

GENERAL SYNOD

NOVEMBER 2023 GROUP OF SESSIONS

BUSINESS DONE AT 7 PM

ON TUESDAY 14TH -NOVEMBER 2023

SPECIAL AGENDA I:

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

**PAYMENTS TO THE CHURCHES CONSERVATION TRUST ORDER
2023 (GS 2326)**

501 The motion

‘That the Payments to the Churches Conservation Trust Order be approved.’

was carried.

AMENDMENTS TO THE STANDING ORDERS (GS 2327)

13 The motion (Order Paper IV) was carried.

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19 The motion (Order Paper IV) was moved.

28 The amendment (Order Paper IV) was carried.

19 The motion (as amended)

‘In Standing Order 43, in paragraph (4), after “Committee” insert “ ; and the Business Committee must, at a subsequent group of sessions, provide the Synod with the full text of the petition (except any content deleted under paragraph (1B) and a written report or comment on the petition.”.’

was carried.

20 The motion (Order Paper IV) was carried.

29 The motion (Order Paper IV) was lost following a counted vote by Houses. The voting was as follows:

	IN FAVOUR	AGAINST
Bishops	1	34
Clergy	22	124
Laity	36	123

2 abstentions were recorded in the House of Bishops; 31 were recorded in the House of Clergy; and 25 in the House of Laity.

30 The motion (Order Paper IV) lapsed.

LIVING IN LOVE AND FAITH

7 The motion

‘That this Synod, conscious that the Church is not of one mind on the issues raised by Living in Love and Faith, that we are in a period of uncertainty, and that many in the Church on all sides feel pain at this time, recognise the progress made by the House of Bishops towards implementing the motion on Living in Love and Faith passed by this Synod in February 2023, as reported in GS 2328, and encourage the House to continue its work of implementation.’

was moved.

31 The amendment (Order Paper IV) was carried.

- 32 The amendment (Order Paper IV) was lost following a counted vote by houses. The voting was as follows:

	IN FAVOUR	AGAINST
Bishops	1	22
Clergy	78	100
Laity	88	104

13 abstentions were recorded in the House of Bishops; 9 were recorded in the House of Clergy; and 9 in the House of Laity.

- 33 The amendment (Order Paper IV) was lost following a counted vote by houses. The voting was as follows:

	IN FAVOUR	AGAINST
Bishops	11	23
Clergy	95	94
Laity	101	90

2 abstentions were recorded in the House of Bishops; 2 were recorded in the House of Clergy; and 6 in the House of Laity.

- 34 The amendment (Order Paper IV) was lost following a counted vote by houses. The voting was as follows:

	IN FAVOUR	AGAINST
Bishops	13	20
Clergy	84	99
Laity	86	106

1 abstention was recorded in the House of Bishops; 6 were recorded in the House of Clergy; and 5 in the House of Laity.

- 35 The amendment (Order Paper IV) was lost following a counted vote by houses. The voting was as follows:

	IN FAVOUR	AGAINST
Bishops	10	22
Clergy	88	99

Laity

93

98

2 abstentions were recorded in the House of Bishops and 6 in the House of Laity.

ADJOURNMENT OF DEBATE

In accordance with Standing Order 15(7), the Chair adjourned the Synod at 7.00 p.m.