

AGENDA PAPER OF THE GENERAL SYNOD 2020

Attendance will be recorded from the Zoom registration process

ORDER OF BUSINESS

TUESDAY 1ST DECEMBER 2020

1. The Archbishop of Armagh takes the chair, welcomes Synod members, and opens Morning Worship with a reading from Holy Scripture and prayer.
2. The Bible and the Book of Common Prayer are laid on the table and the President announces that the General Synod is now in session.
3. List of members of the Synod to be laid on the table.
4. Presidential Address.
5. Nomination of an Assessor by the President.
6. Election of Honorary Secretary
7. Motion on Procedure:

MOTION NO. 1 – THE HONORARY SECRETARIES (WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE PRESIDENT)
That in accordance with Standing Order 56, the time available under Standing Order 3 be allocated as follows:

FIRST DAY

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| 11am | President takes the chair
Reading from Holy Scripture and Prayer
List of members of the General Synod to be laid on the table
Reports of committees of the Synod to be laid on the table (SO 46) |
| to | President's Address
Nomination of an Assessor by the President
Election of Honorary Secretary
Motion No. 1 (Timetable)
Motion No. 2 (Standing Orders) |
| 1pm | Answers to requests for information (if any) (SO 51)
Report of the Bills Committee
Bills No. 1 to 2 |
| 2.30 | Report of the Representative Church Body (not less than 2 hours, inclusive of related motions, unless Synod directs otherwise) |
| to | (Including reports of the Church of Ireland Clergy Pensions Trustee DAC and the Church of Ireland Pensions Board) |
| 4.30pm | Motion No. 3 – Allocations |

SECOND DAY

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| 2.30-5pm | Reading from Holy Scripture and Prayer
Formal business and communications
Answers to requests for information (if any) (SO 51)
Report of the Standing Committee (not less than 2 hours, inclusive of related motions, unless Synod directs otherwise) |
| 7pm-9pm | Bills No. 1 to 2: Further stage as ordered on the first day (if applicable)
Motion No. 18 (Journal of the General Synod) (not more than 5 minutes) |

If business listed for any period is completed before the hour appointed, reports listed for Wednesday afternoon (i.e. the Standing Committee report) will be taken in reverse order.

References in this motion to a “report” shall include any motions accompanying such report on the agenda paper.

8. Motion 2 (Standing Orders)
9. Reports to be laid on the Table.
10. Communication from the Record Committee.
11. Communications from Diocesan Synods/New Diocesan Rules and Regulations.
12. Presentation of Petitions.
13. Answers to requests for information (if any) (SO 51).
14. An introduction to the Bills procedure at General Synod.
15. Report of the Bills Committee.
16. Bill No. 1 (Bills and Explanatory Memorandum p. 4; agenda p. 4).
17. Bill No. 2 (Bills and Explanatory Memorandum p. 9; agenda p. 4).
18. Report of the Representative Church Body (Book of Reports p. 3; agenda p. 5) to be proposed by Canon Graham Richards and seconded by the Rt Rev Andrew Forster
19. Motion No. 3 (Allocations) to be proposed by Canon Graham Richards and seconded by the Rt Rev Andrew Forster

WEDNESDAY 2ND DECEMBER

The President takes the Chair.

Reading from Holy Scripture and Prayer.

20. Communication from the Representative Church Body.

21. Answers to requests for information (if any) (SO 51).

22. Report of the Standing Committee (Book of Reports p. 168; agenda p. 5), to be proposed by Rev Malcolm Kingston and seconded by Ms Hazel Corrigan

23. Bills No. 1 to 2: Further stage as ordered on the first day (agenda p. 4).

24. Motion No. 4 (Journal) proposed by Rev Canon Gillian Wharton in the names of the Honorary Secretaries.

BILL NO. 1**VEN LESLIE STEVENSON****MS HAZEL CORRIGAN**

(at the request of the Representative Church Body and the Standing Committee)

Explanatory Memorandum

To provide for the inclusion in the Constitution of the Church of Ireland of certain provisions which are desirable for the purpose of ensuring charitable recognition for Church of Ireland bodies in Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland

Schedule

Amendment to Bill No. 1 – Charities legislation

Proposer: Ven Leslie Stevenson

Seconder: Ms Hazel Corrigan

That Bill No. 1 (To provide for the inclusion in the Constitution of the Church of Ireland of certain provisions which are desirable for the purpose of ensuring charitable recognition for Church of Ireland bodies in Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland) be amended by the inclusion of the following in the Schedule as section 10 of part 1 of Chapter XVII:

Save as hereinafter provided provisions of this Chapter shall not apply to the registration of a Local Ecumenical Partnership as a charity with either of the Relevant Authorities.

Registration of a Local Ecumenical Partnership as a charity with either of the Relevant Authorities shall be in accordance with such regulations as may be made by the Standing Committee of the General Synod pursuant to section 11 A(2) of Chapter 9 of the Constitution of the Church of Ireland and as may be approved by the Relevant Authorities.

BILL NO. 2**VERY REV DR WILLIAM MORTON****MR ALBERT FENTON**

Explanatory Memorandum

To amend Part II of Chapter VII of the Constitution

REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION**1. REPORT OF THE REPRESENTATIVE CHURCH BODY - CONSIDERATION (p. 3)****CANON GRAHAM RICHARDS
RT REV ANDREW FORSTER**

That the Report of the Representative Church Body, incorporating the report of the Church of Ireland Clergy Pensions Trustee DAC, be taken into consideration.

2. REPORT OF THE REPRESENTATIVE CHURCH BODY - ADOPTION (p. 3)**CANON GRAHAM RICHARDS
RT REV ANDREW FORSTER**

That the report of the Representative Church Body, incorporating the report of the Church of Ireland Clergy Pensions Trustee DAC, be adopted subject to the resolutions already passed relating thereto.

3. REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE (p. 168)**REV MALCOLM KINGSTON
MS HAZEL CORRIGAN**

That the Report of the Standing Committee be received and adopted.

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MOTIONS

Motions received by the Honorary Secretaries of the General Synod not less than one month before the day appointed for the opening of the session of the General Synod at which the motion is to be moved (Standing Order 31).

TIMETABLE (SEE SEPARATE SHEET)

Proposer: The Honorary Secretaries

A motion or motions to allocate the time available between the items listed on the agenda paper (Standing Order 56). (See Timetable Motion on separate sheet).

STANDING ORDERS

Proposer: The Honorary Secretaries (on behalf of the Standing Orders Committee)

That Standing Order 4 (a) shall be amended by the deletion of the words “by post” and that Standing Order 4 (b) shall be amended by the deletion of the words “by post.”

REPRESENTATIVE CHURCH BODY - ALLOCATIONS

Proposer: Canon GC Richards

Seconder: Rt Rev Andrew Forster

That the General Synod hereby authorises the Representative Body to make the following allocations from General Funds in 2020:

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A.Maintenance of the stipendiary ministry	859,975
• Episcopal costs	
• Chaplaincy costs	
• Miscellaneous	
B.Pension related costs	289,936
C.Training of ordinands	98,661
D.General Synod activities	109,700
E. Miscellaneous	1,211,365
	1,050,936
	16,047
	3,636,619

JOURNAL OF THE GENERAL SYNOD

Proposer: The Honorary Secretaries

That the Honorary Secretaries of the General Synod be instructed to publish with as little delay as possible, the Journal of the Proceedings of the General Synod during this session, with such , with such appendices as they think expedient.

GENERAL SYNOD 2020

Documents to be Laid on the Table

FIRST DAY

Members

List of members of the Synod

Reports

Book of Reports

Bills

Report of the Bills Committee

Bills pamphlet

Motions

Notices of Motions received one month in advance of General Synod.

Record Committee

Communication from the Record Committee

Certified copy of the Statutes passed in 2019