

GENERAL SYNOD**Appointment of the Chair of the Appointments Committee**

1. Under the provisions of Standing Order 116(a)(i), the Chair of the Appointments Committee is appointed by the Archbishops after consultation with the Archbishops' Council and the Appointments Committee. The appointment and term of office are subject to resolution by the Synod.
2. The Revd Prebendary David Houlding's term of office as Chair of the Appointments Committee came to an end on 28 February after ten years' service. After consultation with the Appointments Committee and the Archbishops' Council the Archbishops wish to appoint Margaret Swinson as the next Chair of the Appointments Committee for a term of five years commencing on 5 July 2013.
3. Margaret Swinson has been a member of the General Synod since 1985 and has been actively involved in its life since then. She was a member of the former Board for Social Responsibility from 1990-95 and Chair of its Race and Community Relations Committee during the same period. She was a member of the Synod's Standing Committee from 1991-1997 (and its Appointments Sub-Committee from 1991-1992), the Central Board of Finance from 1996-1998 and the Board of Mission from 2001-2003.
4. More recently, Margaret has been Vice-Chair of the Council for Christian Unity since 2006, Moderator of CTBI since 2006 and one of the three Church of England representatives at the ACC since 2012. Margaret was also a member of the Steering Committee for the recent Women Bishops legislation and was a member of the Working Group which produced the recent report on future options which will be before the Synod in July.
5. Members will also recognise Margaret from her membership of the Synod's Panel of Chairs: in 1990 (before she became a member of the then Standing Committee and its Appointments Sub-Committee); from 1999-2005; and more recently, from 2008-2012.
6. The Archbishops believe that Margaret possesses the skills and qualities to take on this challenging role and is able to inspire the trust and confidence of the Synod.
7. A motion will be moved by one of the Archbishops inviting the Synod to confirm the appointment of Margaret Swinson as Chair of the Appointments Committee from 5 July 2013 until 20 June 2018.

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