

GENERAL SYNOD

JULY 2021 GROUP OF SESSIONS

BUSINESS DONE AT 7.15 PM

ON FRIDAY 9TH JULY 2021

WORSHIP

The Revd Michael Gisbourne led the Synod in an act of worship.

INTRODUCTIONS AND WELCOMES

1 The ARCHBISHOP OF YORK introduced the following new members:

The Revd Paul Bradbury, Diocese of Salisbury, replacing Revd Dr Helen Dawes

Dame Caroline Spelman (ex-officio), Chair of the Dioceses Commission

The ARCHBISHOP OF YORK welcomed the Ecumenical Representative, Mrs Shermara Fletcher (Pentecostal and black majority Churches) attending for the first time.

PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

2 The ARCHBISHOP OF YORK gave a Presidential Address.

REPORT BY THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE (GS 2208)

3 The motion

‘That the Synod do take note of this Report.’

was carried.

RACIAL JUSTICE COMMISSION (GS MISC 1282)

- 4 A presentation was made by a member of the Racial Justice Commission under Standing Order 107.

IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF GS 2202

“RESPONSIBLE REPRESENTATION” (GS 2209)

- 5 The motion

‘That this Synod request that the necessary amendments be moved to the Standing Orders and the Vacancy in See Committees Regulation (as appropriate) so that the electorate for the election of central members of the Crown Nominations Commission (‘CNC’) comprises the combined membership of the Houses of Clergy and Laity.’

was carried.

- 6 The motion

‘That this Synod request that the necessary amendments be moved to the Standing Orders and the Vacancy in See Committees Regulation (as appropriate) so that the election of central members of the CNC must take place at a group of sessions of the Synod, with only the members of the Houses of Clergy and Laity who are present (including by participating remotely in the case of a remote group of sessions) being entitled to vote.’

was moved.

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- 6 The motion (as amended):

‘That this Synod request that the necessary amendments be moved to the Standing Orders and the Vacancy in See Committees Regulation (as appropriate) so that the election of central members of the CNC must take place at a group of sessions of the Synod, with only the members of the House of Clergy and Laity who are present (including by participating remotely in the case of a remote or hybrid group of sessions or of a member who is unable to be present at a physical meeting by reason of illness or disability) being entitled to vote.’

was carried following a counted vote of the whole Synod. The voting was as follows:

IN FAVOUR	185
AGAINST	86

12 abstentions were recorded.

7 The motion

‘That this Synod request that the necessary amendments be moved to the Standing Orders and the Vacancy in See Committees Regulation (as appropriate) so that:

- a) central members of the CNC are elected as six pairs, three pairs from the House of Clergy and three from the House of Laity, with one member of each pair serving for the consideration by the CNC of a particular vacancy, the pair agreeing between themselves which of them is to serve or, in default of agreement, the matter being determined by lot; and
- b) a casual vacancy among those elected from the Houses of Clergy and Laity is always filled by a fresh election, held in the same manner as an ordinary election, of a complete pair from the relevant House.’

was moved.

92 The amendment (Order Paper I) was lost after a counted after a counted vote by Houses. The voting was as follows

	IN FAVOUR	AGAINST
Bishops	4	24
Clergy	42	81
Laity	64	71

2 abstentions were recorded in the House of Bishops, 8 abstentions in the House of Clergy, and 16 abstentions in the House of Laity.

93 The amendment (Order Paper I) fell

94 The amendment (Order Paper I) was carried following a counted vote of the whole Synod. The voting was as follows:

IN FAVOUR	128
AGAINST	125

26 abstentions were recorded.

7 The motion (as amended):

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- a) central members of the CNC are elected as six pairs, three pairs from the House of Clergy and three from the House of Laity, with one member of each pair serving for the consideration by the CNC of a particular vacancy, the pair agreeing between themselves which of them is to serve or, in default of agreement, the matter being determined by lot; and
- b) if just one member of a pair ceases to hold office as a central member of the CNC, the vacancy is left unfilled for so long as the remaining member of the pair is willing to continue to serve as a member of the CNC, and so that where that remaining member is unable to serve for a particular vacancy the

member's place for that vacancy is taken by a member of the same House as that member appointed by the Chair of that House; but so that if both members of a pair cease to hold office as central members of the CNC, or if a remaining member of a pair is unwilling to continue to serve, the vacancies are filled by an election of a complete pair from the relevant House held in accordance with Standing Order 134'

was carried following a counted vote of the whole Synod. The voting was as follows:

IN FAVOUR	217
AGAINST	69

26 abstentions were recorded.

8 The motion

'That this Synod request that the necessary amendments be moved to the Standing Orders and the Vacancy in See Committees Regulation (as appropriate) so that the CNC may co-opt one non-voting member for the consideration of a vacancy if it considers, having regard to the documentation received from the Vacancy in See Committee and the Prime Minister's and the Archbishops' Secretaries for Appointments, that its membership is not representative of the diocese as a whole.'

was carried following a counted vote of the whole Synod. The voting was as follows:

IN FAVOUR	245
AGAINST	42

20 abstentions were recorded.

9 The motion

‘That this Synod request that the necessary amendments be moved to the Standing Orders and the Vacancy in See Committees Regulation (as appropriate) so that should the CNC fail to agree on a name for submission to the Prime Minister, it may direct that the process for filling the vacancy is to recommence at a stage it specifies, which may include the stage at which diocesan members are elected by the Vacancy in See Committee.’

was carried following a counted vote of the whole Synod. The voting was as follows:

IN FAVOUR	281
AGAINST	12

7 abstentions were recorded.

THE NATIONAL INVESTING BODIES’ APPROACH TO CLIMATE CHANGE: UPDATE (GS MISC 1283)

10 A presentation was given under Standing Order 107.

QUESTIONS

12 Supplementary questions in respect of questions 1 to 46, as set out on the Questions Notice Paper, were answered.

EVENING WORSHIP

Members of the Racial Justice Task Force led the Synod in an act of Worship.

The ARCHBISHOP OF YORK dismissed the Synod with a blessing at 7.30 p.m.

LEGAL OFFICERS (ANNUAL FEES) ORDER 2021 (GS 2229)

Order under section 86 of the Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction and Care of Churches Measure 2021 for approval

Under Standing Order 71(2) the Legal Officers (Annual Fees) Order 2021 was deemed to have been approved by the General Synod, no member having given notice of a wish to have the Order debated.

ECCLESIASTICAL JUDGES, LEGAL OFFICERS AND OTHERS (FEES) ORDER 2021 (GS 2230)

Order under section 86 of the Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction and Care of Churches Measure 2021 for approval

Under Standing Order 71(2) the Ecclesiastical Judges, Legal Officers and Others (Fees) Order 2021 was deemed to have been approved by the General Synod, no member having given notice of a wish to have the Order debated.

TRUST DEED AND RULES OF THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND FUNDED PENSION SCHEME (GS 2231)

Approval of Amended Trust Deed and of Rules under section 8 of the Church of England Pensions Measure 2018

Under Standing Order 71(2) the Trust Deed and Rules of The Church of England Funded Pension Scheme were deemed to have been approved by the General Synod, no member having given notice of a wish to have them debated.