

Agenda

General Synod: July Group of Sessions 2001

GENERAL SYNOD
JULY GROUP OF SESSIONS 2001
AT THE UNIVERSITY OF YORK

TIMES OF SITTINGS

Friday 6 July 2001	4.00 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. 8.30 p.m. to 10.00 p.m.
Saturday 7 July 2001	9.30 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. 2.30 p.m. to 6.15 p.m. 8.30 p.m. to 10.00 p.m.
Sunday 8 July 2001	2.30 p.m. to 6.15 p.m. 8.30 p.m. to 10.00 p.m.
Monday 9 July 2001	9.30 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. 2.30 p.m. to 6.15 p.m. 8.30 p.m. to 10.00 p.m.
Tuesday 10 July 2001	9.30 a.m. to 12.45 p.m.

GENERAL NOTES

NOTICE OF MOTIONS, AMENDMENTS AND QUESTIONS

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:

1. The period of notice of new business has expired, save for urgent business included by the direction of the Presidents.
2. Notice of motions arising out of business on the Agenda shall be delivered to the Clerk to the Synod **not later than 5.30 pm on the day before the business is taken in the Synod (SO10(a))**.
3. Subject to the provisions of Special Agenda I, no specific period of notice is required of amendments to motions, but the full text of an amendment in writing and signed by the member must be delivered to the Clerk to the Synod before the amendment is moved. A member may only move such an amendment if the text is contained on a notice paper. Where no agenda or notice paper containing the text of an amendment has been made available to members at the time when the amendment is to be moved, the amendment may then only be moved by permission of the Chairman (SO 26(b)). Members are accordingly asked, wherever possible, to submit amendments in good time for them to be included in a notice paper.
4. Notice of Questions under SOs 105-106 shall be delivered **not later than 5.30 pm on Wednesday 27th June 2001 (SO10(b))**.
5. Notice shall be in writing signed by the member giving notice and delivered to the Clerk to the Synod either by hand, by post, fax or Email. The fax number is 020 7898 1369. The Email

address is sue.moore@c-of-e.org.uk in respect of Questions and david.williams@c-of-e.org.uk in respect of other business.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Business set out in the Timetable and General Agenda will be taken on the day and at the times shown there. If business set down for a particular day is completed before the next timed business is due to be called, the Chairman will take the opportunity to complete business already partly considered at this group of sessions. If there is no uncompleted business, the Chairman will proceed to call item 803 from Special Agenda IV.

The order of business set out in the previous paragraph is subject to variation in accordance with SO 9.

FRIDAY 6 JULY

4.00 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.
8.30 p.m. to 10.00 p.m.

1. **WELCOME TO ANGLICAN AND
ECUMENICAL GUESTS**

2. **WELCOME TO YOUNG ADULT
OBSERVERS, INTRODUCTION OF
ECUMENICAL REPRESENTATIVES
AND NEW MEMBERS**

3. **PRESENTATIONS**

Presentation of the Prolocutor and Pro-
Prolocutors of the Convocation of
Canterbury

Presentation of the Prolocutor and Deputy
Prolocutors of the Convocation of York

Presentation of the Chairman and Vice
Chairman of the House of Laity

**APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMEN OF
THE APPOINTMENTS AND
BUSINESS COMMITTEES**

The Archbishop of Canterbury to move:

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4. 'That the Reverend Canon Hugh Wilcox be appointed as Chairman of the Appointments Committee for a period expiring on 31 December 2005'
 5. 'That the Dean of Derby (the Very Revd Michael Perham) be appointed as chairman of the Business Committee for a period expiring on 31 December 2005'
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6. **PROGRESS OF MEASURES AND STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS**

7. **MESSAGE OF GREETING FROM THE REFORMED CHURCH OF FRANCE**

THE REUILLY DECLARATION

The Bishop of Peterborough (Chairman of the Council for Christian Unity) to move:

8. 'That pursuant to section 5 of the Church of England (Ecumenical Relations) Measure 1988 as amended, this Synod nominate the Church of the Augsburg Confession of Alsace and Lorraine, the Evangelical Lutheran Church of France, the Reformed Church of Alsace and

Lorraine and the Reformed Church of France for designation by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York as Churches to which the Measure is to apply.’

REPORT BY THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE GS 1411

The Acting Chairman of the Business Committee (the Very Revd Michael Perham (Dean of Derby)) to move:

9. ‘That the Synod do take note of this report.’
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STRIKING THE RIGHT BALANCE: REPORT BY THE ETHICAL INVESTMENT ADVISORY GROUP GS 1415

The Revd Canon Hugh Wilcox (St Albans) to move:

10. ‘That the Synod do take note of this Report.’
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FRIDAY 6 JULY

at 8.30 p.m.

**SPECIAL AGENDA III
PRIVATE MEMBER'S MOTION**

**REFORM OF THE HOUSE OF
LORDS**

The Revd David Houlding (London) to
move:

- 701 'That this Synod call upon Her Majesty's Government, in the reform of the House of Lords, to ensure that the existing provision for 26 Bishops of the Church of England be retained and that representatives of other Christian Churches and of other Faiths also be added to the composition of a new 'Second Chamber' in our parliamentary democracy.'
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SATURDAY 7 JULY

9.30 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.
2.30 p.m. to 6.15 p.m.
8.30 p.m. to 10.00 p.m.

EXPOSITION OF SCRIPTURE

11. The Revd Professor John Barton will give an exposition of Scripture
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not later than 10.15 a.m.

SPECIAL AGENDA I LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

The Legislative Business set out in Special Agenda I will be taken

not later than 12 noon

CARE OF CATHEDRALS MEASURE GS 1417 REVIEW

Mrs Janet Atkinson (Durham) to move:

12. 'That the Synod do take note of this Report'
13. 'That this Synod:-

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(a) approve the recommendations summarised on pages 57 to 72 of the report; and

(b) instruct the Business Committee to introduce a draft Measure to give effect to those recommendations referred to in paragraph (a) above which require legislation by the Synod by Measure.'

at 2.30 p.m.

GLOBAL VIEW 2001: *An Emerging Agenda* Report by the International and Development Affairs Committee of the Board for Social Responsibility, and DEVELOPMENT MATTERS: *Essays on Christian Perspectives on Globalisation* **GS 1413**
GS Misc 634

14. Presentation by Christian Aid under Standing Order 95A, to be given by the Director of Christian Aid (Dr Daleep Mukarji) and the Bishop of Matana, Burundi (the Rt Revd Bernard Ntahoturi).

The Bishop of Selby (the Rt Revd Humphrey Taylor) to move:

15. 'That this Synod

- (a) commend *Development Matters* to the Dioceses and to the wider Church for further study;
 - (b) call for global political and economic action, as set out in *Global View 2001*, with a view to strengthening the position of the world's poor;
 - (c) encourage the Church to advocate and practise justice in the distribution of its resources; and
 - (d) recognise that current trading relations and lending practices have exacerbated the acute economic and social problems facing developing countries and therefore urge Her Majesty's Government to give priority in trade negotiations to the needs of the poorest communities. '
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**SPECIAL AGENDA III
PRIVATE MEMBER'S MOTION**

THIRD WORLD DEBT

Mr Roger Godin (Southwark) to move:

700 'That this Synod

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- (a) noting with regret that at the end of the year 2000 A.D. wholly insufficient progress had been made towards the relief of the third world debt burden; but
- (b) recognising the complexities of some of the issues and acknowledging the lead already given by Her Majesty's Government,

encourage Her Majesty's Government and politicians of all parties to continue to press for urgent action by the more affluent nations to cut debt, if necessary including unilateral cancellation of debt by the United Kingdom.'

At 8.30 p.m.

16. QUESTIONS

2.30 p.m. to 6.15 p.m.
8.30 p.m. to 10.00 p.m.

WORKING WITH THE SPIRIT: GS 1405
Choosing Diocesan Bishops

17. At the invitation of the Presidents, the Baroness Perry will address the Synod under Standing Order 112

Mrs Janet Atkinson (Durham) to move:

18. 'That the Synod do take note of this Report.'
19. 'That the Appointments Committee be instructed to appoint a steering group to follow up the recommendations contained in Chapter 7 of the Report, in consultation with interested parties, and to report further to the Synod.'

not later than 5.15 p.m.

ECUMENICAL ISSUES: Report by GS 1425
the Council for Christian Unity

20. Presentation by the Council for Christian Unity under Standing Order 95A
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SUNDAY 8 JULY

at 8.30 p.m.

RENEWING FAITH IN THE COUNTRYSIDE **GS 1418**

The Bishop of Blackburn to move:

21. 'That the Synod do take note of this Report.'
22. 'That this Synod
 - (a) express its concern for rural people and their economy in the wake of the Foot and Mouth epidemic; applaud the response of the Churches at local and national level; and call for a thorough consultation throughout society, initiated by Her Majesty's Government, on the future priorities and role of agriculture in the United Kingdom;
 - (b) in the tenth anniversary year of *Faith in the Countryside*, renew the Church of England's commitment to its mission and ministry in rural areas, particularly in partnership with other Churches and bodies concerned for the well-being of the countryside and its people;
 - (c) recognise the significant place

accorded to the Church in the Government's Rural White Paper and call for this recognition to be matched by appropriate support by Her Majesty's Government;

- (d) encourage the dissemination of, discussion and appropriate action on the ideas in the spring/summer issue of *Country Way* and support for the work of the Arthur Rank Centre; and
 - (e) acknowledge the interdependence of rural, urban and suburban communities'
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MONDAY 9 JULY

9.30 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.
2.30 p.m. to 6.15 p.m.
8.30 p.m. to 10.00 p.m.

BUILDING ON FIRM FOUNDATIONS: GS 1414
Archbishops' Council's Annual
Report and Financial Statements for
2000

The Revd Canon Hugh Wilcox (St Albans)
to move:

23. 'That the Synod do take note of this Report.'
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REPORT BY THE AUDIT GS 1426
COMMITTEE

24. At the invitation of the Presidents, Mr Ian McNeil, Chairman of the Audit Committee, will address the Synod under Standing Order 112

Mr Mike Tyrrell (Coventry) to move:

25. 'That the Synod do take note of this Report,'
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**FINANCIAL ISSUES FACING THE
CHURCH**

**REVIEW OF ALLOCATIONS AND GS 1420
APPORTIONMENT**

**ARCHBISHOPS' COUNCIL'S GS 1421
BUDGET FOR 2002**

26. Presentation by the Finance Division under Standing Order 95A.

Mr Michael Chamberlain (Ex Officio) to move:

27. 'That this Synod approve the recommendations for the calculation of the central apportionment of the Archbishops' Council's budget as set out in paragraphs 1 to 6 of Annex A of the report (GS 1420)'

**SPECIAL AGENDA V
FINANCIAL BUSINESS**

The Financial Business before the Synod is set out in Special Agenda V

MONDAY 9 JULY

at 2.30 p.m.

**SPECIAL AGENDA IV
DIOCESAN SYNOD MOTION**

**GS Misc
647**

THE HEALTH OF THE POOR

28. At the invitation of the Presidents, *Sir Donald Acheson*, former chief Medical Officer, will address the Synod under Standing Order 112.

The Archdeacon of Buckingham (the Ven David Goldie) to move:

801 'That this Synod

- (a) endorse the welcome given by the Oxford Diocesan Synod to the reports of the Acheson enquiry, the Family Budget Unit and the New Policy Unit together with the theological response by the Revd Professor Nicholas Sagovsky of the University of Newcastle on the consequences of health inequalities, poverty and social exclusion; and
- (b) encourage action by all members of the Church to support policies which will improve the health of the poor of the United Kingdom.'

not later than 5.15 p.m.

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DIOCESAN SYNOD MOTION**

ADDITIONAL COLLECTS

**GS Misc
645**

His Honour Judge John Bullimore
(Wakefield) to move:

- 802 'That this Synod, in the light of criticisms of the new collects for Common Worship, request the House of Bishops to commission additional collects for each Sunday and Feast Day in the Liturgical Year in a worthy contemporary idiom.'
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at 8.30 p.m.

**CHURCH COMMISSIONERS'
ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2000**

29. At the invitation of the Presidents, the Third Church Estates (the Viscountess Brentford) and Mr Howell Harris Hughes (Secretary to the Church Commissioners), will present the annual report of the Church Commissioners to the Synod, under Standing Order 112.

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The Viscountess Brentford (Third Church Estates Commissioner) to move:

30. 'That the Synod do take note of this Report.'
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9.30 p.m. to 12.45 p.m.

**REVIEW OF SYNODICAL GS 1212
GOVERNMENT: Second Report by
the Bridge Follow Up Group**

The Archdeacon of Tonbridge (the Ven Judith Rose) to move:

31. 'That the Synod do take note of this Report.'
 32. 'That this Synod instruct the Business Committee to introduce legislation based on the recommendations contained in the report.'
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SPECIAL AGENDA I LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

**SYNODICAL GOVERNMENT (AMENDMENT)
MEASURE (GS 1364B)**

**Measure for Final Drafting and Final Approval
(Revised at the November 2000 Group of Sessions)**

Report by the Steering Committee (GS 1364Z)

Mrs Penny Granger (Ely) to move -

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

NOTE

*If item 500 is carried, the special amendment set out in
the First Notice Paper will be moved (SO 59(d)).*

Mrs Penny Granger (Ely) to move -

501 'That the Measure entitled 'Synodical Government
(Amendment) Measure' be finally approved.'

**DRAFT CHURCH OF ENGLAND (PENSIONS)
MEASURE (GS 1419)**

Measure for First Consideration

A member of the Steering Committee to move-

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- 502** 'That the Measure entitled Church of England (Pensions) Measure be considered for revision in committee.'

NOTE:

If the motion is carried 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 him not later than 5.30 p.m. on 13th August 2001 (SO 53)

PAROCHIAL FEES ORDER 2001 (GS 1422)

LEGAL OFFICERS (ANNUAL FEES) ORDER 2001 (GS 1423)

ECCLESIASTICAL JUDGES, LEGAL OFFICERS AND OTHERS (FEES) ORDER 2001 (GS 1424)

Orders made under the Ecclesiastical Fees Measure 1986

NOTES

1. The Archbishops' Council and the Fees Advisory Commission have laid the above Orders (GS 1422, GS 1423 and GS 1424) before the General Synod pursuant to the provisions of the 1986 Measure.

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2. *The Business Committee has determined (as provided by the Measure) that the Orders do not need to be debated.*

3. *Any member who wishes to debate an Order under Standing Order 69 must give notice in writing to the Clerk to the Synod **not later than 5.30 p.m. on 6th July 2001.***

4. *Amendments to the Parochial Fees Order and the Ecclesiastical Judges, Legal Officers and Others (Fees) Order are permissible and any member who wishes to give notice of any amendment should do so in writing to the Clerk to the Synod **not later than 5.30 p.m. on 5th July 2001.***

THIRD WORLD DEBT

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(a) noting with regret that at the end of the year 2000 AD wholly insufficient progress had been made towards the relief of the third world debt burden; but

(b) recognising the complexities of some of the issues and acknowledging the lead already given by HM Government,

encourage HM Government and politicians of all parties to continue to press for urgent action by the more affluent nations to cut debt, if necessary including unilateral cancellation of debt by the United Kingdom.'

149 Signatures

(November 2000)

REFORM OF THE HOUSE OF LORDS

The Revd David Houlding (London) to move:

701 'That this Synod call upon Her Majesty's Government, in the reform of the House of Lords, to ensure that the existing provision for 26 Bishops of the Church of England be retained and that representatives of other Christian

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Churches and of other Faiths also be added to the composition of a new 'Second Chamber' in our parliamentary democracy.'

117 Signatures

(November 2000)

ABORTION ACT

Mr Barry Barnes (Southwark) to move:

- 702** 'That this Synod being gravely concerned with the fact that in England there are currently 500 abortions every day of the year, call upon Her Majesty's Government to bring in urgent legislation to restrict the abuses of the Abortion Act.'

116 Signatures

(November 2000)

FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION

Dr Keith Masters (Lichfield) to move:

- 703** 'That this Synod, noting gratefully that all forms of female genital mutilation (FGM) are prohibited under UK law:
- (a) recognise the urgent need for continuing action through health education and cultural programmes to work actively towards the total eradication of these practices world wide, through the provision of alternative and harmless 'rites of passage' into

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- adulthood, which include celebration and general approval by the local people;
- (b) condemn all forms of FGM;
 - (c) request the Archbishops' Council to consider ways in which the Church of England can help to raise awareness of the evil of FGM;
 - (d) urge all Provinces of the Anglican Communion to challenge the ritual practices and customs which serve to legitimise FGM; and
 - (e) welcome the efforts of the United Nations and the World Health Organisation to combat this abuse against women and girls.'

88 Signatures

(November 2000)

STIPEND DIFFERENTIALS

The Revd Chris Lilley (Lincoln) to move:

- 704** 'That this Synod believe that differentials in stipend for dignitaries should be phased out and call for action to achieve this by freezing the stipend of dignitaries and other clergy receiving differentials at the present level until the National Stipend Benchmark for Incumbents

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(which is set at or close to the national average stipend) has reached the same level.'

63 Signatures

(November 2000)

CATHEDRAL ENTRANCE CHARGES

Mr Tom Sutcliffe (Southwark) to move:

- 705** 'That this Synod believe that the imposition of a charge for ordinary entrance to cathedrals risks turning these monuments to Christian commitment which are tools of mission and opportunities for evangelism into touristic commodities, and invite the Archbishops' Council, in the spirit of Matthew XXI, vv 12 and 13, to bring forward a Measure that will reinforce the principles of free access and Christian Hospitality, and require relevant authorities to maintain their duty to fabric and to clerical and choral establishments by more appropriate financial arrangements.'

62 Signatures

(November 2000)

LITURGIES OF PENITENCE AND RECONCILIATION

Prebendary Horace Harper (Lichfield) to move:

- 706** 'That this Synod, recognising that those who say they have no sin deceive themselves.'

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- (a) call on all faithful churchpeople to a regular examination of conscience and to repentance, that the grace of forgiveness may strengthen all the Church; and
- (b) request the House of Bishops, with the Liturgical Commission, to commend special liturgies of penitence and reconciliation for general, seasonal and mission occasions.'

61 Signatures

(November 2000)

FACULTY JURISDICTION

Mr *Peter Robottom* (Chichester) to move:

707 'That this Synod request the Archbishops' Council to bring forward amending legislation to remove the administrative and cost burdens on Parishes which arise from the excessive detail and duplication currently inherent in the operation of the Faculty Jurisdiction in relation to the fabric of churches and churchyards, and in particular:

- (a) to remove any requirement for approval or submission of details for works that would not require any local authority permission whether or not a secular building were 'listed', and

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- (b) to deem requirements under Faculty Jurisdiction where local authority permissions would be required in respect of works to a building or its curtilage, to be met (save in respect of Listed Building Consent that would be required for a secular building) by notification of applications made under the Planning Acts and/or Building Regulations and provision of copies of any permissions granted.'

52 Signatures

(November 2000)

SUFFRAGAN BISHOPS

The Reverend Stephen Trott (Peterborough) to move:

- 708** 'That this Synod call upon the House of Bishops to review and reform the office of Suffragan bishop in order to emphasise their role and ministry as leaders in evangelism in the diocese.'

40 Signatures

(November 2000)

BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER

Miss Prudence Dailey (Oxford) to move:

- 709** 'That this Synod:

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- (a) acknowledge the historic and legal status of the Book of Common Prayer as the normative standard of worship and doctrine in the Church of England; and
- (b) call upon the House of Bishops to ensure that the Book of Common Prayer retains its rightful place at the heart of Anglican worship, doctrine and theological training.'

21 Signatures

(November 2000)

PARLIAMENTARY CONTROL BY MEASURE

The Rt Revd Colin Buchanan (Southern Suffragans) to move:

- 710** 'That this Synod desire that the Church of England should be free of Parliamentary Control by Measure, and should only live under the law of the land as other religious bodies do, and to this end ask the Archbishops' Council to initiate the steps requisite to obtain that freedom.'

14 Signatures

(November 2000)

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

The Revd Canon David Williams (Gloucester) to move:

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- 711 'That this Synod affirm its belief in the power of prayer and urge all parishes, initially through their PCCs, to review their policy and practice of intercessory prayer for these early years of the third millennium.'

6 Signatures

(November 2000)

NEW MOTIONS

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Dr David Bowen (Canterbury) to move:

- 712 'That this Synod request the Standing Orders Committee to review Standing Order 7 and to bring forward modifications so that:
- (a) each Diocesan Synod Motion submitted to the General Synod is simultaneously notified to all of the other dioceses;
 - (b) each Diocese is asked to vote to support the motion for debate, or to abstain from support (voting either via its Bishop's Council, its Diocesan Synod Standing Committee, or its Diocesan Synod, as it sees fit);
 - (c) motions supported by a net total of 5 or more Dioceses shall be debated at the next group of sessions of the General

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Synod, unless the Presidents and the Business Committee direct otherwise in a notice to the General Synod, copied to the Diocese; and

- (d) Diocesan Synod Motions may also be selected for debate by the Presidents and the Business Committee, notice of which shall be copied to Dioceses.'

CHRISTIAN WITNESS IN A PLURAL SOCIETY

The Revd George Kovoov (Birmingham) to move:

713 'That this Synod, whilst valuing and affirming the importance of cultural and religious diversity, is convinced that the good news of salvation in Jesus Christ is for all and must be shared with all including people from other faiths or of no faith and that to do anything else would be to institutionalise discrimination; and that to this end, this Synod should:

- (a) learn from the World Church how to witness in a religiously plural environment;
- (b) encourage the Board of Mission and the Ministry Division through the theological colleges and courses to educate the Church concerning these issues; and
- (c) enable our leaders and members to have confidence in the Gospel so that they can share their faith naturally and sensitively.'

RESIDENTIAL QUALIFICATIONS FOR MARRIAGE

to move on behalf of
Southwell Diocesan Synod:

- 800 'That this Synod affirm the right of a parishioner to get married in his/her parish church (subject to the requirements of ecclesiastical law) and request the Standing Committee to bring forward such necessary regulations or legislation whereby a couple may marry in any parish church of their choice.'

11 May 1996

THE HEALTH OF THE POOR

The Ven David Goldie (Archdeacon of Buckingham) to move on behalf of the Oxford Diocesan Synod

- 801 'That this Synod
- (a) endorse the welcome the given by the Oxford Diocesan Synod to the reports of the Acheson enquiry, the Family Budget Unit and the New Policy Unit together with the theological response by the Revd Professor Nicholas Sagovsky of the University of Newcastle on the

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consequences of health inequalities, poverty
and social exclusion; and

- (b) encourage action by all members of the Church
to support policies which will improve the
health of the poor of the United Kingdom.'

13 March 1999

ADDITIONAL COLLECTS

His Honour Judge John Bullimore to move on
behalf of the Wakefield Diocesan Synod

- 802 'That this Synod, in the light of criticisms of the
new collects for Common Worship, request the
House of Bishops to commission additional
collects for each Sunday and Feast Day in the
Liturgical Year in a worthy contemporary idiom.'

13 March 1999

RESOLUTION B

to move on behalf of the
Leicester Diocesan Synod:

- 803 'That this Synod instruct the Business Committee
to introduce legislation to revise the text of

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Resolution B within the Priests (Ordination of Women) Measure 1993 to the following:

“That this PCC would not accept a woman as the incumbent or priest-in-charge of the benefice or as a team vicar who has been or will be assigned a special cure of souls in respect of that part of the area of the team ministry comprising the parish.”

13 March 1999

STIPEND LEVELS

To move on behalf of the
Liverpool diocesan Synod:

- 804 ‘That this Synod
- (a) believe strongly in the importance for the whole Church of having a nationally cohesive system for setting stipend levels which minimizes inequalities based on geography;
 - (b) express its concern about the level of clergy stipends and, in particular, the position of those with dependent children and no other source of family income;

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- (c) believe the Church's stipend system should be particularly sensitive to the needs of clergy who minister in deprived areas, often with little support and few resources; and
- (d) believe that proposals regarding stipend levels must include consideration of how they can be afforded by the Church as a whole, without burdens falling disproportionately upon different Dioceses and believe, therefore, that a system of mutual support between Dioceses is urgently needed.

3 July 1999

APPOINTMENT OF BISHOPS

to move on behalf of the
Southwark Diocesan Synod:

- 805** 'That this Synod seek a reform in the method of appointing bishops in the Church of England so as to detach the process from any involvement with Downing Street and the Monarchy and to provide for a more participatory and open Church procedure than is currently possible.'

14 July 2000

**THE VESTURE OF ORDAINED AND
AUTHORISED MINISTERS**

to move on behalf of the
Southwell Diocesan Synod

- 806 'That this Synod asks that a Canon amending Canon B8 be introduced to give Ministers discretion by agreeing with Church Councils to dispense with the provisions relating to the vesture of ordained and authorised ministers during the time of divine service.'

27 October 2000

**ELECTION OF CHURCHWARDENS AND
PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCILS**

to move on behalf of the
Sheffield Diocesan Synod

- 807 'That this Synod ask that legislation be introduced to
- (a) enable elections at the annual parochial church meetings and the meeting for elections of churchwardens to be conducted on numbered voting papers such as are

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used in national and local government elections; and

- (b) remove, in cases where that practice is followed, the requirement that voting papers used be signed by the voter on the reverse thereof.'

11 November 2000

REPRESENTATION OF RETIRED CLERGY

to move on behalf of the Manchester Diocesan Synod

808 'That this Synod believe that the restriction on the election or choice of retired non stipendiary Clerks in holy Orders including Ordained Local Ministers as members of the House of Clergy of a Deanery Synod contained in paragraph 24(2)(e) of the Church Representation Rules should be removed and request that the following amendments to Rule 24 are made:

- (a) in paragraph 2(e) **delete** the words "who are in receipt of a pension in accordance with the provisions of the Clergy Pensions Measure 1961 at the relevant date" and the words "in receipt of such a pension, are";

and

- (b) in paragraph 4, (i) **delete** the words “the relevant date shall be” and **insert** the words “as soon as possible after” and (ii) **delete** the words “and as soon as possible after that date”.’

25 November 2000

MARRIAGE IN CHURCH AFTER DIVORCE

The Revd David Houlding to move on behalf of the London Diocesan Synod

809 ‘That this Synod

- (a) accept that there are exceptional circumstances in which a divorced person may be married in church during the lifetime of a former spouse;
- (b) believe that the recommendations of the working party as summarised in chapter 9 of the Report *Marriage in Church After Divorce* will lead to remarriage in church becoming normative, and on a par with first time marriage, rather than an exceptional provision, and therefore reject those recommendations;

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- (c) reaffirm its commitment to Canon B30.
- (d) request the House of Bishops to bring forward proposals for the establishment of diocesan, regional or provincial panels, along the lines of those established by the Anglican Church of Canada, to review all applications for remarriage;
- (e) request the House of Bishops be to draw up pastoral guidelines for the diocesan, regional or provincial panels to reflect the understanding that the Church regards remarriage as an exceptional provision and to take into account all known circumstances of the breakdown of the applicants' previous marriage(s);
- (f) request the Archbishop of Canterbury to permit the grant of special licences to make provision for those suitably recommended to be married, if not in their parish church, to be married in a church within their deanery, by the clergy using their right under civil law to act as registrars; and
- (g) request the Standing Committee of the Convocation of Canterbury to bring

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forward proposals to amend the 1957 Act of Convocation in line with (f) above.'

26 February 2001

SPECIAL AGENDA V - FINANCIAL BUSINESS

THE ARCHBISHOPS' COUNCIL'S DRAFT BUDGET FOR 2002

The Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Archbishops' Council (Mr Michael Chamberlain) to move:

900 'That this Synod now consider for approval the Draft Budget to cover expenditure to be incurred in the year 2002 for the general purposes of the General Synod, as set out in GS 1421.'

The following motion to be moved separately in respect of the undermentioned votes:

'That the Synod authorise the Archbishops' Council to expend in 2002 a sum not exceeding X in respect of Vote X.'

VOTE

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901	1	Training for Ministry	9,138,175
902	2	National Church Responsibilities	15,567,175
903	3	Grants and Provisions	1,230,132
904	4	Inter-diocesan Support/ Mission Agencies clergy pension contributions	464,000

SPECIAL AGENDA V - FINANCIAL BUSINESS

APPORTIONMENT

The Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Archbishops' Council (Mr Michael Chamberlain) to move:

- 905 'That the net sum to be provided in 2002 to meet expenditure approved in Votes 901,902,903 and 904 be apportioned between the dioceses in accordance with the Table of Apportionment (contained in GS 1421)'

NOTE TO SPECIAL AGENDA V

Significant savings will be needed in the budget for national Church responsibilities (Vote 2) to achieve a cost freeze and the Synod will be asked to consider in November 2001 a detailed budget that achieves this objective. Vote 902 has had to be drafted on the basis of gross expenditure as in previous years but Vote 905 ensures that the net effect will be a nil increase in the Vote 2 apportionment in 2002, as follows:-

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Gross expenditure	15,567,175
Less income/ transferred allocations	7,739,097
Less savings to be achieved	485,210
Vote 2 net apportionment	7,342,868

This is set out in more detail in GS 1421.