

Sunday 8 July 2018
2.30 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.

ORDER PAPER III

**CLIMATE CHANGE AND INVESTMENT: A
PRESENTATION FROM THE NATIONAL INVESTING
BODIES AND THE DIOCESE OF OXFORD (GS 2093 AND
GS Misc 1196)**

10 Presentation under SO 107.

The Bishop of Manchester to move:

11 'That this Synod:

- (a) welcome the worldwide agreement in Paris in December 2015 to hold “the increase in the global average temperature to well below 2°C above pre-industrial levels” and to pursue “efforts to limit the temperature increase to 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels”;
- (b) affirm, as it did in 2015, its support for the climate change policy recommended by the EIAG and adopted by the National Investing Bodies ('the NIBs') in 2015;
- (c) welcome the NIBs' disinvestment from companies focused on thermal coal mining and the production of oil from oil sands;
- (d) welcome the NIBs' establishment of the Transition Pathway Initiative (TPI) to track whether major companies associated with high carbon emissions are aligning their business plans with the Paris Agreement;
- (e) urge the NIBs to engage urgently and robustly with companies rated poorly by TPI and, beginning in 2020, to start to disinvest from the ones that are not taking seriously their responsibilities to assist with the transition to a low carbon economy;
- (f) urge the NIBs proactively to seek and scale up

- investment in renewable energy and low carbon technology; and
- (g) request the NIBs to report to Synod within three years on progress, with a timetable for rapid continuing action.'

The Bishop of Oxford to move as an amendment:

- 34** In paragraph (e) *leave out* –
“to start to disinvest” to the end
And *insert* –

“to divest from any fossil fuel company which is not on an unequivocal path by 2020 to aligning its business investment plan with the Paris Agreement to restrict global warming to well below 2°C.”

The Reverend Canon Giles Goddard (Southwark) to move as an amendment:

- 35** After paragraph (e) *insert* -
“() urge the NIBs to ensure that by 2023 they have disinvested from fossil fuel companies that they have assessed, drawing on TPI data, as not prepared to align with the goal of the Paris Agreement to restrict the global average temperature rise to well below 2°C,”.

SPECIAL AGENDA IV DIOCESAN SYNOD MOTIONS

ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMMES (GS2094A AND GS 2094B)

Mrs Enid Barron (London) to move on behalf of the London Diocesan Synod:

- 12** ‘That this Synod:
- (a) recognise the escalating threat to God’s creation from global warming and climate change, and the suffering caused, particularly to the poor;
 - (b) recall the previous resolution of the Synod, including

- 'to develop Shrinking the Footprint (StF) to enable the whole Church to address the issue of climate change;
- (c) call on every diocese to have an environment programme with a designated member of the bishop's staff team to lead and advocate for the programme;
 - (d) call on the Environmental Working Group, supported by the national teams for the Church of England Environmental Programme (CoEEP) and Mission & Public Affairs;
 - (i) to prepare and submit a framework plan to the Archbishops' Council for the promotion, co-ordination and rapid acceleration of the CoEEP, with particular attention to reducing the Church of England's energy use and CO₂ emissions;
 - (ii) to establish a simple tool, aiming to be operational by 2020, for annual collation of the energy consumption of cathedrals, churches and church halls and calculation of their total CO₂ emissions, to enable monitoring of progress towards the StF/CoEEP targets for savings of 42% by 2020 and 80% by 2050;
 - (iii) to promote communication and peer-review between individual dioceses as a means of encouraging best practice in the area of environmental policy, with special reference to investments, property and land use; and activities supporting the CoEEP and Eco Church Initiatives;
 - (iv) to compile and submit a progress report to the Synod at least every three years; and
 - (e) call on the Archbishops' Council urgently to assess and furnish such human and financial resources as may be proper and necessary to enable the work in (d) above.'

The Reverend Canon Catherine Grylls (Birmingham) to move as an amendment:

- 36** In paragraph (d), *leave out* sub-paragraph (ii) and *insert*–
- (ii) “to continue developing, and making available, tools for the annual collation of the energy consumption of cathedrals, churches and church halls and calculation of their total CO2 emissions to enable monitoring of progress towards the Church’s target of reducing CO2 emissions by 80% by 2050,”.

Canon Dr John Spence (Archbishops’ Council) to move as an amendment:

- 37** In paragraph (e) *leave out* “and furnish such human and financial resources” to the end and *insert* -
- “what human and financial resources would be required to enable the work in (d) above, and to report this back at the February 2019 group of sessions”.
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Not later than 5.45 p.m.

THE ETHICS OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS (GS 2095)

The Bishop of Chelmsford to move:

- 13** ‘That this Synod, mindful that a faithful commemoration of the centenary of the 1918 Armistice must commit the Church afresh to peace building; and conscious that nuclear weapons, through their indiscriminate and destructive potential, present a distinct category of weaponry that requires Christians to work tirelessly for their elimination across the world:
- (a) welcome the 2017 UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons and the clear signal it sends by a majority of UN Member States that nuclear weapons are both dangerous and unnecessary;

- (b) call on Her Majesty's Government to respond positively to the UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons by reiterating publicly its obligations under Article VI of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty and its strategy for meeting them; and
- (c) commit the Church of England to work with its Anglican Communion and ecumenical partners in addressing the regional and international security concerns which drive nations to possess and seek nuclear weapons and to work towards achieving a genuine peace through their elimination.'

The Reverend Dr Sean Doherty (London) to move as an amendment:

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In paragraph (b) *leave out* from "respond positively" to "meeting them" and *insert* –

"publish its strategy for meeting its obligations under Article VI of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, and to sign up to the UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons".

7.00 p.m. Evening Worship