

GENERAL SYNOD
JULY 2022 GROUP OF SESSIONS
BUSINESS DONE AT 6:30 PM
MONDAY 11th JULY 2022

AFFIRMING AND INCLUDING DISABLED PEOPLE IN THE WHOLE LIFE OF THE CHURCH (GS 2270)

29 The motion

‘That this Synod, affirming disabled people (with hidden as well as visible disabilities) to be fearfully and wonderfully made in the image and likeness of God, and mindful of the progress already made in removing some of the barriers which disabled people, clergy and lay, face; commit to working towards the removal of all remaining barriers to full participation for disabled people in the life and ministry of the church, and, in initiating that process:

- (a) request the Faith and Order Commission and the Liturgical Commission to consider how our liturgies might be made more inclusive to disabled people (e.g. by removing rubrics such as “all stand”);

- (b) call upon the Research and Statistics team to interrogate existing data and gather new data, which quantifies the numbers of disabled people among clergy, whilst also planning to extend to include lay ministers and NCI/diocesan staff in the future, so that Synod can monitor the representation of disabled people within the church and encourage accountability for progress.

- (c) request the Archbishops’ Council to introduce legislation to amend the Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction and Care of Churches Measure 2018 to require every DAC to include at least one person with direct experience and knowledge of accessibility

issues in its membership or co-opted if not appointed as a member;

- (d) as part of the ongoing review of dioceses and recognising that resources for additional officers in every diocese are limited, encourage dioceses to cluster together to employ a full time Disability Adviser across a manageable group of dioceses.’

was moved.

71 The amendment (Order Paper VI) was carried.

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

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29 The motion as amended

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- (a) request the Faith and Order Commission and the Liturgical Commission to consider how our liturgies might be made more inclusive to disabled people (e.g., by removing rubrics such as “all stand”);

- (b) call upon the Research and Statistics team to interrogate existing data and gather new data, which quantifies the numbers of disabled people among clergy, whilst also planning to extend to include lay ministers and NCI/diocesan staff in the future, so that Synod can monitor the representation of disabled people within the church and encourage accountability for progress.

- (c) request the Archbishops' Council to introduce legislation to amend the Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction and Care of Churches Measure 2018 to require every DAC to include at least one person with direct experience and knowledge of accessibility issues in its membership or co-opted if not appointed as a member;

- (d) acknowledging that the General Synod motion passed in July 2007 (that every Diocese should appoint a lead person on disability issues), request that the ongoing review of dioceses, recognising that resources for additional officers in every diocese are limited, encourage dioceses to cluster together to employ a full time Disability Adviser across a manageable group of dioceses.

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

	FOR	AGAINST
Bishops	32	0
Clergy	153	0
Laity	162	0

No abstentions were recorded.

SPECIAL AGENDA I

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

DIOCESAN STIPENDS FUNDS (AMENDMENT) MEASURE (GS 2255)

Draft Measure for First Consideration

502 The motion

‘That the Measure entitled “Diocesan Stipends Funds (Amendment) Measure” be considered for revision in committee.’

was carried.

The Chair reported that the draft Diocesan Stipends Funds (Amendment) Measure stood automatically committed to a Revision Committee and that notice of amendments must be submitted to the Clerk to the Synod not later than 5.30 p.m. on Friday 9th September 2022.

RESOURCING MINISTERIAL FORMATION (GS 2271)

30 The motion

‘That this Synod:

(a) affirm the aims of the “Resourcing Ministerial Formation” in seeking to create a more sustainable and responsive accountable framework for ministerial formation within the calling of the whole people of God

(b) welcome the principles of reform set out in GS 2271; and

(c) request that synod be updated with proposals prior to their implementation.’

was moved.

76 The amendment (Order Paper VI) was carried.

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30 The motion as amended

‘That this Synod:

- (a) affirm the aims of the “Resourcing Ministerial Formation” in seeking to create a more sustainable and responsive accountable framework for ministerial formation within the calling of the whole people of God
- (b) welcome the principles of reform set out in GS 2271; and
- (c) request that synod be invited to consider and endorse more developed proposals prior to their implementation.’
- (d) request that Ministry Council closely monitors and supports the capacity of TEIs through the RMF implementation period.’

was carried.

SPECIAL AGENDA I

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

CHURCH OF ENGLAND (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS)

MEASURE (GS 2272)

AMENDING CANON NO. 43 (GS 2273)

503 The motion

‘That the Measure entitled “Church of England (Miscellaneous Provisions) Measure” be considered for revision in committee.’

was carried.

The Chair reported that the Church of England (Miscellaneous Provisions) Measure stood automatically committed to a Revision Committee and that notice of amendments must be submitted to the Clerk to the Synod not later than 5.30 p.m. on Friday 9th September 2022.

504 The motion

‘That the Canon entitled “Amending Canon No. 43” be considered for revision in committee.’

was carried.

The Chair reported that Amending Canon No. 43 stood automatically committed to a Revision Committee and that notice of amendments must be submitted to the Clerk to the Synod not later than 5.30 p.m. on Friday 9th September 2022.