

GENERAL SYNOD
JULY 2024 GROUP OF SESSIONS
BUSINESS DONE AT 7 P.M.
ON MONDAY 8TH JULY 2024

LIVING IN LOVE AND FAITH (GS 2358)

24 The motion

‘That this Synod:

- (a) support the overall proposal and timetable set out in GS 2358;
- (b) request that the House of Bishops, with the advice of the LLF working groups:
 - i. revise the Pastoral Guidance to remove restrictions on the use of PLF in ‘standalone’ services alongside the introduction of an arrangement to register for Pastoral Reassurance;
 - ii. establish the basis for the provision of Pastoral Reassurance through a House of Bishops’ Statement and Code of Practice which provides for the delegation of some specific and defined episcopal ministry, and which is overseen by an Independent Review Panel;
 - iii. report to this Synod at its February 2025 group of sessions on the further theological work carried out under the auspices of the Faith and Order Commission around the nature of doctrine, particularly as it relates to the doctrine of marriage and the question of clergy in same-sex civil marriages.
- (c) Agree that taken together the Pastoral Guidance, the Bishop’s Statement and Code of Practice for pastoral provision will replace Issues in Human Sexuality.
- (d) Agree for the arrangements for Pastoral Reassurance to be regularly monitored over a period of at least three years before being formally reviewed by General Synod.’

was moved.

67 The amendment (Order Paper VII) was carried.

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

	FOR	AGAINST
BISHOPS	11	23
CLERGY	93	97
LAITY	90	93

5 abstentions were recorded in the House of Bishops, 2 in the House of Clergy, and 3 in the House of Laity.

24 The motion (as amended)

‘That this Synod:

- (a) support the overall proposal and timetable set out in GS 2358;
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 - i. revise the Pastoral Guidance to remove restrictions on the use of PLF in ‘standalone’ services alongside the introduction of an arrangement to register for Pastoral Reassurance;
 - ii. establish the basis for the provision of Pastoral Reassurance through a House of Bishops’ Statement and Code of Practice which provides for the delegation of some specific and defined episcopal ministry, and which is overseen by an Independent Review Panel;
 - iii. report to this Synod at its February 2025 group of sessions on the further theological work carried out under the auspices of the Faith and Order Commission around the nature of doctrine, particularly as it relates to the doctrine of marriage and the question of clergy in same-sex civil marriages; this work to be appropriately budgeted and resourced by the Archbishops’ Council in terms of theological advice, travel and meeting costs in order to increase the likelihood of meeting the timescales as set out in GS 2358.

- (c) Agree that taken together the Pastoral Guidance, the Bishop’s Statement and Code of Practice for pastoral provision will replace Issues in Human Sexuality.
- (d) Agree for the arrangements for Pastoral Reassurance to be regularly monitored over a period of at least three years before being formally reviewed by General Synod.’

was carried following a counted vote by Houses. The voting was as follows:

	FOR	AGAINST
BISHOPS	22	12
CLERGY	99	88
LAITY	95	91

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

SPECIAL AGENDA I

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

LEGAL OFFICERS (ANNUAL FEES) ORDER 2024 (GS 2367)

508 The motion

‘That the Legal Officers (Annual Fees) Order 2024 be approved.’

was moved.

The motion

‘That the Synod do pass to the Next Business.’

was carried.

ECCLESIASTICAL JUDGES, LEGAL OFFICERS AND OTHERS (FEES) ORDER 2024 (GS 2368)

509 The motion

‘That the Ecclesiastical Judges, Legal Officers and Others (Fees) Order 2024 be approved.’

was carried.

The Chair reported that the Ecclesiastical Judges, Legal Officers and Others (Fees) Order 2024 laid before both Parliament and would come into force on 1 January 2025.

EVENING WORSHIP

An act of worship was led by the Diocese of Leeds.