

Agenda

November Group of Sessions 2005



GENERAL SYNOD
NOVEMBER GROUP OF SESSIONS 2005
AT CHURCH HOUSE, WESTMINSTER

TIMES OF SITTINGS

Tuesday 15 November

2.30 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.

Wednesday 16 November

9.15 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.
2.30 p.m. to 6.00 p.m.

SERVICES

Tuesday 15 February

10.30 a.m. Holy Communion in Westminster Abbey

Thursday 17 February

8.30 a.m. Holy Communion in the Chapel

9.15 a.m. Morning Prayer in the Assembly Hall

1.05 p.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 or other specially important business included by the direction of the Presidents.

2. Notice of motions and amendments arising out of business on the Agenda shall be delivered to the Clerk to the Synod as follows (SO10(a) and 26(a)):

Business appointed for the *first day of the group of sessions* (15 November) – **4.00 p.m on 14 November (5.30 p.m. in the case of amendments)**

Remaining day of the group of sessions

Business appointed for the morning sitting – **4.00 p.m the day before**

Business appointed for the afternoon sitting – **10.00 a.m. that day**

Under Standing Order 10(a) and 26(a), such notice shall be accompanied by evidence of support from two or more members of the Synod in addition to the member giving the notice.

3. An amendment of which due notice has not been given may only be moved by permission of the Chairman (SO 26(b)).

4. Notice of Questions under SOs 105-106 shall be delivered **not later than 5.30 pm on Thursday 3rd November 2005** (SO10(b)(i)).
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 postal address is Church House, Great Smith St, London SW1P 3NZ. 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. Bicentenary of the Abolition of the Slave Trade – item 802

Members are therefore asked to be ready for such an eventuality. In particular, any member minded to submit an amendment to this motion 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.

2.30 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.

1. WELCOMES

2. PROGRESS OF MEASURES AND STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

REPORT BY THE BUSINESS GS 1592 COMMITTEE

The Chairman of the Business Committee (the Revd Dr Richard Turnbull (Winchester)) to move:

3. 'That the Synod do take note of this Report.'
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not later than 3.15 p.m.

FACING THE CHALLENGE OF GS 1595 TERRORISM

The Bishop of Southwark to move:

4. 'That this Synod
 - (a) condemn the 7 July terrorist

atrocities, express its sympathy to the victims and families of all who suffered as a result of those and subsequent events, record its appreciation for the work of the emergency services and acknowledge the daunting responsibility of the Government, police and security services for safeguarding the lives of all our people in these times;

- (b) nevertheless affirm that a successful counter-terrorism policy must, without excusing violence, understand and address its underlying causes;
- (c) urge all political parties, in considering draft legislation to heed the clear warnings from history about the progressive erosion of fundamental rights in relation to habeas corpus, free speech and religious liberty; and
- (d) call upon members of the Church of England to set an example in the promotion of greater understanding, reconciliation and respect within their local communities, especially where

there are significant numbers from other faith traditions.'

EPISCOPACY IN THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

- 5. Presentation under Standing Order 97
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WEDNESDAY 16 FEBRUARY

9.15 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.
2.30 p.m. to 6.00 p.m.

Prayers

LOYAL ADDRESS

The Archbishop of Canterbury to move:

6. 'That a Loyal Address be presented to Her Majesty the Queen.'
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PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

7. The Archbishop of Canterbury will give a Presidential Address
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**SPECIAL AGENDA I
LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS**

The items in Special Agenda I will be taken.

WEDNESDAY 16 NOVEMBER

at 2.30 p.m.

REVIEW OF CLERGY TERMS OF SERVICE: Property Issues and Progress Report **GS 1593**

The Revd Preb David Houlding (London) to move:

8. 'That this Synod welcome the recommendations in the report and request the Implementation Group to reflect them in the draft legislation which it is preparing.'
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9. QUESTIONS

**Special
Agenda I**

SPECIAL AGENDA I – LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

**AMENDING CANON NO 24 (Clergy Discipline)
(GS 1348B)**

**Canon for Promulgation
(Finally approved at the November 2000 Group of
Sessions)**

The Archbishop of Canterbury to move -

- 500 'That the Canon entitled "Amending Canon No 24" be promulgated and executed.'

**DRAFT DIOCESES, PASTORAL AND MISSION
MEASURE (GS 1597)**

DRAFT AMENDING CANON NO 27 (GS 1598)

**DRAFT VACANCY IN SEE COMMITTEES
(AMENDMENT) REGULATION (GS 1599)**

**Draft Measure, Draft Amending Canon and Draft
Regulation for First Consideration**

A member of the Steering Committee to move -

- 501 'That the Measure entitled "Dioceses, Pastoral and Mission Measure" be considered for revision in committee.'
- 502 'That the Amending Canon entitled "Amending Canon No 27" be considered for revision in committee.'

SPECIAL AGENDA I – LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

- 503 'That the draft Vacancy in See Committees (Amendment) Regulation be considered for revision in committee.'

Notes:

1. *The Business Committee has determined in accordance with SO 68(a) that the draft Vacancy in See Committees (Amendment) Regulation shall be considered in accordance with the provisions of the Standing Orders relating to Measures.*

2. *If items 501, 502 or 503 are 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 20th December 2005 (SO 53).*

**ADMISSION OF BAPTISED CHILDREN TO
HOLY COMMUNION REGULATIONS (GS 1596)**

Article 7 business

Regulations for approval

The Bishop of Dover to move -

- 504 'That the Admission of Baptised Children to Holy Communion Regulations be considered'.

SPECIAL AGENDA I – LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

Notes:

1. *The Business Committee has determined in accordance with SO 68(a) that the Regulation shall be considered under the preliminary motion procedure.*

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 14th November 2005.*

**THE PAYMENTS TO THE CHURCHES
CONSERVATION TRUST ORDER 2005 (GS 1594)**

**Order made under section 53 of the Pastoral Measure
1983**

The Bishop of London to move -

505 'That "The Payments to the Churches Conservation Trust Order 2005" be approved'.

Notes:

1. *The Church Commissioners have laid the above Order (GS 1594) before the Synod for approval pursuant to the 1983 Measure.*

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

SPECIAL AGENDA I – LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

3. *Amendments to the Order are not in order.*

**CLERGY DISCIPLINE APPEAL RULES 2005 (GS
1600)**

**Rules made under the Care of Churches and
Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction Measure 1991 and the
Clergy Discipline Measure 2003**

Notes:

1. *The Rule Committee has laid the above Rules before the General Synod for approval pursuant to the 1991 and 2003 Measures.*

2. *The Business Committee has determined (as provided by the 1991 Measure) that the Rules do not need to be debated.*

3. *Any member who wishes to debate the Rules under Standing Order 69 must give notice in writing to the Clerk to the Synod not later than 5.30 p.m. on 15th November 2005.*

4. *Amendments to the Rules 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 14th November 2005.*

EPISCOPAL MINISTRY ACT OF SYNOD

to move on behalf of the
Southwark Diocesan Synod:

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

8 March 2003

CARBON DIOXIDE EMISSIONS

to move on behalf of the
Southwark Diocesan Synod:

- 801 'That this Synod ask the Mission and Public Affairs Council to investigate and recommend how church members can reduce CO₂ emissions by 60% by 2050 in line with the recommendations of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (the IPCC).'

13 March 2004

**BICENTENARY OF THE ACT FOR THE
ABOLITION OF THE SLAVE TRADE**

to move on behalf of the
Southwark Diocesan Synod:

- 802 'That this Synod

- (a) recognizing that the commemoration of the Bicentenary of the Act for the Abolition of the Slave Trade in 1807, celebrated in 2007, will provide unprecedented opportunities to acknowledge our history and tell anew the Christian story of creation and redemption:
- (b) acknowledging (i) the progress made to release men, women and children from the dehumanizing and shameful consequences of slavery (ii) that the process of emancipation of all people from all expressions of enslavement is scandalously unfinished work; and (iii) the substantial work currently being undertaken in this campaign by the Church and other agencies;
- (c) resolve to
 - (i) support vigorously every effort by the Church and other agencies to

SPECIAL AGENDA IV - DIOCESAN SYNOD MOTIONS

protest against human trafficking
and all other manifestations of
slavery across the world;

- (i) call on Her Majesty's Government
and the European Institutions to
give the highest priority to enabling
legislation to bring to an end the
causes and outcomes of slavery; and

- (iii) request the Archbishops' Council to
encourage and resourse the Church
to tell the story of release and
redemption to our own and
successive generations by prayer,
study, reflection and action.'

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