

**GENERAL SYNOD**

**JULY 2021 GROUP OF SESSIONS**

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

**ON MONDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2021**

**MOTION FROM THE HOUSE OF BISHOPS ON REPORT FROM THE IMPLEMENTATION AND DIALOGUE GROUP (GS 2225)**

31 The motion

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

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

	IN FAVOUR	AGAINST
Bishops	25	1
Clergy	93	39
Laity	93	40

6 abstentions were recorded in the House of Bishops, 14 abstentions in the House of Clergy, and 20 abstentions in the House of Laity.

**REVIEW OF THE ‘FIVE GUIDING PRINCIPLES’ (GS 2226A AND GS 2226B)**

32 The motion (Order Paper VI) was not moved.

**APPOINTMENT OF A BODY TO OVERSEE THE NEXT STAGE OF THE ANGLICAN-METHODIST COVENANT (GS 2210)**

11 The motion

‘That this Synod thank the members of the Joint Covenant Advocacy and Monitoring Group for their work during the General Synod’s last quinquennium and direct that a new body, called “Life in Covenant, be established on the basis set out in GS 2210 to carry that work forward.’

was moved.

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

IN FAVOUR	116
AGAINST	174

14 abstentions were recorded.

- 11 The motion

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

IN FAVOUR	218
AGAINST	73

19 abstentions were recorded.

## **AMENDMENTS TO STANDING ORDERS: ELECTIONS TO CROWN NOMINATIONS COMMISSION**

### **58th REPORT OF THE STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE (GS 2227)**

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

IN FAVOUR	233
AGAINST	9

10 abstentions were recorded.

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

IN FAVOUR	230
AGAINST	13

8 abstentions were recorded.

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

IN FAVOUR	229
AGAINST	14

9 abstentions were recorded.

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

IN FAVOUR	248
AGAINST	3

7 abstentions were recorded.

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

IN FAVOUR	249
AGAINST	2

3 abstentions were recorded.

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

IN FAVOUR	258
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AGAINST 1

1 abstention was recorded.

86 The amendment (Order Paper VI) was not moved.

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

IN FAVOUR 249

AGAINST 2

3 abstentions were recorded.

With the permission of the Chair the following amendments were taken *en bloc* under Standing order 40(2)(a) and (b):

78 The amendment (Order Paper VI)

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

IN FAVOUR 251

AGAINST 0

2 abstentions were recorded.

## **SPECIAL AGENDA I**

### **LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS**

#### **VACANCY IN SEE COMMITTEES (AMENDMENT) REGULATION 2021 (GS 2228)**

503A The motion

‘That the Vacancy in See Committees (Amendment) Regulation 2021 be considered.’

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

IN FAVOUR	257
AGAINST	2

3 abstentions were recorded.

505 The amendment (Order Paper VI) was lost following a counted vote of the whole Synod. The voting was as follows:

IN FAVOUR	123
AGAINST	133

16 abstentions were recorded.

506 The amendment (Order Paper VI) was lost following a counted vote of the whole Synod. The voting was as follows:

IN FAVOUR	98
AGAINST	159

7 abstentions were recorded.

507 The amendment (Order Paper VI) lapsed.

503B The motion

‘That the Vacancy in See Committees (Amendment) Regulation 2021 be approved.’

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

IN FAVOUR 263

AGAINST 9

3 abstentions were recorded.

The Chair reported that the Vacancy in See Committees (Amendment) Regulation 2021 Regulation may now be made by the Archbishop's Council.

## **FAREWELLS**

33 The Bishop of Manchester paid tribute to the First Church Estates Commissioner, Loretta Minghella.

The ARCHBISHOP OF YORK paid tribute to

The Bishop of Beverley, the Rt Revd Glyn Webster;  
The Bishop of Rochester, the Rt Revd James Langstaff;  
The Bishop of Willesden, the Rt Revd Pete Broadbent;  
The Bishop at Lambeth, the Rt Revd Tim Thornton; and  
Mrs Elizabeth Paver, Vice-Chair of the House of Laity

The ARCHBISHOP OF YORK paid tribute to those other members whose names appeared on the Ninth Notice Paper as members not seeking re-election.

The ARCHBISHOP OF YORK also paid tribute to:

The Revd Michael Gisbourne, Chaplain to the General Synod; and  
Mr Jonathan Neil-Smith, Secretary to the Dioceses Commission  
and the House of Clergy.

## **ANNOUNCEMENT OF DISSOLUTION**

34 The ARCHBISHOP OF YORK informed the Synod that Her Majesty's writs for the dissolution of the Convocations had been received.

The Registrar read Writs dated the 23<sup>th</sup> day of June 2021 by which HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN had ordered, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, that the Convocation of Canterbury and the Convocation of York should be dissolved that day, 12th July 2021.

In obedience to Her Majesty's Writ addressed to the ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY, and in the Archbishop's absence, the BISHOP OF LONDON, as Dean of the Province and acting as Chair of the Convocation read and executed an instrument dissolving the Convocation of Canterbury immediately upon the prorogation of the group of sessions.

In obedience to Her Majesty's Writ addressed to him, THE ARCHBISHOP OF YORK read and executed an instrument dissolving the Convocation of York immediately upon the prorogation of the group of sessions.

The ARCHBISHOP OF YORK further reported that, in consequence of the dissolution of the Convocations, under section 1(4) of the Synodical Government Measure 1969 the General Synod would also be dissolved immediately upon prorogation.

## **PROROGATION AND DISSOLUTION**

35 The ARCHBISHOP OF YORK prorogued the Synod.

In accordance with the instruments signed by the BISHOP OF LONDON and the ARCHBISHOP OF YORK respectively in obedience to the Royal Writs, the Convocations of Canterbury and York were both thereupon dissolved and, in consequence, the General Synod was also dissolved.