhibition Centre.

FRIDAY 5 JULY 2013

4.15 p.m. to 6.15 p.m.

WORSHIP

1. INTRODUCTIONS

2. PRESENTATION

Presentation of the Prolocutor of the Convocation of York

WELCOME TO ANGLICAN AND ECUMENICAL GUESTS

3. *The Bishop of Skálholt (The Rt Revd Kristján Valur Ingólfsson)* (Evangelical Lutheran Church of Iceland) will greet the Synod at the invitation of the Presidents under SO 112.
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4. PROGRESS OF MEASURES AND STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

REPORT BY THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE (GS 1889)

The Ven. Julian Henderson, Archdeacon of Dorking (Guildford) (Chair of the Business Committee) to move:

5. 'That the Synod do take note of this Report.'
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Not later than 5.25 p.m.

APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENTS

Appointment of the Clerk to the Synod (GS 1890)

One of the Presidents to move:

6. 'That the appointment of Dr Jacqui Philips as Clerk to the Synod be confirmed with immediate effect.'
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Appointment of the Chair of the Appointments Committee (GS 1891)

One of the Presidents to move:

7. 'That the appointment of Canon Margaret Swinson as Chair of the Appointments Committee from 5 July 2013 to 30 June 2018 be confirmed.'

Appointment of the Chair of the Finance Committee to the Archbishops' Council (GS 1892)

One of the Presidents to move:

8. 'That the appointment of Canon John Spence as a member of the Archbishops' Council from 1 October 2013 until 30 September 2018 be approved.'

Appointment of the Chair of the Church of England Pensions Board (GS 1893)

One of the Presidents to move:

9. 'That the appointment of Dr Jonathan Spencer as Chair of the Church of England Pensions Board from 1 January 2014 to 31 December 2019 be approved.'
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APPOINTMENT OF THE AUDITORS TO THE ARCHBISHOPS' COUNCIL (GS 1894)

Mrs Mary Chapman (ex officio) (Chair of the Audit Committee) to move:

10. 'That the appointment of BDO LLP as Auditors to the Archbishops' Council be approved.'
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Not later than 5.45 p.m.

PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

11. The Archbishop of Canterbury will give a Presidential Address.
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6.20 p.m. Evening Worship

8.30 p.m. to 10.00 p.m.

12. **QUESTIONS**
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SATURDAY 6 JULY 2013

7.30 a.m. Holy Communion in the Central Hall

9.30 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.

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

2.30 p.m. to 6.15 p.m.

Members of the Synod will continue their discussions in groups and then in a plenary session.

As the Synod will not be sitting, the press and public will not be admitted.

6.20 p.m. Evening Worship

8.30 p.m. to 10.00 p.m.

PROGRESS ON MEETING CHALLENGES FOR THE QUINQUENNium (GS 1895)

The Bishop of Sheffield to move:

- 13.** 'That the Synod do take note of this Report.'
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SUNDAY 7 JULY 2013

10.00 a.m. *Holy Communion in York Minster*

2.30 p.m. to 6.15 p.m.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

The following items (full details of which are contained in Special Agenda I – see pages 11-16 will be taken:

- 507** Faculty Jurisdiction Rules 2013 (**GS 1887**) – *Draft Rules for Approval*
- 500** Draft Church of England (Miscellaneous Provisions) Measure (**GS 1866A**) and Draft Amending Canon No. 31 (**GS 1877A**) – *Draft Measure and Draft Amending Canon for Revision*
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Not later than 5.00 p.m.

SAFEGUARDING: FOLLOW-UP TO THE CHICHESTER COMMISSARIES' REPORTS (GS 1896)

The Bishop of Southwell and Nottingham (Co-Chair of the Joint (Church of England / Methodist Church) Safeguarding Liaison Group) to move:

- 14.** 'That this Synod
- (a) endorse the Archbishops' statement in GS 1896 expressing on behalf of the Church of England an unreserved apology for the failure of its systems to protect children, young people and adults from physical and sexual abuse inflicted by its clergy and others; and for the failure to listen properly to those so abused;
 - (b) invite –
 - (i) the House of Bishops and the Archbishops' Council to pursue as a matter of urgency the programme of work set out in GS 1896 to enhance the Church of England's safeguarding arrangements; and
 - (ii) the Business Committee to schedule First Consideration of the necessary draft legislation as soon as the responses to the consultation document have been assessed, with a view to its securing Final Approval in the lifetime of this Synod; and

- (c) invite the House of Bishops and the Archbishops' Council to report back to the Synod by February 2014 on what action is to be taken to secure the more effective delivery of the 'Responding Well' policy across the Church in the interests of survivors.'
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6.20 p.m. Evening Worship

8.30 p.m. to 10.00 p.m.

WELFARE REFORM AND THE CHURCH (GS 1897)

Mr Philip Fletcher (ex officio) (Chair of the Mission and Public Affairs Council) to move:

- 15.** 'That this Synod, recognising that in times of austerity hard choices must be made between competing priorities, and acknowledging that reform of welfare systems is essential:
- (a) affirm the need for a renewed settlement between the state, the churches and civil society in pursuit of social solidarity and the common good;
 - (b) call for close attention to the impact of welfare cuts on the most vulnerable, and for support for those not in a position to support themselves;
 - (c) decry the misleading characterisation of all welfare recipients as 'scroungers'; and
 - (d) commend those across the churches who are working to support those most in need.'
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MONDAY 8 JULY 2013

7.30 a.m. *Holy Communion in the Central Hall*

9.30 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.

MORNING WORSHIP

WOMEN IN THE EPISCOPATE (GS 1886)

A member of the House of Bishops to move:

16. 'That this Synod:
- (a) reaffirm its commitment to admitting women to the episcopate as a matter of urgency;
 - (b) instruct the Appointments Committee to appoint this month a Steering Committee to be in charge of the draft legislation required to that end;
 - (c) instruct the Business Committee to arrange for the First Consideration stage for that draft legislation to be taken at the November 2013 group of sessions, so that the subsequent stages can follow the timetable set out in paragraph 141 of the annex to GS 1886; and
 - (d) instruct the Steering Committee to prepare the draft legislation on the basis described in paragraphs 79-88 of the annex to GS 1886 as 'option one' and invite the House of Bishops to bring to the Synod for consideration at the February 2014 group of sessions a draft Act of Synod or draft declaration to be made by the House to accompany the draft legislation.'
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LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

Any items of legislative business from Special Agenda I proposed to be dealt with under the Procedure for Deeming will be debated at this point if a debate is required. If debate is not required on any of these items, the First Report by the Business Committee on the Work of the Elections Review Group (GS 1901) will be taken: see item 29 page 9.

2.30 p.m. to 6.15 p.m.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

The following items (full details of which are contained in Special Agenda I – see pages 11-16) will be taken:

DRAFT DIOCESES OF BRADFORD, RIPON AND LEEDS AND WAKEFIELD REORGANISATION SCHEME 201-

- 505** Draft Dioceses of Bradford, Ripon and Leeds and Wakefield Reorganisation Scheme 201- (**GS 1898**) – *Draft Scheme for Approval*
- 506** Resolution establishing transitional Vacancy in See Committee for the Diocese of Leeds (**GS 1899**) – *Draft Resolution for Approval*
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FINANCIAL BUSINESS

THE ARCHBISHOPS' COUNCIL'S DRAFT BUDGET AND PROPOSALS FOR APPORTIONMENT FOR 2014 (GS 1900)

Mr Andrew Britton (ex officio) (Chair of the Archbishops' Council's Finance Committee) to move:

- 17.** 'That the Synod do take note of this Report.'

Mr Andrew Britton to move in relation to the Archbishops' Council's expected expenditure in respect of each area of activity specified below:

'That this Synod approve the Archbishops' Council's expenditure for the year 2014, as shown in its budget, of £[X] (net of income from sources apart from diocesan contributions) in respect of [Y]':

	EXPECTED EXPENDITURE [X]	AREA OF ACTIVITY [Y]
18.	£13,066,150	Training for Ministry
19.	£10,088,945	National Support
20.	£1,269,161	Grants and provisions
21.	£739,500	Mission agencies' clergy pension contributions
22.	£3,953,896	CHARM Scheme.

If item 505 (the motion on the Bradford, Ripon and Leeds and Wakefield Reorganisation Scheme) is not carried Mr Andrew Britton to move:

23. 'That this Synod approve the Archbishops' Council's proposals (set out in Apportionment Table A contained in GS 1900) for the apportionment amongst the dioceses of the net sum to be provided by them to enable the Council to meet the expected expenditure shown in its budget for the year 2014.'

If item 505 (the motion on the Bradford, Ripon and Leeds and Wakefield Reorganisation Scheme) is carried Mr Andrew Britton to move:

24. 'That this Synod approve the Archbishops' Council's proposals (set out in Apportionment Table A contained in GS 1900 for the apportionment amongst the dioceses of the net sum to be provided by them to enable the Council to meet the expected expenditure shown in its budget for the year 2014, save that if articles 3 and 4 of the Dioceses of Bradford, Ripon and Leeds and Wakefield Reorganisation Scheme come into operation during 2014, Apportionment Table A shall be replaced by Apportionment Table B contained in GS 1900 on a pro-rata basis with effect from the date on which those articles come into operation until the end of 2014.'

Mr Andrew Britton to move:

25. 'That this Synod approve the Archbishops' Council's proposals set out in Apportionment Table A contained in GS 1900 for the pooling adjustment for 2014 in respect of additional maintenance grants for ordinands.'

6.20 p.m. *Evening Worship*

8.30 p.m. to 10.00 p.m.

26. **FAREWELL**
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CHURCH COMMISSIONERS' ANNUAL REPORT

27. Presentation under SO 97.
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ARCHBISHOPS' COUNCIL'S ANNUAL REPORT (GS 1913)

28. Presentation under SO 97.
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TUESDAY 9 JULY 2013

7.30 a.m. *Holy Communion in the Central Hall*

9.30 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.

MORNING WORSHIP

**THE WORK OF THE ELECTIONS REVIEW GROUP:
FIRST REPORT BY THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE (GS 1901)**

The Revd Canon Sue Booy (Oxford) (Chair of the Elections Review Group) to move:

29. 'That the Synod do take note of this Report.'
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LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

The following items (full details of which are contained in Special Agenda I – see pages 11-16) will be taken:

Draft Amending Canon and Instruments for First Consideration:

- 501 Draft Amending Canon No. 32 (**GS 1902**) – *First Consideration*
- 502 Draft Convocations (Elections to Upper House) (Amendment) Resolution 201- (**GS 1903**) – *First Consideration*
- 503 Draft Clergy Representation (Amendment) Resolution (**GS 1904**) – *First Consideration*
- 504 Draft Church Representation Rules (Amendment) Resolution 201- (**GS 1905**) – *First Consideration*
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**THE WORK OF THE ELECTIONS REVIEW GROUP:
ELECTORATE FOR THE HOUSE OF LAITY AND ONLINE ELECTIONS:
SECOND REPORT BY THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE (GS 1906)**

The Ven. Julian Henderson (Archdeacon of Dorking) (Chair of the Business Committee) to move:

30. '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.'
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Not later than 12.30 p.m.

31. FAREWELLS

32. PROROGATION

SPECIAL AGENDA I

DRAFT CHURCH OF ENGLAND (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) MEASURE (GS 1866A)

DRAFT AMENDING CANON No. 31 (GS 1877A)

**Draft Measure and draft Amending Canon for Revision
(First Consideration at the July 2012 group of sessions)**

Report by the Revision Committee (GS 1866Y-1877Y)

The Chair of the Revision Committee (Mrs Caroline Spencer) (Canterbury) to move:

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

Notes:

- 1. In the debate on item 500 it will not be in order to debate any matter which is the subject of an amendment to the draft Measure or the draft Amending Canon which appears on a Notice Paper for this group of sessions (SO 54(c)).*
- 2. When the debate is concluded on item 500, the Synod will proceed to consider the draft Measure and the draft Amending Canon clause by clause, first considering any amendments of which due notice has been given (SO 55(a)).*
- 3. The Business Committee has determined in accordance with SO 11 that any member who wishes to give notice of an amendment under SO 56(a) to either the draft Measure or the draft Amending Canon must do so in writing to the Clerk to the Synod **not later than 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday 2nd July 2013.***

SPECIAL AGENDA I

DRAFT AMENDING CANON No. 32 (GS 1902)

**DRAFT CONVOCATIONS (ELECTIONS TO UPPER HOUSE) (AMENDMENT)
RESOLUTION 201- (GS 1903)**

DRAFT CLERGY REPRESENTATION (AMENDMENT) RESOLUTION (GS 1904)

**DRAFT CHURCH REPRESENTATION RULES (AMENDMENT) RESOLUTION
201- (GS 1905)**

Draft Amending Canon and Instruments for First Consideration

A member of the Steering Committee to move:

- 501** 'That the Canon entitled "Amending Canon No. 32" be considered for revision in committee.'
- 502** 'That the resolution entitled 'Convocations (Elections to Upper House) (Amendment) Resolution 201-' be considered for revision in committee.'
- 503** 'That the resolution entitled 'Clergy Representation (Amendment) Resolution 201-' be considered for revision in committee.'
- 504** 'That the resolution entitled 'Church Representation Rules (Amendment) Resolution 201-' be considered for revision in committee.'

Notes:

- 1. The Business Committee has determined in accordance with SO 68(a) that the draft Convocations (Elections to Upper House) (Amendment) Resolution 201-, the draft Clergy Representation (Amendment) Resolution 201- and the draft Church Representation Rules (Amendment) Resolution 201- shall be considered in accordance with the provisions of the Standing Orders relating to Measures.*
- 2. If any of items 501, 502, 503 and 504 are carried, any member who wishes 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 Friday 9th August 2013** (SO 53).*

SPECIAL AGENDA I

THE DRAFT DIOCESES OF BRADFORD, RIPON AND LEEDS AND WAKEFIELD REORGANISATION SCHEME 201- (GS 1898)

Draft reorganisation scheme laid under section 7 of the Dioceses, Pastoral and Mission Measure 2007

The Chair of the Dioceses Commission (Professor Michael Clarke (Worcester)) to move:

- 505** 'That the draft Dioceses of Bradford, Ripon and Leeds and Wakefield Reorganisation Scheme 201- be approved.'

Notes:

- 1. The Dioceses Commission has laid the draft reorganisation scheme (GS 1898) before the General Synod for approval under section 7 of the 2007 Measure and in accordance with SO 71A.*
- 2. If no notice is given of a motion for reconsideration the Scheme will be considered in accordance with the procedure specified in SO 71D.*
- 3. If notice is given of a motion for reconsideration the Scheme will be considered in accordance with the procedure specified in SO 71E.*
- 4. Any member who wishes to give notice of a motion for reconsideration under SO 71C must do so in writing to the Clerk to the Synod **not later than 5.30 p.m. on Thursday 4th July 2013.***

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING TRANSITIONAL VACANCY IN SEE COMMITTEE FOR THE DIOCESE OF LEEDS (GS 1899)

If item 505 is carried one of the Presidents to move:

- 506** 'That the Resolution entitled 'Resolution Establishing Transitional Vacancy in See Committee for the Diocese of Leeds' be approved.'

Notes:

- 1. The Business Committee has determined in accordance with Standing Order 68(a) that the Resolution shall be considered on the One Motion Procedure under SO 70(a).*
- 2. Amendments to the Resolution are permissible. Any member who wishes to give notice of an amendment must do so in writing to the Clerk to the Synod **not later than 5.30 p.m. on Thursday 4th July 2013.***

SPECIAL AGENDA I

THE FACULTY JURISDICTION RULES 2013 (GS 1887)

Rules made under the Care of Churches and Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction Measure 1991

The Chair of the Rule Committee (the Right Worshipful Charles George, Dean of the Arches and Auditor (*ex officio*)) to move:

507 'That the Faculty Jurisdiction Rules 2013 be approved.'

Notes:

1. *The Rule Committee has laid the above Rules (GS 1887) before the General Synod for approval under section 27 of the 1991 Measure.*
2. *The Business Committee has determined in accordance with Standing Order 68(a) that the Rules shall be considered on the One Motion Procedure under SO 70(a).*
3. *Amendments to the Rules are permissible. The Business Committee has determined in accordance with SO 11 that any member who wishes to give notice of an amendment to the Rules must do so in writing to the Clerk to the Synod **not later than 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday 2nd July 2013.***

CLERGY DISCIPLINE (AMENDMENT) RULES 2013 (GS 1907)

Rules made under the Care of Churches and Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction Measure 1991 and the Clergy Discipline Measure 2003

Notes:

1. *The Rule Committee has laid the above Rules before the General Synod for approval under the 1991 and 2003 Measures.*
2. *The Business Committee has determined (as provided by the 1991 Measure) that the Rules do not need to be debated.*
3. *Any member who wishes to debate the Rules under Standing Order 69 must give notice in writing to the Clerk to the Synod **not later than 5.30 p.m. on Friday 5th July 2013.***
4. *Amendments to the Rules are permissible and any member who wishes to give notice of any amendment must do so in writing to the Clerk to the Synod **not later than 5.30 p.m. on Thursday 4th July 2013.***

SPECIAL AGENDA I

CLERGY DISCIPLINE APPEAL (AMENDMENT) RULES 2013 (GS 1908)

Rules made under the Care of Churches and Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction Measure 1991 and the Clergy Discipline Measure 2003

Notes:

1. *The Rule Committee has laid the above Rules before the General Synod for approval under the 1991 and 2003 Measures.*
2. *The Business Committee has determined (as provided by the 1991 Measure) that the Rules do not need to be debated.*
3. *Any member who wishes to debate the Rules under Standing Order 69 must give notice in writing to the Clerk to the Synod **not later than 5.30 p.m. on Friday 5th July 2013.***
4. *Amendments to the Rules are permissible and any member who wishes to give notice of any amendment must do so in writing to the Clerk to the Synod **not later than 5.30 p.m. on Thursday 4th July 2013.***

AMENDING CODE OF PRACTICE UNDER THE CLERGY DISCIPLINE MEASURE 2003 (GS 1909)

Amending Code of Practice for approval

Notes:

1. *The Clergy Discipline Commission has laid the above Amending Code before the General Synod for approval under section 39 of the 2003 Measure.*
2. *The Business Committee has determined (as provided by the 2003 Measure) that the Amending Code does not need to be debated.*
3. *Any member who wishes to debate the Amending Code under Standing Order 69 must give notice in writing to the Clerk to the Synod **not later than 5.30 p.m. on Friday 5th July 2013.***
4. *Amendments to the Amending Code are permissible and any member who wishes to give notice of any amendment must do so in writing to the Clerk to the Synod **not later than 5.30 p.m. on Thursday 4th July 2013.***

SPECIAL AGENDA I

LEGAL OFFICERS (ANNUAL FEES) ORDER 2013 (GS 1910)

ECCLESIASTICAL JUDGES, LEGAL OFFICERS AND OTHERS (FEES) ORDER 2013 (GS 1911)

Orders made under the Ecclesiastical Fees Measure 1986

Notes:

- 1. The Fees Advisory Commission has laid the above Orders (GS 1910 and GS 1911) before the General Synod for approval under sections 5 and 6 respectively of the 1986 Measure.*
- 2. The Business Committee has determined (as provided by the 1986 Measure) that the Orders do not need to be debated.*
- 3. Any member who wishes to debate an Order under SO 69 must give notice in writing to the Clerk to the Synod **not later than 5.30 p.m. on Friday 5th July 2013.***
- 4. Amendments to the Ecclesiastical Judges, Legal Officers and Others (Fees) Order are permissible. Any member who wishes to give notice of an amendment must do so in writing to the Clerk to the Synod **not later than 5.30 p.m. on Thursday 4th July 2013.***

SCHEME AMENDING THE DIOCESE IN EUROPE CONSTITUTION 1995 (GS 1912)

Scheme for approval

Notes:

- 1. The Bishop of Gibraltar in Europe has laid the Scheme before the General Synod in accordance with paragraph 48(a) of the Constitution of the Diocese in Europe 1995.*
- 2. Under paragraph 48(b) of the Constitution if a member of the General Synod gives notice of a desire that the Scheme be debated the Scheme will not come into operation unless it is approved by the General Synod.*
- 3. Any member who wishes the Scheme to be debated must give notice in writing to the Clerk to the Synod **not later than 5.30 p.m. on Friday 5th July 2013.***
- 4. Amendments to the Scheme are not permissible.*

SPECIAL AGENDA III

Note:

This is the current order which includes electronic signatures received by 8 May 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.’

119 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.’

117 signatures

February 2012

THE MODEL OF PERMANENCE TO WHICH MARRIAGE ASPIRES

Mr Tom Sutcliffe (Southwark) to move:

‘That this Synod believe that the aspiration to permanence, counting on grace, in a relationship of love is the defining mark of Christian marriage, and that an analogous aspiration to permanent relationships among people not constituted by nature for heterosexual marriage is equally dependent on grace (and the support of Christians), if such relationships are to conform to the model of true marriage that Jesus specifically taught.’

35 signatures

July 2012

SPECIAL AGENDA III

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.'

36 signatures

November 2012

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.'

20 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;

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- (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.'

6 signatures

November 2012

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.'

75 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.'

16 signatures

April 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

ORDINATION OF WOMEN TO THE EPISCOPATE

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

‘That this Synod

- (a) note that it was resolved in July 2005 that the “process for removing the legal obstacles to the ordination of women to the episcopate should now be set in train”;
- (b) express its wish for suitable pastoral provision to be made for all those, whether clergy or laity, who are unable in conscience to accept this development;
- (c) is particularly aware of the difficulties faced by clergy opposed in conscience to the ordination of women bishops but who currently work, and will continue to do so, in parishes where the Parochial Church Council would otherwise welcome the sacramental ministry of women bishops.’

October 2007

NAME OF DIOCESES

... 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

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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. ’

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[The Bath and Wells, Lincoln, London, Manchester, Newcastle, Oxford St Albans and Worcester Diocesan Synods passed a motion in identical terms.]

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

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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;
 - (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

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NATURE AND STRUCTURE OF THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND – NATIONAL DEBATE

... 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