

Friday 22 February 2019

10.30 p.m. to 1.00 p.m.

ORDER PAPER IV

*Bible Study will take place in the Assembly Hall from 9.15 a.m.
– 10.30 a.m.*

SPECIAL AGENDA IV

DIOCESAN SYNOD MOTION

**ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMMES (GS 2094A, GS 2094B
and GS Misc 1212) (Resumed debate)**

Mrs Enid Barron to move on behalf of the London Diocesan Synod:

- 11** That this Synod:
- (a) recognise the escalating threat to God's creation from global warming and climate change, and the suffering caused, particularly to the poor;
 - (b) recall the previous resolution of the Synod, including 3 'to develop Shrinking the Footprint (StF) to enable the whole Church to address the issue of climate change;
 - (c) call on every diocese to have an environment programme with a designated member of the bishop's staff team to lead and advocate for the programme;
 - (d) call on the Environmental Working Group, supported by the national teams for the Church of England Environmental Programme (CoEEP) and Mission & Public Affairs:
 - (i) to prepare and submit a framework plan to the Archbishops' Council for the promotion, coordination and rapid acceleration of the CoEEP, with particular attention to reducing the Church of England's energy use and CO2 emissions;

- (ii) to continue developing, and making available, tools for the annual collation of the energy consumption of cathedrals, churches and church halls and calculation of their total CO2 emissions to enable monitoring of progress towards the Church's target of reducing CO2 emissions by 80% by 2050;
- (iii) to promote communication and peer-review between individual dioceses as a means of encouraging best practice in the area of environmental policy, with special reference to investments, property and land use; and activities supporting the CoEEP and Eco Church Initiatives;
- (iv) to compile and submit a progress report to the Synod at least every three years; and
- (e) call on the Archbishops' Council urgently to assess what human and financial resources would be required to enable the work in (d) above, and to report this back at the February 2019 group of sessions.

Note: *The text shows the motion in the amended form it took immediately before the carrying of the motion for the Adjournment of Debate at the July 2018 group of sessions.*

Not later than 11.30 a.m.

EVANGELISM AND DISCIPLESHIP (GS 2118) and Annex A

The Revd Barry Hill (Leicester) to move:

- 12** That this Synod, welcoming the report from the Archbishops' Evangelism Task Group and commending the work of the new Evangelism and Discipleship Department:
- a) call on every worshipping community to make evangelism a planned priority for the coming year;
 - b) affirm the importance of prayer in the work of evangelism and call on every parish to be involved in 'Thy Kingdom Come';

- c) encourage dioceses to envision, equip and enable lay and ordained people to be more confident in the sharing of the Good News of Jesus Christ in their everyday lives; and
- d) ask the Evangelism and Discipleship Team to bring a report to the Synod on the progress made on carrying forward the recommendations made in GS 2098 no later than July 2020.

The Revd Fr Thomas Seville (Religious Communities) to move as an amendment:

42 Before paragraph (a) *insert:*

“() invite every worshipping community to recognise the depth of what God has done for them in Christ, in calling them to a community of praise and thanksgiving”

Dr Andrew Bell (Oxford) to move as an amendment:

43 In paragraph (a) at the end, *insert:*

“and always”

The Revd Canon Lisa Battye (Manchester) to move as an amendment:

44 In paragraph (a) at the end, *insert:*

“and to facilitate a shift of focus in the use of clergy time from servicing the existing church community to the discipling of new Christians;”

The Revd Stewart Fyfe (Carlisle) to move as an amendment:

45 After paragraph (c) *insert:*

“() encourage every worshipping community, diocese, and the National Church Institutions to promote, within the national discourse, a renewed confidence in Christian evangelism and discipleship as bringing a positive, wholesome and practical benefit to individual lives and the life of the nation; and”

