GENERAL SYNOD

DRAFT ACT OF SYNOD
RESCINDING THE EPISCOPAL MINISTRY ACT OF SYNOD 1993

Affirmed and proclaimed an Act of Synod - ***
Ratified and confirmed by the Presidents of the General Synod - ***

WHEREAS:

(1) Following the Final Approval of the Priests (Ordination of Women) Measure 1993 ('the 1993 Measure') the General Synod passed the Episcopal Ministry Act of Synod 1993 ('the 1993 Act of Synod') to make further provision for various matters relating to the ordination of women to the priesthood, including pastoral arrangements for those unable on grounds of theological conviction to accept that development;

(2) The General Synod has now given Final Approval to the Bishops and Priests (Consecration and Ordination of Women) Measure ('the Measure') which makes provision for a Canon enabling the consecration of women to the episcopate ('the Canon');

(3) It is intended that provision for those unable on grounds of theological conviction to accept the ordination of women to the priesthood and the episcopate will in future be made by the House of Bishops Declaration on the Ministry of Bishops and Priests and the Declaration on the Ministry of Bishops and Priests (Resolution of Disputes Procedure) Regulations;

(4) The Measure will accordingly repeal the 1993 Measure and it is intended that the 1993 Act of Synod be rescinded; and

(5) It is desired to give formal publication to the rescinding of the 1993 Act of Synod, as the embodiment of the will of the Church of England as expressed by the whole body of the Synod, by its affirmation and proclamation as an Act of Synod

IT IS RESOLVED by the Archbishops, Bishops, Clergy and Laity of the General Synod of the Church of England, assembled in their Synod at [York], as follows—

1. The 1993 Act of Synod is hereby rescinded.

2. This resolution, having been affirmed and proclaimed an Act of Synod and ratified and confirmed for their respective provinces by each of the Presidents of the General Synod, shall come into force upon the Canon being promulged and executed.