

Wednesday 8 February 2023

2.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.

ORDER PAPER V

LIVING IN LOVE AND FAITH (GS 2289)

The Bishop of London to move:

- 11** ‘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.'

Mr Sam Margrave (Coventry) to move:

- 42** '*Leave out* everything after "That this Synod" and *insert* "note that LLF has concluded and calls on the House of Bishops to bring to the July 2023 Session a set of options for General Synod to make a final decision on before the House of Bishops take forward their recommendations".'

Item 43 to be moved only if item 42 is not carried

Mr Sam Margrave (Coventry) to move

- 43** 'After "the Living in Love and Faith process" *leave out* everything to the end and *insert*:
- (a) proclaim there is only one truth on issues of human sexuality which is rooted in Canon A5 and sets forth that sexual acts and relations outside of the framework provided for within Canon B30 is sinful;
 - (b) commend the work of the Church of England in tackling homophobia, especially in calling for an end to the criminalisation of same sex relationships;
 - (c) call on the House of Bishops to uphold historic and biblical teaching on sexuality by retaining their 1991 statement 'Issues in Human Sexuality' and to enforce the expectation upon those within church leadership to remain celibate if in same sex relationships; and

- (d) reject any commendation of prayers or other acts by the House of Bishops that affirms, celebrates, or blesses sin or a state of sin.”.’

Item 44 to be moved only if items 42 and 43 are not carried

Mr Sam Margrave (Coventry) to move:

- 44** ‘Before paragraph (a) *insert:*

“() welcome the reaffirmation by the College of Bishops of Canon B30 that “marriage is a union permanent and lifelong of one man with one woman” and reaffirms that “sexual intercourse as an expression of faithful intimacy belongs within marriage exclusively”.’.

Item 45 to be moved only if items 42 and 43 are not carried

Ms Jayne Ozanne (Oxford) to move:

- 45** ‘*Leave out* paragraph (a).’

Items 46, 47 and 48 to be moved only if items 42, 43 and 45 are not carried

Mr Sam Margrave (Coventry) to move

- 46** ‘In paragraph (a) in LGBTQI+ in each place *leave out* “Q”.’

Mr Sam Margrave (Coventry) to move

- 47** ‘In paragraph (a) in LGBTQI+ in each place *leave out* “T”.’

Mr Sam Margrave (Coventry) to move

- 48** ‘In paragraph (a) in LGBTQI+ in each place *leave out* “+”.’

Item 49 to be moved only if items 42 and 43 are not carried

Mr Sam Margrave (Coventry) to move:

49 *'Leave out paragraph (b).'*

Item 50 to be moved only if items 42 and 43 are not carried

Mr Sam Margrave (Coventry) to move:

50 *'Leave out paragraph (c).'*

Item 51 to be moved only if items 42 and 43 are not carried

Mrs Busola Sodeinde (London) to move:

51 *'Before paragraph (d), insert*

"() request the Secretary General of the Synod to consult personally the Primate of each Province of the Anglican Communion about the potential impact of the proposals in GS 2289 on its relationship to the Church of England, the life of the Province and the effectiveness of their mission, and report on the outcome of those consultations for consideration by this synod before the prayers are commended.".'

Item 52 to be moved only if items 42 and 43 are not carried

Mr Sam Margrave (Coventry) to move:

52 *'Leave out paragraph (d).'*

Items 53, 54, 55 and 56 to be moved only if items 42, 43 and 52 are not carried

Mr Christopher Townsend (Ely) to move:

- 53** ‘In paragraph (d) *leave out* “welcome” and *insert* “note”.’

Ms Christina Baron (Bath and Wells) to move:

- 54** ‘In paragraph (d) at the end *insert* “,which should allow freedom of conscience for clergy and ordinands”.’

Miss Debbie Buggs (London) to move:

- 55** ‘In paragraph (d) at the end *insert* “provided that it is consonant with the doctrine of the Church of England and the responsibility of its ministers to order their lives according to the same;”

The Revd Patrick Richmond (Norwich) to move:

- 56** ‘In paragraph (d) at the end *insert* “and request a draft be brought to General Synod for approval prior to publication”.’

Item 57 to be moved only if items 42 and 43 are not carried

The Revd Kate Wharton (Liverpool) to move:

- 57** ‘*Leave out* paragraphs (e) and (f) and *insert-*
“() request the House of Bishops to give further legal, theological, and practical consideration to the Prayers of Love and Faith, and to ensure that proper legal and theological consideration is given to the new pastoral guidance; and to provide the General Synod with the opportunity to assess the Prayers together with the new pastoral guidance at the earliest point reasonably possible.”.’
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Item 58 will to be moved only if items 42 and 43 are not carried.

The Revd Dr Ian Paul (Southwell & Notts) to move:

58 *'Leave out paragraph (e) and insert:*

"() Invite the College and House of Bishops to offer a full theological rationale for the proposed Prayers of Love and Faith, grounded in the Scriptures and the formularies of the Church, and which engages with the previous statements made by the House on the nature of marriage.".'

If item 57 is carried, item 58 to be moved in the following form

'At the end insert:

"() Invite the College and House of Bishops to offer a full theological rationale for the proposed Prayers of Love and Faith, grounded in the Scriptures and the formularies of the Church, and which engages with the previous statements made by the House on the nature of marriage.".'

Item 59 to be moved only if items 42, 43, 57 and 58 are not carried

Mr Sam Margrave (Coventry) to move:

59 *'Leave out paragraph (e).'*

Items 60 and 61 to be moved only if items 42, 43, 57, 58 and 59 are not carried.

Ms Jayne Ozanne (Oxford) to move:

60 *'In paragraph (e), leave out from "welcome" to "Bishops and", and after "its Annexes" insert "after reflecting on feedback from the General Synod;".'*

Mr Clive Scowen (London) to move:

- 61** ‘In paragraph (e) [*leave out* “commending and issuing” and at the end *insert*] “, and bringing the refined version back to this Synod as liturgical business for approval pursuant to Canon B2.”.’

Item 62 to be moved only if items 42, 43, 57, 58, 59, 60 and 61 are not carried.

The Revd Dr Sean Doherty (Universities & TElS) to move:

- 62** ‘In paragraph (e) *leave out* “commending and issuing” and at the end *insert* “, and bringing back a second draft of the Prayers for this Synod’s scrutiny prior to commending and issuing them.”.’

Item 63 to be moved only if items 42, 43, 57, 58 and 59 are not carried.

The Revd Dr Tom Woolford (Blackburn) to move:

- 63** ‘In paragraph (e) at the end *insert* “for use in those churches where both the incumbent so desires and the PCC votes in favour of their use.”.’

Items 64 and 65 to be moved only if items 42, 43 and 57 are not carried

Mr Sam Margrave (Coventry) to move:

- 64** ‘*Leave out* paragraph (f).’

Ms Jayne Ozanne (Oxford) to move:

- 65** ‘*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.”.’

Items 66 and 67 to be moved only if items 42, 43, 57, 64 and 65 are not carried

Mrs Vicky Brett (Peterborough) to move:

- 66** ‘In paragraph (f) *leave out* “and response to” to the end, and *insert* “the commended resources, and provide for an opportunity to test the mind of Synod on the principle of equal marriage within the next two years.”.’

Mr Clive Scowen (London) to move:

- 67** ‘In paragraph (f) *leave out* “commended” and *insert* “approved by this Synod”.’
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Item 68 to be moved only if item 65 is not carried

Mr Andrew Cornes (Chichester) to move:

- 68** ‘At the end *insert-*
“() Endorse the decision of the College and House of Bishops not to propose any change to the doctrine of marriage, and their intention that the final version of the *Prayers of Love and Faith* should not be contrary to or indicative of a departure from the doctrine of the Church of England”.’
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Item 69 to be moved only if item 59 is not carried

Mr Andrew Cornes (Chichester) to move:

- 69** ‘At the end *insert-*
“() Call upon the House of Bishops, when further refining *Prayers of Love and Faith*, to include instructions

making it clear that they should not be used so as to indicate or imply affirmation of sexually active relationships outside Holy Matrimony or to invoke God's blessing on such relationships."'

7.00 p.m. Evening Worship
