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Date Passed	25 November 2015	Motion	Motion on the Migrant Crisis (GS 2009)	Intended Audience	Parishes and dioceses; Her Majesty's Government
Action called for					
<p>Urge parishes and dioceses to provide practical resources and pray for those seeking to address the causes and symptoms of this crisis, welcome aid provided by HMG to those suffering. Call on HMG to increase number resettled significantly beyond its initial target of 20,000 over five years; call upon HMG to work with the UN High Commissioner to ensure that vulnerability to religiously motivated persecution is taken into account when determining whom to receive, to work with international partners to establish legal routes to places of safety and to take a fair share of refugees now within the EU.</p>					
Follow-up					
<p>Worked closely with resettlement team at the Home Office, acting as a bridge between them and parishes interested in involvement in refugee support. Led a national seminar for dioceses and other Church of England groups engaged in refugee and asylum support. Guidance issued on asylum support, especially for local clergy supporting people in court. Help for those recently converted to Christianity and seeking asylum. Work with other agencies through CTBI. Strengthening the church's voice by making practical local contributions in many parts of the country. Post-Brexit context, developing constructive narratives about migration and community.</p>					

Date Passed	25 November 2015	Motion	Church Buildings Review (GS 2008)	Intended Audience	Dioceses, deaneries and parishes; Archbishops' Council; Church Commissioners; Church Buildings Council; Business Committee
Action called for					
<p>Welcome the report from the Church Buildings Review Group, commend it for discussion in dioceses, deaneries and parishes. Invite the Archbishops' Council, the Church Commissioners and the Church Buildings Council to work together on the detailed implementation of the proposals in the report to enable the Business Committee to schedule the start of the relevant legislative process by July 2016. Invite the Archbishops' Council, the Church Commissioners and the Church Buildings Council to develop a strategy to inspire, encourage and support churches and their dioceses to invest in their facilities to serve their communities and provide opportunities for mission.</p>					
Follow-up					
<p>Working closely with the interdepartmental team based in the Home Office, to develop refugee policy and practice both in the present Parliament and after 2020. Strengthening the church's voice and engagement especially through promoting the Community Sponsorship scheme: a National Refugee Welcome Coordinator has been in post since July 2017 and the first schemes are making progress. Guidance issued on asylum support, especially for local clergy supporting people in court. Help for those recently converted to Christianity and seeking asylum. Work with other agencies through CTBI refugee network. Post-Brexit context, developing constructive narratives about migration and community.</p>					

Date Passed	16 February 2016	Motion	Report from the Evangelism Task Group (GS 2015)	Intended Audience	General Synod; Dioceses, deaneries and parishes
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Action called for
 Synod took note of the Report from the Evangelism Task Group.

Follow-up
 Thy Kingdom Come' is an international and ecumenical prayer movement encouraging Christians to pray for the empowerment of the Holy Spirit so that we can become effective witnesses for Jesus. What started out as an invitation from the Archbishops' of Canterbury and York in 2016 to the Church of England, has since grown into a global prayer campaign, capturing the imagination of hundreds of thousands of Christians worldwide. In 2017, TKC surpassed expectations both in the UK and abroad; engaging 85% of Cathedrals and the majority of CofE churches in the UK and including participation from a diverse range of countries such as New Zealand, Alaska, the West Indies, South Africa and Malaysia. ThyKingdomCome.global has had over 1.65 million page views with 80% of those who pledged to pray via the website, committing to pray for their family/friends to come to know Jesus and more than 25% praying as to how they should tell them about Jesus. Another fascinating campaign outcome is the engagement across the genders; 57% male and 43 % female. With renewed vigour, this year TKC will further build on its previous success hoping to engage even more churches and individuals worldwide.

Date Passed	16 February 2016	Motion	Report of the Church of England – Church of Scotland Joint Study Group (GS 2016)	Intended Audience	Council for Christian Unity; Church of Scotland; Scottish Episcopal Church
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Action called for
 The Council for Christian Unity to oversee the implementation of the Commitments contained in the Columba Declaration, as set out in paragraph 38 of the report, and set up the Contact Group proposed by it, ensuring that the Scottish Episcopal Church is invited to appoint a representative to attend its meetings;

Follow-up
 Report was debated and approved at Church of Scotland Assembly 25 May; Council for Christian Unity has reviewed formal responses to the report from the Scottish Episcopal Church and the United Reformed Church, and taken forward matters relating to implementation, including Terms of Reference, initial priorities and membership for the Contact Group, following liaison with the Church of Scotland and the Scottish Episcopal Church; the Contact Group met for the first time in November 2017, including the representative from the Scottish Episcopal Church

Date Passed	16 February 2016	Motion	Proposed Enabling Measure (2016)	Intended Audience	Archbishops' Council
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Action called for
Invited the Archbishops' Council to introduce legislation at the July 2016 group of sessions

Follow-up
Brought to the Synod in February 2017 in the form of the the Legislative Reform Measure.

Date Passed	16 February 2016	Motion	Blood and Organ Donation (GS 2022A and GS 2022B)	Intended Audience	Church of England parishes
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Action called for
Calls on all Church of England parishes to encourage their members to become blood and organ donors.

Follow-up
Sustained activity by MPA – 4 major policy debates, 6 national initiatives. Founder associate of Flesh and Blood (FAB) Churches campaign, in collaboration with NHSBT and other faith communities. +Carlisle and MPA's policy adviser conducted series of 1day seminars for clergy, lay leaders and ordinands on end of life issues, including organ donation. 12 seminars conducted to date. MPA officers and NHSBT investigating issues surrounding Living Donation, particularly regarding BME people, exploring how Living Donation might become an increasingly acceptable option.

Date Passed	17 February 2016	Motion	The Impact of Sanctions on Benefit Claimants' (GS 2019A and GS 2019B)	Intended Audience	Her Majesty's Government, dioceses and parishes
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Action called for
 Called on HMG to implement the recommendations set out in Feeding Britain in respect of the use of sanctions upon benefit claimants, to initiate a full independent review of the impact and efficacy of the sanctions and conditionality regime and to encourage every part of the Church of England to offer practical and pastoral support to those experiencing benefit sanctions, building on the Church's work with food banks, credit unions and debt advice.'

Follow-up
 MPA monitoring link between food banks and benefits system, following on from our Emergency Use Only report (with Oxfam, Trussell Trust and CPAG), which highlighted various benefit-related issues, including sanctions. MPA Council is now a member of the End Hunger UK campaign, which is calling for a government review of sanctions to ensure they do not cause undue harm or destitution among other policies to reduce food poverty. Lords Spiritual have spoken on these issues in parliament, whilst MPA is developing proposals to augment the work of local churches in supporting people affected by the rollout of Universal Credit.

Date Passed	18 February 2016	Motion	Debate on a Motion on Renewal and Reform: Resourcing Ministerial Education (GS 2020)	Intended Audience	
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Action called for
 Re-affirmed the objectives set out in GS 1979, welcomed the objectives set out in GS 2020, endorsed the funding arrangements agreed by the Archbishops' Council, requested a progress report back to Synod from the Archbishops' Council by July 2018.

Follow-up
 For a comprehensive update on the progress of the Resourcing Ministerial Education funding arrangements, please read [GS Misc 1170](#)

Date Passed	18 February 2016	Motion	Take Note Debate on a Report on 'Renewal and Reform: Resourcing the Future' (GS 2021)	Intended Audience	Dioceses and parishes
<p>Action called for</p> <p>The Synod was asked to Take Note of the report setting out the implementation plans for the Resourcing the Future review of the distribution of the Church's national funds.</p>					
<p>Follow-up</p> <p>Allocations of the Lowest Income Communities funding (including transitional funding) have been made. £44m of Strategic Development Funding has been awarded so far in this triennium, supporting 23 awards to 20 dioceses. 41 dioceses have taken part in peer review and plans are being made for a second round of reviews. The new Strategic Investment Board, responsible for distribution of funding, evaluating impact and advising on strategy, met four times in 2017. The Council has established a joint Funding Monitoring Group with the Commissioners, to advise on the efficacy of the distribution mechanisms and of the monitoring and evaluation arrangements.</p>					

Date Passed	08 July 2016	Motion	Motion on the result of the EU Referendum	Intended Audience	Bishops and dioceses
Action called for The Synod welcomed the Archbishops' call for unity and called in Bishops to identify diocesan champions for unity within local communities.					
Follow-up MPA hosted blog site, Reimagining Europe with contributions from a Christian perspective including "leave" and "remain" voices and covering wide range of perspectives on Europe, the EU etc. Well received as a rational forum in otherwise heated debate. After the referendum result, the blog is continuing as a forum about how our future relationships with European neighbours might evolve, including relationships with European churches. With the rise in hate crime since the referendum, MPA staff have supported bishops with information and analysis to inform local responses.					

Date Passed	09 July 2016	Motion	Motion on a Vision and Narrative for Renewal and Reform (GS 2038)	Intended Audience	National Church Institutions, Dioceses
Action called for Synod welcomed the vision and commended it as a framework for implementation of Renewal and Reform across the Church.					
Follow-up The Vision and Narrative has been adopted by all the workstreams as they continue their work under Renewal and Reform.					

Date Passed	09 July 2016	Motion	Take Note Debate on “A Church of England Vision for Education” (GS 2039)	Intended Audience	Bishops; Dioceses; Boards of Education; Schools; Colleges and Universities
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Action called for
 Synod took note of the report.

Follow-up
 The Vision has been well received very widely and has become the underpinning document for the Education Office’s work and the Church of England Foundation for Educational Leadership. Further work will help dioceses and educationalists to ensure the vision has impact in their local context. The Education Office is clear in the message that this the Church of England’s vision for education, not restricted to Church of England Schools, and so the vision is at the heart of our attempts to shape and develop policy across the educational landscape.

Date Passed	09 July 2016	Motion	Nurturing and Discerning Senior Leaders (GS 2026)	Intended Audience	Bishops and Dioceses
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Action called for
 Synod took note of the report.

Follow-up
 A third cohort of the Strategic Leadership Development Programme will begin in March. Following a discernment process, all 50 places in this cohort have been filled. The work to support the development of bishops and deans continues. Two cohorts of Bishops’ Development programmes have been completed, and further programme is proposed for 2018. A number of Bishop’s Staff Teams are also taking part in Team Effectiveness development. Four recently appointed Deans attended a module in November 2017 as part of their induction, and a similar event is planned for 2018. A development programme for existing Deans is also in place with a programme scheduled for 2018.

Date Passed	09 July 2016	Motion	Draft Inspection of Churches Measure (GS 2028 and GS 2028x)	Intended Audience	Dioceses and parishes
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Action called for
 Synod adjourned the debate.

Follow-up
 The debate was adjourned. Officers are working on alternative ways of achieving the objectives of this draft Measure. Proposals will be brought to Synod at a future date.

Date Passed	13 February 2017	Motion	Anniversary of the Reformation (GS 2044)	Intended Audience	Council for Christian Unity; Dioceses and Parishes
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Action called for
 That the Synod give thanks to God for the blessings that the Reformation brought to the Church of England and welcome signs of convergence between the churches on the doctrine of salvation. That the Synod commend initiatives in this anniversary year to foster mutual understanding and reconciliation between churches, for the sake of our deeper renewal in the grace of God and our ability to share the gospel of salvation with all the world.

Follow-up
 The Council for Christian Unity working together with the Lutheran Council of Great Britain held a day in Cambridge on the theme Reformation then and now. There was strong representation from the Church of England while, the highlight of the year in this country was the major service at Westminster Abbey on 31 October, at which the Archbishop of Canterbury preached and then made a presentation to representatives of the Roman Catholic Church and Lutheran World Federation regarding the Anglican Consultative Council of the Joint Declaration on the Doctrineaffirmation by the more details of which should be announced soon.

Date Passed	15 February 2017	Motion	Creation of a Suffragan See for the diocese of Leicester (GS 2052)	Intended Audience	Her Majesty in Council
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Action called for
 That the town of Loughborough be taken and accepted for a see of a suffragan bishop as if it had been included in the suffragan bishops Act 1534.

Follow-up
 The Privy Council has agreed the creation of the Suffragan See of Loughborough

Date Passed	15 February 2017	Motion	Fixed Odds Betting Terminals (GS 2054A and GS 2054B)	Intended Audience	Her Majesty's Government; dioceses and parishes
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Action called for

The Synod welcomed the work of HM's Government to review the maximum stake for Fixed Odds Betting Terminals and call on HM's Government bring forward proposals to reduce the maximum stake from £100 to £2 and to grant local authorities power to make provision about the number and location of such terminals.

Follow-up

The Department of Culture, Media and Sport was petitioned. The MPA Council has made a full response to the October 2017 government consultation on this issue, pressing the arguments for lower stakes and wider powers for local authorities, and has urged church members to respond to the consultation. The Mission and Public Affairs Division cooperates closely with ecumenical partners on gambling issues.

Date Passed	16 February 2017	Motion	Mission and Administration (GS 2057A and GS 2057B)	Intended Audience	Archbishops' Council
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Action called for

Considering the ratio of time and money spent in administration to that spent in mission, confirm that the principle of subsidiarity should not be applied to purely administrative functions and request the Archbishops' Council to consult with the Church Commissioners and dioceses, with the objective of establishing centralized administrative facilities so that other functions which can be handled more efficiently thereby are transferred accordingly.

Follow-up

The Archbishop's Council is responding to this Motion by building on the work being carried out under the How We Work programme, which is about improving how the National Church Institutions (NCIs) serve and support the mission and ministry of the Church. A national service to better enable and support recruitment (Pathways), particularly through the provision of digital tools, was launched in August 2017. As at the end of January 2017 there were 24 subscribers to the service, 19 of whom were dioceses. This is seeking to improve the effectiveness of recruitment processes and to yield cost savings. Customer use of the service is growing steadily and customer feedback has been positive. The NCI's are consulting with the Diocesan Secretaries Liaison Group in order to identify priorities for future service provision that will support dioceses and have the potential to leverage cost savings

Date Passed	16 February 2017	Motion	Setting God's People Free: Report from the Archbishops' Council (GS 2056)	Intended Audience	Archbishops' Council; House of Bishops; dioceses and parishes
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Action called for
The Archbishops' Council is to develop the implementation plan referred to in section 5 of the report and work closely with the House of Bishops and the dioceses in taking it forward.

Follow-up
A programme director for Setting God's People Free, Dr Nick Shepherd, began work in 2017 with 27 dioceses committed to be part of three national Discipleship Learning Communities, to guide and develop work in thousands of parishes to inspire Christians who are not actively involved in the leadership of the Church to develop confidence to live out their faith in everyday life. To support this ongoing work the programme is also producing resources on the practical tasks of discipleship – Monday to Saturday as well as Sunday, and to develop theological thinking to resource ministry that sustains this.

Date Passed	07 July 2017	Motion	After the General Election, a still small voice of calm	Intended Audience	Dioceses, the whole Church of England
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Action called for

Please visit our website to see the full motion wording ([July group of sessions 2017 – Fourth Notice Paper](#)), which was passed unamended.

Follow-up

These remain critical times for the nation and the Brexit negotiations have somewhat eclipsed the manifesto commitments to enhanced social cohesion. The Archbishops and bishops engage with politicians across the parties, from the Prime Minister and Cabinet Ministers to local MPs and councillors. These conversations are confidential, but the concerns of the motion frequently arise. The work of the church at national and local levels in serving the poor and vulnerable continues to grow. Among recent developments is work by MPA assisting local churches with refugee resettlement, the work of church schools in hard-pressed communities, and developing plans for new work on the nation's housing needs. Our international relationships are shaped by strong bonds across the Anglican Communion and ecumenically and with the Diocese in Europe at the heart of the Church of England, questions of future European relationships are very much on the agenda at many levels.

Date Passed	08 July 2017	Motion	Presence and Engagement: Report from the Mission and Public Affairs Council (GS 2063)	Intended Audience	Presence & Engagement Centres; dioceses; Presence & Engagement Task Group
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Action called for

Commend the national P&E programme and offer prayerful support for its work over the next five years, requesting that the fruit of this be made available through P&E Centres and as a report back to Synod. Encourage dioceses to incorporate cultivation of relationships with other faith communities into their mission plans. Re-affirm *Sharing the Gospel of Salvation* (GS Misc 956) and call on the P&E Task Group to continue supporting parishes bearing faithful witness to the gospel of Jesus Christ with sensitivity and confidence among people of other faiths.

Follow-up

Task group have drawn on report to General Synod to develop strategic plan for this quinquennium. Projects begun so far include identifying ordinands and curates interested in ministry in multi-religious contexts so that this cohort of young clergy can receive tailored support and training. Exploring with vocations team ways to profile ministry in P&E areas to DDOs and potential ordinands. Created mailing list of clergy ministering to Persians to enable sharing of advice and information, and working on translation of liturgy into Farsi. In process of planning diocesan interfaith advisers conference for May 2018.

Date Passed	08 July 2017	Motion	National Support for Local Churches: Report from the Archbishops' Council (GS 2069)	Intended Audience	Dioceses; parishes; Archbishops' Council
Action called for					
That the national team continues to create resources and training that supports local churches in their mission, evangelism and ministry.					
Follow-up					
The national team are continuing to support local churches; examples of this include the "God with us" Christmas campaign, HOPE2018 enabling a year of mission and outreach www.hopetogether.org , Thy Kingdom Come prayer at Pentecost www.thykingdomcome.global and the life events resources for weddings, baptisms and funerals					

Date Passed	08 July 2017	Motion	Conversion Therapy (GS 2070A & GS 2070B)	Intended Audience	The Church; HM Government
Action called for					
Endorsement of the Memorandum of Understanding on Conversion Therapy in the UK (2015). To be sensitive and to listen to contemporary expressions of gender identity. The Government to ban the practice of Conversion Therapy.					
Follow-up					
The Under-Secretary of State for the Care & Mental Health has been petitioned by the Clerk to the General Synod.					

Date Passed	09 July 2017	Motion	Welcoming Transgender People (GS 2071A & 2071B)	Intended Audience	House of Bishops
Action called for					
Welcoming and affirming transgender people in the parish Church. Consideration by the House of Bishops on whether some nationally commended liturgical materials might be prepared to mark a person's gender transition.					
Follow-up					
Preliminary work to respond to the motion is underway and an update will be published in due course					

Date Passed	09 July 2017	Motion	Clergy Wellbeing: Report from the House of Clergy (GS 2072)	Intended Audience	The Appointments Committee
Action called for					
Welcome and support for the proposal to establish a Covenant for Clergy Wellbeing. Invite the Appointments Committee to appoint a Clergy Wellbeing Working Group to bring proposals for such a Covenant back to this Synod by July 2019.					
Follow-up					
The membership of the Clergy Well Being Working Group was agreed by the Appointments Committee in September 2017 (list available here). At their first meeting, the Group appointed their Chair – The Revd Canon Simon Butler – and had preliminary discussions.					

Date Passed	09 July 2017	Motion	Schools Admissions Code (GS 2073A & GS 2073B)	Intended Audience	Secretary of State; admissions authorities.
Action called for					
<p>Include provision in the Schools Admission Code requiring admission authorities to allocate places to children of clergy (and other workers who are required to live in tied accommodation) in advance of the family arriving in the area. Call on admissions authorities to accept letters of appointment as proof of residence ahead of children of clergy (and others previously mentioned) moving to the area.</p>					
Follow-up					
<p>The Secretary of State for Education has been petitioned by the Clerk to the General Synod.</p>					

Date Passed	10 July 2017	Motion	Cost of applying for citizenship (GS 2047A & GS 2047B)	Intended Audience	Mission and Public Affairs Council; Lords Spiritual; parishes
Action called for					
<p>Request that MPA Council investigate issues around the cost of applying for citizenship and made recommendations to HM Government. Encourage the Lords Spiritual to actively seek opportunities to address the issue of fees in debate. Urge parishes to raise the issue with their MP. Encourage parishes to support those who are struggling with the cost of citizenship fees to avoid debt and signpost responsible lenders.</p>					
Follow-up					
<p>The motion was communicated to the Home Office, and pressure continues; especially about the deliberate setting of fee levels, including those for applications on behalf of children, at a level substantially higher than the cost of processing the application.</p>					