

**THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE
CHURCH IN WALES**

MINUTES

of a Meeting of

THE GOVERNING BODY

held on 17 and 18 September 2008

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EGLWYS YNG NGHYMRU**

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ON 17 AND 18 SEPTEMBER 2008

An Ordinary Meeting of the Governing Body of the Church in Wales was held at the University of Wales, Lampeter on Wednesday 17 and Thursday 18 September 2008.

The President, the Archbishop of Wales, was in the Chair for the start of the meeting.

The Right Reverend George Noakes and The Right Reverend Anthony Crockett

The Governing Body stood in memory of the Right Reverend George Noakes, Bishop of St Davids from 1982 to 1991 and Archbishop of Wales from 1987 to 1991, who had died on 22 July 2008 and the Right Reverend Anthony Crockett, Bishop of Bangor from 2004 to 2008, who had died on 30 June 2008.

08/17 Prayers and Bible Study

The Reverend Canon Madalaine Brady led a Bible Study and Prayers.

08/18 President's Mandate

In accordance with Section 18 of Chapter II of the Constitution, the Lay Secretary certified the due execution of the President's Mandate.

08/19 Minutes

The Minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Governing Body held on 2 and 3 April 2008 were confirmed and signed.

08/20 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

08/21 Representatives of Cytûn and Other Churches

The President welcomed those attending the meeting to represent Cytûn and other Churches:

Cytûn

Mr Geraint Hopkins

The Church of Ireland

The Right Reverend Michael A J Burrows, Bishop of Cashel and Ossory.

The Methodist Church

The Reverend Cathy Lane

United Reformed Church

The Reverend Peter Trow

The Presbyterian Church

The Reverend Haydn Thomas

The Church Army

Mr Mark Russell

08/22 The President's Address

The President addressed the Governing Body.

Mr Paul Bennett was appointed as the Assessor for the day.

The President vacated the Chair which was taken by the Reverend Canon Jeremy Winston.

08/23 Report of the Standing Committee

His Honour Philip Price QC, Chairman of the Standing Committee, presented the Report of the Standing Committee and proposed the following recommendations which were seconded by Mr Nigel Williams, Deputy Chairman of the Standing Committee:

Representation on the Thirteenth Assembly of the Conference of European Churches

That Y Parchedig Gwynn ap Gwilym be appointed as the Church in Wales representative on the 13th Assembly of the Conference of European Churches to be held on 15 - 21 July 2009.

The resolution was passed unanimously.

Approval of the Report

That the Report of the Standing Committee be approved.

The resolution was passed unanimously.

08/24 Electoral Colleges

The Archbishop proposed and the Bishop of St Asaph seconded the following motion:

That the Governing Body:

- i) take note of the Report concerning the timing of the Electoral Colleges to fill the vacant sees of St Davids and Bangor;
- ii) determine, in accordance with Section 26 of Chapter VIII of the Constitution, that the vacancies be filled by:-
 - a) the Electoral College which started on 1 September 2008 for the Diocese of St Davids; and
 - b) the Electoral College starting on 7 October 2008 for the Diocese of Bangor, thereafter if required in accordance with Section 26 of the said Chapter VIII.

The resolution was passed with one abstention.

08/25 Report of The Representative Body

Lord Rowe-Beddoe, Chairman of the Representative Body, and Mr William Legge-Bourke, Deputy Chairman of the Representative Body, introduced:

- The Report and Financial Statements of the Representative Body for the year ended 31 December 2007.
- The Common Investment Fund Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2007.
- The Minutes of the Meetings of the Representative Body held on 21 November 2007, 13 March and 6 June 2008.

Lord Rowe-Beddoe proposed and Mr William Legge-Bourke seconded the following motion:

That the Report of the Representative Body be approved.

The resolution was passed unanimously.

The Cathedrals and Churches Commission

With the consent of the Governing Body, Mr Douglas Hogg, Chairman of the Cathedrals and Churches Commission, introduced a note about proposed changes to the Commission.

Lord Rowe-Beddoe then proposed and the Dean of St Davids seconded the following motion:

That the Cathedrals and Churches Commission Rules be amended to give effect to the proposals set out in the note by the Representative Body entitled 'The Cathedrals and Churches Commission'

That in pursuance of sub-section (2) of Section 35 of Chapter II of the Constitution the terms of this motion shall take effect forthwith.

The resolution was passed unanimously.

Redundant Churches Funds

With the consent of the Governing Body, the Archdeacon of Brecon, Deputy Chairman of the Representative Body's Property Committee, introduced a note about proposed changes to use of Redundant Churches Funds.

Lord Rowe-Beddoe than proposed and Mr Legge-Bourke seconded the following motion:

That the Regulations governing the application of the proceeds of sale of churches, church sites and churchyards be amended to give effect to the recommendations set out in the note by the Representative Body entitled 'Redundant Churches Funds'.

That in pursuance of sub-section (2) of Section 35 of Chapter II of the Constitution the terms of this motion shall take effect forthwith.

The resolution was passed unanimously.

08/26 Report of the Standing Committee Working Group on the Representation of Women in the Church in Wales

Dr Gillian Todd, Chair of the Working Group, and Mr Sandy Blair proposed the following motion:

That the Governing Body:

- (i) receive and welcome the Report of the Working Group on Representation of Women in the Church in Wales and endorse the recommendations therein;
- (ii) commend the Report to the Province, dioceses, deaneries and parishes for study and action;

- (iii) request the Standing Committee to allocate the recommendations in the Report to the appropriate bodies for action;
- (iv) request the Standing Committee to report back on progress in implementing the recommendations within 3 years.

The Reverend Peter Williams proposed and the Reverend Canon Andrew Knight seconded the following amendment:

That all that follows the words “Church in Wales” be deleted so that the motion reads:

“That the Governing Body receive and welcome the Report of the Working Group on Representation of Women in the Church in Wales.”

The amendment was lost by 59 to 46 with one abstention.

The Governing Body decided to vote on each sub-clause of the original motion separately.

Each clause was carried.

08/27 Question Time

Oral answers to written questions were given by Lord Rowe-Beddoe, Chairman of the Representative Body, and the Archbishop.

The Reverend Canon Jeremy Winston vacated the Chair which was resumed by the President.

The Ordination of Women as Priests: Pastoral Provision

The Archbishop made a statement about future pastoral provision for those in the Church in Wales who could not in conscience accept the ordination of women to the priesthood.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned until the following day.

Workshop

A workshop on the Representative Body Report and Accounts and other Representative Body matters was held in the evening.

The meeting of the Governing Body resumed on Thursday, 18 September 2008.

Celebration of the Holy Eucharist

There was a celebration of the Holy Eucharist.

The President, the Archbishop of Wales, was in the Chair.

08/28 Lambeth Conference Report

Each of the Bishops and the Bishop of Cashel and Ossory spoke about the recent Lambeth Conference and answered questions from members.

The President appointed Mr David Lambert as Assessor for the day.

The President vacated the Chair which was taken by the Very Reverend Alun Hawkins, Dean of Bangor.

08/29 The Church Army

With the consent of the Governing Body, Mr Mark Russell, Chief Executive of the Church Army, give a presentation about its work.

08/30 Membership and Finance Report

The Right Reverend David Yeoman, Assistant Bishop of Llandaff, proposed and Mr Nigel King seconded the following motion:

That the Governing Body do take note of this Report.

The resolution was passed unanimously.

08/31 Church in Wales Education Review Consultation

The Bishop of St Asaph proposed and the Reverend Edwin Counsell seconded the following motion:

That the Governing Body note the progress of the Church in Wales Education Review, and engage in and support the process of consultation prior to publication of the Report in 2009.

The resolution was passed unanimously.

08/32 Report of Trinity College, Carmarthen

With the consent of the Governing Body, Mr Gwilym Jones, Head of the Faculty of Education and Training at Trinity College, spoke about its Annual Report.

The Archbishop then proposed and the Chairman seconded the motion:

That the Report of Trinity College, Carmarthen, be received.

The resolution was passed unanimously.

08/33 The Parish Green Guide

The Archbishop proposed and Dr Peter Padley seconded the following motion:

That the Governing Body:

- (i) support the process outlined in the note entitled “Green Issues & the Parish Green Guide” as a means of improving the environmental performance of the Church;
- (ii) endorse the Parish Green Guide and commend it for use in Parishes.

The resolution was passed unanimously.

08/34 Proposed Alternative Funeral Services

The Bishop of Monmouth proposed and the Reverend Canon Dr Keith Denison seconded the following motion:

That pursuant to Section I of the Canon for experimental use of proposed revisions of the Book of Common Prayer provisionally approved by the Bench of Bishops promulgated on 29 September 1955, the Governing Body hereby assent to the experimental use for a period not exceeding ten years of ‘*Proposed Alternative Funeral Services for the Church in Wales*’ (printed August 2008).

The resolution was passed unanimously.

The Very Reverend Alun Hawkins, Dean of Bangor, vacated the Chair which was taken by the Bishop of St Asaph.

08/35 Review of the Courts of the Church in Wales

With the consent of the Governing Body, Mr Gerard Elias QC introduced the Report which he and Mr Andrew Keyser QC had prepared on the Courts of the Church in Wales.

Mr Nigel Williams then proposed and the Chairman seconded the following motion:

That the Governing Body:

- (i) take note of the proposals contained in the report by Mr Gerard Elias QC and Mr Andrew Keyser QC;
- (ii) welcome the proposed simplification of the Church's court structure;
- (iii) invite the Standing Committee to bring forward a Bill to implement the proposals contained in the report at the same time as a Bill is brought forward to implement the proposals relating to Clergy Terms of Service.

The resolution was passed unanimously.

08/36 Clergy Terms of Service Report

The Bishop of Monmouth proposed and the Archdeacon of Wrexham seconded the following motion:

That the Governing Body:

- (i) take note of the report entitled 'Review of Clergy Terms of Service – Autumn 2008';
- (ii) endorse:
 - (a) the Draft Guidelines for the Professional Conduct of the Clergy and the Draft Statement of Terms of Service for Clergy Appointments; and
 - (b) the new proposals for Disciplinary Policy and Procedures;
- (iii) invite the Working Group to consult widely with Church in Wales clergy on the proposals for a Disciplinary Policy and Procedure;
- (iv) invite the Standing Committee to bring forward a Bill to implement all the proposals for 'Common Tenure'.

The resolution was passed unanimously.

08/37 Private Members' Motions

Dr Peter Padley proposed and Mr Nigel King seconded the following motion:

That the Governing Body invite all members of Governing Body to submit a list of up to five works* that they have found to be of particular value in their spiritual lives. (*The Bible is assumed.)

The resolution was passed unanimously.

08/38 The Gaza Dental Project

The Venerable Phillip Morris, Archdeacon of Margam, gave a report on the Gaza Dental Project.

08/39 The Overseas Mission Fund

The Chairman proposed and the Archbishop seconded the following motion:

That the Governing Body do take note of this Report.

The resolution was passed unanimously.

08/40 The Annual Report of the Widows, Orphans and Dependants Society

The Chairman proposed and the Venerable Robert Williams, Archdeacon of Gower and Chairman of the Widows, Orphans and Dependants Society, seconded the following motion:

That the Governing Body do take note of this Report.

The resolution was passed unanimously.

The Right Reverend John Davies

The Archbishop paid tribute to the Right Reverend John Davies, Bishop of St Asaph, who would be retiring before the next meeting of the Governing Body.

08/41 Date and Place of Next Meeting.

The next Ordinary Meeting of the Governing Body would be held on 21 and 22 April 2009 at Venue Cymru, Llandudno.

This concluded the business of the Meeting and the Archbishop gave the Blessing.





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