

**Monday 23 November 2020**

**1.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.**

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**ORDER PAPER I**

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**WORSHIP**

**1 INTRODUCTIONS AND WELCOMES**

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**SPECIAL AGENDA I**

**LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS**

**STANDING ORDERS MADE UNDER SECTION 1 OF THE  
GENERAL SYNOD (REMOTE MEETINGS) (TEMPORARY  
STANDING ORDERS) MEASURE 2020 (GS 2177)**

**- Standing Orders for Approval**

*Dr Jamie Harrison* (Durham) to move:

- 500A** ‘That the Standing Orders made under section 1 of the General Synod (Remote Meetings) (Temporary Standing Orders) Measure 2020 be considered.’

*Mr David Lamming* (St Edmundsbury & Ipswich) to move as an amendment:

- 508** ‘In the Standing Orders, after Standing Order 5, insert—

“5A (1) A vote of the Synod which, but for these Standing Orders, would have been taken on a show of hands is not to be regarded as conducted by electronic means for the purposes of Standing Order 38(9) of the Synod (publication of voting record on electronic vote).

(2) The Clerk to the Synod must ensure that, on such a vote, any record made by the system for electronic voting of the names of members as referred to in Standing Order 38(9) is destroyed

before the conclusion of the group of sessions at which the vote was held.”.’

***Explanatory statement:*** *this amendment would ensure that, on a vote which would be taken on a show of hands at a physical meeting of Synod, any record made by the electronic voting system of how members voted must not be published and must be destroyed before the end of the group of sessions concerned.*

*Dr Jamie Harrison (Durham) to move:*

**500B** ‘That the Standing Orders made under section 1 of the General Synod (Remote Meetings) (Temporary Standing Orders) Measure 2020 [as amended] be approved.’

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**AMENDING CANON NO. 40 (GS 2103D)**

**AMENDING CANON NO. 41 (GS 2105D)**

**Article 7 business (both items)**

**Canons for Enactment**

**(Finally approved at the July 2019 group of sessions)**

*The Archbishop of Canterbury to move:*

**501** ‘That the Canons entitled “Amending Canon No. 40” and “Amending Canon No. 41” be made, promulged and executed.’

**PRESENTATION BY THE PRESIDENTS**

**2** Presentation under SO 107

*Note: The Business Committee has determined under SO 107(3) that this presentation should include an opportunity for questions.*

## **RESPONSE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC (GS 2192)**

*The Archbishop of York* to move:

- 3** 'That this Synod, recognising the profound challenge to life and wellbeing posed by the Covid-19 pandemic:
- (a) call upon the whole church to hold in prayer all those ill, bereaved, unemployed or suffering mentally as a result of the virus, to pray for Her Majesty's Government and all who hold responsibility for navigating the intractable dilemmas that Covid-19 poses;
  - (b) give thanks for the continuing selfless service of NHS and social care staff, scientists, and key workers in every sector, encouraging all to follow their example by affirming the common good over sectional interests;
  - (c) request the church's representatives, in conversations with Her Majesty's Government, to press the case for reducing social inequalities, especially the disproportionate impact of Covid-19 on BAME people and children living in poverty and to reflect concerns expressed by Synod in debate on this motion;
  - (d) celebrate the role of churches in building mental and spiritual resilience to face the crisis and, affirming the role of worship and the sacraments as the source of Christian service and discipleship, call upon Her Majesty's Government immediately to review the decision to curtail public worship during lockdown.'

*April Alexander* (Southwark) to move as an amendment:

- 19** 'In paragraph (c), at the beginning *insert* "remembering the long term effects of austerity since the last financial crash of 2008,".'

*The Revd Timothy Goode* (Southwark) to move as an amendment:

- 20 ‘In paragraph (c) after “children living in poverty” *insert* “disabled people, elderly people and those living with chronic health conditions”.’

*The Revd Timothy Goode* (Southwark) to move as an amendment:

- 21 ‘After paragraph (c) *insert*:

“( ) express concern that the God given image, dignity and value of disabled and/or elderly people, including all those in residential care homes, are diminished when they are denied access to the same level of health care as the rest of the population.”.’

With the permission of the Chair, *The Archbishop of York* to move as an amendment:

- 22 ‘After paragraph (c), *insert*

“( ) call on Her Majesty’s Government to preserve the United Kingdom’s foreign aid budget at 0.7% of GDP, sending a strong signal that the United Kingdom is a reliable partner for long-term economic, social, environmental and educational advancement across the globe.”.’

## **REPORT BY THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE (GS 2179)**

*The Revd Canon Sue Booy* (Oxford) (Chair of the Business Committee) to move:

- 4 ‘That the Synod do take note of this Report.’
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**Not later than 5.30 pm**

## **5 QUESTIONS**

**MEETING OF THE HOUSE OF BISHOPS**

Members are invited to attend at 7.15pm for the following item:

**RELIGIOUS COMMUNITIES REGULATIONS 2020 (GS 2191)**

**Regulations under Canon DA 1**

*The Bishop of Manchester to move:*

‘That the Religious Communities Regulations 2020 in the form set out in GS 2191 be approved’.

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/93112687052>

Meeting ID: 931 1268 7052 Password: 913019

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