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General Synod Report
Friday in York

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The General Synod York group of sessions opened this evening (9 July 2004) at 8pm. The opening business included prayer, the welcome of ecumenical guests (one of whom addressed the Synod), welcome to young adult observers and introduction of new members.

Progress of Measures
The Synod then heard that the Care of Cathedrals Amendment Measure and Miscellaneous Provisions Measure had both been submitted to the Ecclesiastical Committee of Parliament.

Business Committee Report
Synod began to consider the report by the Business Committee (about the business of the Synod over the next few days)

Making Synod More Effective
Synod began discussion on how to make the Synod's procedures more effective. There were three specific proposals being considered the most significant of which was the introduction of a system of electronic voting. The relevant committees were given the go-ahead to look further into these.

Appointments
Final business of the day was to appoint David Houlding as Chair of the Appointments Committee, to appoint Richard Turnbull as Chair of the Business Committee and to appoint Tony Hesselwood as Chair of the Audit Committee of the Archbishops' Council.

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