

GENERAL SYNOD
FEBRUARY 2025 GROUP OF SESSIONS
BUSINESS DONE AT 12.45 P.M.
ON THURSDAY 13TH FEBRUARY 2025

WORSHIP

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

‘GROWING YOUNGER AND MORE DIVERSE’ - HEARING AND RESPONDING TO THE VOICES OF YOUNG ADULTS (18-25) (GS 2385)

17 The motion

‘That this Synod:

- a) welcome the voice of young adults (aged 18-25) as part of the church of today and commit to intentionally hearing and responding to their voices on a range of items of business in each subsequent group of sessions, employing a range of presentational activities, including surveys, reports, live presentations and videos
- b) invite the formation of a group of up to 200 young adults drawn from across all dioceses to support the leadership development, faith journey and advocacy of young adults
- c) request at least three and up to five young adults as representatives of this group at each session of Synod under Standing Order 122.1 recognising that this group to be the successor to the Church of England Youth Council
- d) welcome the work being done across the whole church to become ‘younger and more diverse’ ensuring young adults are at the centre of this mission, through implementing a development and advocacy programme for young adults in each diocese to feed into Synod business, and encourage more young adults to consider standing for election in subsequent quinquennia.’

- 45 The amendment (Order Paper VI) was lost.
- 46 The amendment (Order Paper VI) was carried.
- 17 The motion (as amended)

‘That this Synod:

- a) welcome the voice of young adults (aged 18-25) as part of the church of today and commit to intentionally hearing and responding to their voices on a range of items of business in each subsequent group of sessions, employing a range of presentational activities, including surveys, reports, live presentations and videos
- b) invite the formation of a group of up to 200 young adults drawn from across all dioceses to support the leadership development, faith journey and advocacy of young adults
- c) request at least three and up to five young adults as representatives of this group at each session of Synod under Standing Order 122.1 recognising that this group to be the successor to the Church of England Youth Council while ensuring that links are made with the opportunities provided for the voices of active disciples who are under 18 to be heard in a way that feeds into Synod so that the two processes join together
- d) welcome the work being done across the whole church to become ‘younger and more diverse’ ensuring young adults are at the centre of this mission, through implementing a development and advocacy programme for young adults in each diocese to feed into Synod business, and encourage more young adults to consider standing for election in subsequent quinquennia.’

was carried.

LIVING IN LOVE AND FAITH: UPDATE ON PROPOSALS (GS 2386)

- 18 A presentation was given under Standing Order 107.

PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE STANDING ORDERS RELATING TO THE CROWN NOMINATIONS COMMISSION (GS 2387)

- 25 The motion (Order Paper VI) was carried.
- 26 The motion (Order Paper VI) was carried.
- 27 The motion (Order Paper VI) was carried.
- 28 The motion (Order Paper VI) was moved.
- 47 The amendment (Order Paper VI) was lost following a counted vote by Houses. The voting was as follows:

	IN FAVOUR	AGAINST
Bishops	8	13
Clergy	78	83
Laity	94	80

5 abstentions were recorded in the House of Bishops; 4 were recorded in the House of Clergy; and 2 in the House of Laity.

- 28 The motion (Order Paper VI) was carried.
- 29 The motion (Order Paper VI) was carried.

VARIATION

Under Standing Order 9(1)(a), the order of business was varied by the Chair with the general consent of the Synod so that the debate on items 30-33 would resume at the beginning of the afternoon sitting of the Synod on Thursday 13th February.