

GS 1521

Agenda

February Group of Sessions 2004

GENERAL SYNOD
FEBRUARY GROUP OF SESSIONS 2004
AT CHURCH HOUSE, WESTMINSTER

TIMES OF SITTINGS

Monday 9 February	3.15 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.
Tuesday 10 February	9.30 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. 2.30 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.
Wednesday 11 February	9.30 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. 2.30 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.
Thursday 12 February	9.30 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. 2.30 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.
Friday 13 February	9.30 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.

SERVICES

Monday 9 February

12 noon Holy Communion in St Margaret's,
Westminster for the Convocation of Canterbury

Tuesday 10 February

8.50 a.m. Holy Communion in the Chapel
1.05 p.m. Holy Communion in the Chapel

Wednesday 11 February

8.50 a.m. Holy Communion in the Chapel
1.05 p.m. Holy Communion in the Chapel

Thursday 12 February

8.50 a.m. Holy Communion in the Chapel
1.05 p.m. Holy Communion in the Chapel

Friday 13 February

8.50 a.m. Holy Communion in the Chapel

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 Thursday 29th January 2004 (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. Stipend Differentials – item 700
2. Community Relationships – item 702

Members are therefore asked to be ready for such an eventuality. In particular, any member minded to submit an amendment to either of these motions is asked to do so in good time, bearing in mind that, if this 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.

MONDAY 9 FEBRUARY

3.15 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.

1. **INTRODUCTIONS**

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

**REPORT BY THE BUSINESS GS 1522
COMMITTEE**

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

3. 'That the Synod do take note of this
Report.'
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**APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN OF
THE APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE**

The Archbishop of Canterbury to move:

4. 'That the Reverend David Houlding be
appointed as Chairman of the
Appointments Committee for a period
expiring on 31 December 2005.'

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not later than 4.30 p.m.

**SPECIAL AGENDA II
LITURGICAL BUSINESS**

**Special
Agenda II**

Item 600 - Additional Collects – will be
taken

5. QUESTIONS

TUESDAY 10 FEBRUARY

9.30 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.

2.30 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.

**SPECIAL AGENDA I
LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS**

**Special
Agenda I**

Items 502, 506, 500 and 501 from Special
Agenda I will be taken.

at 2.30 p.m.

**MISSION SHAPED CHURCH: Report
by the Mission and Public Affairs
Council**

GS 1523

6. At the invitation of the Presidents, *the Rt Revd Graham Cray*, Bishop of Maidstone, will address the Synod.

The Bishop of Liverpool to move:

7. 'That the Synod do take note of this Report.'
8. 'That this Synod
- (a) welcome the report *Mission-shaped Church* as a contribution to reflection and action about a

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'mixed economy church' and commend it to dioceses, deaneries and parishes for study and discussion;

- (b) invite dioceses to take account of the report's proposals in the development of their diocesan mission strategies;
 - (c) invite dioceses to send examples of good practice in discovering fresh ways of engaging in mission with contemporary society to the Mission and Public Affairs Division for wider circulation; and
 - (d) ask the Mission and Public Affairs Council to consider and take forward the recommendations and report back to General Synod in the next quinquennium.'
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**A MEASURE FOR MEASURES: IN GS 1528
MISSION AND MINISTRY Report of
the Review of the Dioceses, Pastoral
and related Measures**

Professor Peter Toyne (Ex officio) to move:

9. 'That the Synod do take note of this Report.'
 10. 'That this Synod
 - (a) approve the recommendations contained in pages 96 to 105 of the Report; and
 - (b) request the Archbishops' Council and the Business Committee to appoint a follow-up group (i) to prepare draft legislation to implement those recommendations which require it and (ii) to oversee the implementation of the other recommendations.'
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**SPECIAL AGENDA I
LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS**

**Special
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Item 504 from Special Agenda I will be taken.

**SPECIAL AGENDA IV
DIOCESAN SYNOD MOTION**

**Special
Agenda IV**

Item 800 – Gender Neutral Titles – will be taken

WEDNESDAY 11 FEBRUARY

9.30 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.

2.30 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.

FUTURE USE OF THE CHURCH COMMISSIONERS' FUNDS **GS 1529**

Mr Andreas Whittam Smith (First Church Estates Commissioner) to move:

11. 'That the Synod do take note of this Report.
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not later than 11.30 a.m.

BEING HUMAN: Report by the Doctrine Commission **GS 1494**

12. At the invitation of the Presidents the *Rt Revd Stephen Sykes*, Chairman of the Doctrine Commission will address the Synod.

The Revd Canon Professor Anthony Thiselton (Southwell) to move:

13. 'That the Synod do take note of this Report.'
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WEDNESDAY 11 FEBRUARY

at 2.30 p.m.

SOME ISSUES IN HUMAN SEXUALITY GS 1519
A guide to the debate :
A discussion document from the
House of Bishops' Group on Issues
in Human Sexuality

The Bishop of Oxford to move:

14. 'That the Synod do take note of this Report.'
15. 'That this Synod commend *Some Issues in Human Sexuality* to the Church for study and reflection.'

THIRTY EIGHTH REPORT OF THE STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE GS 1534

Mr Geoffrey Tattersall QC (Manchester) to move:

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

If item 17 is carried, the motions set out in the third Notice Paper will be moved.

WEDNESDAY 11 FEBRUARY

not later than 5.30 p.m.

**SPECIAL AGENDA IV
DIOCESAN SYNOD MOTION**

**Special
Agenda IV**

Item 804 – Cohabitation – will be taken

THURSDAY 12 FEBRUARY

9.30 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.

2.30 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.

**SPECIAL AGENDA I
LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS**

**Special
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Item 503 will be taken

**SPECIAL AGENDA II
LITURGICAL BUSINESS**

**Special
Agenda II**

Item 601 – *Common Worship* Ordinal - will
be taken.

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LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS**

**Special
Agenda I**

Item 505 will be taken

at 2.30 p.m.

**TELLING THE STORY: BEING
POSITIVE ABOUT HIV/AIDS: Report
by the Mission and Public Affairs
Council**

GS 1530

17. At the invitation of the Presidents, the Rt
Hon Hilary Benn, Secretary of State for

International Development, will address the Synod and answer questions

The Bishop of Chelmsford to move:

18. 'That the Synod do take note of this Report.'
19. 'That this Synod, aware of the suffering and unprecedented threat to human life and development presented by HIV/AIDS and mindful of the statement issued by the Primates of the Anglican Communion in May 2003 that the 'Body of Christ has AIDS':
 - (a) commend the positive contribution that Churches and church agencies in Africa have made to addressing the HIV/AIDS pandemic;
 - (b) affirm the work of the Church of England's world mission agencies, the development agencies and diocesan companion links in their support of those working with people with HIV/AIDS;
 - (c) commend and encourage further development of partnerships between DfID and Churches of the Anglican Communion as

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exemplified in the HIV/AIDS work of the Church of the Province of Southern Africa;

- (d) encourage dioceses and parishes to use World AIDS Day (December 1) as a means of raising awareness of the impact of AIDS and raising financial support for the work of the Church's mission and development agencies in their work with HIV/AIDS; and
- (e) ask the Mission and Public Affairs Council to take forward the recommendations set out in section 7 of *Telling the Story: Being Positive about HIV/AIDS*.

not later than 4.30 p.m.

**SPECIAL AGENDA II
LITURGICAL BUSINESS**

**Special
Agenda II**

Item 602 will be taken.

not later than 5.30 p.m.

THE REVIEW OF CLERGY TERMS OF SERVICE: Report by the Archbishops' Council **GS 1527**

Professor David McClean (Sheffield) to move:

20. 'That the Synod do take note of this report'
21. 'That this Synod
 - (a) approve the recommendations summarised on page 1 of the Report;
 - (b) commend the report to the dioceses and the wider church and ask dioceses and other interested parties to submit comments to the working group by July 2004;
 - (c) request the Archbishops' Council to follow up the recommendations, taking account of the responses from dioceses and other interested parties, and to bring forward legislation based on those recommendations; and

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- (d) request the working group to make a further report to this Synod at the conclusion of the second phase of its work.'
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9.30 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.

**THE GIFT OF AUTHORITY: Report GS 1532
by the Council for Christian Unity**

The Bishop of Peterborough to move:

22. 'That the Synod do take note of this Report.'
23. 'That this Synod,:
- (a) re-affirm the Church of England's commitment to work with all its ecumenical partners towards the full visible unity of the Church of Christ;
 - (b) recognise the significant role of the Anglican-Roman Catholic International Commission (ARCIC) and the International Anglican-Roman Catholic Commission for Unity and Mission (IARCCUM) in progressing the search for unity;
 - (c) welcome the witness of *The Gift of Authority* that 'authority rightly exercised is a gift of God to bring reconciliation and peace to humankind' and its emphasis on the synodical nature of the Church as the form in which 'believers and churches are held together in communion';

(d) acknowledge that differing convictions about issues of authority are best explored in the context of shared church life and collaboration in mission;

(e) believing that any search for theological agreement on universal primacy requires that the contested claim of universal, ordinary and immediate jurisdiction for the Bishop of Rome be resolved, and noting that *The Gift of Authority* does not refer to this issue, request that it again form part of the agenda of ARCIC;

(f) observing that *The Gift of Authority's* treatment of the teaching authority of the Bishop of Rome is not sufficiently clear, request that ARCIC clarify in what sense this is 'a gift to be received by all the churches'; and

(g) affirm that ecumenical texts agreed by Anglicans should be consistent with the Anglican inheritance of faith and with what has been agreed with other ecumenical partners.'

ASYLUM

**GS Misc
731**

The Bishop of Southwark to move on behalf of the Mission and Public Affairs Council:

24. 'That this Synod, in the light of Scriptural teaching about care for the vulnerable, welcome for strangers and foreigners and the Church's calling to reach out to the marginalised and persecuted
- (a) applaud the responses made by congregations and coalitions of churches working with other faith communities and voluntary organizations in responding to the needs of refugees and asylum seekers;
 - (b) welcome the contributions made to our Churches and national life by asylum seekers and other migrants;
 - (c) express its deep concern over the vilifying in the media of those seeking asylum;
 - (d) condemn organised criminals who exploit the poor and vulnerable by engaging in people trafficking;

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- (e) call upon Her Majesty's Government
- (i) to deliver an asylum system characterised by the quality, speed and justice of its decision making, its respect for human rights and its care for the most vulnerable;
 - (ii) to ensure that its presentation of policy and action towards asylum seekers does not promote a negative image of vulnerable people; and
 - (iii) to raise public awareness of the global phenomenon of migration including the needs of asylum seekers, economic migrants and displaced people and the disproportionate burden borne by developing countries; and
- (f) ask the Mission and Public Affairs Council to keep the situation under review and report back to Synod by the end of 2005.'
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25. FAREWELLS

SPECIAL AGENDA I - LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

**DRAFT CHURCH OF ENGLAND
(MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) MEASURE (GS
1476B)**

**Measure for Final Drafting and Final Approval
(Revised at the July 2003 Group of Sessions)**

Report by the Steering Committee (GS 1476Z)

*The Chairman of the Steering Committee (The
Archdeacon of Tonbridge (Rochester)) to move :*

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

Note:

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

501 'That the Measure entitled "Church of England
(Miscellaneous Provisions) Measure" be finally
approved.'

DRAFT AMENDING CANON No 26 (GS 1484A)

**DRAFT CHURCH REPRESENTATION RULES
(AMENDMENT) RESOLUTION 200- (GS 1485A)**

**DRAFT CLERGY REPRESENTATION RULES
(AMENDMENT) RESOLUTION 200- (GS 1486A)**

SPECIAL AGENDA I - LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

DRAFT RELIGIOUS COMMUNITIES (LAY REPRESENTATION) RULES (AMEND-MENT) RESOLUTION 200- (GS 1487A)

**Draft Amending Canon and Instruments for Revision
(First Consideration February 2003)**

Report by the Revision Committee (GS 1484-1487Y)

The Chairman of the Revision Committee (Mr Alan Cooper (Manchester)) to move :

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

Notes:

- 1. In the debate on item 502 it will not be in order to debate any matter which is the subject of an amendment to the draft Amending Canon or any of the draft Instruments which appears on a Notice Paper for this Group of Sessions (SO 54(c)).*
- 2. When debate is concluded on item 502, the Synod will proceed to consider the draft Amending Canon and each of the draft Instruments clause by clause, first considering any amendments of which due notice has been given (SO 55(a)).*
- 3. Any member wishing to move an amendment pursuant to SO 56(a) must give notice to the Clerk to the Synod not later than 5.30 p.m. on 6th February 2004.*

SPECIAL AGENDA I - LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

DRAFT STIPENDS (CESSATION OF SPECIAL PAYMENTS) MEASURE (GS 1505A)

**Measure for Revision
(First Consideration July 2003)**

Report by the Revision Committee (GS 1505Y)

The Chairman of the Revision Committee (Mr Timothy Allen (St Edmundsbury and Ipswich) to move :

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

Notes:

1. In the debate on item 503 it will not be in order to debate any matter which is the subject of an amendment to the Measure which appears on a Notice Paper for this Group of Sessions (SO 54(c)).

2. When debate is concluded on item 503, the Synod will proceed to consider the Measure clause by clause, first considering any amendments of which due notice has been given (SO 55(a)).

3. Any member wishing to move an amendment pursuant to SO 56(a) must give notice to the Clerk to the Synod not later than 5.30 p.m. on 10th February 2004.

SPECIAL AGENDA I - LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

**THE DRAFT PASTORAL (AMENDMENT)
MEASURE (GS 1524)**

Measure for First Consideration

A member of the Steering Committee to move:

- 504** 'That the Measure entitled "Pastoral (Amendment) Measure" be considered for revision in committee.'

Note:

*If the motion is carried, the draft Measure will automatically stand committed to a Revision Committee. 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 15th March 2004.***

DRAFT AMENDING CANON No 27 (GS 1525)

Canon for First Consideration

The Chairman of the Steering Committee (the Bishop of Salisbury) to move –

- 505** 'That the Canon entitled "Amending Canon No 27" be considered for revision in committee.'

Note:

If the motion is carried, the draft Canon will automatically stand committed to a Revision Committee.

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*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 15th March 2004.***

DRAFT SINGLE TRANSFERABLE VOTE (AMENDMENT) REGULATION 2004 (GS 1526)

Regulation for approval

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

- 506** 'That "The Single Transferable Vote (Amendment) Regulation 2004" be approved.'

Notes:

1. The Business Committee has determined in accordance with Standing Order 70(a) that the Regulation be considered on one motion.

*2. Amendments to the Regulation are permissible and any member who wishes to give notice of an amendment should do so in writing to the Clerk to the Synod **not later than 5.30 p.m. on 6th February 2004.***

SPECIAL AGENDA II – LITURGICAL BUSINESS

ADDITIONAL COLLECTS (GS 1493B)

Article 7 Business

Drafts for Final Approval

The Bishop of Sheffield to move:

- 600 ‘That the liturgical business entitled “Additional Collects” be finally approved for a period from Sunday 15 February 2004 until further Resolution of the Synod.’

NOTES:

1. As indicated in GS 1493B, the House of Bishops has approved this item of liturgical business in the form set out in GS 1493A, under the provisions of Standing Order 84. No reference was claimed by either of the Convocations or by 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)).

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COMMON WORSHIP ORDINAL (GS 1534)

Article 7 Business

Drafts for First Consideration introduced by the House of Bishops

The Bishop of Salisbury to move:

- 601 ‘That the liturgical business entitled “*Common Worship Ordinal*” be considered for revision in committee.’

NOTE:

If the motion is carried, the draft forms of service will automatically stand committed to a Revision Committee. 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 **Monday 15 March 2004**.

SPECIAL AGENDA II – LITURGICAL BUSINESS

WEEKDAY LECTIONARY AND AMENDMENTS to Calendar, Lectionary and Collects, Rules for Regulating Authorized Forms of Service, and ‘Rules to Order the Service and Other Miscellaneous Liturgical Proposals’ (GS 1342A, as amended by GS 1342B) (GS 1520)

Article 7 Business

Drafts for First Consideration introduced by the House of Bishops

The Revd Professor John Barton (University of Oxford) to move:

602 ‘That the liturgical business entitled “Weekday Lectionary and Amendments to Calendar, Lectionary and Collects, Rules for Regulating Authorized Forms of Service, and ‘Rules to Order the Service and Other Miscellaneous Liturgical Proposals’ (GS 1342A, as amended by GS 1342B)” be considered for revision in committee.’

NOTE:

If the motion is carried the draft forms of service will automatically stand committed to a Revision Committee. 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 **Monday 15 March 2004**.

STIPEND DIFFERENTIALS

The Revd Chris Lilley (Lincoln) to move:

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

122 Signatures

(November 2000)

ARCIC

The Revd Jonathan Baker (Oxford) to move:

- 701 '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
 - (c) welcome the ARCIC report *The Gift of Authority* and commend it to the whole Anglican Communion for study and reflection.'

120 Signatures

(November 2001)

COMMUNITY RELATIONSHIPS

The Revd Simon Bessant (Blackburn) to move:

702 'That this Synod, noting the recent success of the British National Party in local elections in parts of Lancashire:

- (a) believe that any political movement that seeks to divide our communities on the basis of ethnicity is an affront to the nature of God revealed in creation and scripture and is a grave danger to harmonious community relationships; consequently voting for and/or supporting a political party that offers racist policies is incompatible with Christian discipleship;
- (b) call on all Christians in England to nurture a loathing of the sin of racism and to model the teaching of Christ in loving all our neighbours; and
- (c) commit the Church of England to work in partnership with our ecumenical partners, other faith groups, voluntary and statutory organisations, mainstream political parties and all people of good will, in building cohesive communities and affirming our multiracial, multicultural society.'

109 Signatures

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SPECIAL AGENDA III - PRIVATE MEMBERS' MOTIONS

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Mrs Kathleen Ben Rabha (Salisbury) to move:

- 703 'That this Synod, noting that Domestic Violence is now regarded by the Home Office and the Police as a crime:
- (a) view with extreme alarm the number of incidents being regularly reported, as being an unacceptable picture of suffering and abuse; and
 - (b) call for national guidelines to be issued by the Archbishops Council for those with pastoral care responsibilities, as to the appropriate relationship with both victims and perpetrators; and
 - (c) urge all Dioceses to consider ways in which they could (i) work in partnership with other agencies to provide the resources needed by victims and their families (ii) speak out against the evil of domestic violence and (iii) work for justice and safety in the homes of this nation'.

94 Signature

(February 2003)

INTER-DIOCESAN MUTUAL SUPPORT

The Revd Dr Richard Turnbull (Winchester) to move:

- 704 'That this Synod request the Archbishops' Council to bring forward proposals for a contributory system of inter-diocesan mutual support, including plans for its implementation and use of the resources generated in the

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period 2007-2012, and to make a report to this Synod with two years.'

85 Signatures

(February 2003)

THE SYNOD'S AGENDA

The Revd Richard Thomas (Oxford) to move:

705

'That this Synod request the Standing Orders Committee to bring forward amendments to the Standing Orders to give members of the Synod the power to propose the addition of items to or the removal of items from the Agenda of the Synod following the debate on the Business Committee's report to the Synod.'

57 Signatures

(February 2003)

ANTI-DISCRIMINATION LEGISLATION

The Revd Paul Collier (Southwark) to move:

706

'That this Synod urge Her Majesty's Government to bring all lay people employed within the Church of England within the scope of all anti-discrimination legislation.

25 Signatures

(July 2003)

MEETINGS OF THE GENERAL SYNOD

The Revd Aidan Mayoss (Religious Communities) to move:

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- 707 'That this Synod, in common with most provinces of the Anglican Communion, should meet once every three years.'

8 Signatures

(July 2003)

NEW MOTIONS

A NEW APPROACH TO ASYLUM SEEKERS

Miss Vasantha Gnanadoss (Southwark) to move:

- 708 'That this Synod
- (1) welcome the ways in which asylum seekers contribute to the diversity of British Society economically, socially and culturally; and
 - (2) recognising that there has been no debate in this Synod on asylum since 1997 and that this remains a critical issue in our society;
 - (a) call on the Church to bear witness to biblical teaching about hospitality, welcoming the stranger and assisting the afflicted;
 - (b) request the Mission and Public Affairs Division to:
 - (i) lend its weight to the efforts of groups who are seeking to promote a

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balanced treatment of asylum seekers by the media;

(ii) study the arguments advanced from several quarters about a more positive approach to asylum seekers many of whom have the skills and motivation that Britain badly needs; and

(iii) report to this Synod on actions taken within twelve months of the date of this debate.'

MINISTRY OF THE EVANGELIST

The Revd Captain Paul Allinson (Durham) to move:

709 'That this Synod:

- (a) affirm and celebrate the distinctive gift of the evangelist within the body of Christ;
- (b) call on dioceses to (i) encourage new vocations to this ministry from both laity and clergy as an inclusive calling and (ii) to that end, to promote (in consultation with other agencies) training initiatives which will encourage and resource the

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proclamation of the gospel in culturally appropriate and exciting ways; and

- (c) request the Mission and Public Affairs Council to keep abreast of developments and report back to Synod in three years.'

PROPOSED EU CONSTITUTION

Ms Jayne Ozanne (Ex-officio, Archbishops' Council) too move:

710 'That this Synod call on Her Majesty's Government to ensure that in relation to the proposed EU Constitution:-

- (a) reference be made to the Judeo-Christian roots of European society;
- (b) Clause 51 relating to the "regular, open and transparent dialogue between the Churches and the EU institutions" be retained and implemented;
- (c) no agreement be made to any clause that undermines our national sovereignty or democratic rights; and
- (d) that a national referendum is held on the proposed draft constitution.'

HEALTH AND SAFETY WITHIN THE CHURCH

The Revd Brian Leathers (Derby) to move:

711 'That this Synod request the Archbishops' Council to establish a working party-

(a) to consider the issue of Health and Safety within the Church, especially from the point of view of:-

safeguarding those working for the Church (whether on or off site) and visitors to its buildings and other property;

identifying those who are or should be responsible for complying with Health and Safety obligations within the Church; and

enabling them more effectively to discharge those obligations

(b) to make recommendations in relation to the matters set out in (a) above, including recommendations as to structures, practices, procedures and (if appropriate) legislative change; and

(c) to report to this Synod within two years.'

GENDER NEUTRAL TITLES

Mrs Bridget Langstaff to move on behalf of the Birmingham Diocesan Synod

800 '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
 - (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 titles of offices which may be held by lay people or by either male or female clergy,

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

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- (b) Bishops' Councils to ensure that the titles of officers in the Boards and Committees 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.'

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REPRESENTATION OF RETIRED CLERGY

Mr Alan Cooper to move on behalf of the Manchester Diocesan Synod

- 801 '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

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“as soon as possible after” and (ii) **leave out** the words “and as soon as possible after that date”.’

25 November 2000

ELECTIONS TO DEANERY SYNODS

to move on behalf of the Lincoln Diocesan Synod:

- 802** ‘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

CONSECRATION OF WOMEN TO THE EPISCOPATE

to move on behalf of the Guildford Diocesan Synod:

- 803** ‘That this Synod ask that legislation be introduced to permit the consecration of women to the Episcopate in the Provinces of Canterbury and York without delay.’

1 July 2002

The **Ripon and Leeds** Diocesan Synod forwarded a motion in identical terms on 15 March 2003

COHABITATION

to move on behalf of the York
Diocesan Synod:

804 'That this Synod

- (a) believe that the provision in law of a contractual relationship, other than marriage, between two cohabiting adults is socially desirable, that such relationships exist and will continue to exist whether approved by the State and the Church or not and that the absence of a legal contract for such a relationship is a potential cause of injustice and misery; and
- (b) request the Archbishops' Council to investigate and explore the issues involved in contractual partnerships, other than marriage, between two cohabiting adults and to report to the General Synod.'

17 July 2002

THE CLERGY FREEHOLD

to move on behalf of the
Oxford Diocesan Synod:

- 805** “That this Synod, disappointed that the current review of pastoral arrangements does not extend to including any direct examination of the clergy freehold, request the Archbishops’ Council to institute a review of this issue as a matter of urgency, either as part of the remit of the Dioceses and Pastoral Measure Review Group, or otherwise.”

19 July 2002

THE ANGLICAN COMMUNION

to move on behalf of the
London Diocesan Synod

- 806** “That this Synod
- (a) recognise the value of the Anglican Communion;
 - (b) note with concern that disagreements about a number of issues threaten to fragment the Communion; and

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- (c) commit itself to
 - (i) raise awareness within the Church of England of the world-wide nature of the Communion; and
 - (ii) work with our partners from other Provinces to find an acceptable and unifying model for decision making.'

2 September 2002

APPORTIONMENT

to move on behalf of the
London Diocesan Synod

- 807** 'That this Synod, noting that the method by which the Archbishops' Council's expenditure is apportioned to dioceses is based on statistical formulae like average weekly attendance and electoral roll number, ask that the method of apportionment should be altered to meet the expenditure by agreed contributions from dioceses, similar to the London Diocesan's Fund's method of determining Common Fund contributions from parishes.'

2 September 2002

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DRUG MISUSE

Dr Helen Leathard to move on behalf of the Blackburn Diocesan Synod:

- 808** 'That this Synod, concerned about the extent of drug misuse at all levels of society, urge the Archbishops' Council and Diocesan and Deanery Synods to hold informed and Christ-centred discussions with experienced drug workers, pharmacologists and health care professionals about the ways in which the Church can be involved with the Christian and secular agencies already working in this field.'

10th February 2003

EPISCOPAL MINISTRY ACT OF SYNOD

to move on behalf of the Southwark Diocesan Synod:

- 809** 'That the Episcopal Ministry Act of Synod 1993 be rescinded.'

8th March 2003

FAIRER WORLD TRADE

to move on behalf of the
Canterbury Diocesan Synod:

810 'That this Synod

(a) following the adoption of its resolution of Fairer World Trade in 1995, congratulate all Churches which have already committed themselves to using Fairtrade products (eg tea and coffee) and

- (i) encourage all other Churches to adopt a Fairtrade Policy, containing a commitment to using Fairtrade products;
- (ii) encourage the congregations of the Churches to purchase Fairtrade products wherever possible;
- (iii) encourage individuals to ask their local stores and supermarkets to stock a broader range of Fairtrade products and to give them greater shelf prominence; and
- (iv) urge both individual and institutional shareholders to

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encourage the companies in which they invest to promote Fairtrade; and

(b) recognising that international trade is a powerful force in today's world also acknowledge that international trade needs to be managed to ensure that it does not operate at the expense of the poor and the vulnerable; and

(c) welcome the establishment of the Trade Justice Movement and the establishment of Christian Aid's Trade for Life Campaign and, in particular, ask Her Majesty's Government to

- (i) initiate an independent review of the effects of current trade rules on highly indebted poor countries;
- (ii) promote a new approach to world trade which focuses on halving world poverty by 2015 and enabling vulnerable communities to develop sustainable commercial structures;
- (iii) ensure that trade negotiations in international institutions such as the World Trade Organisation are open, transparent and genuinely democratic;

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- (iv) propose the establishment of a global mechanism which will hold multinational corporations accountable for the social and environmental effects of their transnational trading activities; and
- (v) acknowledge the need for poor countries to adopt policies to protect vulnerable producer communities from the full weight of international competition.'

14th May 2003

ORDERS OF MINISTRY

to move on behalf of the
Worcester Diocesan Synod:

- 811** 'That this Synod ask that legislation be introduced that would have the effect of ensuring that, as from 2005, gender will cease to be a consideration in the admission of candidates to any orders of ministry in the Church of England.'

16th June 2003

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CANON B 44

to move on behalf of the Ely
Diocesan Synod:

- 812 'That this Synod request that legislation be introduced to rescind paragraph 5 of Canon B 44 *Of local ecumenical projects.*'

11th October 2003

**CONSECRATION OF WOMEN TO THE
EPISCOPATE**

to move on behalf of the
Southwark Diocesan Synod:

- 813 'That this Synod ask that legislation be introduced to permit the consecration of women to the Episcopate in the Provinces of Canterbury and York without delay and hope that such legislation includes adequate safeguards and respect for those unable to accept such consecrations.'

1st November 2003