



Ecclesiastical
Law
Society

GENERAL SYNOD

FIT FOR PURPOSE?

28th March 2020

10am – 4pm

Minerva House, Southwark

Keynote address



The Archbishop of York

The Most Revd and Rt Honourable John Sentamu

Book via website: ecclawsoc.org.uk

See overleaf for detailed programme and further speakers

The cost of the Conference (inc. lunch):	Members of Society	£35
	Non members	£45

Programme:

9.15 Eucharist, Southwark Cathedral
At the invitation of the Dean and Chapter, to include a short homily from **The Right Reverend Christopher Chessun, Bishop of Southwark**

10.00 Coffee, Minerva House

10.30 Welcome from the Chairman, followed by Session I - Keynote Address

The Most Reverend and Right Honourable John Sentamu, Archbishop of York and Patron of the Ecclesiastical Law Society

11.30 Session II – Anglican Communion Perspectives

The Right Reverend Paul Colton, Bishop of Cork, Cloyne & Ross, Church of Ireland
150 years after the Disestablishment of the Church of Ireland, Paul will give a perspective based on the experience in Ireland, in two political jurisdictions, against a background rapid social change and political challenges.

The Venerable Alan Perry, Archdeacon, Diocese of Edmonton, Anglican Church of Canada
General Synod - General Convention - Governing Body - Provincial Synod: as the highest legislative bodies in each of the forty Provinces of the Anglican Communion, these institutions have evolved differently in their distinct contexts. Alan will take us on a whirlwind round-the-world tour of notable features of ten General Assemblies.

12.30 Annual General Meeting of Ecclesiastical Law Society

1.00 Lunch

2.00 Session III – The Church of England

A participative seminar moderated by **Professor David McClean CBE QC**, sometime Chairman of the House of Laity of the General Synod, to include introductory observations from the following:

The Right Reverend Pete Broadbent, Bishop of Willesden
Pete has been a key General Synod player for over a generation and was chair of its Business Committee. He will address *Renewal and Reform*, including the project to review obsolete or ineffective legislation.

The Right Reverend Christine Hardman, Bishop of Newcastle
Christine will bring insights as a former archdeacon, former Prolocutor and now as a Diocesan Bishop, member of the House of Bishops, the second female Lord Spiritual, Church Commissioner and Chair of the Pastoral Advisory Group considering LGBT+ issues.

The Venerable Jane Steen, Archdeacon of Southwark
Jane will speak of her impressions of the Synod as a body trapped in its own history: is the Church of England really 'episcopally led and synodically governed', and where does the Archbishops' Council fit in?

All those attending the conference – lay or ordained – are encouraged to take an active part in this session either by questioning the principal speakers or in sharing their own opinions.

4.00 Close