

The General Synod of the Scottish Episcopal Church 2025

List of Motions and results

Motion	Text/Purpose of Motion	Result
1	That this Synod agree to the amendment to Rule 12 (d) of the Rules of Order to allow voting at Synod to be undertaken electronically rather than on a show of hands with the following wording: When the question is put to the vote, tellers shall be named from the Chair and shall give in their report of each division taken. The vote shall normally be taken by electronic means and the result will be declared by the Chair. In the absence of electronic means, Synod will decide on how it will conduct the vote.	Passed
2	That James Lloyd, Miriam Weibye and Mark Kisby be appointed as tellers for the meeting.	Passed
3	That the Very Rev John Conway be appointed as Clerical Prolocutor for the meeting.	Passed
4	That the Very Rev Roxanne Campbell be appointed as Clerical Vice-Prolocutor for the meeting.	Passed
5	That Dr Nicola Mills be appointed as Lay Prolocutor for the meeting.	Passed
6	That Ms Jenny Whelan be appointed as Lay Vice-Prolocutor for the meeting.	Passed
7	That the Rev Nick Bowry, members of the Provincial Youth Committee along with the leaders of YEEK, invited representatives from other churches and faiths and provincial staff members be given permission to speak to Synod.	Passed
8	That this Synod approve the minutes of the meeting of the General Synod held on 13-15 June 2024.	Passed
9	This Synod asks General Synod, itself and its pendant Boards and committees, to consider its ethical investment policies with regards to the equities and bonds invested in U.S. markets, in the light of the current controversial political situation in the United States of America.	Withdrawn
10	That the amended text of Canon 4 be read for the first time.	Passed
11	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 2024.	Passed
12	That the proposal that the following liturgies be deleted from the Schedule to Canons 22 with effect from the Sunday next before Advent in 2025 be read for the second time: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Scottish Liturgy (Scottish Episcopal Church) (1982) listed as item 6 in the Schedule; •Scottish Liturgy 1982 Eucharistic Prayers II-V (Scottish Episcopal Church) (1996) listed as item 11 in the Schedule. 	Passed

13	That the proposal that the following liturgies be deleted from the Schedule to Canon 22 with effect from the Sunday next before Advent in 2026 be read for the first time: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Baptism of Infants (1968) listed as item 3 in the Schedule. •Burial of the Dead (1969) listed as item 4 in the Schedule. 	Withdrawn
14	That the proposal that Blessing of a Marriage (2025) be added to the Schedule to Canon 22 be read for the first time	Passed
15	That, upon the recommendation of the Faith and Order Board, the Scottish Calendar (1991) be amended by the inclusion of Eric Liddell.	Passed
16	That the Saint Ninian Declaration as set out in the Synod Papers be approved and adopted.	Passed
Procedural	<i>(Synod's consent was sought to treat Motion 17C as a counter-motion to Motion 17)</i>	Fell on show of hands
17A Amending Motion 17	That the first sentence should read: "This Synod affirms that transgender, non-binary, gender non-conforming, and intersex people:"	Passed
17B Amending Motion 17	That this Synod affirm that transgender, non-binary, gender non-conforming and intersex people: 1. are made in the image of God 2. are loved by God 3. should be accorded dignity and respect, and 4. should be able to participate fully in the life, worship, mission and ministry of the Scottish Episcopal Church.	Fell
17C Amending Motion 17	That the existing motion be replaced in its entirety with the following: "This Synod affirms that all people are made and loved by God. "Synod also recognises the deep hurt caused by recent developments in sexual/gender politics. "That we might grow together in mutual understanding, Synod asks the College of Bishops to hold discussions in their Dioceses and bring back a comprehensive summary of views expressed to next year's General Synod."	Fell
17 (as amended)	This Synod affirms that transgender, non-binary, gender non-conforming, and intersex people: 1. are made in the image of God, 2. are loved by God, 3. should be accorded the same dignity, respect and rights as cisgender people and 4. can and should participate fully in the life, worship, mission and ministry of the Scottish Episcopal Church.	Passed
18	That this Synod, having examined the proposed budgets for the General Synod for the year 2026, agree to a quota figure of £785,000 for that year.	Passed

19	That Ms Cathy Johnston be appointed as Convener of the Standing Committee.	Passed
20	That the Rev Keith Thomasson be appointed as Convener of the Mission Board.	Passed
21	That the Rt Rev the Bishop of Brechin be appointed the Convener of the Institute Council.	Passed
22	That the appointments by the Institute Council in 2024 of the Rev Canon Prof David Jasper and the Rev Dr Rebekah Sims as members of the Institute Council be ratified.	Passed
23	That Mr David Gibbon be appointed as Convener of the Buildings Committee.	Passed
24A Amending Motion 24	<i>(Synod's consent was sought to accept minor textual changes to the printed Motion)</i>	Passed on show of hands
24B Amending Motion 24	<i>A proposal to reword Motion 24 to alter the number of co-opted members to 15% of the elected membership of the Board or Committee.</i>	Not moved as no seconder
24	That the following be added to the Digest of Resolutions under 2.1.4 (c) (iii): With majority agreement of its members a Board or Committee may appoint up to three non-voting co-opted members chosen for their expertise. The appointment of a non-voting co-opted member will be for two years with the possibility for a second term of two years.	Passed
25	That Ms Fiona Muirs be appointed as a practising lawyer to the Preliminary Proceedings Committee for the remainder of a five-year term to 2029.	Passed