

Agenda

February Group of Sessions 2007

GENERAL SYNOD
FEBRUARY GROUP OF SESSIONS 2007
AT CHURCH HOUSE, WESTMINSTER

TIMES OF SITTINGS

Monday 26 February	2.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.
Tuesday 27 February	9.15 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. 2.30 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.
Wednesday 28 February	9.15 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. 2.30 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.
Thursday 1 March	9.15 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. 2.30 p.m. to 5.00 p.m.

SERVICES

Tuesday 27 February

- 8.30 a.m. Holy Communion in the Chapel
- 9.15 a.m. Morning Worship in the Assembly Hall
- 1.05 p.m. Holy Communion in the Chapel

Wednesday 28 February

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Thursday 1 March

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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 (SO 10(a), 11 and 26(a)):

Business appointed for the *first day of the group of sessions* (26 February) –
4.00 p.m. on 25 February (5.30 p.m. in the case of amendments)

Remaining days of the group of sessions

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

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

For items 11 and 13 – 10.00 a.m. on Tuesday 27 February

Note: The Business Committee has determined in accordance with Standing Order 11 that notice of motions and amendments arising out of these items of business (items 11 and 13), shall be delivered to the Clerk to the Synod not later than 10.00 a.m. on Tuesday 27 February (see paragraph 31 of GS 1635).

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. This provision does *not* apply to amendments to legislative and liturgical business.

3. An amendment of which due notice has not been given may only be moved by permission of the Chair (SO 26(b)).
4. Notice of Questions under SOs 105-106 shall be delivered **not later than 5.30 p.m. on Wednesday 14th February 2007** (SO 10(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 e-mail 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 Chair 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. **Ethical Investment Advisory Group: Restricted Investments** – page 15
(Private Members' Motions)

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.

Monday 26 February 2007

2.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.

1. INTRODUCTIONS

2. PROGRESS OF MEASURES AND STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

3. PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

REPORT BY THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE (GS 1635)

Preb Kay Garlick (Hereford) (Chair of the Business Committee) to move:

4. 'That the Synod do take note of this Report.'
5. 'That this Synod meet on the following dates in 2009 and 2010:

2009

9-13 February
10-14 July
16-18 November (if required)

2010

8-12 February
9-13 July
15-17 November (inauguration of the new Synod)

THE FUTURE OF TRIDENT: Report from the Mission and Public Affairs Council (GS 1644)

The Bishop of Southwark to move:

6. 'That this Synod recognising the fundamental responsibility of Her Majesty's Government to provide for the security of the country:
 - (a) welcome the response from the Mission and Public Affairs Council to the House of Commons Defence Select Committee's inquiry expressing serious questions about the proposed renewal of the UK's minimum deterrent;
 - (b) call on Christian people to make an informed contribution to the issues raised in *The Future of Trident* in the light of Christian teaching about Just War; and
 - (c) urge Her Majesty's Government to consider further whether and how the proposed upgrading of Trident lies within the spirit of the United Kingdom's obligations in international law and the ethical principles underpinning them.'
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7. QUESTIONS

Tuesday 27 February 2007

9.15 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.

MORNING WORSHIP

THE FUTURE OF CLERGY PENSIONS: Report from the Archbishops' Council (GS 1645)

8. Presentation under Standing Order 97

The Bishop of Ripon and Leeds to move:

9. 'That this Synod

- (a) endorse the recommendations at paragraph 69 of GS 1645, subject to the necessary statutory and other consultations that the Archbishops' Council now needs to conduct; and
- (b) in the light of those consultations, invite the Archbishops' Council to submit to the Synod in July final proposals, including such changes as are necessary to the funded scheme rules.'
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LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

The following items (full details of which are contained in Special Agenda I) will be taken:

- 500-4** Draft Dioceses, Pastoral and Mission Measure (**GS 1597B**), Draft Amending Canon No 27 (**GS 1598B**) and Draft Vacancy in See Committees Amendment Regulation 200- (**GS 1599B**) – *Final Drafting and Final Approval*
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2.30 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

The following items (full details of which are contained in Special Agenda I) will be taken:

- 506-8** Draft Ecclesiastical Offices (Terms of Service) Measure (**GS 1637**),
Draft Ecclesiastical Offices (Terms of Service) Regulations (**GS 1638**)
and Draft Amending Canon No 29 (**GS 1639**) – *First Consideration*
- 505** Draft Church of England Marriage Measure (**GS 1616A**) – *Report by
the Revision Committee and Revision Stage*
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FRESH EXPRESSIONS

- 10.** Presentation under Standing Order 97
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Wednesday 28 February 2007

9.15 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.

A SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION WILL BE CELEBRATED IN THE ASSEMBLY HALL

***PRIVATE MEMBER'S MOTION LESBIAN AND GAY CHRISTIANS (GS Misc 842A and B)**

The Revd Mary Gilbert (Lichfield) to move:

11. 'That this Synod acknowledge the diversity of opinion about homosexuality within the Church of England and that these divergent opinions come from honest and legitimate attempts to read the scriptures with integrity, understand the nature of homosexual orientation, and respect the patterns of holy living to which lesbian and gay Christians aspire; and, bearing in mind this diversity,
- (a) agree that a homosexual orientation in itself is no bar to a faithful Christian life;
 - (b) invite parish and cathedral congregations to welcome and affirm lesbian and gay Christians, lay and ordained, valuing their contribution at every level of the Church; and
 - (c) urge every parish to ensure a climate of sufficient acceptance and safety to enable the experience of lesbian and gay people to be heard, as successive Lambeth Conferences in 1978 (resolution 10), 1988 (resolution 64), and 1998 (resolution 1.10) have requested.'
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LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

The following items (full details of which are contained in Special Agenda I) will be taken:

- 510 Resolution under paragraph 17 of the Schedule to the Church Funds Investment Measure 1958 (**GS 1640**)
- 511 The Draft National Institutions of the Church of England (Transfer of Functions) Order 2007 (**GS 1641**) – *Approval*
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* See the note on page (i)

2.30 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.

**ELECTRONIC VOTING: REPORT BY THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE
(GS 1636)**

Preb Kay Garlick (Hereford) to move:

12. 'That this Synod approve the recommendations contained in paragraph 19 of GS 1636.'
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***PRIVATE MEMBER'S MOTION
CIVIL PARTNERSHIPS (GS Misc 843A and B)**

The Revd Paul Perkin (Southwark) to move:

13. 'That this Synod, deeply concerned that
- (a) in an understandable desire to remedy injustice and remove unjust discrimination, the Government's Civil Partnership Act undermines the distinctiveness and fundamental importance to society of the relationship of marriage;
 - (b) the House of Bishops' Pastoral Statement, while reiterating the Church's basic teaching on marriage, has produced a recipe for confusion by not stating clearly that civil partnerships entered into under the CP Act would be inconsistent with Christian teaching;
 - (c) the House of Bishops' Pastoral Statement has given to bishops the task of ensuring that clergy who enter into these partnerships adhere to church teaching in the area of sexuality without giving the bishops the clear means to do so; and
 - (d) by declaring that lay people who enter into such partnerships should not be asked about the nature of their relationship, in the context of preparation for baptism and confirmation, as well as for the purposes of receiving Holy Communion, the Bishops' Pastoral Statement has compromised pastoral discipline at the local level:
- declare its support for bishops, clergy and other ministers who continue to minister the godly discipline required by the scriptures and the canons and request the House of Bishops to set up a study of the ways in which that discipline is being applied and the implications thereof for future pastoral guidance and bring a report to Synod by the July 2007 Group of Sessions.'
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* See the note on page (i)

ACHIEVING THE FIRST TWO HUNDRED YEARS: Report by the Board of Education (including the Dearing Report: Five Years On) (GS 1646)

The Bishop of Dover to move:

14. 'That this Synod:

(a) welcome the positive progress made towards the achievement of the Dearing aspirations and its vision of schools at the heart of the Church's mission;

(b) endorse the five themes for the development of the Church of England's contribution to schools and other educational institutions from 2007-2011;

(c) approve the strategies set out for the continued development of a distinctive and inclusive Church of England contribution and call on dioceses and their Boards of Education to put them into practice; and

(d) encourage dioceses and local churches to give prayerful and active support to teachers and school leaders and to those exploring a vocation in education.'

Thursday 1 March 2007

9.15 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.

2.30 p.m. to 5.00 p.m.

MORNING WORSHIP

TAKING RESPONSIBILITY FOR CRIME: Report from the Mission and Public Affairs Council (GS 1647)

15. At the invitation of the Presidents, Mr Phil Wheatley, Director General of the Prison Service, will address the Synod.

The Bishop of Worcester to move:

16. 'That this Synod, believing that the objectives of criminal justice policy include retribution, deterrence, rehabilitation and restoration, and that prison overcrowding has reached intolerable levels:
- (a) recognise the limitations of criminal sanctions and coercive measures, and the necessity of nurturing responsible attitudes and local partnership, in responding to crime and anti-social behaviour;
 - (b) request Her Majesty's Government to promote effective non-custodial sanctions and the practice of restorative justice and urgently to seek to restrict the use of prison to cases where it is clearly necessary;
 - (c) urge concerted action to remedy the treatment of women, children and young people, mentally ill people and members of black and minority ethnic groups in the criminal justice system; and
 - (d) affirm the rôle of Christian criminal justice professionals, chaplains and volunteers, and encourage church-based initiatives to address the needs of ex-offenders and victims.'
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LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

Any uncompleted business will be taken, followed by the following items (full details of which are contained in Special Agenda I):

Article 7 business

- 509 Draft Amending Canon No 28 (GS 1642) – *First Consideration*

And, if notice is given of a wish to debate them: The Parsonages Measure (Amendment) Rules 2007 (GS 1643) – *Approval*

not later than 3.30 p.m.

DIOCESAN SYNOD MOTION MEDIA STANDARDS: THEIR EFFECT ON INDIVIDUALS AND SOCIETY (GS Misc 844A and B)

The Revd Richard Moy to move on behalf of the Lichfield Diocesan Synod:

17. 'That this Synod ask Her Majesty's Government to undertake an enquiry to examine the notion that standards of human behaviour are being fatally eroded by constant subjection to suggestions and images via the media promoting the exploitation of other human beings.'
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18. FAREWELLS

19. PROROGATION

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

DRAFT AMENDING CANON NO 27 (GS 1598B)

DRAFT VACANCY IN SEE COMMITTEES (AMENDMENT)

REGULATION 200- (GS 1599B)

**Draft Measure, Draft Amending Canon and Draft Regulation for Final Drafting and Final Approval
(Revised at the July 2006 Group of Sessions)**

Report by the Steering Committee (GS 1597-9Z)

The Chair of the Steering Committee (the Bishop of Exeter (the Rt Revd Michael Langrish)) 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 Notice Paper will be moved (SO 59(d)).

501 'That the Measure entitled "Dioceses, Pastoral and Mission Measure" be finally approved.'

502 'That the Canon entitled "Amending Canon No 27" be finally approved.'

503 'That the Regulation entitled "the Vacancy in See Committees (Amendment) Regulation 200-" be finally approved.'

And, if item 502 is carried:

504 'That the petition for Her Majesty's Royal Assent and Licence (GS1598C) be adopted.'

DRAFT CHURCH OF ENGLAND MARRIAGE MEASURE (GS 1616A)

Draft Measure for Revision

(First Consideration at the July 2006 Group of Sessions)

Report by the Revision Committee (GS 1616Y)

The Chair of the Revision Committee (Mr Geoffrey Tattersall (Manchester)) to move:

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

Notes:

1. *In the debate on item 505 it will not be in order to debate any matter which is the subject of an amendment to the draft Measure and which appears on a Notice Paper for this group of sessions (SO 54(c)).*
2. *When the debate is concluded on item 505, the Synod will proceed to consider the draft Measure clause by clause, first considering any amendments of which due notice has been given (SO 55(a)).*
3. *The Business Committee has determined in accordance with SO 11 that 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 Thursday 22 February 2007.***

**DRAFT ECCLESIASTICAL OFFICES (TERMS OF SERVICE)
MEASURE (GS 1637)
DRAFT ECCLESIASTICAL OFFICES (TERMS OF SERVICE)
REGULATIONS (GS 1638)
DRAFT AMENDING CANON NO 29 (GS 1639)**

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

The Chair of the Steering Committee (the Bishop of Dover (the Rt Revd Stephen Venner)) to move:

- 506 'That the Measure entitled "Ecclesiastical Offices (Terms of Service) Measure" be considered for revision in committee.'
- 507 'That the Regulations entitled "Ecclesiastical Offices (Terms of Service) Regulations" be considered for revision in committee.'
- 508 'That the Amending Canon entitled "Amending Canon No 29" be considered for revision in committee.'

Notes:

1. *The Business Committee has determined in accordance with SO 68(a) that the draft Ecclesiastical Offices (Terms of Service) Regulations shall be considered in accordance with the provisions of the Standing Orders relating to Measures.*
2. *If items 506, 507 or 508 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 Monday 2nd April 2007 (SO 53).***

DRAFT AMENDING CANON No 28 (GS 1642)
Draft Amending Canon for First Consideration

Article 7 business

The Chair of the Steering Committee (Mrs Caroline Spencer (Canterbury)) to move:

- 509 'That the Canon entitled "Amending Canon No 28" 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 Monday 2nd April 2007.***

RESOLUTION UNDER PARAGRAPH 17 OF THE SCHEDULE TO THE CHURCH FUNDS INVESTMENT MEASURE 1958 CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF A SUCCESSOR BODY CORPORATE TO ACT IN PLACE OF THE CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND (GS 1640)

Resolution under paragraph 17 of the Schedule to the Church Funds Investment Measure 1958

Mr Michael Chamberlain (ex officio) to move:

- 510 'That this Synod confirm the instrument in writing dated 27th November 2006 of the Central Board of Finance of the Church of England ('the Central Board') appointing CBF Funds Trustee Limited to hold and administer all the Funds for the time being constituted under the Scheme contained in the Schedule to the Church Funds Investment Measure 1958 in place of the Central Board and generally to exercise in relation to such Funds all functions vested in the Central Board by that Scheme.'

THE DRAFT NATIONAL INSTITUTIONS OF THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND (TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS) ORDER 2007 (GS 1641)

Order made under section 5 of the National Institutions Measure 1998

Mr Michael Chamberlain (ex officio) to move:

- 511 'That the National Institutions of the Church of England (Transfer of Functions) Order 2007 be approved'.

Notes:

1. *The Archbishops of Canterbury and York have laid the above Order before the General Synod for approval pursuant to the 1998 Measure.*
2. *Amendments to the 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 Monday 26th February 2007.***

PARSONAGES MEASURE (AMENDMENT) RULES 2007 (GS 1643)

Rules made under the Parsonages Measure 1938

Notes:

1. *The Church Commissioners have laid the above Rules before the General Synod for approval pursuant to the 1938 Measure.*
2. *The Business Committee has determined (as provided by the 1938 Measure) that the Rules do not need to be debated.*
3. *Any member who wishes to debate the Rules under SO 69 must give notice in writing to the Clerk to the Synod **not later than 5.30 p.m. on Monday 26th February 2007.***
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 Tuesday 27th February 2007.***

LESBIAN AND GAY CHRISTIANS

The Revd Mary Gilbert (Lichfield) to move:

'That this Synod acknowledge the diversity of opinion about homosexuality within the Church of England and that these divergent opinions come from honest and legitimate attempts to read the scriptures with integrity, understand the nature of homosexual orientation, and respect the patterns of holy living to which lesbian and gay Christians aspire; and, bearing in mind this diversity,

- (a) agree that a homosexual orientation in itself is no bar to a faithful Christian life;
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124 Signatures

(February 2006)

CIVIL PARTNERSHIPS

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- (a) in an understandable desire to remedy injustice and remove unjust discrimination, the Government's Civil Partnership Act undermines the distinctiveness and fundamental importance to society of the relationship of marriage;
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110 Signatures

(February 2006)

ETHICAL INVESTMENT ADVISORY GROUP: RESTRICTED INVESTMENTS

Mr Gavin Oldham (Oxford) to move:

'That this Synod considers that the list of restricted investments maintained by the Ethical Investment Advisory Group should be:

- (a) published to provide easy access for all Church bodies and for individual Christians of all denominations, to help them in structuring ethically the investments in their care; and
- (b) made available under licence (subject to an appropriate fee) to commercial fund managers so that they are in a position to offer a range of ethically-compliant funds of varying risk, management and performance profiles, which can be available for both Church bodies and individual Christians.'

107 Signatures

(November 2005)

HOUSE OF LAITY

Mrs Alison Ruoff (London) to move:

'That this Synod considers it appropriate that no lay member be eligible for election to the Synod on attaining the age of 70 and further, that members of the House of Laity should resign from the Synod when aged 70.'

60 Signatures

(February 2006)

STATISTICS OF ETHNIC ORIGIN

Miss Vaśantha Gnanadoss (Southwark) to move:

'That this Synod request the Archbishops' Council to arrange Collection of Statistics of Ethnic Origin when the next general revision of Electoral Rolls takes place in 2007, using a method based on the experience gained in 2002.'

42 Signatures

(July 2006)

DISAGREEMENTS IN THE MEDIA

Mr Stephen Barney (Leicester) to move:

'That this Synod affirm that when Christians disagree they should find ways of doing so in a spirit of love and respect, and therefore deplore the use of the media in a way which actively promotes disagreement, and call on Christian leaders to commit themselves not to do this.'

21 Signatures

(February 2006)

PATRONAGE (BENEFICES) MEASURE

The Revd David Parrott (Chelmsford) to move:

'That this Synod, in the light of the changes to be made by the Dioceses, Pastoral and Mission Measure and the legislation giving effect to the Review of Clergy Terms of Service, request the Archbishops Council to establish a working party to:

- (a) review the working of the Patronage (Benefices) Measure 1986;
- (b) review the role, rights and responsibilities of patrons, and the system of patronage generally;
- (c) consider new, more appropriate ways of appointing clergy to benefices;
- (d) consider introducing a system for the appointment of priests in charge which is consistent with any such new process for appointing clergy to benefices; and
- (e) report back within the current quinquennium.'

19 Signatures

(July 2006)

BIBLE AVAILABILITY

Mr Tim Cox (Blackburn) to move:

'That this Synod believe that the importance of scripture is such that anyone entering a church building or attending a church service, whether regular or newcomer, should have easy and unfettered access to an appropriate version of the Holy Scriptures as set out on 9th October 2002 in the note by the House of Bishops on versions of scripture; that not precluding the opportunity for the use of IT, hard copies should be readily available; and, further, request that such legislation as is necessary be brought forward such that those bibles mentioned at paragraph 3 be deemed suitable for use with all Church of England services.'

15 Signatures

(February 2006)

NATIONAL CHURCH INSTITUTIONS

The Revd Stephen Trott (Peterborough) to move:

'That this Synod call for a review of the governance of the National Church Institutions, to be completed in time for the tenth anniversary of the National Institutions Measure 1998.'

15 Signatures

(July 2006)

NEW MOTIONS

PRISON MINISTRY

Mr Clive Scowen (London) to move:

'That this Synod:

- (a) value and rejoice in the historic freedom and opportunities for Christian witness and ministry in prisons through Chaplaincy and otherwise;
 - (b) believe that prisoners who come to faith in Christ are significantly less likely to re-offend than those who leave prison with no faith to sustain them;
 - (c) desire that all prisoners should be offered the opportunity while in prison to hear, study and engage with the life-transforming gospel of Christ; and
 - (d) therefore urge Her Majesty's Government, the Prison Service and prison governors to ensure that the freedom and opportunities referred to in paragraph (a) continue unimpaired.'
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UNIQUENESS OF CHRIST IN MULTI-FAITH BRITAIN

Mr Paul Eddy (Winchester) to move:

'That this Synod request the House of Bishops to report to the Synod on their understanding of the uniqueness of Christ in Britain's multi-faith society, and offer examples and commendations of good practice in sharing the gospel of salvation through Christ alone with people of other faiths and of none.'

CASINOS

Mr Thomas Benyon (Oxford) to move:

'That this Synod, appalled that the total national spend on gaming (particularly on the Internet) has risen in each year over the past four years from £4 to £40 billion, call on church leaders to redouble their effort in opposition to Her Majesty's Government's astonishing promotion of the opening of casinos.'

'SACRED BRITAIN' STRATEGY

Mr Roy Thompson (York) to move:

'That this Synod:

- (a) support the aims and objectives of the Churches Tourism Association's "Sacred Britain" strategy;
- (b) call on the Archbishops' Council to encourage each Diocese to form a Churches Tourism Group or, at least, to identify a Diocesan Tourism Officer;
- (c) propose that such Groups and officers be encouraged to:
 - (i) develop ecumenical church tourism networks through Churches Regional Commissions, where they exist, or similar regional bodies, to enable and facilitate strategic partnerships within Government Regions;
 - (ii) work with Cathedrals and the Greater Churches in their area to establish strong, sustainable, cultural and educational links to strengthen the part played by churches in the wider cultural life of the nation; and
 - (iii) establish and maintain regional and sub-regional contacts and dialogue with English Heritage, Churches Tourism Association, Historic Churches Preservation Trust, Churches Conservation Trust and other heritage and funding bodies; and

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- (d) ask the Archbishops' Council to report back on progress before the end of this Synod (July 2010).'

EPISCOPAL MINISTRY ACT OF SYNOD

to move on behalf of the Southwark Diocesan Synod:

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

March 2003

MEDIA STANDARDS: THEIR EFFECT ON INDIVIDUALS AND SOCIETY

The Revd Richard Moy to move on behalf of the Lichfield Diocesan Synod:

'That this Synod ask Her Majesty's Government to undertake an enquiry to examine the notion that standards of human behaviour are being fatally eroded by constant subjection to suggestions and images via the media promoting the exploitation of other human beings.'

March 2006

THE CHURCH COMMISSIONERS

to move on behalf of the Southwark Diocesan Synod:

'That this Synod request an urgent review by the Archbishops' Council of the status and accountability of the Church Commissioners.'

July 2006
