

Thursday 13 February 2025

9.00 a.m. to 12.45 p.m.

ORDER PAPER VI

OPENING WORSHIP

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

Mr Kenson Li (Co-opted member) to move:

- 17** ‘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 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.'

Mr Clive Scowen (London) to move as an amendment:

- 45** 'In paragraph (c) *leave out* "at least three and up to five young adults as representatives of this group at" and *insert* "the group referred to in paragraph (b) to appoint three representatives of the group to attend".'

Mrs Clare Williams (Norwich) to move as an amendment:

- 46** 'In paragraph (c) at the end *insert* "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".'

Not later than 10.15 a.m.

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

- 18** Presentation under SO 107.

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

Not later than 11.15 a.m.

**65th REPORT OF THE STANDING ORDERS
COMMITTEE**

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

The Bishop of London to move that the following amendments be made with effect from 15 February 2025:

25 Standing Order 137 Crown Nominations Commission: membership

'In Standing Order 137, after paragraph (3CA) insert--

“(3CB) If the member of a pair serving under paragraph (3A) for the consideration of a vacancy is unable to attend a meeting of the Commission at which the vacancy is under consideration, the other member of the pair may attend the meeting in that member’s place.”

***Explanation:** This amendment would enable the other member of a pair to attend a meeting of the Crown Nominations Commission if the member who was serving for the vacancy in question was unable to attend.*

26 'In Standing Order 137, after paragraph (6) insert—

“(7) In these Standing Orders, a reference to the Prime Minister’s Secretary for Appointments or to the Archbishops’ Secretary for Appointments includes a reference to a person acting as deputy for the holder of that office.”.

***Explanation:** This amendment would enable deputies to be substituted for the Appointments Secretaries.*

27 'In Standing Order 137(4), in paragraph (4)(b), at the end insert “or the need for an interpreter”.

***Explanation:** This amendment would allow the Commission to invite the attendance of an interpreter where a member needed such assistance (for example, because a member’s limited English meant that the member could not otherwise participate satisfactorily).*

28 'In Standing Order 137, for paragraph (5) substitute—

“(5) If one of the Presidents will be absent from a meeting of the Commission, that President may nominate a member of the House of Bishops from that President’s Province as a deputy with full voting rights; but if such absence arises

because the archiepiscopal see of a President is vacant, the other President may make the nomination (with the deputy being a member of the House of Bishops from the Province with the vacant archiepiscopal see).”.’

Explanation: *This amendment ensures that where the see of an archbishop is vacant, the other archbishop can exercise the power to appoint a bishop to act as deputy for the absent archbishop.*

Mr Clive Scowen (London) to move as an amendment to item 28:

- 47** ‘*Leave out* all the words after “vacant” and *insert* “the members of the House of Bishops from the Province with the vacant archiepiscopal see may make the nomination from among their own number”.’

Explanation: *This amendment would change the effect of amendment 4 so that, where an archiepiscopal see is vacant, the members of the House of Bishops for the province including that see, rather than the other archbishop, are to have the power to nominate a deputy from among themselves.*

The Bishop of London to move that the following amendments be made with effect from 15 February 2025:

29 Standing Order 138 Crown Nominations Commission: Chair

‘In Standing Order 138, for paragraph (5) substitute—
“(5) In the absence of both Archbishops, the Archbishop required to preside by paragraph (2) or, in the event of that Archbishop’s incapacity or a vacancy in the see of that Archbishop, the other Archbishop may direct that the member of the House of Bishops nominated under SO 137(5) for the province in which an appointment is being considered is to preside.”.’

This amendment ceases to have effect on 14 February 2026 (and accordingly, paragraph (5) of Standing Order 138, in the form it took immediately before this amendment had effect, is then revived).

Explanation: *This temporary amendment is concerned with the case where neither archbishop is present to preside at a meeting of the Commission. An archbishop would be able to direct that the member of the House of Bishops nominated under Standing Order 137(5) as deputy of the archbishop of the relevant province was to preside at the meeting.*

30 Standing Order 141 Crown Nominations Commission: business and procedure

‘In paragraph (6) of Standing Order 141—

(1) after “unless” insert “each voting member who is serving for the Commission’s consideration of the vacancy has been afforded the opportunity to cast a vote for or against the submission of that name land”;

(2) for the words from “the total number” to “in question” substitute “the number of members who cast a vote”.

Explanation: *This amendment would prevent an abstention from being counted as, in effect, a vote against a candidate. Instead, the threshold would be calculated by reference only to the number of votes actually cast for and against a candidate; an abstention would be ignored in determining whether an individual had the necessary level of support.*

31 ‘In paragraph (6) of Standing Order 141, for “two-thirds” substitute “60%”.’

Explanation: *This amendment would change the threshold required for submitting a name to the Prime Minister from two-thirds to 60%.*

Dr Lis Goddard (London) to move as an amendment to item 31:

- 48** *‘Leave out “for “two-thirds” substitute “60%” and insert “at the end insert.*

“Provided that in the event of a two-thirds majority not being achieved, a name may nevertheless be submitted if it has received the support of—

(a) in the case of a vacancy other than in either Archbishopric—

(i) a simple majority of those who are members under SO 137(1)(a)(b) and (c) who are serving on the consideration of that vacancy, and

(ii) a simple majority of the members elected by and from the Vacancy in See Committee under SO 137(1)(d);

(b) in the case of a vacancy in the Archbishopric of Canterbury—

(i) 60% of the total number of voting members of the Commission who have been serving on the Commission’s consideration of the vacancy,

(ii) a simple majority of those who are members under SO 137(1)(a)(b) and (c) who are serving on the consideration of that vacancy together with the person appointed under SO 138(6),

(iii) a simple majority of the members elected by and from the Vacancy in See Committee under SO 137(1)(d), and

(iv) a simple majority of the representatives of other Churches of the Anglican Communion who are voting members by virtue of SO 139(2)(a)(ii);

(c) in the case of a vacancy in the Archbishopric of York—

(i) a simple majority of those who are members under SO 137(1)(a)(b) and (c) who are serving on the consideration of

that vacancy together with the person appointed under SO 138(7), and

(ii) a simple majority of the members elected by and from the Vacancy in See Committee under SO 137(1)(d).”.

Explanation: This amendment would change the effect of amendment 7 so that the threshold for submitting a name to the Prime Minister remained two-thirds but with a fallback so that where the threshold was not met, a name could be submitted if it had the support of a simple majority of the (usually) eight central members of the CNC and the support of a simple majority of the (usually) six diocesan members. It would make different provision for vacancies in the Archbishopsrics of Canterbury and York to take account of the way in which the CNC is constituted in those cases. The amendment would provide for the fallback by inserting the words beginning “Provided that” at the end of the existing SO 141(6).

The Bishop of London to move that the following amendments be made with effect from 15 February 2025:

- 32** ‘In paragraph (6) of Standing Order 141, for “in a secret ballot” substitute “on a show of hands which must be counted by the Secretary of the Commission”.’

Explanation: This amendment would replace the requirement for a secret ballot with a requirement for a counted vote to be taken on a show of hands.

- 33** ‘After paragraph (6) of Standing Order 141 insert—
“(6ZA) But if no more than two candidates are or remain under consideration for selection and, after three successive rounds of voting in respect of only those candidates, none has received the level of support required under paragraph (6), the person presiding at the meeting may cast a second vote in favour of such of those candidates as he or she thinks fit.

(6ZB) Where the person presiding at the meeting casts a second vote in favour of a candidate under paragraph (6ZA), that vote is to be added to the number of votes cast in favour of that candidate; and if, on a recount of the votes, the result is that the candidate then has the level of support required under paragraph (6), the name of that candidate becomes the name selected for submission to the Prime Minister.

(6ZC) On a recount of the votes under paragraph (6ZB), for the purposes of ascertaining the level of support required under paragraph (6), the person presiding is to be counted as one member who casts a vote (despite having cast a second vote).”.’

Explanation: *This amendment would give the person presiding at the relevant meeting of the Commission a second vote where no more than two candidates remained under consideration and no candidate had received the required level of support after three rounds of voting.*