

EXTRAORDINARY ASSEMBLY of the GOVERNORS OF CLERGY SUPPORT TRUST

Thursday 23rd July 2026 | 2.30pm | Lambeth Palace

AGENDA

The agenda of the Extraordinary Assembly will be as follows:

- 1. Opening prayer**
- 2. Apologies for absence**
Apologies for absence received will be recorded in the minutes.
- 3. Minutes of the 347th Annual Assembly**
 - a) Approval of the minutes for signing.
 - b) Matters arising from the minutes (if any).
- 4. Governors deceased**
- 5. Consideration of the approval resolution set out at the foot of this agenda** [Note: in accordance with Legal Advice received from the charity's solicitors, amendments to the approval resolution, or to the proposed amendments to the Charter, will not be in order.]
- 6. The Grace**

Resolution for approval under item 5 of the Agenda

“The Governors of the Charity RESOLVE, in accordance with Section 280C(4)(b)(i) of the Charities Act 2011, that the annexed Section 280C Resolution be approved.”

ANNEX

Section 280C Resolution dated Monday 29th June 2026

**THE GOVERNORS OF THE CHARITY FOR RELIEF OF THE POOR WIDOWS AND CHILDREN
OF CLERGYMEN**

Resolution of the charity trustees of the above-named charity, commonly known as Clergy Support Trust (charity number 207736) (the "Charity") passed by the Court of Assistants on Monday 29th June 2026 and pursuant to section 280C of the Charities Act 2011

Background

The Court of Assistants (the **Court**) are the charity trustees of the Charity within the meaning of Section 177 of the Charities Act 2011 (the **Act**). The Governors of the Charity are the corporators and members of the Charity in law.

By resolution in electronic form taking effect on Monday 29th June 2026, the Court resolved, pursuant to Section 280C(2) of the Act, to amend the Royal Charter granted to the Charity in 1678 as subsequently amended by Orders in Council and other powers (the **Charter**), in the terms of the resolution set out below (the **Resolution**).

The Resolution shall take effect when (a) it is approved by the Governors of the Charity, in accordance with Sections 280C(3) and 280C(4) of the Act; and (b) it is approved by His Majesty by Order in Council in accordance with Section 280C(6) of the Act.

Resolution

Being satisfied that to do so is expedient in the interests of the Charity, the Court RESOLVES, in exercise of the powers in section 280C of the Charities Act 2011, as follows:

That, with effect from the approval of this Resolution by Order in Council, the provisions of the Charter be amended as follows:

Article 7

1. RE-NUMBER Article 7 as Article 7.1
2. After Article 7.1 INSERT the following:
 - "7.2 If the number of Assistants falls below the minimum specified in Article 7.1, then the Court shall have authority to appoint for such a term as it thinks fit one or more new Assistants to bring the number of Assistants up to at least the minimum number, and in these circumstances the members of the Court shall constitute a quorum for the purpose only of taking the decision whether to appoint new Assistants under this Article.
 - 7.3 The Court may not appoint any Assistant if as a result the number of Assistants would exceed the maximum specified in Article 7.1."

Article 8

3. For Article 8.1 SUBSTITUTE "Assistants shall be appointed by the Court.";
4. DELETE Articles 8.2 to 8.4 inclusive;
5. RE-NUMBER Article 8.5 as 8.2 and in it for "election or co-option" SUBSTITUTE "appointment";
6. DELETE Article 8.6; and
7. RE-NUMBER Article 8.7 as 8.3.

Article 9

8. For Articles 9.1 to 9.6 SUBSTITUTE the following:

- “9.1 Any Assistant appointed in accordance with Article 8.1 shall be appointed for a term of three years at the end of which he or she shall cease to hold office.
- 9.2 Subject to Articles 9.3 and 9.4, an Assistant who has reached the end of his or her term shall be eligible for re-appointment by the Court.
- 9.3 Subject to Article 9.4, no Assistant who has served for a consecutive period of nine or more years shall be eligible for immediate re-appointment under Article 9.2, save in exceptional circumstances and with the approval of at least two-thirds of the Assistants entitled to vote on the question.
- 9.4 Any Assistant who is re-appointed in accordance with the proviso in Article 9.3 shall be re-appointed for a single term of a maximum of two years.
- 9.5 In the event that an Assistant:
- 9.5.1 retires from office under Article 9.6.1; or
- 9.5.2 reaches the end of his or her term and is not re-appointed under Article 9.2
- he or she shall only be eligible for re-appointment once a minimum of three years has elapsed since he or she last held office.”

9. RE-NUMBER Article 9.7 as 9.6 and RE-NUMBER its paragraphs accordingly.

Article 11

10. For Article 11.6 SUBSTITUTE "Subject to Articles 7.2 and 11.7, five Assistants shall constitute a quorum."
11. For Article 11.9 SUBSTITUTE "The Court shall appoint one of the Assistants as Senior Treasurer and two of the Assistants as Treasurers, and shall determine the period for which (subject to Article 9) each Treasurer is to hold office."

Article 12

12. For Article 12 SUBSTITUTE:

- “12.1 The members of the Court of Assistants for the time being shall be the Governors of the Charity and the members of the Corporation, by virtue of their office.
- 12.2 A person shall automatically cease to be a Governor if they cease for any reason to be an Assistant”

Article 13

13. DELETE Article 13.

Article 14

14. DELETE Article 14.

Article 15

15. DELETE Article 15.

Article 16

16. DELETE Article 16.

Articles 17 to 21

17. RE-NUMBER Articles 17 to 21 as Articles 13 to 17 respectively and RE-NUMBER their paragraphs accordingly.

Article 18 (re-numbered 14)

18. In Article 18.1 for “in these Articles 18.1 to 18.4” SUBSTITUTE “in the resolution”;
19. For Article 18.2 SUBSTITUTE “Any resolution of the Court under Article 14.1 must be approved by a majority of not less than two thirds of the Assistants present at the meeting.”;
20. In Article 18.3 for “the further resolution passed at the Assembly in accordance with Article 18.2.1 or 18.2.2” SUBSTITUTE “the resolution passed by the Court in accordance with Article 14.1”; and
21. In Article 18.4 for “these Articles 18.1 to 18.4” SUBSTITUTE “Article 14.1”.

Article 20 (re-numbered 16)

22. DELETE the definitions of “Annual Assembly”, “Assembly”, and “Extraordinary Assembly”.
23. In the definition of ‘Regulations’ for “Article 18.5” SUBSTITUTE “Article 14.5”.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R 17 m' followed by a stylized flourish.

Richard Farmbrough
Senior Treasurer and Chair