GENERAL SYNOD

FEBRUARY GROUP OF SESSIONS 2023

THIRTEENTH NOTICE PAPER

We would like to invite all synod members to join us today in the synod chamber or online at 13:00 today for 20 mins to join us in praying for *Doubling the number of children and young active disciples in the Church of England by 2030*, the first stated bold outcome of the Vision and Strategy.

Also, please do join us Throughout 2023 we are meeting every Tuesday on Zoom from 10/1/22 for 20 mins from 13:00-13:20 GMT.

The link you'll need for the Zoom ([https://cofe.io/doublecyp](https://cofe.io/doublecyp))

LIVING IN LOVE AND FAITH GROUP

Please note that Group 7 will now be situated in the Robert Runcie Room in Church House and Group 8 will now be situated in the Princess Beatrice Room, Mary Sumner House.

ITEM 9 RESOURCING MINISTERIAL FORMATION

For reference there are a number of acronyms used in GS 2286:

AY – academic year

FTNR – full-time non-residential (with a number e.g. FTNR2 denotes a pathway of that length in years)
FTR – full-time residential (with a number e.g. FTR2 denotes a pathway of that length in years)

HE – higher education

MDT – Ministry Development Team

PT – part-time (with a number e.g. PT2 denotes a pathway of that length in years)

RME – Resourcing Ministerial Education (the funding arrangement from 2017)

RMF – Resourcing Ministerial Formation (the new proposals)

SLA – service level agreement

TEI – theological education institution

ITEM 10 COST OF LIVING

Mr Peter Adams (St Albans) to move:

‘In paragraph (b) after “worshipping communities” insert “schools and chaplaincies”.’

ITEM 11 LIVING IN LOVE AND FAITH

Ms Jayne Ozanne (Oxford) to move the following amendments:

‘In paragraph (e), leave out from “welcome” to “Bishops and”, and after “its Annexes” insert “after reflecting on feedback from the General Synod;”.’

‘Leave out paragraph (f) and insert:

“( ) ask the House of Bishops to end discrimination on the grounds of sexuality by bringing forward proposals to the July 2023 group of sessions that will provide for equal marriage in church.”.’
Miss Debbie Buggs (London) to move:

‘In Standing Order 120A, after paragraph (3) insert—

“(3A) An Anglican Communion representative may, despite paragraph (3)(c), move a motion calling for an item of business that is in the agenda for a group of sessions and is concerned with liturgy or worship to be designated as one or more of the following—

(a) liturgical provision that would be subject to the procedure in SOs 79 to 88;

(b) Article 7 business;

(c) Article 8 business.

(3B) If a motion under paragraph (3A) is carried, the question of whether the item of business concerned is capable of designation in the terms specified in the motion is to be determined by the Business Committee.

(3C) Where an item of business is determined under paragraph (3B) as capable of designation in the terms specified in the motion under paragraph (3A), that item of business is deemed to be automatically designated in those terms; and SO 92 (objections to designation) applies to questions on an item of business concerning liturgy or worship as it applies to questions on Article 7 or 8 business.

(3D) An Anglican Communion representative is, for the purpose of moving a motion under paragraph (3A), to be treated as being a member of Synod; but the requirement in SO 10(6) (notice to be supported by two members) does not apply to the motion.’

Explanatory statement: this amendment would entitle an Anglican Communion representative to call for a particular item
of business to be designated as liturgical business or as Article 7 or 8 business, with the determination of its capability to be so designated to be made by Business Committee

‘In Standing Order 78, the existing text becomes paragraph (1) and after paragraph (1) insert—

“(2) Any form of service (within the meaning of Canon B1) which arises from the process within the Church of England known as “Living in Love and Faith” (including any form of service intended to be used under Canon B4 or B5) and which is the subject of a motion before Synod, or any other consideration by it, is to be deemed to have been introduced as liturgical business.”’
Synod committed the CofE to net zero by 2030. ‘Eco Synod’ aims to reduce our own carbon footprint, increasing sustainability in an act of witness. Here are tips to try, and a suggested prayer. Thank you.

- Use the App and reduce printing if you can
- Take public transport, share cars
- Use reusable mugs and bottles, and recycle
- Try one meat free day or meal
- Turn off lights/equipment as you leave a room
- Take short showers, turn off taps
- Use an online tool to calculate your carbon footprint
- Consider offsetting your footprint
- If online, turn your camera off sometimes & stream content in standard format

God our Creator, who laid the foundations of the earth and stretched out the heavens as a tent cloth; how glorious is your name in all the world. Give us grace to wonder at your gift, to treasure the earth and to work for its protection and renewal. Amen.

From 'A Time for Creation'