

Agenda

General Synod: July Group of Sessions 2002



GENERAL SYNOD
JULY GROUP OF SESSIONS 2002
AT THE UNIVERSITY OF YORK

TIMES OF SITTINGS

Friday 5 July 2002	3.30 p.m. to 6.15 p.m. 8.00 p.m. to 10.00 p.m.
Saturday 6 July 2002	10.30 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. 2.30 p.m. to 6.15 p.m.
Sunday 7 July 2002	2.30 p.m. to 6.15 p.m. 8.30 p.m. to 10.00 p.m.
Monday 8 July 2002	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 9 July 2002	9.30 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.

SERVICES

Friday 5 July

10.00 a.m. Holy Communion in Heslington Church
6.20 p.m. Evening Worship in the Central Hall

Saturday 6 July

7.30 a.m. Holy Communion in Heslington Church
6.20 p.m. Evening Worship in the Central Hall

Sunday 7 July

10.00 a.m. Holy Communion in York Minster
6.20 p.m. Evening Worship in the Central Hall

Monday 8 July

7.30 a.m. Holy Communion in Heslington Church
6.20 p.m. Evening Worship in the Central Hall

Tuesday 9 July

7.30 a.m. Holy Communion in the Central Hall

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 26th June 2002 (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 questions@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.

CONTINGENCY BUSINESS

If there is no uncompleted business and a gap appears in the Agenda, contingency business will be taken as follows:

1. *Election of Churchwardens and Parochial Church Councils* – item 804 in Special Agenda IV.
2. *Female Genital Mutilation* – item 702 in Special Agenda III.

Members are therefore asked to be ready for such an eventuality. In particular, any member minded to submit an amendment to either motion is asked to do so in good time, bearing in mind that, if either item is debated at the forthcoming group of sessions, it is likely to be at relatively short notice.

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

FRIDAY 5 JULY

3.30 p.m. to 6.15 p.m.

8.00 p.m. to 10.00 p.m.

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

2. **WELCOME TO YOUNG ADULT OBSERVERS**

3. **INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS**

4. **PROGRESS OF MEASURES AND STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS**

APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Archbishop of York to move:

5. 'That Mr Ian McNeil be re-appointed as Chairman of the Audit Committee for a period expiring on 31 July 2004'
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**APPOINTMENT OF SECRETARY
GENERAL**

6. Details of this item will be contained on a Notice Paper
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**REPORT BY THE BUSINESS GS 1444
COMMITTEE**

**DATES OF FUTURE GROUPS OF
SESSIONS**

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

7. 'That the Synod do take note of this Report.'
8. 'That this Synod approve the dates of groups of sessions to the end of 2005 as set out in paragraph 4 of Annex A to GS 1444.'
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**QUESTIONS: REPORT BY THE GS 1456
BUSINESS COMMITTEE**

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

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9. 'That the Synod do take note of this Report.'
10. 'That this Synod invite the Standing Orders Committee to introduce changes to the Standing Orders reflecting the recommendations contained within the Report.'
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**REVIEW OF SYNODICAL GS 1441
GOVERNMENT FOLLOW-UP:
REPORT BY THE BUSINESS
COMMITTEE**

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

11. 'That the Synod do take note of this report.'
12. 'That this Synod request that legislation to be introduced to give effect to the decision made in July 2001 be drafted on the basis described in paragraph 8 of GS 1441.'
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at 8.00 p.m.

SHAPES OF THE CHURCH TO COME GS 1445

13. PRESENTATION UNDER STANDING ORDER 95A

A Bible study will be led by the Archbishop of Canterbury followed by a presentation by the Bishop of Rochester

not later than 8.45 p.m.

REGIONALISATION AND THE CHURCH: REPORT BY THE BOARD FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY GS 1458

The Bishop of Durham to move:

14. 'That the Synod do take note of this Report.'
15. 'That this Synod, noting the growing strength of regional institutions in England and proposals for their further development:

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- (a) affirm the contribution made by the Churches to social and economic progress in the English regions and, specifically, the involvement of several dioceses and ecumenical bodies in such fora as the existing Regional Chambers;
- (b) acknowledge the importance of decision making being close to those affected and being open, accessible and accountable;
- (c) request the Board for Social Responsibility to respond to the White Paper *Your Region, Your Choice: Revitalising the English Regions* in the light of this debate; and
- (d) encourage the Archbishops' Council and the House of Bishops to consider how far the Church of England should adapt its own structures in the light of the growing significance of regions in England and to report by July 2003.
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10.30 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.

2.30 p.m. to 6.15 p.m.

**SPECIAL AGENDA I
LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS**

Special
Agenda I

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

not later than 11.45 a.m.

THE GUILDFORD REVIEW

GS 1453
GS Misc
677

The Bishop of Guildford to move:

16. 'That the Synod do take note of this Report.'
17. 'That this Synod approve the recommendations contained in paragraph 27 of GS 1453.'

at 2.30 p.m.

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

GS Misc
676

Item 700 – Christian Witness in a Plural

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Society – will be taken

not later than 4.00 p.m.

AN ANGLICAN-METHODIST COVENANT: Note by the Council for Christian Unity to which is attached the Common Statement of the Formal Conversations between the Methodist Church of Great Britain and the Church of England GS 1462
GS 1409

18. Presentation, by the Bishop of Bristol, under Standing Order 95A

The Bishop of Peterborough to move:

19. 'That this Synod
- (a) request Diocesan Synods to promote the study of the Common Statement *An Anglican-Methodist Covenant* in the dioceses, to debate the motion:

“That this Synod approve the Anglican-Methodist Covenant, consisting of a pre-amble and mutual Affirmations and Commitments, set out in paragraph

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194 of the Common Statement.’

And to report the outcome of that debate (with voting figures) to the Council for Christian Unity by 31 May 2003; and

(b) request the British and Irish Anglican Churches; the Lutheran Churches of the communion of Porvoo churches; the Old Catholic Churches; the United Reformed Church; other ecumenical partners with whom the Church of England is in dialogue; the appropriate bodies within Churches Together in England and Churches Together in Britain and Ireland; and the Inter-Anglican Standing Commission on Ecumenical Relations to study and comment on *An Anglican-Methodist Covenant* to the Council for Christian Unity by 31 May 2003.’

SUNDAY 7 JULY

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

**FAREWELL TO PHILIP MAWER AND
OTHER CHURCH HOUSE STAFF**

THE URBAN RENAISSANCE: A DISCUSSION PAPER FOR THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND GS 1446

The Bishop of Leicester to move:

20. ‘That the Synod do take note of this report.’
21. ‘That this Synod
 - (a) commend *The Urban Renaissance and the Church of England* to the Dioceses and to the wider Church for further study;
 - (b) renew the Church of England’s commitment to its mission and ministry in urban areas, through a sustainable and dynamic Christian presence and witness;
 - (c) request the Archbishops’ Council to respond to the opportunities and

concerns outlined in the document, particularly the need for a wider review of the Church of England's urban mission on the twentieth anniversary of *Faith in the City* in 2005; and

- (d) request the Archbishops' Council to draw up proposals for mutual financial dependence between dioceses and the support of those which include the neediest communities.'

RESOURCING URBAN MINISTRY AND MISSION: PLANS AND PROPOSALS FOR THE CHURCH URBAN FUND 2002 – 2010

**GS 1454
GS Misc
674**

Dr Philip Giddings (Oxford) to move:

22. 'That the Synod do take note of this Report.'
23. 'That this Synod:
- (a) welcome the proposals by the Trustees of the Church Urban Fund in GS Misc 674 for the development of the Fund in 2002 – 2010; and

- (b) invite the Trustees to develop – in consultation with the Archbishops' Council, the Urban Bishops' Panel and dioceses – proposals for a fund-raising campaign to secure the Fund's longer term future and to report through the Council to Synod on them.'

Not later than 5.00 p.m.

WORKING PARTY ON WOMEN IN THE EPISCOPATE: A PROGRESS REPORT FROM THE HOUSE OF BISHOPS **GS 1457**

24. Presentation under Standing Order 95A led by members of the Working Party

at 8.30 p.m.

25. QUESTIONS

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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.

**SPECIAL AGENDA I
LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS**

**Special
Agenda I**

Any remaining business from Special
Agenda I will be taken

**CHALLENGE AND RESPONSE: GS 1459
Archbishops' Council's Annual
Report and Financial Statements for
2001**

*Canon Dr Christina Baxter (Southwell) to
move:*

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

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE GS 1460
ARCHBISHOPS' COUNCIL'S AUDIT
COMMITTEE FOR 2001**

27. At the invitation of the Presidents, Mr Ian
McNeil, Chairman of the Committee, will
address the Synod.

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Mr Mike Tyrrell (Coventry) to move:

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

**SPECIAL AGENDA V
FINANCIAL BUSINESS**

**Special
Agenda V**

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

**SPECIAL AGENDA IV
DIOCESAN SYNOD MOTIONS**

**Special
Agenda IV**

APPOINTMENT OF BISHOPS

**VESTURE OF ORDAINED AND
AUTHORISED MINISTERS**

Item 803 – started at the November 2001
Group of Sessions – will be resumed;
followed, if time permits, by item 804

at 2.30 p.m.

**SPECIAL AGENDA IV
DIOCESAN SYNOD MOTIONS**

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Items 803 and 804 will be taken (or, as the case may be, resumed if already started and not completed)

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

**Special
Agenda III**

ABORTION

Item 701 – Abortion – will be taken if time permits

not later than 4.30 p.m.

MARRIAGE LAW REVIEW

GS 1448

The Bishop of London to move:

29. 'That the Synod do take note of this Report.'
30. That this Synod:
- (a) welcome the Report's proposals for a positive response from the Church, in a manner which is both faithful and serviceable, to the challenge and the missionary opportunities presented by the

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proposals on marriage in the Government White Paper *Civil Registration: Vital Change*;

- (b) endorse the recommendations in the report; and
- (c) request the Archbishops' Council and the Business Committee to establish a Working Group to take forward, in consultation with the House of Bishops, the process of :-
 - (i) working together with Government Departments in the outworking of the White Paper, and in particular in securing legislation to amend or replace the relevant provisions of the Marriage Act 1949 in accordance with the recommendations in the report:
 - (ii) in the light of (i), preparing draft legislation and other material for submission to the Synod to implement those recommendations in the Report which require action by the Synod; and

- (iii) initiating proposals to implement the other recommendations in the Report and the proposed new legislation on marriage, including support for clergy and parishes.'

at 8.30 p.m.

ISRAEL/PALESTINE - AN UNHOLY WAR: REPORT BY THE BOARD FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

**GS 1463
GS Misc
672**

The Bishop of Guildford to move:

- 31. 'That the Synod do take note of this Report.'
- 32. 'That this Synod, led by its Christian faith and understanding and praying for the peace of Israel/Palestine, in the belief that Christians, Jews and Muslims are called to live together in peace and fellowship, based upon a common understanding of security and justice:
 - (a) express profound sorrow and dismay at the escalation of violence

- in Israel/Palestine and the untold human suffering that this has inflicted upon its people;
- (b) understand that the root causes of the present conflict include Israel's illegal occupation of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip and its continued support of settlements in these areas;
- (c) call upon the Israeli Government to withdraw from the Occupied Territories in compliance with United Nations Security Council Resolutions and at the same time upon the Palestinian Authority to condemn suicide bombing;
- (d) welcome the Alexandria Declaration by religious leaders and urge all parties to work together in implementing it;
- (e) urge the European Union, United States and the United Nations, to use economic and diplomatic influence to uphold United Nations Security Council Resolutions, which provide justice for Palestinians and security for Israel, by working towards a viable two

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state solution, which guarantees the principles of pluralism, good governance, and a respect for human rights; and

- (f) request dioceses to renew and strengthen bonds of Christian fellowship with the Churches in Israel/Palestine by participating in pilgrimages, encouraging encounters with the 'living stones', and by exploring various expressions of solidarity with the indigenous Christian communities.'
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9.30 p.m. to 1.00 p.m.

**LITURGICAL BUSINESS
SPECIAL AGENDA II**

**Special
Agenda II**

Item 600 from Special Agenda II will be taken

MARRIAGE IN CHURCH AFTER DIVORCE: Report by the House of Bishops **GS 1449**

The Bishop of Winchester to move:

33. 'That the Synod do take note of this Report.'
34. 'That this Synod
- (a) affirm, in accordance with the doctrine of the Church of England as set out in Canon B30, that marriage should always be undertaken as a "solemn, public and life-long covenant between a man and a women";
- (b) recognise that some marriages regrettably do fail and that there are circumstances in which a divorced

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person may be married in church during the lifetime of a former spouse;

- (c) recognise that the decision as to whether or not to solemnise such a marriage in church after divorce rests with the minister (or the officiating cleric if the minister is prepared to allow his/her church or chapel to be used for the marriage); and
 - (d) invite the House of Bishops to issue the advice contained in Annex 1 of GS 1449.'
35. 'That general approval be given to the rescission of paragraph 1 of the Marriage Resolutions of the Convocation of Canterbury dated 5 May 1957 and of paragraphs 1 to 4 of the Marriage Resolutions of the Convocation of York dated June 1938.'

Item 35 is Article 7 Business

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FAREWELL TO THE ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY

The Archbishop of York to move:

36. 'That this Synod record its deep gratitude for the Archbishop of Canterbury's outstanding ministry to Church and Nation, and offer him and Mrs Carey its very best wishes for a long and happy retirement.'
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**CHURCH OF ENGLAND (PENSIONS) MEASURE
(GS 1419A)**

**Report by the Legislative Committee
(GS 1419W)**

Mr Brian McHenry (Southwark) to move:

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

NOTE: Other motions may be moved and will be included in a Notice Paper.

PAROCHIAL FEES ORDER 2002 (GS 1452)

**LEGAL OFFICERS (ANNUAL FEES) ORDER 2002
(GS 1450)**

**ECCLESIASTICAL JUDGES, LEGAL OFFICERS
AND OTHERS (FEES) ORDER 2002 (GS 1451)**

**Orders made under the Ecclesiastical Fees Measure
1986**

NOTES

1. *The Archbishops' Council and the Fees Advisory Commission have laid the above Orders (GS 1452, GS*

1450 and GS 1451) before the General Synod pursuant to the provisions of the 1986 Measure.

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 5th July 2002.*

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 an amendment must do so in writing to the Clerk to the Synod not later than 5.30 p.m. on 4th July 2002.*

**DRAFT CHURCH OF ENGLAND FUNDED
PENSIONS SCHEME (AMENDMENT) RULES
(GS 1464)**

**Rules made pursuant to section 2 of the Pensions
Measure 1997**

NOTES:

1. *The Church of England Pensions Board has laid the above Rules (GS 1464) before the Synod for approval pursuant to the 1997 Measure.*

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2. *The Business Committee has determined (as provided by section 2(3) of the 1997 Measure) that the Rules do not need to be debated.*

3. *Any member who wishes the Rules to be debated under SO 69 must give notice in writing to the Clerk to the Synod not later than 5.30 p.m. on 5th July 2002.*

4. *Amendments to the Rules are permissible and any member who wishes to give notice of an amendment must do so in writing to the Clerk to the Synod by 5.30 p.m. on 4th July 2002.*

**DIOCESE OF WORCESTER AREA
(REVOCAION) SCHEME (GS 1445)**

A Scheme under the Dioceses Measure 1978

The draft Scheme, if approved by the Worcester Diocesan Synod, will be laid before the General Synod in accordance with section 12 of the 1978 Measure.

By virtue of section 12, the draft Scheme will be made unless the General Synod resolves that it should not be. The appropriate motion is 'That the Diocese of Worcester Area (Revocation) Scheme be not made'.

Any member wishing so to move must give notice in writing of his or her intention to do so to the Clerk to the Synod before the end of the July Group of Sessions.

SPECIAL AGENDA II – LITURGICAL BUSINESS

**EXTENDED AUTHORIZATION FOR WEEKDAY
LECTIONARIES (GS 1437A)**

Article 7 Business

**Final Approval of an extended period of authorization
from 29 November 2004 until 31 December 2007**

The Bishop of Salisbury to move:

600 'That the Weekday Lectionaries be finally approved for an extended period of authorization from 29 November 2004 until 31 December 2007.'

NOTES IN RESPECT OF ITEM 600:

- 1 Item 600 is in the form approved by the House of Bishops under the provisions of Standing Order 84. No reference was claimed by any of the Houses of Convocation or of the House of Laity.
- 2 A majority in each House of not less than two-thirds of those present and voting is required (Standing Order 35(d)(i)(3)).

CHRISTIAN WITNESS IN A PLURAL SOCIETY

The Revd George Kovoov (Birmingham) to move:

700 '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.'

176 Signatures

(July 2001)

ABORTION ACT

Mr Barry Barnes (Southwark) to move:

701 '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.'

155 Signatures

(November 2000)

FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION

Dr Keith Masters (Lichfield) to move:

702 '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 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

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- (e) welcome the efforts of the United Nations and the World Health Organisation to combat this abuse against women and girls.'

146 Signatures (November 2000)

REPAIRS TO CHURCH BUILDINGS

Mr Roy Thompson (York) to move:

- 703 'That this Synod call on the Archbishops' Council to increase pressure on Her Majesty's Government to improve funding for urgent repairs to church buildings especially those which satisfy the criteria set out in the "Heritage Lottery Fund/English Heritage Joint Grant Scheme for Churches" thereby assisting parishes to preserve and protect the unique heritage of the country.'

112 Signatures (November 2001)

CATHEDRAL ENTRANCE CHARGES

Mr Tom Sutcliffe (Southwark) to move:

- 704 '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

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authorities to maintain their duty to fabric and to clerical and choral establishments by more appropriate financial arrangements.'

111 Signatures (November 2000)

STIPEND DIFFERENTIALS

The Revd Chris Lilley (Lincoln) to move:

- 705 '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 differential at the present level until the National Stipend Benchmark for Incumbents (which is et ate or close to the national average stipend) has reached the same level.'

100 Signatures (November 2000)

ARCIC

The Revd Jonathan Baker (Oxford) to move

- 706 'That this Synod:
- (a) affirm the Church of England's continued commitment to the full visible unity of the whole Church;
 - (b) support the ARCIC process as a significant instrument in progressing that search for unity; and

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- (c) welcome the ARCIC report *The Gift of Authority* and commend it to the whole Anglican Communion for study and reflection.'

72 Signatures (November 2001)

DEBATE ABOUT HUMAN SEXUALITY

The Revd Paul Collier (Southwark) to move:

- 707 'That this Synod request the Archbishops' Council to ensure an honest, thorough and ongoing debate about human sexuality by establishing a Commission
- (a) to recommend a process by which the Church of England could conduct such a debate;
 - (b) whose membership includes openly lesbian and gay lay and ordained members of this Synod; and
 - (c) which will report back to this Synod within this quinquennium.'

60 Signatures (November 2001)

CHURCH COMMISSIONERS

Mr Roger Godin (Southwark) to move:

- 708 'That this Synod request the Business Committee, in discussion with the Archbishops' Council, to take steps to initiate legislation to make the Church Commissioners

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jointly and more directly accountable to Parliament and the General Synod, and to report back within the lifetime of this Synod.'

46 Signatures (November 2001)

PATRONS TO LIVINGS

The Revd Canon Jim Pendorf (Birmingham) to move:

- 709 'That this Synod instruct the Business Committee to introduce legislation requiring patrons to livings in the Church of England to adopt equal opportunity policies in the selection and interviewing of candidates.'

29 Signatures (November 2001)

DIOCESAN SYNOD MOTIONS

Dr David Bowen (Canterbury) to move:

- 710 '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 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.'

27 Signatures

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NEW MOTIONS

ELECTION OF BISHOPS

The Revd Stephen Trott (Peterborough) to move:

- 711 'That this Synod believe that the appropriate method of nominating diocesan and suffragan bishops to the Crown is by direct election within the diocese concerned, and call for legislation to be prepared to give effect to reform on this basis.'

FACULTY JURISDICTION

The Archdeacon of Malmesbury (the Ven Alan Hawker) to move:

- 712 '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 a not a secular building were 'listed', and
- (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 Regulation and provision of copies of any permissions granted.'

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

STIPEND LEVELS

To move on behalf of the
Liverpool diocesan Synod:

- 801 '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;

- (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

The Rt Revd Colin Buchanan (Southern Suffragans) has moved on behalf of the Southwark Diocesan Synod:

- 802 '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

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for a more participatory and open Church procedure than is currently possible.'

14 July 2000

THE VESTURE OF ORDAINED AND AUTHORISED MINISTERS

The Revd Canon Peter Hill to move on behalf of the Southwell Diocesan Synod

- 803 'That this Synod ask 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

- 804 'That this Synod ask that legislation be introduced to
- (a) enable elections at the annual parochial church

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meetings and the meeting for elections of churchwardens to be conducted on numbered voting papers such as are 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

- 805 '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) **leave out** 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) **leave out** the words "the relevant date shall be" and **insert** the words "as soon as possible after" and (ii) **leave out** 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

806 '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;

- (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

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

26 February 2001

ELECTIONS TO DEANERY SYNODS

to move on behalf of the Lincoln Diocesan Synod:

- 807 'That this Synod instruct the Business Committee to introduce legislation making provision, in the Church Representation Rules, to ensure that elections to Deanery Synods take place one year and four years after new church electoral rolls are prepared.'

3 November 2001

GENDER NEUTRAL TITLES

to move on behalf of the Birmingham Diocesan Synod

- 808 'That this Synod, noting that gender neutral language was one of the guiding principles in devising *Common Worship*, request

- (a) that legislation be introduced to amend

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- (i) the Synodical Government Measure 1969;
- (ii) the Pastoral Measure 1983
- (iii) the Diocesan Boards of Education Measure 1991; and
- (iv) any other legislation specifying title of offices which may be held by lay people or by either male or female clergy,

so that gender specific title embedded in the legislation (most particularly that of Chairman) are removed in favour of gender neutral language (such as Chair); and

- (b) Bishops' Council's to ensure that the titles of officers in the Boards and Committee's of the Dioceses whose title is not governed by legislation and which is gender specific, be revised to gender neutral form at the earliest opportunity.'

17 November 2001

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PASTORAL CARE

to move on behalf of the
Lichfield Diocesan Synod

- 809 'That this Synod:
- (a) is concerned that the increased pressures on bishops, clergy and laity is impairing the provision of pastoral care in the dioceses and across the parishes;
 - (b) re-affirm the essential importance of pastoral care in the ordained and lay ministries of the Church of England; and
 - (c) wish to encourage and resource the development of the shared pastoral responsibility and ministry of bishops, clergy and laity.'

9 March 2002

SPECIAL AGENDA V - FINANCIAL BUSINESS

THE ARCHBISHOPS' COUNCIL'S BUDGET FOR 2003

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

- 900 'That this Synod now consider for approval the Budget to cover expenditure to be incurred in the year 2003 for the general purposes of the General Synod, as set out in GS 1447.'

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

'That this Synod authorise the Archbishops' Council to expend in 2003 a sum not exceeding X in respect of Vote X.'

VOTE		£
901	1 Training for Ministry	9,175,071
902	2 National Church Responsibilities	15,693,551
903	3 Grants and Provisions	1,194,229
904	4 Inter-diocesan Support/ Mission Agencies clergy pension contributions	584,300

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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 2003 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 1447).'