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Date Passed	25 November 2015	Motion	Motion on the Migrant Crisis (GS 2009)	Intended Audience	Parishes and dioceses; Her Majesty's Government
Action called for					
<p>Urge parishes and dioceses to provide practical resources and pray for those seeking to address the causes and symptoms of this crisis, welcome aid provided by HMG to those suffering. Call on HMG to increase number resettled significantly beyond its initial target of 20,000 over five years; call upon HMG to work with the UN High Commissioner to ensure that vulnerability to religiously motivated persecution is taken into account when determining whom to receive, to work with international partners to establish legal routes to places of safety and to take a fair share of refugees now within the EU.</p>					
Follow-up					
<p>The National Refugee Welcome Coordinator is reaching into all parts of England, working with parishes and dioceses to support the spread of refugee sponsorship. A series of meetings with the Home Office and other government departments are focussing on the situation post-2020, pushing for continuation of the government scheme as well as continued support of community sponsorship. We press the case for religious persecution to be given proper consideration, both when identifying families for resettlement, and in asylum casework. We are engaged with Safe Passage to ensure that commitments made as part of the EU are continued.</p>					

Date Passed	25 November 2015	Motion	Church Buildings Review (GS 2008)	Intended Audience	Dioceses, deaneries and parishes; Archbishops' Council; Church Commissioners; Church Buildings Council; Business Committee
Action called for					
<p>Welcome the report from the Church Buildings Review Group, commend it for discussion in dioceses, deaneries and parishes. Invite the Archbishops' Council, the Church Commissioners and the Church Buildings Council to work together on the detailed implementation of the proposals in the report to enable the Business Committee to schedule the start of the relevant legislative process by July 2016. Invite the Archbishops' Council, the Church Commissioners and the Church Buildings Council to develop a strategy to inspire, encourage and support churches and their dioceses to invest in their facilities to serve their communities and provide opportunities for mission.</p>					
Follow-up					
<p>We have set up an informal Strategic Church Buildings Support Group, with members from the Church Buildings Council, Bishoprics and Cathedrals Committee, Closed Churches Committee, and Mission and Public Affairs Council. This group was tasked with evaluating the common points between the teams and met 5 times in 2018, chaired by the Vice Chair of the Church Buildings Council, Jennie Page, standing in for the Chair. It included the Third Church Estates Commissioner.</p>					

The Lead Bishop for Cathedrals and Church Buildings, Chair of the Church Commissioners Board of Governors, Third Church Estates Commissioner, and Chair and Vice-Chair of the Church Buildings Council have agreed to a meeting with senior staff in Spring 2019 to discuss the outstanding CBR recommendations to the Closed Churches and Cathedral and Church Buildings Divisions.

Date Passed	16 February 2016	Motion	Report from the Evangelism Task Group (GS 2015)	Intended Audience	General Synod; Dioceses, deaneries and parishes
Action called for					
Synod took note of the Report from the Evangelism Task Group.					
Follow-up					
There will be a final report from the ETG at the February 2019 General Synod. Plus an update of the continuing work from the Task Group through the Evangelism and Discipleship Team.					

Date Passed	16 February 2016	Motion	Report of the Church of England – Church of Scotland Joint Study Group (GS 2016)	Intended Audience	Council for Christian Unity; Church of Scotland; Scottish Episcopal Church
Action called for					
The Council for Christian Unity to oversee the implementation of the Commitments contained in the Columba Declaration, as set out in paragraph 38 of the report, and set up the Contact Group proposed by it, ensuring that the Scottish Episcopal Church is invited to appoint a representative to attend its meetings;					
Follow-up					
Report was debated and approved at Church of Scotland Assembly 25 May; Council for Christian Unity has reviewed formal responses to the report from the Scottish Episcopal Church and the United Reformed Church, and taken forward matters relating to implementation, including Terms of Reference, initial priorities and membership for the Contact Group, following liaison with the Church of Scotland and the Scottish Episcopal Church; the Contact Group met for the first time in November 2017, including the representative from the Scottish Episcopal Church					

Date Passed	16 February 2016	Motion	Blood and Organ Donation (GS 2022A and GS 2022B)	Intended Audience	Church of England parishes
Action called for					
Calls on all Church of England parishes to encourage their members to become blood and organ donors.					
Follow-up					
Sustained activity by MPA – 4 major policy debates, 6 national initiatives. Founder associate of Flesh and Blood Churches campaign, in collaboration with NHSBT and others. +Carlisle and MPA’s policy adviser conducted series of 1 day seminars for clergy, lay leaders and ordinands on end of life issues, including organ donation: 12 seminars conducted to date. MPA officers and NHSBT exploring the proposed introduction of an opt-out system of organ donation in England including participation by BME individuals/communities. +Carlisle and the MPA’s policy adviser have met with the undersecretary of State for Health to discuss the issue.					

Date Passed	17 February 2016	Motion	The Impact of Sanctions on Benefit Claimants’ (GS 2019A and GS 2019B)	Intended Audience	Her Majesty’s Government, dioceses and parishes
Action called for					
Called on HMG to implement the recommendations set out in Feeding Britain in respect of the use of sanctions upon benefit claimants, to initiate a full independent review of the impact and efficacy of the sanctions and conditionality regime and to encourage every part of the Church of England to offer practical and pastoral support to those experiencing benefit sanctions, building on the Church’s work with food banks, credit unions and debt advice.’					
Follow-up					
MPA’s Emergency Use Only report highlighted impact of sanctions on food bank use. A major study by York University found sanctions increase destitution and are largely ineffective in promoting employment. MPA is involved in discussions on the future of crisis support in England, following its report on the decline in local authority schemes for people in crisis. MPA Council is also a member of End Hunger UK and actively supported the Fix Universal Credit campaign, calling for a yellow card warning system before issuing sanctions, alongside other recommendations to improve the design of UC. At least 30 Bishops signed the petition and promoted it in their dioceses.					

Date Passed	18 February 2016	Motion	Debate on a Motion on Renewal and Reform: Resourcing Ministerial Education (GS 2020)	Intended Audience	Archbishops' Council
Action called for					
Re-affirmed the objectives set out in GS 1979, welcomed the objectives set out in GS 2020, endorsed the funding arrangements agreed by the Archbishops' Council, requested a progress report back to Synod from the Archbishops' Council by July 2018.					
Follow-up					
For the progress report requested in the February 2016 Synod motion, please read GS Misc 1190					

Date Passed	18 February 2016	Motion	Take Note Debate on a Report on 'Renewal and Reform: Resourcing the Future' (GS 2021)	Intended Audience	Dioceses and parishes
Action called for					
The Synod was asked to Take Note of the report setting out the implementation plans for the Resourcing the Future review of the distribution of the Church's national funds.					
Follow-up					
Allocations of the £24.6m of Lowest Income Communities funding (plus £10.9m transitional funding) were made in 2018. Plans for the use of Restructuring Funding have been received from 19 of the 21 dioceses eligible to receive it. Dioceses have reported on their use of this funding and an analysis of the responses was considered by the Strategic Investment Board. £62m of Strategic Development Funding was awarded in 2018, supporting 20 awards to 20 dioceses. The Strategic Investment Board will consider further applications in 2019. The second round of peer reviews has begun and 11 review meetings were held in 2018.					

Date Passed	08 July 2016	Motion	Motion on the result of the EU Referendum	Intended Audience	Bishops and dioceses
Action called for					
The Synod welcomed the Archbishops' call for unity and called on Bishops to identify diocesan champions for unity within local communities.					
Follow-up					
MPA hosted blog site, <i>Reimagining Europe</i> with contributions from a Christian perspective including “leave” and “remain” voices.. After the referendum result, the blog continued as a forum about how our future relationships with European neighbours might evolve, including relationships with European churches. With the rise in hate crime since the referendum, MPA staff have supported bishops with information and analysis to inform local responses.					

Date Passed	09 July 2016	Motion	Motion on a Vision and Narrative for Renewal and Reform (GS 2038)	Intended Audience	National Church Institutions, Dioceses
Action called for					
Synod welcomed the vision and commended it as a framework for implementation of Renewal and Reform across the Church.					
Follow-up					
The Vision and Narrative has been adopted by all the workstreams as they continue their work under Renewal and Reform.					

Date Passed	09 July 2016	Motion	Take Note Debate on “A Church of England Vision for Education” (GS 2039)	Intended Audience	Bishops; Dioceses; Boards of Education; Schools; Colleges and Universities
Action called for					
Synod took note of the report.					
Follow-up					
The Vision has been well received very widely and has become the underpinning document for the Education Office’s work and the Church of England Foundation for Educational Leadership. Further work will help dioceses and educationalists to ensure the vision has impact in their local context. The Education Office is clear in the message that this the Church of England’s vision for education, not restricted to Church of England Schools, and so the vision is at the heart of our attempts to shape and develop policy across the educational landscape.					

Date Passed	09 July 2016	Motion	Nurturing and Discerning Senior Leaders (GS 2026)	Intended Audience	Bishops and Dioceses
Action called for					
Synod took note of the report.					
Follow-up					
Three Cohorts, with just over 160 clergy from across dioceses, are engaged in the Strategic Leadership Development Programme (SLDP). Two cohorts have completed the Bishops’ Development programme. A new SLDP cohort of Diocesan and Suffragan Bishops began in November. Support for Deans continues with transition coaching and a seminar for new Deans, and a smaller Cathedrals seminar. In November, a new initiative of Learning Communities Learning Together (LCLT) drew together 60 participants from all Cohorts plus NCI leaders. Further events are planned for the SLDP, Bishops, Deans and LCLT throughout 2019.					

Date Passed	09 July 2016	Motion	Draft Inspection of Churches Measure (GS 2028 and GS 2028x)	Intended Audience	Dioceses and parishes
Action called for Synod adjourned the debate.					
Follow-up The debate was adjourned. Officers are working on alternative ways of achieving the objectives of this draft Measure. Proposals will be brought to Synod at a future date.					

Date Passed	13 February 2017	Motion	Anniversary of the Reformation (GS 2044)	Intended Audience	Council for Christian Unity; Dioceses and Parishes
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Action called for

That the Synod give thanks to God for the blessings that the Reformation brought to the Church of England and welcome signs of convergence between the churches on the doctrine of salvation. That the Synod commend initiatives in this anniversary year to foster mutual understanding and reconciliation between churches, for the sake of our deeper renewal in the grace of God and our ability to share the gospel of salvation with all the world.

Follow-up

The Council for Christian Unity working together with the Lutheran Council of Great Britain held a day in Cambridge on the theme *Reformation then and now*. There was strong representation from the Church of England while the highlight of the year in this country was the major service at Westminster Abbey on 31 October, at which the Archbishop of Canterbury preached and then made a presentation to representatives of the Roman Catholic Church and Lutheran World Federation regarding the Anglican Consultative Council’s resolution on the Joint Declaration on the Doctrine, referred to in the motion approved by Synod.

Date Passed	15 February 2017	Motion	Creation of a Suffragan See for the diocese of Leicester (GS 2052)	Intended Audience	Her Majesty in Council
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Action called for

That the town of Loughborough be taken and accepted for a see of a suffragan bishop as if it had been included in the suffragan bishops Act 1534.

Follow-up

The Privy Council has agreed the creation of the Suffragan See of Loughborough and the Bishop is now in post.

Date Passed	15 February 2017	Motion	Fixed Odds Betting Terminals (GS 2054A and GS 2054B)	Intended Audience	Her Majesty's Government; dioceses and parishes
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Action called for

The Synod welcomed the work of HM's Government to review the maximum stake for Fixed Odds Betting Terminals and call on HM's Government bring forward proposals to reduce the maximum stake from £100 to £2 and to grant local authorities power to make provision about the number and location of such terminals.

Follow-up

The Church of England took a leading role in the campaign, led by the Bishop of St Albans, and we are delighted that, after a sustained pressing of the case both privately and in public, the government has decided on a £2 maximum. We continue to press for an early implementation date. The Bishop has sponsored a Bill to extend the powers of local authorities in this matter; we shall continue to advocate this, as we see how stake reductions impact the high street outlets; but our main focus is moving to online gambling, advertising, and the effects on children.

Date Passed	16 February 2017	Motion	Mission and Administration (GS 2057A and GS 2057B)	Intended Audience	Archbishops' Council
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Action called for

Considering the ratio of time and money spent in administration to that spent in mission, confirm that the principle of subsidiarity should not be applied to purely administrative functions and request the Archbishops' Council to consult with the Church Commissioners and dioceses, with the objective of establishing centralized administrative facilities so that other functions which can be handled more efficiently thereby are transferred accordingly.

Follow-up

A national service to better enable and support recruitment (Pathways), particularly through the provision of digital tools, was launched in August 2017. As of January 2019, we have 33 subscribers with 30 being dioceses. During the last 6 months, we have also serviced all other dioceses that are not yet subscribers. Since launching the programme, 329 open clergy posts have been advertised with 167 being filled and another 86 that are still going through the selection process. On average we are seeing 3.4 applications made to each open post, with 2,190 profiles of clergy in the system with over 21,000 in system. Over 31% of those have only signed up to receive alerts when open posts come available – a service which didn't exist before. These figures have led to organically reducing the spend on advertising for dioceses and Patrons. We are also seeing an increased utilisation of the system through mobile technology. We are seeing, for example through the 2018 audit, that the dioceses are now seeking more control over the process within the system, as they become more comfortable with the system as a whole. Localised control of templates is being launched in 2019.

Date Passed	16 February 2017	Motion	Setting God's People Free: Report from the Archbishops' Council (GS 2056)	Intended Audience	Archbishops' Council; House of Bishops; dioceses and parishes
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Action called for
The Archbishops' Council is to develop the implementation plan referred to in section 5 of the report and work closely with the House of Bishops and the dioceses in taking it forward.

Follow-up
The implementation of Setting God's People Free is into its second year of an initial three-year phase. 24 dioceses have participated in learning communities leading to the integration of SGPF recommendations into their diocesan plans, investigating the practical outworking with worshipping communities, developing new resources for worship, faith formation and witness and adapting ministerial training and development. A further 6 dioceses have been supported outside of the learning communities. Further work to expand support from dioceses is planned. Several resources which aim to support faith 'Mon-Sat as well as Sunday' have been produced, including the #EverydayFaith digital campaign. The first resource from the theological enrichment work, *Calling All God's People* will be available in February 2019.

Date Passed	07 July 2017	Motion	After the General Election, a still small voice of calm	Intended Audience	Dioceses, the whole Church of England
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Action called for

Please visit our website to see the full motion wording ([July group of sessions 2017 – Fourth Notice Paper](#)), which was passed unamended.

Follow-up

Brexit has eclipsed manifesto commitments to social cohesion but sharpened the national debate. The Archbishops and bishops engage with politicians across the parties, from the PM to local MPs and councillors. These conversations are confidential, but the motion's concerns frequently arise. The church's national and local work in serving vulnerable continues to grow. MPA assists local churches with refugee resettlement, and is developing plans for new work on the housing crisis. Our international relationships are shaped by strong bonds across the Anglican Communion, ecumenically and with the Diocese in Europe - questions of future European relationships are on the agenda at many levels. Staff are working with the HoB on a discussion of Brexit and post-Brexit issues at the House and possible follow up actions to press an agenda of reconciliation and national cohesion.

Date Passed	08 July 2017	Motion	Presence and Engagement: Report from the Mission and Public Affairs Council (GS 2063)	Intended Audience	Presence & Engagement Centres; dioceses; Presence & Engagement Task Group
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Action called for

Commend the national P&E programme and offer prayerful support for its work over the next five years, requesting that the fruit of this be made available through P&E Centres and as a report back to Synod. Encourage dioceses to incorporate cultivation of relationships with other faith communities into their mission plans. Re-affirm *Sharing the Gospel of Salvation* (GS Misc 956) and call on the P&E Task Group to continue supporting parishes bearing faithful witness to the gospel of Jesus Christ with sensitivity and confidence among people of other faiths.

Follow-up

A range of work continues to support and resource churches for ministry in multireligious contexts. Recent areas of focus have included partnering with the Office of the Chief Rabbi on a twinning programme for priests and rabbis, continuing to broaden our networks among ordinands and curates, closer working with the Christian Muslim Forum and contributing to the Faith and Order Commission's work on Christian-Jewish relations. P&E also continues to assist clergy welcoming Persians into their congregations, and encourage the appointment and greater utilisation of diocesan interfaith advisers.

Date Passed	08 July 2017	Motion	National Support for Local Churches: Report from the Archbishops' Council (GS 2069)	Intended Audience	Dioceses; parishes; Archbishops' Council
Action called for					
That the national team continues to create resources and training that supports local churches in their mission, evangelism and ministry.					
Follow-up					
The new Evangelism and Discipleship Team have and are producing lots of resources to support local churches. These include:					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The new Talking Jesus Course, which helps people to confidently talk about their faith. • Mission Academy Live – which helps young people to share their faith with their friends. • Various discipleship resources especially through the digital #LiveLent Course & the Ordinary Time campaign • The Follow the Star campaign and especially the pocket-sized booklet inviting people to reflect on the Wise Men this Christmas • Resources to help churches develop a culture of invitation • Resources to develop a Welcoming community 					

Date Passed	08 July 2017	Motion	Conversion Therapy (GS 2070A & GS 2070B)	Intended Audience	The Church; HM Government
Action called for					
Endorsement of the Memorandum of Understanding on Conversion Therapy in the UK (2015). To be sensitive and to listen to contemporary expressions of gender identity. The Government to ban the practice of Conversion Therapy.					
Follow-up					
The Under-Secretary of State for the Care & Mental Health has been petitioned by the Clerk to the Synod. The Second Estates Commissioner and staff met with the minister and officials at the DoH to reinforce the CofE's opposition to Conversion Therapy and press for action. The Living in Love and Faith working group on Social and Biological Sciences has engaged with the evidence and reinforces Synod's position on Conversion Therapy. The LLF process continues to engage with questions of gender identity. A submission was made to the HMG consultation on the Gender Recognition Act (2004) – the outcome is awaited.					

Date Passed	09 July 2017	Motion	Welcoming Transgender People (GS 2071A & 2071B)	Intended Audience	House of Bishops
Action called for					
Welcoming and affirming transgender people in the parish Church. Consideration by the House of Bishops on whether some nationally commended liturgical materials might be prepared to mark a person's gender transition.					
Follow-up					
The House of Bishops Delegation Committee has considered and endorsed a draft text of the Pastoral Guidance for using the Common Worship Rite of Affirmation of Baptismal Faith in the context of gender transition. This Guidance, which gives practical suggestions for how the rite of Affirmation can be used, has been written after consultation with an invited group of transgender clergy who have also given their endorsement to the draft. The text was given final approval at the December 2018 meeting of the House of Bishops.					

Date Passed	09 July 2017	Motion	Clergy Wellbeing: Report from the House of Clergy (GS 2072)	Intended Audience	The Appointments Committee
Action called for					
Welcome and support for the proposal to establish a Covenant for Clergy Wellbeing. Invite the Appointments Committee to appoint a Clergy Wellbeing Working Group to bring proposals for such a Covenant back to this Synod by July 2019.					
Follow-up					
The Clergy Wellbeing Group met on 6 occasions. It undertook some preliminary thinking of its own within the framework of the Ordinal - which sets out the core expectations for those entering the ordained ministry – and drew up a document. 'A Covenant for Clergy Care and Wellbeing' which it put out for consultation in October 2018. By the end of the year, it had received nearly 100 responses, both from individuals and on behalf of groups. This document has also been shared with bishops' regional groups and will be discussed by the Houses of Clergy and Laity in separate meetings just prior to the February Group of Sessions. The group intends to issue a revised document taking account of points raised before bringing it to the General Synod in July 2019, for debate and the proposed endorsement of the Covenant as an Act of Synod. The intention is that this would trigger subsequent debates and conversations at diocesan and parish level and in so doing help ensure that clergy wellbeing is taken more seriously than hitherto. The group anticipates that this next phase would be overseen by a monitoring group.					

Date Passed	09 July 2017	Motion	Schools Admissions Code (GS 2073A & GS 2073B)	Intended Audience	Secretary of State; admissions authorities.
Action called for					
Include provision in the Schools Admission Code requiring admission authorities to allocate places to children of clergy (and other workers who are required to live in tied accommodation) in advance of the family arriving in the area. Call on admissions authorities to accept letters of appointment as proof of residence ahead of children of clergy (and others previously mentioned) moving to the area.					
Follow-up					
The Secretary of State for Education has been petitioned by the Clerk to the General Synod.					

Date Passed	10 July 2017	Motion	Cost of applying for citizenship (GS 2047A & GS 2047B)	Intended Audience	Mission and Public Affairs Council; Lords Spiritual; parishes
Action called for					
Request that MPA Council investigate issues around the cost of applying for citizenship and made recommendations to HM Government. Encourage the Lords Spiritual to actively seek opportunities to address the issue of fees in debate. Urge parishes to raise the issue with their MP. Encourage parishes to support those who are struggling with the cost of citizenship fees to avoid debt and signpost responsible lenders.					
Follow-up					
The motion was communicated to the Home Office, and pressure continues; especially about the deliberate setting of fee levels, including those for applications on behalf of children, at a level substantially higher than the cost of processing the application. The recent concern about the theme of a 'hostile environment' has brought fresh attention to the high fees, not only for citizenship but for immigration-related applications (especially on behalf of children), and we are pressing that fees should reflect costs, rather than being a revenue opportunity.					

Date Passed	8 February 2018	Motion	<i>Discerning in Obedience: A theological review of the CNC</i> (GS 2080)	Intended Audience	
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Action called for
 The Synod took note of the Report – which included an implementation plan (see GS 2080).

Follow-up
 This Synod will be discussing Standing Order changes proposed following the review (GS 2120) and members have received a report from the Bishop of Lichfield who chairs the monitoring established by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York (GS Misc 1209).

Date Passed	9 February 2018	Motion	Companion Links and the Anglican Communion (GS 2081)	Intended Audience	Dioceses; deaneries; and parishes
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Action called for
 The motion calls for dioceses, deaneries and parishes to make international links a central part of their strategy for mission and discipleship.

Follow-up
 The World Mission and Anglican Communion Panel have sent the text of the motion to the World Mission co-ordinators in the dioceses for their consideration and are encouraging action through the Partnership for World Mission network. The Panel is holding a discussion with the Department of Evangelism and Discipleship to consider the relationship between developing discipleship and cross-cultural encounter and strategy for its implementation. The Bishop of Guildford has written to all Diocesan Bishops asking them to set up training days for mission in their dioceses which would prepare deaneries and parishes for Lambeth 2020. The resources of the Mission Agencies have been offered to Dioceses for this purpose.

Date Passed	9 February 2018	Motion	Food Wastage (GS 2077A and GS 2077B)	Intended Audience	Her Majesty’s Government; dioceses; parishes
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Action called for
 Request that dioceses and parishes work with voluntary initiatives to lobby for local food retailers to review their food waste policy. Ask Government to take effective action to minimise food waste and encourage church members to do the same in their own homes.

Follow-up
 Plans are under consideration with Shrinking the Footprint to roll these actions into the wider programme of work that includes the Lent Plastics Challenge and green procurement. As part of this, contact will be made with Defra ministers and officials, and church members will be encouraged to take personal responsibility for food waste as part of a wider commitment to environmentally sustainable actions. New arrangements for meals at General Synod will reduce significant amounts of food waste and changes to the organisation of fringe meetings has already begun this process.

Date Passed	9 February 2018	Motion	Mission and Ministry in Covenant (GS 2086)	Intended Audience	Faith and Order Bodies/Methodist Church
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Action called for
 The Faith and Order Commission to report back to the Synod at the next group of sessions on work carried out jointly with the Methodist Church to address the areas for further reflection outlined at paragraphs 26-29 of the covering note from the Faith and Order Commission to GS 2086; the Faith and Order Commission, in consultation with the Methodist Church, to explore and elucidate further the relationship between episcopal ordination and eucharistic presidency, as this touches on the full visible unity of our two churches.

Follow-up
 The faith and order bodies of the Church of England and the Methodist Church met to consider how to take this forward. A group with membership from both churches has been appointed to lead on the work that has been outlined. The co-chairs are the Bishop of Lichfield and the Revd Ruth Gee (former President of Conference). It is also responding to the issues for further reflection identified in the debate on *Mission and Ministry in Covenant* at the Methodist Conference in 2018. The faith and order bodies expect to complete their work in 2019.

Date Passed	9 February 2018	Motion	Petition for change of name to See of Kirkstall (GS 2085)	Intended Audience	
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Action called for
 Petition to Her Majesty in Council for the name of the See of Richmond to be changed to the See of Kirkstall

Follow-up
 The Privy Council has agreed to the renaming of the Suffragan See of Richmond to the See of Kirkstall.

Date Passed	10 February 2018	Motion	Religious Communities (GS 2087)	Intended Audience	Religious Communities/ Business Committee
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Action called for
(a) note the historic importance of religious communities in the life of the faithful in this country; (b) celebrate the many new expressions of the religious life through Recognised and Acknowledged Communities; and (c) call on the Business Committee to introduce a new Canon to the Synod by July 2018 to provide a framework for religious life in the Church of England.

Follow-up
 Draft Amending Canon No. 40 received its First Consideration at the July 2018 group of sessions. It will return for the Revision Stage in February 2019. In addition, the Church of England (Miscellaneous Provisions) contains further provision relating to religious communities The Measure will receive its Revision Stage in February 2019.

Date Passed	10 February 2018	Motion	Valuing People with Down's syndrome (GS 2088)	Intended Audience	Public and other organisations
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Action called for
 That women who have been told that their unborn child has Down's Syndrome are given comprehensive, unbiased information on the condition.

Follow-up

Representatives of MPA, Ministry Division, Education, Communications and Lambeth Palace along with the bishop of Carlisle have met with representatives of Mencap and other organisations to discuss the best ways of putting 'Valuing People with Downs Syndrome' into practice. Meetings will be ongoing and a 'tool-kit' for use by parishes and schools is being planned. The MPA policy adviser and +Carlisle have met with the undersecretary of State for Health to discuss issues surrounding NIPT and are working with Mencap and the Down's Syndrome Association on promoting an independent helpline supported by the NHS.

Date Passed	7 July 2018	Motion	Safeguarding (GS 2092)	Intended Audience	National Church Institutions; House of Bishops and Archbishops' Council
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Action called for

That this Synod, recognising that safeguarding is at the heart of Christian mission and the urgent need for the Church of England to continue to become a safer place for all and a refuge for those who suffer abuse in any context:

- a) endorse the priorities for action outlined in the report (GS 2092);
- b) endorse as an additional priority the support of safeguarding at parish level to create a safer church of all;
- c) call on the House of Bishops and the Archbishops' Council to ensure that a plan of action is implemented as a matter of priority; and
- d) call on the House of Bishops to introduce, as a matter of urgency, ways to improve relations between the Church and those survivors currently in dispute with the National Church Institutions including, where appropriate, by the use of mediation processes.'

Follow-up

The House of Bishops and Archbishops' Council, under the auspices of the National safeguarding Steering Group, have been monitoring the implementation of actions contained in the report GS 2092, alongside other developments led by the National Safeguarding Team aimed improving the consistency and quality of safeguarding practice and arrangements across the whole church. The NSSG is actively exploring mediation and restorative justice options to improve relations with survivors alongside supporting work aimed at developing a strategic framework for their engagement with the Church. An overview of progress is contained within the GS Misc report for the February 2019 sessions of General Synod. Members of Synod also have the opportunity to meet with key leaders at a Fringe Event during the sessions.

Date Passed	8 July 2018	Motion	Climate change and investment (GS 2093 & GS Misc 1196)	Intended Audience	National Investing Bodies
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Action called for

The National Investing Bodies (NIBs) were urged to: engage urgently and robustly with companies rated poorly by the Transition Pathway Initiative (TPI) and, beginning in 2020, to start to disinvest from the ones that are not taking seriously their responsibilities to assist with the transition to a low carbon economy; ensure that by 2023 they have disinvested from fossil fuel companies that they have assessed, drawing on TPI data, as not prepared to align with the goal of the Paris Agreement to restrict the global average temperature rise to well below 2°C; and proactively to seek and scale up investment in renewable energy and low carbon technology.

Follow-up

The NIBs are continuing to take forward TPI, with partners, as a tool for systematically assessing companies' alignment with the transition to a low carbon economy, including developing methodologies with the Grantham Research Institute at the London School of Economics for performance assessment of fossil fuel companies. The NIBs have established their expectations of companies for 2020 and 2023, are engaging urgently as part of the Climate Action 100+ global engagement programme, and are making plans to engage with all companies that do not currently meet their expectations. The NIBs continue actively to seek low carbon investments that meet their investment criteria and to monitor the extent of their holdings of low carbon investments.

Date Passed	8 July 2018	Motion	The Ethics of Nuclear Weapons (GS 2095)	Intended Audience	Her Majesty's Government; Anglican Communion and ecumenical partners
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Action called for

That the Church of England work with its Anglican Communion and ecumenical partners in addressing the regional and international security concerns which drive nations to possess and seek nuclear weapons and to work towards achieving a genuine peace through their elimination.

Follow-up

Representatives of MPA are in conversation with the World Council of Churches and UK based ecumenical partners as to the scope for collaboration ahead of the Non Proliferation Treaty Review Conference in 2020.

Date Passed	9 July 2018	Motion	Long Term Sustainability of the National Health Service	Intended Audience	Her Majesty's Government
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Action called for

To engage with HMG to encourage action on the House of Lords Select Committee report.

Follow-up

The bishop of Carlisle and the MPA policy adviser have met with the undersecretary of State for Health to discuss the future of the NHS and Social Care funding. A Green paper on Social Care is currently being prepared for consultation during 2019; MPA intends to make a submission to the consultation and to be actively involved in the ensuing debate.

Date Passed	10 July 2018	Motion	Report of the Cathedrals Working Group	Intended Audience	Archbishops' Council; Bishops; Cathedrals and National Church Institutions
<p>Action called for</p> <p>In July 2018, it was agreed that General Synod:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) welcome the recommendations in the Report of the Cathedrals Working Group (GS 2101A); b) request the Archbishops' Council to bring forward a draft Measure for the First Consideration at the July 2019 group of sessions to give effect to the recommendations that involve legislative change; c) call on all concerned, including bishops, cathedrals and the National Church Institutions, to give effect to the recommendations which do not involve legislative change as soon as practically possible. 					
<p>Follow-up</p> <p>The NCIs have now established an internal Cathedrals Support Group (CSG), which is chaired by the Third Church Estates Commissioner. The purpose of the group is to oversee the delivery of the legislative and non-legislative recommendations emerging from the Cathedrals Working Group Report as endorsed by Synod. Workstreams include: Theology, Governance, Parish Church Cathedrals, Residentiary Canons, Finance, Risk and Audit, Cathedral Management, Safeguarding, The Role of NCI's & AEC and, Buildings. Each of these streams has an agreed NCI lead who works closely with one or more cathedral links who are representatives nominated by the Association of English Cathedrals. The Chair of the CSG issues regular newsletters to the cathedrals community and others updating them on progress. In addition, a recent FAQs document was released by the CSG alongside its latest bulletin, detailing the legislative timetable over the next few years and answering other key questions raised.</p>					