

GENERAL SYNOD
FEBRUARY 2022 GROUP OF SESSIONS
BUSINESS DONE AT 4.30 P.M.
ON THURSDAY 10th FEBRUARY 2022

SPECIAL AGENDA IV

DIOCESAN SYNOD MOTIONS

PERSECUTED CHURCH IN THE WORLD (GS 2252A AND GS 2252B)

18 The motion

‘That this Synod request that:

- (a) the Church of England not only pray for the persecuted church, but that its dioceses offer support to link dioceses where the church is facing persecution, and
- (b) the next Lambeth Conference address the issue of the persecution of Christians.’

was moved.

28 The amendment (Order Paper V) was carried.

18 The motion (as amended)

‘That this Synod request that:

- (a) the Church of England not only pray for the persecuted church, but that its dioceses offer support to link dioceses where the church is facing persecution,
- (b) organisations and dioceses consider joining the UK Freedom of Religion or Belief Forum to work with Christian and other groups in addressing the persecution of Christians and the global violation of Freedom of Religion or Belief (FoRB),
- (c) churches consider using resources such as the practical Everyday Faith – Hidden Church during the Thy Kingdom Come novena between Ascension and Pentecost, 26 May – 6 June,
- (d) in the run up to the International Ministerial to Advance Freedom of Religion or Belief (The Ministerial FoRB) Conference 5-6 July 2022 individuals and groups consider hosting information events, prayer groups and fringe events using the Toolkits for Places of Worship and Schools and Communities on the End The Persecution website,
- (e) churches and individuals contact their MPs in advance of The Ministerial FoRB, asking them to raise awareness of the persecuted church, and other FoRB violations, suggesting some of the actions in the FoRB Toolkit,

(f) that Her Majesty's Government implement in full the previously accepted 22 recommendations in the Bishop of Truro's Independent Review for the Foreign Secretary of FCO Support for Persecuted Christians, published in July 2019, by the third anniversary of the report in July 2022, as indicated within the report, and

(g) the next Lambeth Conference address the issue of the persecution of Christians.'

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

IN FAVOUR	329
AGAINST	0

No abstentions were recorded.

SEE OF CANTERBURY: MEMBERSHIP OF THE CROWN NOMINATIONS COMMISSION (GS 2253)

19 The motion

'That the Synod do take note of this Report.'

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

	IN FAVOUR	AGAINST
Bishops	26	0
Clergy	102	27
Laity	112	43

1 abstention was recorded in the House of Bishops, 13 in the House of Clergy and 12 in the House of Laity.

FAREWELLS

20 The ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY paid tribute to the Right Reverend Timothy Dakin, who has retired as the Bishop of Winchester.

The ARCHBISHOP OF YORK paid tribute to the Right Reverend Paul Bayes who is due to retire as the Bishop of Liverpool before the next group of sessions.

PROROGATION

21 The ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY prorogued the Synod and dismissed it with the blessing at 4.30 pm.