

Monday 10 July 2023
2.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m.

ORDER PAPER VII

**ADDRESS FROM ANGLICAN COMMUNION
REPRESENTATIVE AND ECUMENICAL GUESTS**

- 3** *The Rt Revd Daniel Gutiérrez, Bishop of Pennsylvania* will address the Synod at the invitation of the Presidents under SO 120.
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**SPECIAL AGENDA I:
LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS**

DRAFT CLERGY CONDUCT MEASURE (GS 2311)
Draft Measure for First Consideration

The Chair of the Steering Committee (The Revd Kate Wharton) (Liverpool) to move:

- 508** ‘That the Measure entitled “Clergy Conduct Measure” be considered for revision in committee.’
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REPORT FROM THE ELECTIONS REVIEW GROUP (GS 2312)

Mr Clive Scowen (London) to move:

- 26** ‘That the Synod receive the Report and agree the recommendations contained in the Annex to GS 2312.’

Miss Prudence Dailey (Oxford) to move as an amendment:

- 71** “At the end *insert*:
“save that, in respect of recommendation (b), it shall be a requirement that all diocesan electors be contacted by post and email.”.’
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SPECIAL AGENDA I:

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

CHURCH REPRESENTATION RULES (AMENDMENT) RESOLUTION (GS 2312)

Resolution for Approval

Mr Clive Scowen (London) to move:

- 509A** ‘That the Church Representation Rules (Amendment) Resolution 2023 be considered.’

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

- 515** ‘In paragraph 2, in the inserted paragraph (3A), leave out paragraph (c).’

Explanatory statement: *this amendment forms part of a package with amendment to SO 107 in the name of Mr Clive Billenness. See the explanatory statement to that amendment.*

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

- 516** ‘In paragraph 2, after the inserted paragraph (3A), insert—

“(3B) Each vote under paragraph (3A) is to be given on a voting paper signed on the back by the voter; and for that purpose—

- (a) paragraph (7) of this Rule does not apply,
- (b) the annual meeting must appoint a presiding officer, with that person not permitted to be a candidate in the election, and
- (c) in Rule M11, paragraphs (1) to (3) do not apply and paragraphs (4) to (6) apply on the assumption that each person entitled to vote is entitled to do so by means of a postal vote.

(3C) In conducting a vote under paragraph (3A), the presiding officer must give each candidate the opportunity to submit an election address within the three days following the annual meeting; and the rules for the time

being in force under Rule 56 apply to an election address submitted under this paragraph as they apply to an election address submitted under those rules with whatever modifications are necessary.”.’

Explanatory statement: *this amendment would provide that a confirmatory vote of the kind provided for under the new paragraph (3A) for insertion in Rule M9 is to be carried out by voting papers, with each voter entitled to vote by post and with each candidate entitled to submit an election address.*

Mr Clive Scowen (London) to move:

509B ‘That the Church Representation Rules (Amendment) Resolution 2023 be approved.’

REVITALISING THE PARISH FOR MISSION (GS 2313)

The Revd Kate Wharton (Liverpool) to move:

27 ‘That this Synod

- (a) welcome the emphasis in the Church of England’s Vision and Strategy for the 2020s on the revitalisation of the parish for mission as one of the six ‘bold outcomes’;
- (b) affirm the parish system as a central component of the mixed ecology as we seek to offer a living and contextually-appropriate expression of church for every person in England, and a vital means of fulfilling our calling to become younger and more diverse;
- (c) note the research presented in ‘*From Anecdote to Evidence*’ as well as other recent research which contributes to our understanding of the factors supporting church growth and vitality;
- (d) welcome the Church’s commitment to sustaining overall numbers of parish clergy and increasing the numbers of ordinands, as well as increasing emphasis on lay ministry and the expansion of Licenced Lay Ministers in many dioceses; and

(e) encourage each parish and diocese to support a process of local missional discernment (Mission Action Planning) to enable greater effectiveness in parochial mission.

Mr Robert McNeil-Wilson (Gloucester) to move as an amendment:

72 ‘In paragraph (b) *leave out* “a central” and *insert* “the central”.’

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

73 ‘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.”.’

Miss Prudence Dailey (Oxford) to move as an amendment:

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

“() welcome the increasing emphasis on lay ministry and the expansion of Licensed Lay Ministers in many dioceses, and call on the Church to commit to increasing overall numbers of both ordinands and full-time equivalent parish clergy.”.’

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

75 ‘*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 ”.’

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

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

“() encourage each parish and diocese 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.”.’

77 *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 set out other proposals for achieving similar objectives.

6.00 p.m. Evening Worship
