

GENERAL SYNOD
JULY 2024 GROUP OF SESSIONS
BUSINESS DONE AT 7.15 P.M.
ON SATURDAY 6TH JULY 2024

SPECIAL AGENDA I: LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS
CLERGY CONDUCT MEASURE (GS 2311A)

Draft Measure for Revision

505 The motion

‘That the Synod do take note of this Report.’

was carried.

515 The motion

‘That clauses 1 to 30 stand part of the Measure.’

was carried.

516 The amendment (Order Paper III) was lost.

517 The amendment (Order Paper III) lapsed.

518 The motion

‘That Clause 31 stand part of the Measure’

was deemed carried, no member having given notice of their wish for this item to be debated.

519 The motion

‘That clauses 32-73 stand part of the Measure.’

was carried.

520 The motion

‘That Schedules 1 and 2 stand part of the Measure.’

was carried.

521 The motion

‘That the Long Title stand part of the Measure.’

was carried.

The Chair reported that the draft Measure stood committed to the Steering Committee in respect of its final drafting.

SPECIAL AGENDA I:

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

SAFEGUARDING CODE OF PRACTICE: LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK (GS 2370)

510 The motion

‘That the “Safeguarding Code of Practice: Learning and Development Framework” be approved.’

was carried.

The Chair reported that, having been approved by the General Synod, the Safeguarding Code of Practice: Learning and Development Framework would come into operation on 31st July 2024.

SPECIAL AGENDA IV:

DIOCESAN SYNOD MOTIONS

REST PERIODS FOR OFFICE HOLDERS (GS 2357A AND 2357B)

16 The motion

‘That this Synod request that the Archbishops’ Council lay before it for approval draft Regulations amending the Ecclesiastical Offices (Terms of Service) Regulations 2009 so that an office holder is entitled to not less than 36 hours (a day and a half) of rest in any period of seven days, to include an uninterrupted rest period of not less than 24 hours, but so that the statement of particulars of office may continue to specify that any rest period may not be taken on or include a Sunday or any or all of the principal Feasts of the Church of England or Ash Wednesday or Good Friday.’

was moved.

56 The amendment (Order Paper III) was carried.

57 The amendment (Order Paper III) was carried.

58 The amendment (Order Paper III) was lost.

59 The amendment (Order Paper III) lapsed.

16 The motion as amended

‘That this Synod, recognising that

- a) Sabbath, as a time to cease and delight, is part of God’s plan for humankind and for all creation and is modelled by God in Genesis 2.1-3,
- b) a weekly Sabbath rest is a life-giving gift of God and important for the wellbeing of all people,

c) a day off spent catching up on necessary tasks is not a Sabbath day,

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

FOR	336
AGAINST	3
ABSTENTIONS	6

LIVING IN LOVE AND FAITH (GS 2358)

17 A presentation was given under Standing Order 107.

The Business Committee determined under Standing Order 107(3) that this presentation should include an opportunity for questions.

EVENING WORSHIP

The Synod was led in an act of worship by the Diocese of St Albans.

The ARCHBISHOP OF YORK dismissed the Synod with a blessing at 7.15 p.m.