

GENERAL SYNOD AGENDA AND PROGRAMME

UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED ALL MEETINGS WILL TAKE PLACE IN
PALMERSTON PLACE CHURCH, EDINBURGH

A “Freshers’ Meeting” will be held at 09.00 on Thursday, 7 June for new members of Synod.

Thursday, 7 June 2007

10:00 Choral Eucharist in St Mary’s Cathedral, including Primus’ Charge and commissioning of Mrs Sheila Redwood as Mothers’ Union President for Scotland
Offering for the Community Fund
Constitution of General Synod.

11:20 Coffee

SESSION ONE: THE MOST REV THE PRIMUS IN THE CHAIR

11:40 Primus: Welcome to delegates and guests

Preliminary Business (Page 11)

Minutes of General Synod 2006 (Page 12)

Motion 1: That this Synod approve the minutes of the meeting of the General Synod held on 8-10 June 2006.

Elections: (Page 42)

Pension Fund Chair

Administration Board Membership

[Standing Committee Membership]

12:00 **Standing Committee**

Accounts

Motion 2: That this Synod accept the Annual Report and Accounts of the General Synod of the Scottish Episcopal Church for the financial year ended 31 December 2006.

Budgets and Quota: Overview (Page 43)

General Synod Organisation

Membership of Standing Committee (Page 69)

Motion 3: *That the Digest of Resolutions be amended by the incorporation of the following wording at the end of section 2.2.1:-*

“In addition, notwithstanding the provisions of Section 2.1.5(b), the House of Clergy of the General Synod shall elect two members and the House of Laity of the General Synod shall elect one member. No such elected persons shall be concurrent members of a General Synod Board, any of their pendant committees or any other provincial body as determined from time to time by the Standing Committee. Unless the General Synod otherwise resolves, the period of office shall be four years (with the possibility of re-election for one additional such term). If an elected person’s period of office as a member of General Synod ceases before expiry of their period of office as a member of the Standing Committee, the period of office on the Standing Committee shall cease at the same point as their membership of General Synod. The Standing Committee itself may make nominations to the Synod in relation to the two clerical posts and the one lay post.”

General Synod Representation (Page 74)

12:45 Lunch

SESSION TWO: MR IAN STEWART IN THE CHAIR

14:00 **College of Bishops**

14:20 **Faith and Order Board**

Anglican Communion Covenant (Page 80)

Motion 4: *That this Synod note the report of the Anglican Communion’s Covenant Design Group, the draft text of the Covenant and the comments of the Faith and Order Board Covenant Sub-group regarding the draft Covenant and invite the Faith and Order Board to finalise a response to the Anglican Communion on the draft Covenant.*

Committee on Canons

Canons for Second Reading

Election of Bishops (Page 105)

***Motion 5:** That the amended text for Canon 4 be read for the second time.*

***Motion 6:** That the amended text for Resolution 2 under Canon 4 be adopted.*

***Motion 7:** That the amended text for Resolution 3 under Canon 4 be adopted.*

***Motion 8:** That the amended text for Resolution 4 under Canon 61 be adopted.*

Church Membership in the Scottish Episcopal Church (Page 115)

***Motion 9:** That this Synod receive the Discussion Paper regarding Church Membership and request the Faith and Order Board to arrange for the Committee on Canons to bring forward canonical alterations for a first reading at General Synod 2008 in accordance with the principles enunciated in that Discussion Paper.*

15:45 Tea

SESSION THREE: THE MOST REV THE PRIMUS IN THE CHAIR

16:15 **Standing Committee**

Child Protection – Vulnerable Adults (Page 119)

***Motion 10:** That the amended text of Canon 65 be read for the second time.*

***Motion 11:** That the amended text of Canon 54.3 be read for the second time.*

***Motion 12:** That the amended text of Canon 54.18 be read for the second time.*

***Motion 13:** That the amended text for the Schedule to Canon 65 be adopted.*

***Motion 14:** That the amended text for Resolution 1 under Canon 65 be adopted.*

***Motion 15:** That the amended text for Resolution 2 under Canon 65 be adopted.*

***Motion 16:** That the amended text for Resolution 3 under Canon 65 be adopted.*

SESSION FOUR: THE RIGHT REV THE BISHOP OF ST ANDREWS, DUNKELD AND DUNBLANE IN THE CHAIR

16.35 **Liturgy Committee**

Liturgical Formation (Page 129)

Marriage Liturgy

Comments from Dioceses (Page 131)

Marriage Liturgy 2007 (Page 133)

Motion from the Diocese of Aberdeen and Orkney:

That this Synod believe that the Marriage Liturgy 2006 is not yet ready to be added to the list of Services in the Schedule to Canon Twenty-Two.

***Motion 17:** That the Marriage Liturgy 2007 be added to the list of authorised liturgies in the Schedule to Canon 22.*

18:00 Evening Office

Friday, 8 June 2007

09:00 Morning Office

SESSION FIVE: THE MOST REV THE PRIMUS IN THE CHAIR

09:15 **Administration Board**
Charity Regulation (Page 152)

Investment Committee

Finance Committee

Retirement Welfare Committee

Retirement Housing Fund (Page 155)

Motion 18: *That the Digest of Resolutions be amended by the addition, after paragraph 7.9 of the following:-*

“7.10 Provincial Housing Fund Levy

To enable the provision of retirement housing for those eligible under the rules applicable to the Housing Fund, it shall be the duty of every congregation and diocese to pay an amount equivalent to 5% of the capital of any pecuniary legacy or legacy of stock market investments to the General Synod, initially for the benefit of the Retirement Housing Fund.”

Buildings Advisory Committee

Personnel Committee (Page 157)

(The new text is highlighted in bold in the motion below)

Motion 19: *That the Digest of Resolutions be amended by the substitution for the existing paragraph 6.2 of the following:-*

“6.2 Payment of Clergy

6.2.1 The Diocesan Treasurer shall, unless otherwise agreed by the relevant eligible congregation, remit, in not fewer than ten monthly instalments (and ideally in twelve equal such instalments), to the Treasurer of each eligible congregation any grant for stipend support from the Grants for Ministry Fund necessary to bring the stipend up to the standard for the year.

6.2.2 The Congregational Treasurer shall, not later than the last Thursday of each month, pay the cleric one-twelfth of the said standard stipend, less Income Tax and National Insurance Contributions and, unless otherwise agreed by the cleric's Vestry and diocesan Bishop, after deduction of any sums received by the cleric by virtue of employment or other ecclesiastical or secular work. The employer's share of the National Insurance Contribution shall be the responsibility of the congregation.

6.2.3 At or before the time when payment of stipend is made to a cleric, a written itemised pay statement shall be provided. The statement shall contain particulars of the gross amount of stipend, the amount of any variable and any fixed

deductions from that gross amount and the purposes for which they are made, and the net amount of stipend payable.

6.2.4 A deduction shall not be made from payment of stipend unless the deduction is required or authorised to be made by virtue of a statutory provision, a provision of the Code of Canons or Resolutions passed thereunder or of the Digest of Resolutions of the General Synod or unless the cleric has previously signified in writing an agreement or consent to the making of the deduction. Deductions may, however, be made where the purpose of the deduction is the reimbursement of an over-payment of stipend or an over-payment in respect of expenses incurred by the cleric in question”.

10:30 Coffee

SESSION SIX: THE VERY REV GREGOR DUNCAN IN THE CHAIR

11:00 **Mission and Ministry Board**

Church in Society

Bi-Centenary of Act Abolishing the Slave Trade (Page 162)

Motion 20: That this Synod assent to the Common Statement of the Churches regarding the Bi-Centenary of the Act abolishing the North Atlantic Slave Trade, a copy of which is set out in the Synod Papers.

Committee for Relations with People of Other Faiths (Page 163)

Conversation between representatives of the Abrahamic faiths

Motion 21: That this Synod urge

a) Scottish Episcopal Church clergy to draw ministers of other faiths into local ministers gatherings (sometimes called "fraternals") routinely or on appropriate occasions

b) clergy, vestries and congregations to consider how they might support Interfaith Week each November

Justice, Peace and Creation Network

Ministry Development Committee

Home Mission Committee

Provincial Youth Network

12:45 Lunch

SESSION SEVEN: PROFESSOR PATRICIA PEATTIE IN THE CHAIR

14:00 **Mission and Ministry Board (continued)**

Overseas Committee

Pre-Lambeth Visit of Overseas Bishops (Page 164)

Report on TEAM (Towards Effective Anglican Mission) Conference (Page 166)

Motion 22: That this Synod:-

- *acknowledge the depth of concern generated by the recent TEAM (Towards Effective Anglican Mission) conference organized by the Anglican Communion in highlighting the Millennium Development Goals;*
- *strongly endorse and welcome the vision of working together as a Communion to promote the Millennium Development Goals; and*
- *call for the establishment of an Anglican network and a follow up to the TEAM conference in 2011, to maintain momentum.*

Motion 23: That this Synod

- *invite the Provincial Overseas Committee to develop a strategy to enable understanding of the need to achieve the Millennium Development Goals by 2015; and*
- *further urge the Provincial Justice Peace and Creation Network, and all dioceses and congregations through their companion links, to take practical steps to support overseas churches involved in relevant projects and promote advocacy work in Scotland.*

14.30 **Information and Communication Board**

15:00 **Faith and Order Board**

Doctrine Committee

Committee on Canons

Congregational Status (Page 169)

***Motion 24:** That the amended text for Canon 36 be read for the first time.*

***Motion 25:** That Canon 37 be repealed in its entirety. (First reading)*

***Motion 26:** That the amended text for Canon 13.1 be read for the first time.*

Consequential changes (Page 179)

***Motion 27:** That the amended text for Canons 6, 7, 11, 12, 13.3, 13.5, 13.7, 14, 15, 16, 17, 20, 21, 22, 35, 38, 39, 40, 43, 50, 53, 57, 60, 61, 62, and 63 be read for the first time.*

(Voting on the above Canons to be taken after tea)

15:45 Tea

16.15 Voting on the above Canons

SESSION EIGHT: THE RIGHT REV THE BISHOP OF ARGYLL AND THE ISLES IN THE CHAIR

16:30 **Faith and Order Board**

Inter-Church Relations Committee

Anglican Communion Youth Network
Local Ecumenical Partnership at St John's, Dumfries (Page 189)
Porvoo Youth Leaders' Consultation
Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway/Gothenburg
EMU (Episcopal, Methodist, United Reformed) Conversations
Kirchentag
National Sponsoring Body for Local Ecumenical Partnerships
(Page 190)

17.00 **Pension Fund**

17:15 Evening Office

19:30 for
20:00 Synod Dinner at Caledonian Hotel, Lothian Road

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09:00 Morning Office

SESSION NINE: MRS GILL YOUNG IN THE CHAIR

09:15 **Standing Committee**

Strategic Review/ Response to Rule 10 Motion (Page 191)

***Motion 28:** That this Synod note the report of the Standing Committee and College of Bishops regarding matters arising from the Rule 10 motion passed at General Synod 2006 and encourage the Standing Committee and the College of Bishops, consulting as appropriate, to complete their consideration of the matters raised and formulate such proposals as they consider appropriate for presentation to General Synod 2008.*

Budget and Quota (Page 43)

***Motion 29:** That this Synod, having examined the proposed budgets for the General Synod for the year 2008, agree to a quota figure of £551,765 for that year.*

Mission and Ministry Board

Provincial Conference

10:30 Coffee

FINAL SESSION: THE MOST REV THE PRIMUS IN THE CHAIR

11:00 **Standing Committee**

Motion from the Diocese of Moray, Ross and Caithness

Provincial Community Fund

That this Synod establish a Gift Day throughout the whole of the Scottish Episcopal Church; that the said Gift Day be fixed for the last Sunday in June each year; that a special additional collection be taken within each Church on that day and that the proceeds of all of these collections be added to the Scottish Episcopal Church's Community Fund thereby raising the profile of the said Community Fund.

Motion from the Diocese of Aberdeen and Orkney

That this Synod, as both a Fair Trade Church and one committed to the principle of trade justice, support the international moratorium on Terminator Technologies. It believes that such technologies disadvantage small producers in the developing countries and devalue the role of traditional farming in their cultures and its potential role in developing appropriate local systems of production. This Synod calls on the international biotechnology companies to end research devoted to the development of such technologies. It calls on the Government of the United Kingdom to develop appropriate legislation to preclude foods containing genetic products incorporating such features from being sold in the United Kingdom.

Motion from the Diocese of Aberdeen and Orkney

That this Synod expresses concern at the proposal for a line of Hydro-Electric pylons carrying cables from Beaully to Denny, and also about the proliferation of wind farms throughout the countryside of Scotland (such as one proposed in Lewis) and calls on the Scottish Executive and relevant Planning Authorities to consider carefully the implications of giving permission for such developments.

Elections: Pension Fund Chair
Administration Board Membership
[Standing Committee membership]

12:15 Confirmation of Acts of Synod and close of meeting.