

GENERAL SYNOD

JULY GROUP OF SESSIONS 2019

FOURTEENTH NOTICE PAPER AMENDMENTS AND INFORMATION

ITEM 28: SETTING GOD’S PEOPLE FREE (GS 2145)

Ms Jayne Ozanne (Oxford) to move as an amendment:

At the end of paragraph (b) *leave out* “and”, and *insert*:

“() affirm the importance of the laity within the whole people of God and emphasise all can and should play a full part in living out the Good News regardless of their race, class, sexuality or physical ability; and”.

SYNOD APP: REQUESTS TO SPEAK

Synod members are advised that the request to speak function on the General Synod App is sent to a designated mail box which is managed by Synod staff.

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PRIVATE MEMBERS' MOTION

Further to Notice Paper 11, the full text of the Private Members' Motion proposed by Mr David Lamming (St Edmundsbury and Ipswich) is as follows:

Mr David Lamming (St Edmundsbury and Ipswich) to move:

That this Synod:

- (a) share the sadness and regret of the Rt Revd Philip North in his decision, announced on 9 March 2017, to withdraw acceptance of his nomination to the See of Sheffield;
- (b) note the substantial support for Bishop North's nomination from many women and men, lay and ordained, in the dioceses of both Sheffield and Blackburn, and in the wider Church of England;
- (c) express its full support for Bishop North in his future ministry, whether in the Blackburn diocese or elsewhere;
- (d) note, with concern, the implications of Bishop North's decision, and the public debate that preceded it, for the 'mutual flourishing' of the Church of England; and
- (e) request the House of Bishops urgently to review the 'Five Guiding Principles' and to consider whether they need to be amended or amplified in order to ensure that there is an equal place at all levels in the Church for men and women of different theological convictions on the issue of women's ordination, and to report to the Synod by February 2018.