

GENERAL SYNOD

FEBRUARY GROUP OF SESSIONS 2018 AT CHURCH HOUSE, WESTMINSTER

TIMES OF SITTINGS

Thursday 8 February	1.30 p.m. – 5.30 p.m.
Friday 9 February	10.30 a.m. – 1.00 p.m. 2.30 p.m. – 7.00 p.m.
Saturday 10 February	9.15 a.m. – 1.00 p.m. 2.30 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.

SERVICES

Thursday 8 February	
12.00 noon	Holy Communion in the Chapel
1.30 p.m.	Opening Worship in the Assembly Hall
5.45 p.m.	Evening Worship in the Assembly Hall
Friday 9 February	
9.15 a.m.	Holy Communion in the Assembly Hall
7.00 p.m.	Evening Worship in Assembly Hall
Saturday 10 February	
9.15 am	Morning Worship in the Assembly Hall
1.05 p.m.	Holy Communion in the Chapel

GENERAL NOTES

NOTICE OF MOTIONS, AMENDMENTS AND QUESTIONS

1. 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:

NEW BUSINESS

2. The period of notice of new business **has expired**, save for urgent or other specially important business included by the direction of the Presidents.

MOTIONS AND AMENDMENTS ARISING OUT OF BUSINESS ON THE AGENDA

3. Notice of motions and amendments arising out of business on the Agenda (other than amendments to legislative business) must be delivered to the Clerk as follows (SOs 10-13 and 27):

Business appointed for the first day of the group of sessions (Thursday 8 February)

5.30 p.m. on Wednesday 7 February.

Business appointed for the remaining days of the group of sessions.

Business appointed for a *morning* sitting:
10.00 a.m. the day before.

Business appointed for an *afternoon* sitting:
4.00 p.m. the day before.

Contingency business

10.00 a.m. on Thursday 8 February.

4. Under Standing Orders 10 and 27, 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.)
5. Notice of amendments to legislative business must be given in accordance with the notes accompanying the relevant item in the Agenda
6. An amendment of which due notice has not been given may only be moved by permission of the Chair (SO 26(4)(a)).
7. The email address in respect of amendments and motions arising out of business on the Agenda is: **amendments@churchofengland.org**.

QUESTIONS

8. Notice of Questions under Standing Orders 112-113 must be delivered **not later than 12 noon on Monday 29 January 2018.**

NOTICE

9. Notice must be given to the Clerk to the Synod in writing signed by the member or by e-mail, from an address notified to the Clerk, to the relevant one of the email addresses below. The postal address is Church House, Great Smith St, London SW1P 3AZ. The fax number is 020 7898 1369. The e-mail addresses are:

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

ORDER OF BUSINESS

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

11. 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:

**SPECIAL AGENDA IV
DIOCESAN SYNOD MOTIONS
LONG TERM SUSTAINABILITY OF THE NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE
(GS 2089A and GS 2089B)**

The Bishop of Carlisle to move on behalf of the Carlisle Diocesan Synod:

That this Synod:

- (a) welcome and commend the report *The Long-term Sustainability of the NHS and Adult Social Care* published in April 2017 by the House of Lords Select Committee on the Long-term Sustainability of the NHS;
- (b) call upon Her Majesty's Government to implement the recommendations made by the Select Committee, giving particular consideration to:

- (i) the problems arising from the use of urban models of strategic care in the rural context;
- (ii) whether social care is being adequately funded in the context of an ageing population; and
- (iii) whether sufficient resources are being given to the recruitment, outside larger urban centres, of experienced and highly qualified health professionals.

12. The deadline for amendments to this item of business is **10.00 a.m. on Thursday 8 February** (SO 27(5)).

CONTACT

13. Please address queries or other matters not covered in these notes to the Clerk to the Synod as follows:

jacqui.philips@churchofengland.org.

THURSDAY 8 FEBRUARY 2018

1.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.

WORSHIP

1 INTRODUCTIONS AND WELCOMES

REPORT BY THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE (GS 2079)

The Revd Canon Sue Booy (Oxford) (Chair of the Business Committee) to move:

- 2 That the Synod do take note of this Report.
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DISCERNING IN OBEDIENCE: A THEOLOGICAL REVIEW OF THE CROWN NOMINATIONS COMMISSION (GS Misc 1171)

- 3 Presentation under SO 107.

Note: *The Business Committee has determined under SO 107(3) that this presentation should include an opportunity for questions.*

DISCERNING IN OBEDIENCE: A THEOLOGICAL REVIEW OF THE CROWN NOMINATIONS COMMISSION (GS 2080)

The Archbishop of York to move:

- 4 That the Synod do take note of this Report.
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Not later than 4.00 p.m.

5 QUESTIONS

5.30 p.m. Evening Worship

FRIDAY 9 FEBRUARY 2018

A service of Holy Communion will be celebrated in the Assembly Hall at 9.15 a.m.

10.30 am to 1.00 pm

6 ADDRESS BY INVITED SPEAKER FROM A MEMBER CHURCH OF THE ANGLICAN COMMUNION

A guest from a member Church of the Anglican Communion will address the Synod at the invitation of the Presidents under SO 120.

COMPANION LINKS AND THE ANGLICAN COMMUNION (GS 2081)

The Bishop of Guildford to move:

- 7** That this Synod affirm the companion Links between the Church of England's dioceses and other parts of the Anglican Communion; encourage the Diocesan Companion Links to maximise their contribution to the hospitality programme prior to the Lambeth Conference; and call upon the parishes, deaneries and dioceses of the Church of England to make international links a central part of their strategy for mission and discipleship, drawing on the resources of the Diocesan Companion Links and the Mission and Development Agencies.
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APPOINTMENT OF THE CHAIR OF THE APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE (GS 2082)

The Archbishop of York to move:

- 8** That the appointment of Canon Margaret Swinson as Chair of the Appointments Committee from 21 June 2018 to 20 June 2023 be confirmed.
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SPECIAL AGENDA IV

DIOCESAN SYNOD MOTION

FOOD WASTAGE (GS 2077A AND GS 2077B)

- 9** *The Revd Andrew Dotchin (St Edmundsbury and Ipswich) to move on behalf of the St Edmundsbury and Ipswich Diocesan Synod:*

That this Synod, mindful of the problems of food poverty in Britain today and the excessive tonnage of edible food wasted by retail outlets:

- (a) affirm the Biblical principle of ensuring that the poor and vulnerable are not excluded from the harvest;
- (b) commend those retailers who are working creatively with food banks to distribute food that might otherwise be wasted;
- (c) urge all dioceses and parishes to work with other voluntary initiatives to lobby for all local food retailers to review their policy on waste food so that the amount made available to combat food poverty is maximized;

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- (d) request Her Majesty's Government to consider bringing forward legislation that would effectively minimize food waste by food retailers; and
 - (e) call upon all church members to use food resources responsibly and minimize waste in their own homes.
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2.30 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.

10 PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

**SPECIAL AGENDA I:
LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS**

The following items (full details of which are contained in Special Agenda I - see pages 7-10) will be taken:

- 500** Amending Canon No. 36 (**GS 2029D**)
 - *Canon for Enactment*
- 501** Amending Canon No. 37 (**GS 2029DD**)
 - *Canon for Enactment*
- 502** Draft Ecumenical Relations Measure (**GS 2046A**)
 - *Draft Measure for Revision*
- 503** Draft Amending Canon No. 38 (**GS 2047A**)
 - *Draft Amending Canon for Revision*
- 504** Draft Church of England (Miscellaneous Provisions) Measure (**GS 2064A**)
 - *Draft Measure for Revision*

If debates are required on the following items of legislative business they will be taken here:

Draft Church Property Measure (**GS 2083**)

- *Draft Measure for First Consideration*

Draft Church of England Pensions Measure (**GS 2084**)

- *Draft Measure for First Consideration*

- 505** See of Richmond – Petition for change of name to See of Kirkstall (**GS 2085**)

- *Petition by the Bishop of Leeds under section 11 of the Dioceses, Pastoral and Mission Measure 2007*
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11 ADDRESS BY INVITED SPEAKER FROM THE METHODIST CHURCH

A guest from the Methodist Church will address the Synod at the invitation of the Presidents under SO 120.

MISSION AND MINISTRY IN COVENANT (GS 2086)

The Bishop of Coventry to move:

12 That this Synod:

- (a) welcome the report *Mission and Ministry in Covenant* (GS 2086), produced by the faith and order bodies of the Church of England and the Methodist Church in response to resolutions passed by the General Synod and the Methodist Conference in 2014; and
 - (b) call on the Faith and Order Commission to report back to the Synod at the next group of sessions on work carried out jointly with the Methodist Church to address the areas for further reflection outlined at paragraphs 26-29 of the covering note from the Faith and Order Commission to GS 2086.
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7.00 p.m. Evening Worship

SATURDAY 10 FEBRUARY 2018

9.15 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.

WORSHIP

SAFEGUARDING: PRESENTATION ON NATIONAL DEVELOPMENTS AND ON THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND'S PREPARATION FOR THE INDEPENDENT INQUIRY INTO INSTITUTIONAL CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE (IICSA) (GS Misc 1172 and GS Misc 1173)

- 13 Presentation under SO 107.

Note: The Business Committee has determined under SO 107(3) that this presentation should include an opportunity for questions

RELIGIOUS COMMUNITIES (GS 2087)

The Bishop of Manchester (Chair of the House of Bishops' Advisory Council for Relations between Bishops and Religious Communities) to move:

- 14 That this Synod,

mindful of the Archbishop of Canterbury's priority for the renewal of the religious life:

- (a) note the historic importance of religious communities in the life of the faithful in this country;
 - (b) celebrate the many new expressions of the religious life through Recognised and Acknowledged Communities; and
 - (c) call on the Business Committee to introduce a new Canon to the Synod by July 2018 to provide a framework for religious life in the Church of England.
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DIGITAL EVANGELISM (GS Misc 1174)

- 15 Presentation under SO 107.

Note: The Business Committee has determined under SO 107(3) that this presentation should include an opportunity for questions.

2.30 pm – 4.00 pm

VALUING PEOPLE WITH DOWN'S SYNDROME (GS 2088)

The Bishop of Carlisle to move:

- 16** That this Synod, valuing all human life equally and celebrating the advances in medical technology which help alleviate human suffering:
- (a) affirm the dignity and full humanity of people born with Down's syndrome;
 - (b) request dioceses, parishes and the NCIs to work to review their activities and the provisions they make for people with Down's syndrome and their families, to ensure a real welcome for all;
 - (c) support the continued development of ante-natal care including access to information that new, safe screening techniques provide; and
 - (d) call on Her Majesty's Government and relevant professional bodies to ensure that parents who have been told that their unborn child has Down's syndrome will be given comprehensive, unbiased information with regard to this condition.

17 PROROGATION

AMENDING CANON No. 36 (GS 2029D)

Article 7 business

Canon for Enactment

(Finally approved at the July 2017 group of sessions)

One of the Archbishops to move:

- 500** 'That the Canon entitled "Amending Canon No. 36" be made, promulgated and executed.'

AMENDING CANON No. 37 (GS 2029DD)

Article 7 business

Canon for Enactment

(Finally approved at the July 2017 group of sessions)

One of the Archbishops to move:

- 501** 'That the Canon entitled "Amending Canon No. 37" be made, promulgated and executed.'

DRAFT ECUMENICAL RELATIONS MEASURE (GS 2046A)

Draft Measure for Revision

(First Consideration at the February 2017 group of sessions)

Report by the Revision Committee (GS 2046Y)

Professor Joyce Hill (Leeds) (Chair of the Revision Committee) to move:

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

Notes:

1. *In the debate on item 502 it will not be in order to debate any matter which is the subject of an amendment to the draft Measure which appears on a Notice Paper for this group of sessions (SO 57(6)).*
2. *When the debate is concluded on item 502, the Synod will proceed to consider the draft Measure clause by clause, first considering any amendments of which due notice has been given (SO 58(1) and (2)).*
3. *Any member who wishes to give notice of an amendment under SO 59(1) to the draft Measure must do so in accordance with SO 13 **not later than 5.30 p.m. on Monday 5th February 2018.***

DRAFT AMENDING CANON No. 38 (GS 2047A)

Draft Amending Canon for Revision

(First Consideration at the February 2017 group of sessions)

Report by the Revision Committee (GS 2047Y)

Professor Joyce Hill (Leeds) (Chair of the Revision Committee) to move:

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

Notes:

1. *In the debate on item 503 it will not be in order to debate any matter which is the subject of an amendment to the draft Canon which appears on a Notice Paper for this group of sessions (SO 57(6)).*
2. *When the debate is concluded on item 503, the Synod will proceed to consider the draft Canon clause by clause, first considering any amendments of which due notice has been given (SO 58(1) and (2)).*
3. *Any member who wishes to give notice of an amendment under SO 59(1) to the draft Canon must do so in accordance with SO 13 **not later than 5.30 p.m. on Monday 5th February 2018.***

**DRAFT CHURCH OF ENGLAND (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS)
MEASURE (GS 2064A)**

Draft Measure for Revision

(First Consideration at the July 2017 group of sessions)

Report by the Revision Committee (GS 2064Y)

The Ven. Martin Gorick, Archdeacon of Oxford (Oxford) (Chair of the Revision Committee) to move:

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

Notes:

1. *In the debate on item 504 it will not be in order to debate any matter which is the subject of an amendment to the draft Measure which appears on a Notice Paper for this group of sessions (SO 57(6)).*
2. *When the debate is concluded on item 504, the Synod will proceed to consider the draft Measure clause by clause, first considering any amendments of which due notice has been given (SO 58(1) and (2)).*
3. *Any member who wishes to give notice of an amendment under SO 59(1) to the draft Measure must do so in accordance with SO 13 **not later than 5.30 p.m. on Monday 5th February 2018.***

SPECIAL AGENDA I – LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

CHURCH PROPERTY MEASURE (GS 2083)

Draft Measure for First Consideration

Consolidation Measure

Notes:

1. *The Business Committee has directed in accordance with SO 47(3) that the draft Measure be designated as a Consolidation Measure.*
2. *The Business Committee not having directed to the contrary, under SO 52 the draft Measure will be deemed to have been given First Consideration without debate, and will accordingly stand committed to the Steering Committee in respect of its final drafting, unless at least 5 members give notice to the Clerk to the Synod of their desire that it be debated. In accordance with SO 52(3), any member who wishes to debate the draft Measure must give notice in accordance with SO 13 **not later than 5.30 p.m. on Thursday 8th February 2018.***
3. *If the draft Measure is debated and the Synod resolves that it be considered for revision in committee, any member wishing 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 Thursday 15th March 2018** (SO 55). Under SO 63(1), subject to certain exceptions in SO 63(2), an amendment to a Consolidation Measure is not relevant to the general purport of the Measure – and therefore not within the ambit of the Revision Committee’s power to amend the Measure – if the effect of the amendment would be to alter the existing law.*

CHURCH OF ENGLAND PENSIONS MEASURE (GS 2084)

Draft Measure for First Consideration

Consolidation Measure

Notes:

1. *The Business Committee has directed in accordance with SO 47(3) that the draft Measure be designated as a Consolidation Measure.*
2. *The Business Committee not having directed to the contrary, under SO 52 the draft Measure will be deemed to have been given First Consideration without debate, and will accordingly stand committed to the Steering Committee in respect of its final drafting, unless at least 5 members give notice to the Clerk to the Synod of their desire that it be debated. In accordance with SO 52(3), any member who wishes to debate the draft Measure must give notice in accordance with SO 13 **not later than 5.30 p.m. on Thursday 8th February 2018.***
3. *If the draft Measure is debated and the Synod resolves that it be considered for revision in committee, any member wishing 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 Thursday 15th March 2018** (SO 55). Under SO 63(1), subject to certain*

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exceptions in SO 63(2), an amendment to a Consolidation Measure is not relevant to the general purport of the Measure – and therefore not within the ambit of the Revision Committee’s power to amend the Measure – if the effect of the amendment would be to alter the existing law.

SEE OF RICHMOND – PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME TO SEE OF KIRKSTALL (GS 2085)

Petition by the Bishop of Leeds under section 11 of the Dioceses, Pastoral and Mission Measure 2007

The Bishop of Leeds to move:

- 505** ‘That the petition to Her Majesty in Council for the name of the See of Richmond to be changed to the See of Kirkstall be approved.’

SPECIAL AGENDA III – PRIVATE MEMBERS’ MOTIONS

Note: This is the current order which includes signatures received by 30 November 2017.

SAME SEX RELATIONSHIPS AFTER THE SHARED CONVERSATIONS

Mr Anthony Archer (St Albans) to move:

That this Synod:

- (i) having participated in the concluding stages of the Shared Conversations on scripture, mission and human sexuality; and
- (ii) noting the reaction to the report Marriage and Same Sex Relationships after the Shared Conversations (GS 2055)

request the House of Bishops to bring for debate by July 2018 a set of forward looking proposals on same-sex relationships (such as proposals to be developed by a broadly-based group representing the diversity of views on Synod and in the wider Church) that will command confidence by:

- (a) affirming the positive contribution that LGBTI Christians make in the life of the Church; and
- (b) reflecting the differing interpretations of scripture.

122 signatures

February 2017

BIBLICAL UNDERSTANDING OF MARRIAGE AND SEXUAL RELATIONSHIPS

Mr Edward Shaw (Bristol) to move:

That this Synod:

convinced that all people without exception are loved by God and made in His image and are invited to fullness of life through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, affirm:

- (a) its rejection of the fear or dislike of anyone on the basis of their sexual orientation.
- (b) the radically inclusive nature of Jesus's ministry and message to all people: "The Kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!"
- (c) that marriage, as defined by Jesus, is the lifelong sexual union of a man and a woman.
- (d) that both those who marry and those who are single, as Jesus Himself was, can enjoy Christ-like relationships and the fullness of life which He offers all.
- (e) that all Christians should repent of any sexual activity outside marriage, in the assurance of God's loving forgiveness in Christ.
- (f) that all God's holy people are called to live out this calling, for their own good and for the life of the world they are called to serve.

97 signatures

March 2017

SPECIAL AGENDA III – PRIVATE MEMBERS’ MOTIONS

REVIEW OF THE ‘FIVE GUIDING PRINCIPLES’

Mr David Lamming (St Edmundsbury & Ipswich) to move:

That this Synod:

- (a) share the sadness and regret of the Rt Revd Philip North in his decision, announced on 9 March 2017, to withdraw acceptance of his nomination to the See of Sheffield;
- (b) note the substantial support for Bishop North's nomination from many women and men, lay and ordained, in the dioceses of both Sheffield and Blackburn, and in the wider Church of England;
- (c) express its full support for Bishop North in his future ministry, whether in the Blackburn diocese or elsewhere;
- (d) note, with concern, the implications of Bishop North's decision, and the public debate that preceded it, for the 'mutual flourishing' of the Church of England; and
- (e) request the House of Bishops urgently to review the 'Five Guiding Principles' and to consider whether they need to be amended or amplified in order to ensure that there is an equal place at all levels in the Church for men and women of different theological convictions on the issue of women's ordination, and to report to the Synod by February 2018.

87 signatures

March 2017

CLERGY PENSIONS

Mrs Janet Perrett (Ely) to move:

That this Synod, noting:

- (a) the very substantial increase in the Church Commissioners' general fund in 2016;
- (b) the increasing attention being given to the well-being and morale of clergy, including those who are retired, as stipendiary clergy numbers are reduced;
- (c) the decreasing value of clergy pensions as result of:
 - (i) the extension of the retirement age to 67 and the increased number of years in service required for a full pension;
 - (ii) the reduction of the clergy pension from two-thirds of National Minimum Stipend to one half, despite the abolition of additional state pension support which was the rationale for this change; and

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(d) the current deficit in the Church of England Funded Pensions Scheme, call on the Archbishops' Council to introduce draft legislation to enable the Church Commissioners to make such additional provision from their capital reserves following last year's excellent performance as will enable the restoration of clergy pensions to a credible level in the future.

62 signatures

July 2017

INCLUSION OF DISABLED PEOPLE

Mr Sam Margrave (Coventry) to move:

That this Synod, believing that God loves and values the lives of all disabled people and accepting the full equality of creation:

(a) call on the National Church Institutions:

(i) to adopt the social model of disability in the way the Church of England operates at a national and local level, in order to unlock the potential of disabled people and break down the barriers they face;

(ii) in order to have leaders from under-represented or hard-to-connect communities, to change the selection procedure for those wishing to enter ordained ministry, so as to make it more inclusive and accessible by all disabled people;

(iii) to put in place funding to help disabled people enter ordained and lay ministry;

(iv) to prioritise and make available funding to make our church buildings more accessible; and

(v) to change the way we 'do Church' to make it more inclusive of disabled people; and

(b) call on Her Majesty's Government to adopt a social model of disability across England, in public and planning policy, locally, regionally and nationally, in order to ensure that disabled people are at the heart of the community, and not merely at its periphery, enabled and encouraged at every level.

14 signatures

July 2017

SPECIAL AGENDA III – PRIVATE MEMBERS’ MOTIONS

FOSTERING ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Mr Sam Margrave (Coventry) to move:

That this Synod, believing that God's gift of human innovation, invention, and entrepreneurialism can benefit the lives of people and parishes and transform communities, call on the National Church Institutions to foster entrepreneurship by:

- (a) establishing a national lending fund to make resources such as loans and grants available to foster entrepreneurship within parishes and dioceses to create sustainable income streams to fund mission and ministry and so create a new glebe for a new generation;
- (b) celebrating and encouraging Christian entrepreneurs in their vocation; and
- (c) offering start-up grants and support to Christian entrepreneurs; and investing in Christian businesses.

8 signatures

July 2017

ENCOURAGING YOUTH EVANGELISM

Canon Mark Russell (Sheffield) to move:

That this Synod:

- (a) affirm the importance of evangelism to and with younger people, recognising that many parishes and fresh expressions of church are doing excellent work with young people;
- (b) commend the work of Diocesan Youth Officers and the staff of the National Church Institutions in inspiring the wider Church in youth evangelism;
- (c) support dioceses in investing resources to create more youth ministry posts across the Church; and
- (d) encourage dioceses and parishes to consider fresh ways to reach young people with the good news of Jesus Christ and to nurture them as Christian disciples.

79 signatures

July 2017

RESPONDING WELL TO SURVIVORS OF SEXUAL ABUSE

The Revd Canon Rosie Harper (Oxford) to move:

That this Synod unreservedly condemn the sexual abuse of children, young people and adults and request that an urgent review of the Church's current safeguarding policies and practices on responding well to survivors of sexual abuse be conducted in order to ascertain whether they provide a sufficient and Christian response that puts the needs of the survivor first.

77 signatures

November 2017

SPECIAL AGENDA III – PRIVATE MEMBERS’ MOTIONS

HOMELESS TASK FORCE

Mr Andrew Gray (Norwich) to move:

That this Synod, noting:

- (a) the substantial levels of homelessness in the United Kingdom;
- (b) initiatives to address this problem by Her Majesty’s Government, such as the Homelessness Reduction Taskforce announced in the 2017 Autumn Budget; and
- (c) celebrating the good works already being undertaken by the Church of England, other Christian denominations, faith groups, charities and social enterprises, call upon the Archbishops’ Council to enable the formation of a Church of England led Homelessness Taskforce including representatives from the Houses of Bishops, Clergy and Laity to undertake:
 - (i) the formation of plans at national, diocesan and parish levels to utilise Church resources (whether financial, volunteers or buildings) to provide shelter and support services for the vulnerable on a nationwide basis, building upon the wide experience of government and Third Sector initiatives in this field; and
 - (ii) the implementation of those plans in partnership (where appropriate) with local authorities, homeless charities, voluntary organisations, faith groups and social enterprises.

80 signatures

November 2017

SPECIAL AGENDA IV – DIOCESAN SYNOD MOTIONS

ANGLICAN COMMUNION COVENANT

NB: Bath & Wells, Chelmsford, Lincoln, London, Oxford and St Albans Diocesan Synods have now withdrawn their DSM on the Anglican Communion

... to move on behalf of the Manchester 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.

March 2012

[The Newcastle, 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

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(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.

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

SPECIAL AGENDA IV – DIOCESAN SYNOD MOTIONS

FOSSIL FUELS DISINVESTMENT

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

That this Synod:

- (a) urge the national investing bodies to disinvest from all coal companies (except those investing in carbon capture) and tar sand companies at the earliest opportunity;
- (b) urge the national investing bodies to examine the possibility of disinvestment from oil companies but not before three years from now;
- (c) urge the national investing bodies to examine the possibility of disinvestment from natural gas companies but not before five years from now; and
- (d) call on parishes and individual Christians to take steps to encourage Her Majesty's Government and political parties to act quickly on climate change.

December 2014

REVIEW OF THE ROLE OF THE CROWN NOMINATIONS COMMISSION

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

That this Synod invite the Archbishops to initiate a review into the role of the Crown Nominations Commission, including consideration of alternative methods of appointment for diocesan bishops.

April 2016

THE ENVIRONMENT

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

That this Synod:

- (a) recognise the escalating threat to God's creation from global warming and climate change, and the suffering caused, particularly that caused to the poor;
- (b) recall the previous resolution of Synod, including 'to develop Shrinking the Footprint to enable the whole Church to address the issue of climate change';
- (c) call on the Environmental Working Group, supported by the national Shrinking the Footprint team and the Mission & Public Affairs Division:
 - (i) to compile and submit a progress report to Synod upon action so far at national level;

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- (ii) to prepare and submit a framework plan to the Archbishops' Council for the promotion, co-ordination and rapid acceleration of nationwide action by the Church to reduce its energy use and CO2 emissions;
- (iii) to establish and sustain a national system, operational by 2018, for annual reporting by parishes and dioceses of the energy consumption of cathedrals, churches and church halls as a minimum; for calculation from data thus reported of the annual total of CO2 emissions; and for monitoring progress towards the Shrinking the Footprint targets for savings of 42% by 2020 and 80% by 2050; and
- (d) call on the Archbishops' Council, urgently to assess and furnish such human and financial resources as may be proper and necessary to enable the aforesaid work by the Shrinking the Footprint team and Mission & Public Affairs Division.

August 2016

DIOCESAN ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMME

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

That this Synod:

- (a) call on every diocese to have an environmental programme with a designated member of the bishop's staff team to lead and advocate for the programme; and
- (b) ask the Environment Working Group to establish a peer review scheme between individual dioceses as a means of sharing good practice in the areas of:
 - (i) environmental policy, with special reference to investments, property and land use; and
 - (ii) activities supporting the Shrinking the Footprint and Eco Church initiatives.

August 2016

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FOOD WASTAGE

... to move on behalf of the St Edmundsbury and Ipswich Diocesan Synod:

That this Synod:

mindful of the problems of food poverty in Britain today and the excessive tonnage of edible food wasted by retail outlets –

- (a) affirm the Biblical principle of ensuring that the poor and vulnerable are not excluded from the harvest;
- (b) commend those retailers who are working creatively with food banks to distribute food that might otherwise be wasted;
- (c) urge all dioceses and parishes to work with other voluntary initiatives to lobby for all local food retailers to review their policy on waste food so that the amount made available to combat food poverty is maximized;
- (d) request Her Majesty's Government to consider bringing forward legislation that would effectively minimize food waste by food retailers; and
- (e) call upon all church members to use food resources responsibly and minimize waste in their own homes.

November 2016

LONG-TERM SUSTAINABILITY OF THE NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE

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

That this Synod:

- (a) welcome and commend the report *The Long-term Sustainability of the NHS and Adult Social Care* published in April 2017 by the House of Lords Select Committee on the Long-term Sustainability of the NHS; and
- (b) call upon Her Majesty's Government to implement the recommendations made by the Select Committee, giving particular consideration to:
 - (i) the problems arising from the use of urban models of strategic care in the rural context;
 - (ii) whether social care is being adequately funded in the context of an ageing population; and

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(iii) whether sufficient resources are being given to the recruitment, outside larger urban centres, of experienced and highly qualified health professionals.

November 2017

LITURGIES FOR SAME-SEX COUPLES

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

That this Synod:

request the House of Bishops to commend an Order of Prayer and Dedication after the registration of a civil partnership or a same sex marriage for use by ministers in exercise of their discretion under Canon B4, being a form of service neither contrary to, nor indicative of any departure from, the doctrine of the Church of England in any essential matter, together with guidance that no parish should be obliged to host, nor minister conduct, such a service.

November 2017