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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
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Action called for

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.

Follow-up

The National Refugee Welcome Coordinator is reaching into all parts of England, working with parishes and dioceses to support the spread of refugee sponsorship. A series of meetings with the Home Office and other government departments are focussing on the situation post-2020, pushing for continuation of the government scheme as well as continued support of community sponsorship. We press the case for religious persecution to be given proper consideration, both when identifying families for resettlement, and in asylum casework. We are engaged with Safe Passage to ensure that commitments made as part of the EU are continued.

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
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Action called for

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.

Follow-up

An informal working party has been convened, drawing together members of the Church Buildings Council, Church Buildings (Uses and Disposals) Committee, and Mission and Pastoral Committee. This group is tasked with outlining an approach to making the most of the synergies of the work all three committees do to ensure church buildings serve the wider mission of the church. Co-location of the buildings teams of the Church Commissioners and Archbishops' Council is a top priority for Chief Officers as they manage the overall Church House accommodation project. Various simplification measures outlined in the Church Buildings Review have already been through Synod, and more are being brought to July Synod via the Miscellaneous Provisions Measure.

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
 Members can refer to GS 2098 for an update on the work of the Evangelism Task Group.

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	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. MPA’s policy adviser is a member of NHSBT’s newly constituted National Multi Faith Advisory Group.

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’s Emergency Use Only report (with Oxfam, Trussell Trust, CPAG) highlighted impact of sanctions on food bank use. MPA Council is an active member of End Hunger UK campaign, calling for a government review of sanctions and other policies to reduce food poverty. A major study by York University found sanctions routinely trigger profoundly negative personal, financial and health outcomes, increase destitution, and are largely ineffective in promoting employment. Following on from MPA research (with Children’s Society), identifying failures in local authority schemes for people in crisis, MPA is involved in discussions on the future of crisis support in England.

Date Passed	18 February 2016	Motion	Debate on a Motion on Renewal and Reform: Resourcing Ministerial Education (GS 2020)	Intended Audience	Archbishops' Council
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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 the progress report requested in the February 2016 Synod motion, please read GS Misc 1190

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
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Action called for
 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.

Follow-up
 Allocations of the £24m of Lowest Income Communities funding (plus £12m transitional funding) were made in 2017, and plans for the use of Restructuring Funding have been received from 15 of the 21 dioceses eligible to receive it. Dioceses have reported on their use of all of this funding. £44m of Strategic Development Funding was awarded in 2017, supporting 23 awards to 20 dioceses, and the Strategic Investment Board will consider further applications in June. The first round of peer review covering all dioceses has been completed and a second round of reviews will be launched in June.

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.. After the referendum result, the blog continued 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
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
Action called for					
Synod took note of the report.					
Follow-up (<i>last updated in Feb. 2018</i>)					
Three Cohorts of the Strategic Leadership Development Programme are now engaged in the programme meaning just under 170 clergy from every Diocese (with the exception of the Diocese of Sodor and Mann) have members benefiting from this initiative. The two cohorts who have completed the Bishops’ Development programme continue to be engaged in ongoing leadership development seminars and a new cohort of Diocesan and Suffragan Bishops will commence their leadership developing programme this coming November. The support for Deans continues with transition coaching for newly appointed Deans, the recent completion of a team effectiveness seminar, and plans for future leadership development seminars in spring 2019.					

Date Passed	09 July 2016	Motion	Draft Inspection of Churches Measure (GS 2028 and GS 2028x)	Intended Audience	Dioceses and parishes
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’s resolution on the Joint Declaration on the Doctrine, referred to in the motion approved by Synod.

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 and the Bishop is now in post.

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 HMs 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 Church of England took a leading role in the campaign, led by the Bishop of St Albans, and we are delighted that, after a sustained pressing of the case both privately and in public, the government has decided on a £2 maximum. We continue to press for an early implementation date. The Bishop has sponsored a Bill to extend the powers of local authorities in this matter; we shall continue to advocate this, as we see how stake reductions impact the high street outlets; but our main focus is moving to online gambling, advertising, and the effects on children.

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

A national service to better enable and support recruitment (Pathways), particularly through the provision of digital tools, was launched in August 2017. As of March 2018, there were 26 subscribers to the service, 21 of whom are dioceses. During the last 6 months, we have also serviced 14 dioceses that are not yet subscribers. Since launching the programme, 216 open posts have been advertised with 82 being filled and another 106 that are still going through the selection process. 29 had unsuccessful recruitment processes. On average we are seeing 4.4 applications made to each open post, with 1440 profiles of clergy in the system. Over 35% of those have signed up to just receive alerts when open posts come available. These figures have led to organically reducing the spend on advertising for dioceses and patrons.

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
Three cohorts of the Discipleship Learning Communities established to support the implementation of Setting God's People Free have begun, involving participants from 25 dioceses. Dioceses not involved in these have also been consulted on how staff in the NCI's can best support their implementation of the culture change priorities identified in the report. Resources to support these changes are now more widely available through the churchprinthub website. The steering group for the theological enrichment work with the Faith and Order Commission has begun its work, chaired by the Bishop of Aston. A document on theological themes to support the *Calling of All Gods People* is being developed in consultation with participants in the DLC's. This will form the basis for future consultation and resource documents.

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

Brexit has eclipsed manifesto commitments to social cohesion. The Archbishops and bishops engage with politicians across the parties, from the PM to local MPs and councillors. These conversations are confidential, but the motion’s concerns frequently arise. The church’s national and local work in serving vulnerable continues to grow. MPA assists local churches with refugee resettlement, and is developing plans for new work on the housing crisis. Our international relationships are shaped by strong bonds across the Anglican Communion, ecumenically and with the Diocese in Europe - questions of future European relationships are 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 developed strategic quinquennial plan. Includes: Profiling ministry in P&E areas to DDOs and potential ordinands. List of clergy ministering to Persians to enable sharing of advice and information. Working on translation of liturgy into Farsi. Survey of ordinands and curates interested in P&E for better support - network established to share resources. Successful Diocesan Inter Faith Advisers conference, including focus on raising profile of P&E in dioceses. Several dioceses in process of designing P&E strategies tailored to context, with assistance from national team. A range of other projects are ongoing – at national level and within the P&E centres.

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					
Since this item was tabled at General Synod in July last year we have transitioned to a new way of working at the NCIs with a new department "Evangelism and Discipleship" to facilitate and co-ordinate this work on a wider scale across the NCI's. Some NCI staff are now in the new core team of the department but a growing number from across departments are in the wider team to facilitate across departmental working and a better experience for dioceses and local churches as we resource and support them.					

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. The Second Estates Commissioner and MPA staff met with the minister and officials at the DoH to reinforce the CofE's committed opposition to Conversion Therapy and press for action.					

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					
The House of Bishops Delegation Committee has considered and endorsed a draft text of the Pastoral Guidance for using the Affirmation of Baptismal Faith in the context of gender transition. This Guidance, which gives practical suggestions for how the rite of Affirmation can be used, has been written after consultation with an invited group of transgender clergy who have also given their endorsement to the draft. It is hoped that the text will be given final approval at the December meeting of the House of Bishops.					

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 Clergy Wellbeing Group has met on (5) occasions. The Group has been doing some preliminary thinking of its own within the framework of the Ordinal - which sets out the core expectations for those entering the ordained ministry - with a view to drawing up a brief draft Covenant to which would be attached supporting material. The group aims to have produced a draft by the autumn which it could put out for consultation, prior to reporting back to the General Synod by July 2019.					

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. The recent concern about the theme of a 'hostile environment' has brought fresh attention to the high fees, not only for citizenship but for immigration-related applications (especially on behalf of children), and we are pressing that fees should reflect costs, rather than being a revenue opportunity.</p>					

Date Passed	8 February 2018	Motion	<i>Discerning in Obedience: A theological review of the CNC</i> (GS 2080)	Intended Audience	
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Action called for
 The Synod took note of the Report – which included an implementation plan (see GS 2080).

Follow-up
 Please refer to GS Misc 1185 for an update on the work following the CNC review.

Date Passed	9 February 2018	Motion	Companion Links and the Anglican Communion (GS 2081)	Intended Audience	Dioceses; deaneries; and parishes
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Action called for
 The motion calls for dioceses, deaneries and parishes to make international links a central part of their strategy for mission and discipleship.

Follow-up
 The World Mission and Anglican Communion Panel have sent the text of the motion to the World Mission co-ordinators in the dioceses for their consideration and are encouraging action through the Partnership for World Mission network. The Panel is holding a discussion with the Department of Evangelism and Discipleship to consider the relationship between developing discipleship and cross-cultural encounter and strategy for its implementation.

Date Passed	9 February 2018	Motion	Food Wastage (GS 2077A and GS 2077B)	Intended Audience	Her Majesty’s Government; dioceses; parishes
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Action called for
 Request that dioceses and parishes work with voluntary initiatives to lobby for local food retailers to review their food waste policy. Ask Government to take effective action to minimise food waste and encourage church members to do the same in their own homes.

Follow-up
 Plans are under consideration with Shrinking the Footprint to roll these actions into the wider programme of work that includes the Lent Plastics Challenge and green procurement. As part of this, contact will be made with Defra ministers and officials, and church members will be encouraged to take personal responsibility for food waste as part of a wider commitment to environmentally sustainable actions. New arrangements for meals at General Synod will reduce significant amounts of food waste and changes to the organisation of fringe meetings has already begun this process.

Date Passed	9 February 2018	Motion	Mission and Ministry in Covenant (GS 2086)	Intended Audience	Faith and Order Bodies/Methodist Church
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Action called for
 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; the Faith and Order Commission, in consultation with the Methodist Church, to explore and elucidate further the relationship between episcopal ordination and eucharistic presidency, as this touches on the full visible unity of our two churches.

Follow-up
 The faith and order bodies of the Church of England and the Methodist Church held a joint meeting to consider how to take forward the action called for by the Synod. A group for further reflection, with membership from both churches, has been appointed to lead on the work that has been outlined. The co-chairs are the Bishop of Lichfield and the Revd Ruth Gee (former President of Conference). It will also be responding to any further issues identified in the debate on the report on *Mission and Ministry in Covenant* at the Methodist Conference this year.

Date Passed	9 February 2018	Motion	Petition for change of name to See of Kirkstall (GS 2085)	Intended Audience	
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Action called for
 Petition to Her Majesty in Council for the name of the See of Richmond to be changed to the See of Kirkstall

Follow-up
 The Privy Council has agreed to the renaming of the Suffragan See of Richmond to the See of Kirkstall.

Date Passed	10 February 2018	Motion	Religious Communities (GS 2087)	Intended Audience	Religious Communities/ Business Committee
Action called for <i>(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.</i>					
Follow-up Draft Amending Canon No. 40 has been prepared and is due to receive First Consideration at the July 2018 group of sessions. A new Church of England (Miscellaneous Provisions) Measure, also for First Consideration at this group of sessions, contains further provision relating to religious communities to address matters referred to in the background paper from the Bishop of Manchester as Chair of the House of Bishops' Advisory Council for Relations Between Bishops and Religious Communities (GS 2087).					

Date Passed	10 February 2018	Motion	Valuing People with Down's syndrome (GS 2088)	Intended Audience	Public and other organisations
Action called for That women who have been told that their unborn child has Down's Syndrome are given comprehensive, unbiased information on the condition.					
Follow-up Representatives of MPA, Ministry Division, Education, Communications and Lambeth Palace along with the bishop of Carlisle have met with representatives of Mencap and other organisations to discuss the best ways of putting 'Valuing People with Downs Syndrome' into practice. Meetings will be ongoing and a 'tool-kit' for use by parishes and schools is being planned.					