

**GENERAL SYNOD**  
**FEBRUARY 2024 GROUP OF SESSIONS**  
**BUSINESS DONE AT 12.30 P.M.**  
**ON TUESDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2024**

**WORSHIP**

The Synod was led in an act of worship by the Chaplain to the Synod, the Revd Dylan Turner.

**LIVING IN LOVE AND FAITH (GS 2346) (RESUMED DEBATE)**

67 The amendment (Order Paper VI) was carried.

68 The amendment (Order Paper VI) was lost after a counted vote by Houses. The voting was as follows:

	FOR	AGAINST
Bishops	8	24
Clergy	78	98
Laity	81	81

There were 2 abstentions in the House of Bishops, 8 in the House of Clergy and 7 in the House of Laity.

**NEXT BUSINESS**

The motion

“That this Synod do move to Next Business”

was carried after a counted vote of the whole Synod. The voting was as follows

IN FAVOUR 322

AGAINST 69

There were 20 recorded abstentions.

21 The motion (as amended) lapsed.

## **SPECIAL AGENDA I:**

### **LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS**

#### **CHURCH FUNDS INVESTMENT MEASURE (GS 2347)**

501 The motion

‘That the Measure entitled ‘Church Funds Investment Measure’ be considered for revision in committee.’

was carried.

The Chair reported that the Measure entitled “Church Funds Investment Measure” stood committed to a Revision Committee and that notice of amendments must be submitted to the Clerk to the Synod not later than 5.30 p.m on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2024.

#### **WAR IN UKRAINE AND CHALLENGE TO INTERNATIONAL ORDER (GS 2348)**

22 The motion

‘That this Synod, recognising the ongoing suffering and terror caused by the war in Ukraine and the repercussions and anxiety felt globally for our common future:

- a) affirm with gratitude the churches work with others to support conflict parties and mediators and call for continued efforts to develop pathways to peace, justice and reconciliation in Ukraine;
- b) call on all parties to the conflict to ensure that everyone in Ukraine has full freedom to manifest and practice their religion or belief, in line with international human rights law;

- c) call on all UK political parties to set out ahead of the General Election their vision for a desirable international order and their strategies for ensuring that existing international rules and principles are attractive both domestically and to a broader global constituency.’

was moved.

70 The amendment (Order Paper VIII) was carried.

22 The motion (as amended)

‘That this Synod, recognising the ongoing suffering and terror caused by the war in Ukraine and the repercussions and anxiety felt globally for our common future:

- a) affirm with gratitude the churches work with others to support conflict parties and mediators and call for continued efforts to develop pathways to peace, justice and reconciliation in Ukraine;
- b) call on all parties to the conflict to ensure that everyone in Ukraine has full freedom to manifest and practice their religion or belief, in line with international human rights law;
- c) call on all UK political parties to set out ahead of the General Election their vision for a desirable international order and their strategies for ensuring that existing international rules and principles are attractive both domestically and to a broader global constituency; and
- d) call on all UK political parties to affirm their continued support for Ukraine until such time as a just and lasting peace is secured.

was carried following a counted vote of the whole Synod. The voting was as follows:

IN FAVOUR	254
AGAINST	3

There were 2 recorded abstentions.