

## **GENERAL SYNOD**

### **JULY 2022 GROUP OF SESSIONS**

#### **BUSINESS DONE AT 7.00 PM**

#### **ON FRIDAY 8<sup>th</sup> JULY 2022**

### **WORSHIP**

The Chaplain to the Synod, the Revd Andrew Hammond led the Synod in an act of worship.

### **PRESENTATIONS**

The Pro-Prolocutors for the Province of Canterbury, the Venerable Alastair Cutting (Southwark) and the Revd Esther Prior (Guildford) were presented to the Archbishop of Canterbury.

The Deputy Prolocutors, the Venerable Stewart Fyfe (Carlisle) and the Revd Canon Andy Salmon were presented to the Archbishop of York.

### **INTRODUCTIONS AND WELCOMES**

1 The following introductions were made:

#### New members

- The Rt Revd Michael Beasley, Bishop of Bath & Wells, House of Bishops, Canterbury Province replacing The Rt Revd Peter Hancock;
- The Rt Revd Jonathan Frost, Bishop of Portsmouth, House of Bishops, Canterbury Province replacing The Rt Revd Christopher Foster;
- The Rt Revd Dr Jonathan Gibbs, Bishop of Rochester, House of Bishops, Canterbury Province replacing The Rt Revd James Langstaff;
- The Rt Revd Stephen Lake, Bishop of Salisbury, House of Bishops, Canterbury Province replacing The Rt Revd Nicholas Holtam;
- The Rt Revd Jill Duff, Bishop of Lancaster, Suffragan Bishops, replacing The Rt Revd Jonathan Gibbs;
- The Very Revd Mandy Ford, Deans, replacing The Very Revd David Ison;
- The Revd Claire McArthur, Diocese of Coventry, replacing The Revd Stella Bailey;

- The Revd Howard Stoker, Diocese of Norwich, replacing The Ven Karen Hutchinson;
- The Ven Stephen Dunwoody, Armed Forces, replacing The Ven Clinton Langston;
- The Ven Giles Legood, Armed Forces, replacing The Ven John Ellis.

The ARCHBISHOP OF YORK welcomed:

The members recently co-opted to the Convocation of Canterbury:

- The Revd Aneal Appadoo;
- The Revd Prebendary Sandra McCalla;
- The Revd Sandra Schloss.

A member recently co-opted to the Convocation of York

The Revd Canon Falak Sher.

The members recently co-opted to the House of Laity

- Abishaq Leel;
- David Hermitt;
- Jesvin John;
- Kenson Li;
- Wendy Kasenene.

The recently appointed Third Church Estates Commissioner

- The Revd Flora Winfield.

The bishops attending this group of sessions under Standing Order 123 in place of the diocesan bishop

- The Bishop of Berwick, the Rt Revd Mark Wroe, for the Diocese of Newcastle;
- The Bishop of Southampton, the Rt Revd Debbie Sellin, for the Diocese of Winchester.

The ARCHBISHOP OF YORK welcomed the following Anglican Communion guests:

- The Most Reverend Dr Titre Ande Georges, Archbishop of the Congo and Bishop of Kindu;
- The Most Reverend Mark Strange, Bishop of Moray, Ross & Caithness and Primus of the Scottish Episcopal Church.

## **ADDRESS BY A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ANGLICAN COMMUNION**

- 2 At the invitation of the Presidents, Archbishop Titre Andre George addressed the Synod under Standing Order 120.

## **PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS**

- 3 The ARCHBISHOP OF YORK gave a Presidential Address.

## **REPORT BY THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE (GS 2257)**

- 4 The motion

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

was carried.

## **PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS**

Mr Sam Margrave (Coventry) presented two petitions to the Synod in accordance with Standing Order 43.

## **ROUTEMAP TO NET ZERO CARBON BY 2030 (GS 2258)**

- 5 The motion

‘That this Synod, having recognised that the global climate emergency is a crisis for God’s creation, and a fundamental injustice, and following General Synod’s motion passed in February 2020 to plan to reach net zero carbon by 2030:

- (a) endorse the “Routemap to Net Zero Carbon by 2030” (GS 2258).
- (b) request every Diocesan Synod to debate the Routemap as it applies to their structures, parishes and BMOs, and to agree a feasible programme of action towards achieving net zero carbon by 2030;
- (c) request high energy users within the Church (every cathedral, TEI, school, office and the top 20% of energy-consuming churches) to similarly draw up a programme of action, with a clear time frame, based on the Routemap.

(d) call on the Environment staff team to report back to Synod on progress against the Routemap in 2025, 2028 and 2031, and for reports on the Church's carbon emissions every year.'

was moved.

57 The amendment (Order Paper I) was lost.

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Following an interruption from persons in the public gallery, the Chair adjourned the sitting for 10 minutes under Standing Order 15(8).

5 The motion was carried.

## **WAR IN UKRAINE (GS 2259)**

6 The motion

That this Synod, committed in Christ to support peacemakers and to work for the reconciliation of humanity to God in a world marked by division and conflict:

- (a) lament Russia's illegal invasion of Ukraine, the suffering and terror experienced by Ukrainians and the repercussions and anxiety felt globally for our common future;
- (b) urge all Christians and people of faith to pray that the war in Ukraine be ended, that the risk of strategic miscalculation between conflicting parties be avoided and that the Russian people find respite from an authoritarian government;
- (c) call on each diocese to work towards providing long term refuge to refugees from Ukraine and other conflicts, and to contribute to the Disasters Emergency Committee's Ukraine Appeal or the appeal organised by USPG and the Diocese in Europe;
- (d) call on Her Majesty's Government to work to secure a negotiated peace that provides for the flourishing of relations in Ukraine and between nations in Europe and to provide a generous response to those seeking refuge from the conflict.'

was moved

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The Chair adjourned the debate in accordance with Standing Order 15(7)(b) at 5.45 p.m.

## QUESTIONS

7 Supplementary questions in respect of questions 1 to 67 as set out on the Questions Notice Paper, were answered.

## VARIATION

Under Standing Order 9(a)(i), the order of business for Saturday 9th July 2022 and for Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July was varied by the Chair with the general consent of the Synod as follows:

### Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July – morning sitting:

- Item 13 to commence not later than 11.00 a.m.
- Item 14 not to be taken at this sitting
- Item 15 to commence not later than 11.30 a.m.

### Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July – afternoon sitting:

- Items 505 (Legal Officers (Annual Fees) Order 2022) and 506 (Ecclesiastical Judges, Legal Officers and Others (Fees) Order 2022) to be taken immediately after item 500
- Item 14 (and the further motion at item 70) to be taken immediately after item 506
- Item 18 not to be taken at this sitting
- Item 19 to commence not later than 6.00 p.m.

## DEEMED BUSINESS

The following items of business were deemed to have been approved by the Synod, no member having given notice a wish to debate them:

The Amendments to the Standing Orders in the First Notice Paper (59<sup>th</sup> Report of the Standing Orders Committee)

Church of England Funded Pension Scheme (Amendment) Rules 2022 (GS 2280)

### **EVENING WORSHIP**

The Chaplain to the Synod, the Revd Andrew Hammond led the Synod in an act of worship.