

Agenda

July Group of Sessions 2024

**GENERAL SYNOD
JULY GROUP OF SESSIONS 2024
AT UNIVERSITY OF YORK
TIMES OF SITTINGS**

Friday 5 July	2.30 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.
Saturday 6 July	8.45 a.m. to 12.45 p.m. 2.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.
Sunday 7 July	2.30 p.m. to 6.00 p.m. 8.15 p.m. to 9.45 p.m.
Monday 8 July	8.45 a.m. to 12.45 p.m. 2.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m. 8.30 p.m. to 10.00 p.m.
Tuesday 9 July	8.45 a.m. to 1.45 p.m.

SERVICES

Friday 5 July	
2.30 p.m.	Opening Worship in the Central Hall
7.00 p.m.	Closing Worship in the Central Hall
10.10 p.m.	Night Prayer in the Berrick Saul Building
Saturday 6 July	
7.00 a.m.	Holy Communion in the Berrick Saul Building
8.45 a.m.	Opening Worship in the Central Hall
7.00 p.m.	Closing Worship in the Central Hall
10.10 p.m.	Night Prayer in the Berrick Saul Building
Sunday 7 July	
11.00 a.m.	Holy Communion in York Minster
6.00 p.m.	Evening Worship in the Central Hall
10.10 p.m.	Night Prayer in the Berrick Saul Building

Monday 8 July

7.00 a.m. Holy Communion in the Berrick Saul Building
8.45 a.m. Opening Worship in the Central Hall
7.00 p.m. Closing Worship in the Central Hall
10.10 p.m. Night Prayer in the Berrick Saul Building

Tuesday 9 July

7.00 a.m. Holy Communion in the Berrick Saul Building
8.45 a.m. Opening Worship in the Central Hall

GENERAL NOTES
NOTICE OF MOTIONS, AMENDMENTS AND QUESTIONS

1. Save where a special note is included in the Agenda, the following rules apply under the Standing Orders of the General Synod to notice of motions and amendments other than procedural motions:

NEW BUSINESS

2. The period of notice of new business **has expired**, save for urgent or other specially important business included by the direction of the Presidents.

MOTIONS AND AMENDMENTS ARISING OUT OF BUSINESS ON THE AGENDA

3. Notice of motions and amendments arising out of business on the Agenda (other than amendments to legislative business and to proposed amendments to Standing Orders) must be delivered to the Clerk as follows (SOs 10-13 and 27):

Business appointed for the first day of the group of sessions (Friday 5 July)

5.30 p.m. on Thursday 4 July.

Business appointed for the remaining days of the group of sessions

Business appointed for a *morning* sitting:

10.00 a.m. the day before.

Business appointed for an *afternoon* sitting:

4.00 p.m. the day before.

4. Under Standing Orders 10 and 27, such notice must be accompanied by evidence of support from two or more members of the Synod in addition to the member giving the notice. (This provision does *not* apply to amendments to legislative business or to proposed amendments to Standing Orders.)
5. Notice of amendments to legislative business or to proposed amendments to Standing Orders must be given in accordance with the notes accompanying the relevant item in the Agenda.
6. An amendment of which due notice has not been given may only be moved by permission of the Chair (SO 26(4)(a)).
7. The email address in respect of amendments and motions arising out of business on the Agenda is: amendments@churchofengland.org.

QUESTIONS

8. In exercise of its power under SO 12 the Business Committee has determined that notice of Questions under Standing Orders 112-113 must be delivered **not later than 12.00 noon on Tuesday 25 June 2024.**

NOTICE

9. Notice must be given to the Clerk to the Synod in writing signed by the member or by e-mail, from an address notified to the Clerk, to the relevant one of the email addresses below. The postal address is Church House, Great Smith St, London SW1P 3AZ. The e-mail addresses are:

in respect of questions:

questions@churchofengland.org

in respect of amendments and motions arising out of business on the Agenda:

amendments@churchofengland.org

in respect of submissions to Revision Committees:

revisioncommittee@churchofengland.org

ORDER OF BUSINESS

10. Business set out in the Agenda will be taken on the day and at the times shown. If business set down for a particular day is completed before the next timed business is due to be called, the opportunity will be taken to complete any business already partly considered at this group of sessions.

CONTINGENCY BUSINESS

11. If there is no uncompleted business and a gap appears in the Agenda during this group of sessions, contingency business will be taken as follows:

ADD CONFIRMATION NUMBERS TO STATISTICS FOR MISSION (GS 2371A AND GS 2371B)

.... to move on behalf of Canterbury Diocesan Synod

'That this Synod:

- (a) request that the number of candidates presented for confirmation should be recorded, so they could be used by parishes, deaneries or dioceses as one of their measures if they so desired; and
- (b) support the recording of confirmations, alongside baptisms, weddings and funerals in the annual Statistics for Mission online return.

September 2023

The deadline for amendments to this item of business is 10.00 a.m. on Friday 5 July (SO 27(5))

MEETING OF THE HOUSE OF LAITY AND CONVOCATION OF YORK

12. Separate meetings of the House of Laity and Convocation of York will take place at **12.15 pm on Friday 5 July**. The agenda and papers will be circulated separately in advance.

CONTACT

13. Please address queries or other matters not covered in these notes to the Clerk to the Synod as follows:

clerk@churchofengland.org.

FRIDAY 5 JULY 2024

2.30 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.

WORSHIP

1 INTRODUCTIONS AND WELCOMES

PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

- 2** *The Archbishop of York* will give a Presidential Address.
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**ADDRESS FROM ECUMENICAL GUEST AND PRESENTATION BY
FINNISH CONFIRMANDS**

- 3** Presentation under SO 107.
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REPORT BY THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE (GS 2353)

Canon Robert Hammond (Chelmsford) (Chair of the Business Committee)
to move:

- 4** 'That the Synod do take note of this Report.'
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**A WISDOM OF TRUST: BUILDING AND SUSTAINING TRUST IN THE
CHURCH OF ENGLAND (GS 2354)**

- 5** Presentation under SO 107.

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

The Bishop of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich to move:

- 6** 'That this Synod do take note of this Report.'
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Not later than 5.45 p.m.

7 QUESTIONS

Note: *The Business Committee has determined in exercise of its power
under SO 12 that notice of any question must be delivered **not later than
12.00 p.m. on Tuesday 25 June 2024.***

7.00 p.m. Evening Worship

SATURDAY 6 JULY 2024

8.45 a.m. to 12.45 p.m.

OPENING WORSHIP

SPECIAL AGENDA I:

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

The following items (full details of which are contained in Special Agenda I – see pages 19-23) will be taken:

Church Funds Investment Measure (**GS 2347**)

- *Revision Stage*

500 Chancel Repair (Church Commissioners' Liability) Measure (**GS 2343**)

- *Revision Stage*

64TH REPORT OF THE STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE

PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE STANDING ORDERS RELATING TO THE CROWN NOMINATIONS COMMISSION (GS 2355)

Notes:

1. *The Standing Orders Committee has reported on the proposed amendment in its 64th Report (GS 2355)*
2. *The motions for the amendment of the Standing Orders contained in the Order Paper will be moved.*

ARCHBISHOPS' COUNCIL BUDGET 2025 AND PROPOSALS FOR APPORTIONMENT 2025 (GS 2356)

Mr Carl Hughes (ex officio) (Chair of the Archbishops' Council's Finance Committee) to move:

8 'That the Synod do take note of this Report.'

Mr Carl Hughes to move:

'That this Synod approve the Archbishops' Council's expenditure for the year 2025, as shown in its budget, of £[X] in respect of [Y].'

EXPECTED EXPENDITURE [X] AREA OF ACTIVITY [Y]

9 £17,391,847

Training for Ministry

10 £38,242,532

National Church Responsibilities

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| 11 | £1,560,642 | Grants |
| 12 | £504,924 | Mission agency pension contributions |
| 13 | £6,444,313 | Clergy retirement housing grant |

Mr Carl Hughes (ex officio) (Chair of the Archbishops' Council's Finance Committee) to move:

- 14 'That this Synod approve the Archbishops' Council's proposals (set out in the Table of Apportionment contained in **GS 2356**) for:
- (a) the apportionment amongst the dioceses of the net sum to be provided by them to enable the Council to meet the expected expenditure shown in its budget for the year 2025, and
 - (b) the pooling adjustment for 2025 in respect of additional maintenance grants for ordinands.'

15 **QUESTIONS**

Note: *The Business Committee has determined in exercise of its power under SO 12 that notice of any question must be delivered **not later than 12.00 p.m. on Tuesday 25 June 2024.***

SATURDAY 6 JULY 2024

2.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.

**SPECIAL AGENDA I:
LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS**

- 505** Clergy Conduct Measure (**GS 2311A**)
- *Revision Stage*
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**SPECIAL AGENDA IV:
DIOCESAN SYNOD MOTION
REST PERIODS FOR OFFICE HOLDERS (GS 2357A AND GS 2357B)**

Canon Alison Coulter (Winchester) to move:

- 16** '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.'
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LIVING IN LOVE AND FAITH (GS 2358)

- 17** Presentation under SO 107.

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

7.00 p.m. Evening Worship

SUNDAY 7 JULY 2024

2.30 p.m. to 6.00 p.m.

SPECIAL AGENDA IV:

DIOCESAN SYNOD MOTION

HUMAN DIGNITY OF DISABLED CHILDREN (GS 2359A AND GS 2359B)

The Ven Pete Spiers (Liverpool) to move:

- 18** 'That this Synod, reaffirming its belief that every person is unique and precious and made in the image of God, and endorsing section 6 of the Equality Act (2010):
- (a) challenge the common assumption that bringing a disabled child into the world is a tragedy to be avoided;
 - (b) call upon healthcare providers and other public authorities to improve the support they give to the parents and families of children born with disabilities;
 - (c) call upon His Majesty's Government and healthcare providers to ensure that mothers whose unborn child may be disabled in any way are given comprehensive and unbiased information about the condition and support available to them;
 - (d) call upon dioceses, parishes and chaplaincies to consider how they might better witness to the human dignity of disabled children, including the better pastoral advice and support they might offer to their parents and families.'

SPECIAL AGENDA I:

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

- 507** National Church Governance Measure (**GS 2360**)
- *First Consideration*

**SPECIAL AGENDA III:
PRIVATE MEMBERS' MOTION**

**INQUIRY INTO ALLEGATIONS OF ABUSE WITHIN THE SOUL
SURVIVOR NETWORK (GS 2361A AND GS 2361B)**

The Revd Robert Thompson (London) to move:

- 19** 'That this Synod, being deeply disquieted at the continued controversies over the actual independence of Safeguarding structures within the Church of England, does not accept that an internal Church inquiry into the allegations of abuse and cover-up within the Soul Survivor network is either sufficient or right in principle.
- It accordingly calls upon the Archbishop's Council to commission, on agreed terms of reference with survivors, a report into those allegations from an independent King's Counsel without delay.'

6.00 p.m. Evening Worship

SUNDAY 7 JULY 2024

8.15 p.m. to 9.45 p.m.

**ARCHBISHOPS' COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT AND ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE CHURCH COMMISSIONERS (GS 2362 AND GS 2363)**

20 Presentation under SO 107.

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

MONDAY 8 JULY 2024

8.45 a.m. to 12.45 p.m.

OPENING WORSHIP

SAFEGUARDING INDEPENDENCE UPDATE (GS 2364)

21 Presentation under SO 107.

The Bishop of Stepney to move:

22 'That this Synod thank the Response Group for its work, welcome the progress update set out in GS 2364, and noting that feedback has identified concerns with:

(a) Professor Jay's recommendations on spiritual abuse and the definition of safeguarding; and

(b) the role of bishops in decision-making on safeguarding cases,

ask for detailed analysis of the options set out in the paper to be undertaken for the General Synod in February.'

SPECIAL AGENDA IV:

DIOCESAN SYNOD MOTION

FOOD BANKS AND INADEQUACIES IN SOCIAL SECURITY (GS 2351A AND GS 2351B)

The Ven Malcolm Chamberlain (Sheffield) to move:

23 'That this Synod, mindful that the fourth Mark of Mission of the Anglican Communion is to "transform unjust structures of society",

(a) note the major contribution to social welfare being made by the churches and others in the provision of food banks

(b) note with concern that levels of dependence on food banks have been increasing and that inflation is making the situation even worse

(c) believe that this dependence reflects serious inadequacies in the social security system

(d) note that the Trussell Trust has said: 'we stand on the edge of a precipice with a clear decision to make: either we accept food banks as a 'new normal' or we work to create a more dignified, compassionate and humane society where everyone has enough money for essentials'

- (e) welcome the Chancellor's intervention to help the least well-off households with their energy bills but note this will not remove the problem of increased dependency on foodbanks
- (f) call on the House of Bishops to urgently engage with HM Government, in particular the Secretary of State, to press it to review the adequacy of current social security provision.'

MONDAY 8 JULY 2024

2.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.

LIVING IN LOVE AND FAITH (GS 2358)

The Bishop of Leicester to move:

24 '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.'

7.00 p.m. Evening Worship

MONDAY 8 JULY 2024

8.30 p.m. to 10.00 p.m.

If 25 members have given notice to the Clerk by 3 July that they wish the Safeguarding Code of Practice: Learning and Development Framework (GS 2370) to be debated, it will be taken during this sitting.

Any other items of legislative business listed in Special Agenda I which the Business Committee has determined do not need to be debated are expected to be taken during this sitting if due notice is given of a wish to debate the item or of an amendment (where that is permitted).

The Order Paper will contain details of any business to be taken.

TUESDAY 9 JULY 2024

8.45 a.m. to 1.45 p.m.

OPENING WORSHIP

SPECIAL AGENDA I:

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

- 506** Abuse (Redress) Measure (**GS 2325A**)
- *Revision Stage*
- 501 –** Chancel Repair (Church Commissioners' Liability) Measure (**GS 2343**)
502 - *Final Drafting and Final Approval*
- 503 -** Church Funds Investment Measure (**GS 2347**)
504 - *Final Drafting and Final Approval*
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SPECIAL AGENDA IV:

DIOCESAN SYNOD MOTION

DAY OF PRAYER AND ACTION FOR THE PERSECUTED CHURCH (GS 2365A AND GS 2365B)

The Revd Amatu Christian-Iwuagwu (London) to move:

- 25** 'That this Synod, in the light of the motion passed at the February 2022 Group of Sessions relating to the persecuted Church (i.e. item 18 on the Agenda, as amended), request the Archbishops' Council to work ecumenically with other churches to establish a national day of prayer and action for the persecuted Church around the world.'
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Not later than 12.35 p.m.

HEARING AND RESPONDING TO THE VOICE OF YOUNG PEOPLE (GS 2366)

- 26** Presentation under SO 107.

The Bishop of Portsmouth move:

27 'That this Synod:

- (a) welcome the voice of children and young people as part of the church of today and commit to intentionally hearing and responding to their voice on at least one substantive item of business in future groups of sessions, employing a range of presentational activities, including surveys, reports, live presentations and videos
- (b) welcome the work being done across the whole church to become 'younger and more diverse' ensuring every child in every parish has access to a flourishing youth, children and families' ministry.'

Not later than 1.35 p.m.

28 FAREWELLS

Not later than 1.45 p.m.

29 PROROGATION

SPECIAL AGENDA I – LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

CHANCEL REPAIR (CHURCH COMMISSIONERS' LIABILITY) MEASURE (GS 2343)

Draft Measure for Revision

Draft Measure for Final Drafting and Final Approval

(First Consideration at the February 2024 group of sessions)

Report by the Revision Committee (GS 2343Y)

The Chair of the Revision Committee (The Ven Stewart Fyfe) (Carlisle) to move:

500 'That the Synod do take note of this Report.'

Notes:

1. *In the debate on item 500, it will not be in order to debate any matter which is the subject of an amendment to the draft Measure which appears on a Notice Paper for this group of sessions (SO 57(6)).*
2. *When the debate is concluded on item 500, the Synod will proceed to consider the draft Measure clause by clause, first considering any amendments of which due notice has been given (SO 58(1) and (2)).*
3. *Any member who wishes to give notice of an amendment under SO 59(1) to the draft Measure must do so in accordance with SO 13 **not later than 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday 2 July 2024**. Members' attention is drawn to Standing Order 59(3).*

Final Drafting Stage

The Chair of the Steering Committee (Mrs Julie Dziegiel) (Oxford) to move:

501 'That the Synod do take note of this Report'

Note: *If item 501 is carried, any special amendments will be moved (SO 61(8)).*

Final Approval Stage

The Chair of the Steering Committee (Mrs Julie Dziegiel) (Oxford) to move:

502 'That the Measure entitled "Chancel Repair (Church Commissioners' Liability) Measure" be finally approved.'

SPECIAL AGENDA I – LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

CHURCH FUNDS INVESTMENT MEASURE (GS 2347)

Draft Measure for Revision

Draft Measure for Final Drafting and Final Approval

(First Consideration at the February 2024 group of sessions)

Revision Stage

The Revision Committee, pursuant to SO 57(7), has authorised the Clerk to inform the Synod that no proposals for amendment were received by the Committee and that there are no other matters for it to report.

Notes:

1. *The Synod will, accordingly, proceed immediately to consider the draft Measure clause by clause, first considering any amendments of which due notice has been given (SO 58(1) and (2)).*
2. *Any member who wishes to give notice of an amendment under SO 59(1) to the draft Measure must do so in accordance with SO 13 **not later than 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday 2 July 2024**. Members' attention is drawn to Standing Order 59(3).*

Final Drafting Stage

The Chair of the Steering Committee (Mr Carl Hughes) (Ex Officio) to move:

503 'That the Synod do take note of this Report'

Note: *If item 503 is carried, any special amendments will be moved (SO 61(8)).*

Final Approval Stage

The Chair of the Steering Committee (Mr Carl Hughes) (Ex Officio) to move:

504 'That the Measure entitled "Church Funds Investment Measure" be finally approved.'

SPECIAL AGENDA I – LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

CLERGY CONDUCT MEASURE (GS 2311A)

Draft Measure for Revision

(First Consideration at the July 2023 group of sessions)

Report by the Revision Committee (GS 2311Y)

The Chair of the Revision Committee (Mr Geoffrey Tattersall KC) (Manchester) to move:

505 'That the Synod do take note of this Report.'

Notes:

- 1. In the debate on item 505, it will not be in order to debate any matter which is the subject of an amendment to the draft Measure which appears on a Notice Paper for this group of sessions (SO 57(6)).*
- 2. When the debate is concluded on item 505, the Synod will proceed to consider the draft Measure clause by clause, first considering any amendments of which due notice has been given (SO 58(1) and (2)).*
- 3. Any member who wishes to give notice of an amendment under SO 59(1) to the draft Measure must do so in accordance with SO 13 **not later than 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday 2 July 2024**. Members' attention is drawn to Standing Order 59(3).*

ABUSE (REDRESS) MEASURE (GS 2325A)

Draft Measure for Revision

(First Consideration at the November 2023 group of sessions)

Report by the Revision Committee (GS 2325Y)

The Chair of the Revision Committee (The Ven Fiona Gibson) (Hereford) to move:

506 'That the Synod do take note of this Report.'

Notes:

- 1. In the debate on item 506, it will not be in order to debate any matter which is the subject of an amendment to the draft Measure which appears on a Notice Paper for this group of sessions (SO 57(6)).*
- 2. When the debate is concluded on item 506, the Synod will proceed to consider the draft Measure clause by clause, first considering any amendments of which due notice has been given (SO 58(1) and (2)).*
- 3. Any member who wishes to give notice of an amendment under SO 59(1) to the draft Measure must do so in accordance with SO 13 **not later than 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday 2 July 2024**. Members' attention is drawn to Standing Order 59(3).*

SPECIAL AGENDA I – LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

NATIONAL CHURCH GOVERNANCE MEASURE (GS 2360)

Draft Measure for First Consideration

The Chair of the Steering Committee (The Bishop of Guildford) to move:

- 507** 'That the Measure entitled "National Church Governance Measure" be considered for revision in committee.'

Note:

*If item 507 is carried, any member who wishes to submit proposals for amendment to the revision committee must send them in writing to the Clerk to the Synod so as to reach her **not later than 5.30 p.m. on Friday 6 September 2024.***

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

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

Orders made under section 86 of the Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction and Care of Churches Measure 2018

Notes:

- 1. The Fees Advisory Commission has laid the Orders (GS 2367 and GS 2368) before the General Synod for approval under section 86 of the Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction and Care of Churches Measure 2018.*
- 2. The Business Committee has determined (as provided by that section) that the Orders do not need to be debated.*
- 3. Under SO 71(2), any member who wishes to debate an Order must give notice in accordance with SO 13 by **not later than 5.30 p.m. on Friday 5 July 2024.***
- 4. Amendments to the Ecclesiastical Judges, Legal Officers and Others (Fees) Order are permissible. Under SO 71(5), any member who wishes to give notice of an amendment must do so in accordance with SO 13 **not later than 5.30 p.m. on Thursday 4 July 2024.***

SPECIAL AGENDA I – LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

THE SAFEGUARDING (CLERGY RISK ASSESSMENT) REGULATIONS 2024 (GS 2369)

Regulations under Canon C30

Notes:

1. *The House of Bishops has made the Regulations (GS 2369) and laid them before the General Synod under paragraph 3(3) of Canon C30.*
2. *The Business Committee has determined (as provided for by paragraph 3(4) of Canon C 30) that the Regulations do not need to be debated*
3. *Under SO 71(2), any member who wishes to debate the Regulations must give notice in accordance with SO 13 by **not later than 5.30 p.m. on Friday 5 July 2024.***
4. *Amendments to the Regulations are not permissible.*

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

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

Notes:

1. *The House of Bishops have laid the Code of Practice (GS 2370) before the General Synod for approval under section 5A of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016.*
2. *The Code will be treated as having been approved by the Synod under section 6C of that Measure unless 25 members give notice in writing to the Clerk **by no later than Wednesday 3rd July 2024** that they wish the Code to be debated.*
3. *The Business Committee has determined in accordance with Standing Order 70(1) that should such notice have been given, the Code is to be considered on the One Motion Procedure under SO 72.*
4. *Amendments to the Code are not permissible.*

SPECIAL AGENDA III – PRIVATE MEMBERS MOTIONS

Note: This is the current order which includes signatures received by 14 June 2024.

VOCATIONS PROCESS AND ISSUES IN HUMAN SEXUALITY

The Revd Mae Christie (Southwark) to move:

‘That this Synod request that the House of Bishops remove any requirements relating to *Issues in Human Sexuality* from the Vocations (Shared Discernment) Process.’

136 signatures

June 2022

INQUIRY INTO ALLEGATIONS OF ABUSE WITHIN THE SOUL SURVIVOR NETWORK

The Revd Robert Thompson (London) to move:

‘That this Synod, being deeply disquieted at the continued controversies over the actual independence of Safeguarding structures within the Church of England, does not accept that an internal Church inquiry into the allegations of abuse and cover-up within the Soul Survivor network is either sufficient or right in principle.

It accordingly calls upon the Archbishop’s Council to commission, on agreed terms of reference with survivors, a report into those allegations from an independent King’s Counsel without delay.’

147 signatures

May 2023

LGBTQIA+ AND RELATIONSHIP EDUCATION

Mr Sam Wilson (Chester) to move:

‘That this Synod:

- (a) recognise the importance of including age-appropriate LGBTQIA+ content in relationship education
- (b) commend the use of ‘Valuing All God’s Children’ to all Church of England schools in order to help combat anti-LGBTQIA+ bullying
- (c) thank the teachers and staff who help to create welcoming and inclusive environments for all pupils, especially those who do so with personal sacrifice as LGBTQIA+ role models.’

106 signatures

May 2023

REVIEW OF THE ROLE OF PAULA VENNELLS

The Revd Dr Ian Paul (Southwell & Notts) to move:

‘That this Synod, in the light of the central role of Paula Vennells in the Post Office Horizon scandal, and the comment by the Archbishop of Canterbury that ‘Paula Vennells has shaped my thinking over the years’, request that a full review be undertaken of the influence of Paula Vennells on the culture, decisions, appointments, and strategies of the House of Bishops and the wider Church.’

1 signature

May 2024

WITHDRAWAL OF VALUING ALL GOD’S CHILDREN

Mrs Rebecca Hunt (Portsmouth) to move:

‘That this Synod:

Recognising widespread criticism and concerns raised at the content and use of *Valuing All God’s Children* and following the publication of the Cass Review:

- a. Oppose the use of *Valuing All God’s Children* by Church of England schools to justify inappropriate relationships and sex education and harmful pastoral practice towards gender questioning children.
- b. Regret the use of *Valuing All God’s Children* against Christians in court to undermine the Church of England’s teaching on marriage.
- c. Lament the lack of leadership from the Church of England in not speaking into our schools and culture about issues of identity.
- d. Call for the immediate withdrawal of *Valuing All God’s Children* and an apology from the Archbishop of Canterbury and the National Society for the harm it has caused.’

May 2024

SPECIAL AGENDA IV – DIOCESAN SYNOD MOTIONS

KAIROS PALESTINE

... to move on behalf of the Carlisle Diocesan Synod:

‘That this Synod:

- (a) endorse the “Cry for Hope” expressed by Palestinian Christians and the ‘Global Kairos for Justice’ coalition (GKfJ);
- (b) request that the Faith and Order Commission produce a report which analyses and refutes any theological justifications, for example, those promoted by some Christian Zionists, for the oppression of Palestinians
- (c) instruct the Ethical Investment Advisory Group to provide guidance to the National Investing Bodies (NIBs) and Dioceses that will enable them to screen their investments and thereby make decisions regarding engagement with, and divestment from, companies which profit from the occupation.’

October 2021

SAFER RECRUITMENT FOR PCCS AND SYNODS

... to move on behalf of Lichfield Diocesan Synod:

That this Synod request that the Archbishops Council:

- (a) review current legislative provision dealing with disqualification from holding office on a PCC or synod constituted under the Church Representation Rules;
- (b) consult the National Safeguarding Team on appropriate safeguarding measures;
- (c) bring forward proposals to amend the Church Representation Rules and other relevant legislation to allow checks to be made as to the eligibility of individuals to hold office on a PCC or synod; and
- (d) bring forward legislation to provide a robust and effective means for preventing those who are disqualified on safeguarding or other grounds from being elected to, or holding, office.’

April 2022

DAY OF PRAYER AND ACTION FOR THE PERSECUTED CHURCH

... to move on behalf of London Diocesan Synod:

‘That this Synod, in the light of the motion passed at the February 2022 Group of Sessions relating to the persecuted Church (i.e. item 18 on the Agenda, as amended), request the Archbishops’ Council to work ecumenically with other churches to establish a national day of prayer and action for the persecuted Church around the world.’

August 2022

SPECIAL AGENDA IV – DIOCESAN SYNOD MOTIONS

FOOD BANKS AND INADEQUACIES IN SOCIAL SECURITY

... to move on behalf of Sheffield Diocesan Synod:

‘That this Synod, mindful that the fourth Mark of Mission of the Anglican Communion is to “transform unjust structures of society”,

- (a) note the major contribution to social welfare being made by the churches and others in the provision of food banks
- (b) note with concern that levels of dependence on food banks have been increasing and that inflation is making the situation even worse
- (c) believe that this dependence reflects serious inadequacies in the social security system
- (d) note that the Trussell Trust has said: 'we stand on the edge of a precipice with a clear decision to make: either we accept food banks as a 'new normal' or we work to create a more dignified, compassionate and humane society where everyone has enough money for essentials'
- (e) welcome the Chancellor’s intervention to help the least well-off households with their energy bills but note this will not remove the problem of increased dependency on foodbanks
- (f) call on the House of Bishops to urgently engage with HM Government, in particular the Secretary of State, to press it to review the adequacy of current social security provision.'

January 2023

REST PERIODS FOR OFFICE HOLDERS

.... to move on behalf of Winchester Diocesan Synod

‘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.’

April 2023

SPECIAL AGENDA IV – DIOCESAN SYNOD MOTIONS

ADD CONFIRMATION NUMBERS TO STATISTICS FOR MISSION

... to move on behalf of the Diocese of Canterbury:

‘That this Synod:

- (a) request that the number of candidates presented for confirmation should be recorded, so they could be used by parishes, deaneries or dioceses as one of their measures if they so desired; and
- (b) support the recording of confirmations, alongside baptisms, weddings and funerals in the annual Statistics for Mission online return.

September 2023

HUMAN DIGNITY OF DISABLED CHILDREN

... to move on behalf of the Liverpool Diocesan Synod:

‘That this Synod, reaffirming its belief that every person is unique and precious and made in the image of God, and endorsing section 6 of the Equality Act (2010):

- (a) challenge the common assumption that bringing a disabled child into the world is a tragedy to be avoided;
- (b) call upon healthcare providers and other public authorities to improve the support they give to the parents and families of children born with disabilities;
- (c) call upon His Majesty’s Government and healthcare providers to ensure that mothers whose unborn child may be disabled in any way are given comprehensive and unbiased information about the condition and support available to them;
- (d) call upon dioceses, parishes and chaplaincies to consider how they might better witness to the human dignity of disabled children, including the better pastoral advice and support they might offer to their parents and families.’

February 2024

SPECIAL AGENDA IV – DIOCESAN SYNOD MOTIONS

REDISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS

... to move on behalf of the Hereford Diocesan Synod:

‘That this Synod

- a) call upon the Church Commissioners and Archbishops’ Council to undertake everything necessary to effect a redistribution of financial resources directly to Diocesan Stipend Funds to reflect the value of contributions made by Diocesan Boards of Finance to the Church of England Funded Pension Scheme since it was established by the settlement of 1997 (£2.6 billion)
- b) call upon Diocesan Boards of Finance to manage the funds redistributed as a result of the above to support parish ministry in the ways discerned locally to be most effective in enabling growth and sustaining the Church of England's commitment to be a Christian presence in every community.’

May 2024