

GENERAL SYNOD

Summary of decisions by the House of Bishops and by its delegated committees

February 2023 – June 2023

1. This summary of decisions includes those made by the House and by committees delegated under its Standing Orders to handle business on its behalf.

THE HOUSE OF BISHOPS

2. The House of Bishops has met twice since the February 2023 group of sessions.
3. All the matters reported were taken in a Committee of the whole House under Standing Order 14.

House of Bishops 15 - 17 May

4. The House received an update from the Chair of the Archbishops' Commission on Racial Justice, Rt Hon Lord Boateng, on the work of the Commission. It was also briefed on the work of the Archbishops' Commission on Families and Households by the Bishop of Durham. It had an informal discussion about how members of the House could support the episcopal champions for ministry to younger people.
5. The House discussed and agreed the proposals presented to this Group of Sessions on the safeguarding redress scheme, the governance review and the reform of the Mission and Pastoral Measure. It was briefed on latest developments in safeguarding.
6. The House reviewed progress on the implementation of the Synod motion on Living in Love and Faith and agreed that the work should be further developed ahead of an update to General Synod in July.

House of Bishops 7 June

7. The House met after the College on Bishops on 7 June. It agreed that an update should be presented to the General Synod in July 2023 of the work to implement the General Synod motion on Living in Love and Faith approved in February 2023.

THE HOUSE OF BISHOPS STANDING COMMITTEE

House of Bishops Standing Committee 8 March

8. The Standing Committee considered agenda items for future meetings of the House of Bishops. It took stock of the work programme on Living in Love and Faith. It agreed that time should be given to a discussion on younger people and that a future meeting should consider the report of the Episcopal Wellbeing Group.
9. The Standing Committee agreed that Bishop Anne Hollinghurst and Bishop Christopher Chessun should be invited to join the Advisory Council for Religious

Communities.

House of Bishops Standing Committee 26 April

10. The Standing Committee received an oral update on Living in Love and Faith and reviewed the work programme for the remainder of 2023 and the agenda for the House on 15-17 May. It agreed the agenda and asked the team to review the pattern of House and College meetings for future years. It asked for more opportunities to consider outward-facing matters on future agendas.

STANDING COMMISSION ON THE FIVE GUIDING PRINCIPLES

11. The Standing Commission met during the February group of sessions and will meet again during the July group of sessions. The first annual report of the Standing Commission will be sent to the House of Bishops for its July meeting.

William Nye
Secretary to The House of Bishops
June 2023