

Tuesday 11 July 2023

9.00 a.m. to 1.15 p.m.

ORDER PAPER IX

WORSHIP

SPECIAL AGENDA I

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

SAFEGUARDING PRACTICE REVIEWS CODE OF PRACTICE (GS 2295)

Code of Practice under section 5A of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016.

The Bishop of Stepney to move:

- 511** 'That the Safeguarding Practice Reviews Code of Practice be approved.'
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DRAFT CHURCH OF ENGLAND PENSIONS (APPLICATION OF CAPITAL FUNDS) MEASURE (GS 2264)

Draft Measure for Final Approval

The Chair of the Steering Committee (Mrs Busola Sodeinde) (London) to move:

- 510** 'That the Measure entitled "Church of England Pensions (Application of Capital Funds) Measure" be finally approved'
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RESPONDING TO THE CLIMATE EMERGENCY (GS 2306A AND GS 2306B)

The Bishop of Reading to move on behalf of the Oxford Diocesan Synod:

- 14** 'That this Synod, affirming the fifth mark of mission, concerned by the scientific evidence that climate change is proceeding at

a rapid rate and by the impact of climate events, and seeking to build on the decisions taken with respect to GS 2159:

- (a) urge the National Investing Bodies of the Church of England to prioritise investment in renewable energy;
- (b) call on all parts of the Church of England to review their policies and procedures, in order to ensure that they give due priority to creation care;
- (c) urge the Church of England to further develop pre- and post-ordination and lay training to deepen understanding in how care for the earth is part of our Christian faith and a missional imperative;
- (d) urge all parts of the Church of England to seek to support, through prayer, advocacy and practical action, the poorest in the world who are suffering the most from the impacts of climate change, in the awareness that our nation has been among those who have benefited most from the emissions that have caused the crisis;
- (e) commit earnestly and regularly to pray - and to promote prayer - about the climate and wider environmental crisis.
- (f) call upon all institutions of the Church of England to make urgent practical preparations for the delivery of substantial reduction of the Church's carbon footprint, including, but not restricted to, the following immediate actions in respect of Church buildings:
 - i. ensuring that the NCIs are adequately resourced to provide DACs, Buildings Departments, Education Departments and others with authoritative national guidance notes, advice and training on key technical and procedural questions relating to adaptation of buildings for the net zero target; and
 - ii. ensuring that Parish Buying and other national-level entities have the capacity to engage with manufacturers and suppliers of products and processes recommended for making our buildings more efficient, with a view to using the scale of the national net zero project to achieve both sympathetic design and economies of scale on cost.
- (g) request that Bishops and the Liturgical Commission to encourage confirmation services to include an additional

question 'Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth?'

(h) ask that HM Government review the weight given to the environmental public benefit in planning regulations to facilitate the installation of renewable technologies, including for buildings that are listed or in conservation areas.'

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

82 '*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.

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

83 '*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.".'

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

84 '*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".'

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

85 '*Leave out* paragraph (g).'

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

86 ‘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”.’.

REDUCE PAROCHIAL FEES FOR MARRIAGES (GS 2282A AND GS 2282B)

The Revd Dr Tom Woolford (Blackburn) to move:

29 ‘That this Synod call on the Archbishops’ Council to introduce an order to amend the Parochial Fees and Scheduled Matters Amending Order 2019 so that the fees relating to marriages are set at nil or at a minimal amount in order to demonstrate the Church’s commitment to marriage and pastoral care.’

The Ven Mark Ireland (Blackburn) to move as an amendment:

87 *Leave out* “call on” to the end and *insert:*

“() request the Archbishops’ Council to design, fund and implement a time-limited, regional trial of providing weddings free of all statutory fees, and

() report back to Synod on the impact it made on the number of weddings conducted, pastoral and missional contacts made, on charitable giving in connection with provision of wedding services, and on projected parochial and diocesan finances.”

Item 88 and 89 will only be moved if item 87 is not carried

Mr Luke Appleton (Exeter) to move as an amendment:

88 ‘After “minimal amount” *insert* “for a simple 'basic' marriage service”.’.

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

89 ‘After “That this Synod call on the Archbishops’ Council:” *insert:*

“(a)” , and

after “marriage and pastoral care” *insert:* “; and

(b) to bring forward a national package of financial and other support for Parishes who will be adversely affected by such a change (i.e low-income parishes, and those with large numbers of wedding ceremonies)".'

SYNOD COMPLAINTS PROCESS (GS 2316)

30 Presentation under SO 107.

Note: *the Business Committee has determined under SO 107(3) that this presentation should include an opportunity for questions.*

Not later than 12.50 p.m.

31 FAREWELLS

Not later than 1.15 p.m.

32 PROROGATION
