

GENERAL SYNOD
FEBRUARY 2023 GROUP OF SESSIONS
BUSINESS DONE AT 7.10 PM
ON WEDNESDAY 8TH FEBRUARY 2023

LIVING IN LOVE AND FAITH

11 The motion

‘That this Synod, recognising the commitment to learning and deep listening to God and to each other of the Living in Love and Faith process, and desiring with God’s help to journey together while acknowledging the different deeply held convictions within the Church:

- a) lament and repent of the failure of the Church to be welcoming to LGBTQI+ people and the harm that LGBTQI+ people have experienced and continue to experience in the life of the Church;
- b) recommit to our shared witness to God’s love for and acceptance of every person by continuing to embed the Pastoral Principles in our life together locally and nationally;
- c) commend the continued learning together enabled by the Living in Love and Faith process and resources in relation to identity, sexuality, relationships and marriage;
- d) welcome the decision of the House of Bishops to replace Issues in Human Sexuality with new pastoral guidance;
- e) welcome the response from the College of Bishops and look forward to the House of Bishops further refining, commending and issuing the Prayers of Love and Faith described in GS 2289 and its Annexes;
- f) invite the House of Bishops to monitor the Church’s use of and response to the Prayers of Love and Faith, once they have been

commended and published, and to report back to Synod in five years' time.'

was moved.

- 42 The amendment (Order Paper V) was not moved
43 The amendment (Order Paper V) lapsed
44 The amendment (Order Paper V) was lost following a counted vote by Houses. The voting was as follows:

| | FOR | AGAINST |
|---------|-----|---------|
| Bishops | 1 | 28 |
| Clergy | 54 | 115 |
| Laity | 67 | 113 |

11 abstentions were recorded in the House of Bishops; 26 in the House of Clergy; and 17 in the House of Laity.

- 45 The amendment (Order Paper V) was lost following a count of the whole Synod. The voting was as follows:

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| IN FAVOUR | 112 |
| AGAINST: | 309 |

30 abstentions were recorded.

- 46 The amendment (Order Paper V) lapsed.
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51 The amendment (Order Paper V) was lost following a counted vote by Houses. The voting was as follows:

| | FOR | AGAINST |
|---------|-----|---------|
| Bishops | 2 | 38 |
| Clergy | 71 | 121 |
| Laity | 75 | 114 |

3 abstentions were recorded in the House of Bishops; 8 in the House of Clergy; and 10 in the House of Laity

- 52 The amendment (Order Paper V) was lost following a counted vote by Houses. The voting was as follows:

| | FOR | AGAINST |
|---------|-----|---------|
| Bishops | 2 | 37 |
| Clergy | 60 | 136 |
| Laity | 69 | 120 |

3 abstentions were recorded in the House of Bishops; 5 in the House of Clergy; and 11 in the House of Laity.

- 53 The amendment (Order Paper V) was lost following a counted vote by Houses. The voting was as follows:

| | FOR | AGAINST |
|---------|-----|---------|
| Bishops | 7 | 30 |
| Clergy | 92 | 107 |
| Laity | 103 | 95 |

6 abstentions were recorded in the House of Bishops; 1 in the House of Clergy; and 2 in the House of Laity.

- 54 The amendment (Order Paper V) was lost was lost following a counted vote by Houses. The voting was as follows:

| | FOR | AGAINST |
|---------|-----|---------|
| Bishops | 3 | 34 |
| Clergy | 75 | 116 |
| Laity | 81 | 118 |

7 abstentions were recorded in the House of Bishops; 10 in the House of Clergy; and 2 in the House of Laity.

- 55 The amendment (Order Paper V) was lost following a counted vote by Houses. The voting was as follows:

| | FOR | AGAINST |
|---------|-----|---------|
| Bishops | 7 | 29 |
| Clergy | 85 | 114 |
| Laity | 95 | 103 |

7 abstentions were recorded in the House of Bishops; 1 in the House of Clergy; and 3 in the House of Laity.

- 56 The amendment (Order Paper V) was lost following a counted vote by Houses. The voting was as follows:

| | FOR | AGAINST |
|---------|-----|---------|
| Bishops | 4 | 39 |
| Clergy | 94 | 106 |
| Laity | 104 | 96 |

1 abstention was recorded in the House of Bishops and 2 in the House of Laity.

- 57 The amendment (Order Paper V) was lost following a counted vote by Houses. The voting was as follows

| | FOR | AGAINST |
|---------|-----|---------|
| Bishops | 15 | 27 |
| Clergy | 90 | 108 |
| Laity | 97 | 104 |

2 abstentions were recorded in the House of Bishops; 2 in the House of Clergy; and 1 in the House of Laity.

58 The amendment (Order Paper V) was lost following a counted vote by Houses. The voting was as follows:

| | FOR | AGAINST |
|---------|-----|---------|
| Bishops | 8 | 29 |
| Clergy | 89 | 108 |
| Laity | 98 | 99 |

6 abstentions were recorded in the House of Bishops; 3 in the House of Clergy; and 1 in the House of Laity.

59 The amendment (Order Paper V) was lost following a counted vote by Houses. The voting was as follows:

| | FOR | AGAINST |
|---------|-----|---------|
| Bishops | 1 | 38 |
| Clergy | 77 | 118 |
| Laity | 82 | 111 |

2 abstentions were recorded in the House of Bishops; 4 in the House of Clergy; and 3 in the House of Laity.

EXTENSION OF SITTING

Under Standing Order 15(6) the sitting was extended by fifteen minutes by the Chair with the general consent of the Synod.

60 The amendment (Order Paper V) was lost following a counted vote by the Houses. The voting was as follows:

| | FOR | AGAINST |
|---------|-----|---------|
| Bishops | 2 | 38 |
| Clergy | 66 | 81 |
| Laity | 89 | 67 |

1 abstention was recorded in the House of Bishops; 49 in the House of Clergy; and 39 in the House of Laity.

VARIATION IN THE ORDER OF BUSINESS

Under Standing Order 9(1)(a) the order of business for Thursday 10th February 2023 was varied by the Chair with the general consent of the Synod as follows:

- Item 11 to be resumed at 9.15 a.m.
- Item 14 to commence not later than 3.15 p.m.
- The rubric indicating that ‘Item 15 commence not later than 4.05 p.m.’ be removed.

ADJOURNMENT

In accordance with Standing Order 15(7), the Chair adjourned the Synod at 6.55 p.m.

EVENING WORSHIP

The Revd Graham Hunter led the Synod in an act of worship.