

## **Motion No.14**

**Proposer: The Revd Mark Lennox**

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Archbishop,

When we last met as a General Synod in 2022, many parishes in Northern Ireland were in the process of putting together plans for celebrating the Platinum Jubilee of Her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. Despite her age, and obvious frailty, none of us could have imagined that three months later we would be mourning her passing.

As you are aware, last weekend we celebrated the Coronation of King Charles III. Due to the length of the late Queen's reign, unlike last year, all of us can now say we remember a Coronation. As we witnessed the historic event in Westminster Abbey, it was a delight to see the four main Churches on this island represented, with the Archbishop of Armagh having a role in the Coronation Service.

In writing to Timothy, St Paul explains that it is a good thing, and pleases God, to pray for all people, including kings and all in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.

In relation to this, I propose the Motion in my name which states:

“That the General Synod of the Church of Ireland asks the Honorary Secretaries to send warmest congratulations from this [synod] house to King Charles III on his accession to the throne and on his recent coronation and extend prayerful good wishes to both he and the Queen.”