

# GENERAL SYNOD

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## JULY GROUP OF SESSIONS 2023

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### TENTH NOTICE PAPER

*Amendments will subsequently be marshalled in the order in which they are to be taken on the relevant Order Paper.*

#### ITEM 14

#### **SPECIAL AGENDA IV DIOCESAN SYNOD MOTIONS**

#### **RESPONDING TO THE CLIMATE EMERGENCY (GS 2306A AND GS 2306B)**

*Dr Ros Clarke* (Lichfield) to move as an amendment:

*'Leave out paragraph (g).'*

*The Revd Jack Shepherd* (Liverpool) to move as an amendment:

*'After paragraph (f)(ii) insert:*

*"iii. commit expenditure, reflective of the £10 million committed by Oxford Diocese, on environmental works to improve the carbon footprint of vicarages nationally".'*

*'After paragraph (h) insert:*

*"(i) ask the Business Committee to carry out a review of the progress on these steps, and a consideration of further steps, on the agenda for General Synod in July 2024".'*

*Revd Martin Poole* (Chichester) to move as an amendment:

*'Leave out* paragraph (b) and *insert:*

“(b) urge all parts of the Church of England to review their relevant policies and procedures, in order to ensure that they are up to date and give due priority to creation care.”.’

Dr Cathy Rhodes (Sheffield) to move as an amendment:

*'Leave out* paragraph (a) and *insert:*

(a) commend the recent disinvestment announcements by the Church Commissioners for England and Church of England Pensions Board, and urge each of the National Investing Bodies of the Church of England to prioritise and scale up investment in renewable energy and other climate solutions, in line with their fiduciary duties, and ask each to report back on progress to General Synod each quinquennium.

## **ITEM 16**

### **NATIONAL CHURCH GOVERNANCE (GS 2307)**

*Mr Clive Billenness* (Europe) to move as an amendment:

*'In* paragraph (a) at the end *insert:*

“except in respect of recommendation 14, where specific provision should be made so that two members of the Audit and Risk Committee are members of either the House of Laity or the House of Clergy of the General Synod and are jointly elected by the members of those Houses.”.’

Mr Sam Margrave (Coventry) to move as an amendment:

*'In* paragraph (a) leave out “confirm” and insert “welcome”.’

## ITEM 27

### REVITALISING THE PARISH FOR MISSION (GS 2314)

*Revd Matt Beer* (Lichfield) to move as an amendment:

‘After paragraph (c) *insert*:

“( ) request the Archbishops’ Council bring a report collating the research that has already been in place to a future group of sessions so that the Synod might have greater confidence that church growth and revitalisation alongside other mixed ecologies of church are taking place in line with our six bold outcomes, enabling local churches to develop and implement local mission plans.”.’

‘*Leave out* paragraph (d) and *insert*

“( ) welcome the Church’s commitment to increasing the numbers of ordinands, as well as increasing emphasis on lay ministry and the expansion of Licenced Lay Ministers in many dioceses;

( ) encourage dioceses to work in new and creative ways to increase lay and ordained vocations ”.’

‘*Leave out* paragraph (e) and *insert*

“( ) encourage each parish and diocese to support a process of local missional discernment (Mission Action Planning) to enable greater effectiveness in parochial mission and put a plan in place to meet the discerned missional outcomes to be reviewed annually.”.’

*The Revd Marcus Walker* (London) to move as an amendment:

‘At the end *insert*:

'( ) request the Archbishops' Council to support the above by preparing proposals for the next triennium, for consideration by this Synod in July 2024, that would:

i) restructure lowest income communities (LINC) funding so that it is measured and spent (until the fund is exhausted) directly on covering one stipendiary post in each of the most deprived parishes, with parishes being given priority in order of their level or deprivation, the most deprived being given the highest priority (subject to guaranteeing the continuation of any direct financial aid pledged to any parish from the current LINC funding programme);

ii) ensure that where money is granted to a parish by LINC, the PCC will not be asked, by way of its common fund assessment, to contribute to any costs being met by LINC;

iii) redirect all Strategic Mission and Ministry Investment (SMMI)/Strategic Development Funding (SDF) into LINC to augment that fund by the amount already promised by the Church Commissioners for SMMI/SDF purposes;

or to set out other proposals for achieving similar objectives.

## **ITEM 28**

### **REVIEW OF THE MISSION AND PASTORAL MEASURE (GS 2315)**

*Mr Ian Johnston* (Portsmouth) to move as an amendment:

'In paragraph (a) *leave out* "and the recommendations it contains" and *insert* "as a basis for further discussion.".'

'*Leave out* paragraph (b) and *insert*:

“(b) seek further proposals from the Project Board to address more holistically the issue of the trust deficit relating to our parishes, specifically:

- i. between a diocese and its parishes;
- ii. to provide effective oversight of any decisions that would affect our parishes;
- iii. representation of our parishes in the central administration”.