

**GENERAL SYNOD**

**JULY 2021 GROUP OF SESSIONS**

**BUSINESS DONE AT 7 P.M.**

**ON SUNDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2021**

**WORSHIP**

The Revd Canon Graeme Buttery led the Synod in an act of worship.

**SPECIAL AGENDA I**

**LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS**

**Draft Church Representation Rules (Amendment) Resolution (GS 2217)**

501A The motion,

‘That the Draft Church Representation Rules (Amendment) Resolution 2021 be considered.’

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

IN FAVOUR	261
AGAINST	17

5 abstentions were recorded.

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

IN FAVOUR	273
AGAINST	11

7 abstentions were recorded.

501B The motion

‘That the Draft Church Representation Rules (Amendment) Resolution 2021 (as amended) be approved.’

was carried after a counted vote by Houses. The voting was as follows

	IN FAVOUR	AGAINST
Bishops	25	1
Clergy	127	4
Laity	143	2

1 abstention was recorded in the House of Bishops and 1 abstention in the House of Clergy.

The Chair reported that the Church Representation Rules (Amendment) Resolution 2021 would be laid before both Houses of Parliament pursuant to the Statutory Instruments Act 1946.

### **Draft Ecclesiastical Offices (Terms of Service) (Amendment) Regulations (GS 2218)**

502 The motion

That the Draft Ecclesiastical Offices (Terms of Service) (Amendment) Regulations 2021 be approved.’

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

IN FAVOUR	261
AGAINST	11

4 abstentions were recorded.

The Chair reported that the Ecclesiastical Offices (Terms of Service) (Amendment) Regulations 2021 may now be made by the Archbishops’ Council.

## **THE NATURE OF ORDAINED PUBLIC MINISTRY**

23 A presentation was made under Standing Order 107

## **PROPOSALS FOR LEGISLATION TO REPLACE THE CLERGY DISCIPLINE MEASURE 2003 (GS 2219)**

24 The motion

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

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

IN FAVOUR	299
AGAINST	4

5 abstentions were recorded.

99 The motion

‘That this Synod:

Believing the proposal in GS 2219 to categorise complaints against clergy as either "complaints" or "misconduct" is likely to perpetuate existing trauma of clergy being subjected to serious formal process for some conduct which does not justify prohibition from ministry and the loss of home or livelihood.; and also believing that the proposed timetable for tabling new legislation will add yet further lengthy delay to remedying the manifest defects of the Clergy Discipline Measure 2003;

- a) urge the proposed implementation group to develop a system of initial assessment that distinguishes between:
  - (i) complaints not involving misconduct
  - (ii) misconduct that is less than serious, and
  - (iii) serious misconduct, with only serious misconduct being subject to investigation by a national agency and a formal tribunal process; and

- b) encourage the business committee to enable the implementation group to present its initial proposals on a proposed approach to Synod in November 2021 so progress can be made with serious intent through the Synod sessions of 2022.’

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

IN FAVOUR	238
AGAINST	32

20 abstentions were recorded.

#### **APPOINTMENT OF A MEMBER OF THE ARCHBISHOPS’ COUNCIL (GS 2220)**

25 The motion

‘That the appointment of Canon John Spence as a member of Archbishops’ Council for a further term expiring on 30 September 2023 be approved.’

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

IN FAVOUR	200
AGAINST	7

23 abstentions were recorded.

#### **APPOINTMENT OF EXTERNAL AUDITORS (GS 2221)**

26 The motion

‘That the appointment of Crowe UK LLP as the external auditors for the Archbishops’ Council for a five year period commencing with the year ending 31 December 2021 be approved.’

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

IN FAVOUR	184
AGAINST	5

8 abstentions were recorded.

### **EVENING WORSHIP**

The Revd Dr Rachel Mann led the Synod in an act of Worship.

The ARCHBISHOP OF YORK dismissed the Synod with a blessing at 7 p.m.