

GENERAL SYNOD

FEBRUARY 2025 GROUP OF SESSIONS

BUSINESS DONE AT 12.30 P.M.

ON FRIDAY 14TH FEBRUARY 2025

WORSHIP

The Synod was led in an act of worship by the Community of St Anselm.

VARIATION IN THE ORDER OF BUSINESS

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 Revd Mae Christie's petition would be taken as the next item of business;

The debate on Item 502 (National Church Governance Measure, Revision Stage, GS 2360A) would resume immediately thereafter.

Item 503 (Mission and Pastoral Measure, First Consideration, GS 2394) and item 504 (Mission and Pastoral Regulations, First Consideration, GS 2395) would be taken following the conclusion of the debate on Item 502.

Item 21 (Diocesan Synod Motion: Redistribution of Funds GS 2396A & 2396B) would be taken at 1.45pm

Item 506 (Church Representation Rules, GS 2388), item 507 House of Bishops Election Rules GS 2389), item 508 (House of Clergy Election Rules GS 2390), item 509 (House of Laity Election Rules, GS 2391) and item 510 (Single Transferable Vote Regulations, GS 2392) would be taken at the July group of sessions.

PRESENTATION OF PETITION

The Revd Mae Christie (Southwark) presented a petition to the Synod in accordance with Standing Order 43.

SPECIAL AGENDA I:

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

NATIONAL CHURCH GOVERNANCE MEASURE (GS 2360A)

Revision Stage

RESUMED DEBATE

555 The amendment (Order Paper VII) was not moved.

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

SPECIAL AGENDA I:

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

MISSION AND PASTORAL MEASURE (GS 2394)

First Consideration

503 The motion

‘That the Measure entitled “Mission and Pastoral Measure” be considered for revision in committee.’

was carried.

The Chair reported that the Measure automatically stood committed to the Revision Committee and that notice of amendments must be submitted to the Clerk to the Synod not later than 5.30pm on Tuesday 18th March 2025.

MISSION AND PASTORAL REGULATIONS (GS 2395)

504 The motion

‘That the Regulations entitled “Mission and Pastoral Regulations” be considered for revision in committee.’

was carried.

The Chair reported that the Measure automatically stood committed to the Revision Committee and that notice of amendments must be submitted to the Clerk not later than 5.30pm on Tuesday 18th March 2025.

SPECIAL AGENDA I:

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

VACANCY IN SEE COMMITTEES (AMENDMENT) REGULATION 2025 (GS 2396)

512A The motion

‘That the “Vacancy in See Committees (Amendment) Regulation 2025” be considered.’

was carried.

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

	FOR	AGAINST
Bishops	7	14
Clergy	75	64
Laity	82	79

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

565 The amendment (Order Paper IX) was lost.

566 The amendment (Order Paper IX) was carried following a counted vote of the whole Synod. The voting was as follows:

IN FAVOUR 188

AGAINST 119

26 abstentions were recorded.

ADJOURNMENT OF DEBATE

Under Standing Order 15(7), the Chair adjourned the debate at 12.30 p.m.