

HOUSE OF BISHOPS

**A meeting of the House of Bishops was held on Zoom on 29
November 2023**

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS AND DECISIONS

THE BISHOP OF GLOUCESTER IN THE CHAIR

1. The Chair opened the meeting in prayer.
 - 1.1. The House agreed to the minutes of the meeting on 30 October to 1 November were agreed (with some factual amendments in terms of absences).
2. The House agreed to the presence of acting diocesan bishops as observers.
 - 2.1. The House agreed to meet in private under S.O.14, noting the subsequent agenda item.
3. The House reflected on the General Synod, thanked the chairs of the debates and asked for its reflections to be shared with the Business Committee.
4. The House discussed whether it should review its processes with a view to increasing transparency of the work of the House. Noting that the House met in different modes and not always as a House of Synod, the House agreed to
 - 4.1. commence a review of its procedures;
 - 4.1.1. not to publish its minutes (since these couldn't be published until the House had approved a subsequent meeting) but to publish a fuller report approved by the chair and Archbishops;
 - 4.1.2. establish a task-and-finish group, sponsored by the House, to undertake the review and invited names to be submitted to the Archbishop of York and the Director of the Central Secretariat;
5. The House broke into regional groups for Lectio Divina.
6. The House heard from the new lead bishops for Living in Love and Faith and looked forward to meeting to discuss the commendation of the Prayers of Love and Faith and Prayers for a Covenanted Friendship at its meeting on 12 December, alongside other matters.
 - 6.1. The CHAIR adjourned the House and concluded in prayer.

SECRETARIAT

1 DECEMBER 2023