

DIOCESAN SYNOD ACTS

28 Nov 2019



Acts of the Diocesan Synod held on 28 Nov 2019 at St Luke's Church, Hedge End. 47 members were in attendance.

Welcome and Worship

The Chairs of the houses of clergy and laity led members in worship.

The Bishop of Winchester welcomed members and thanked St Luke's' Church for their hospitality.

Promulgation of Amending Canon No 39

Amending Canon 39 was promulgated by the Chair of the House of Laity.

Deployment – Next Steps

The Rev'd Philip Krinks updated members that, following the conference, the Deployment Development Group (DDG) had been formed to guide implementation of the principles agreed by Synod at the conference. The group is similar in membership to the Deployment Working Group with the addition of the Bishop of Southampton and Archdeacon of Bournemouth.

An update would be brought to Diocesan Synod in March. The Bishop of Winchester provided members with prayer cards for the work of the group.

Common Mission Fund Reflection Group DS19/04

Mr Alastair Barron presented the report, the overall feedback gained showed that the Common Mission Fund was seen in a positive light with some minor areas for improvement being repeatedly flagged – these could be broken down into three areas process, policy and perception. The group proposed the development of a communications strategy to support understanding across the diocese.

The following questions were discussed:

- The Mosaic Data used to calculate affluence bands is out of date. This would be renewed and used for the 2022 requests.
- How a more consistent approach to reserves, in line with charity commission guidelines, could be encouraged within parishes.
- The contribution of Resources churches towards the CMF

The following motion was passed unanimously:

This Synod

- 1. Affirms its commitment to the principles of mutual generosity in the Common Mission Fund, and its vital importance to funding and growing the mission and ministry of the Diocese;**
- 2. Takes note of the report of the CMF Reflection Group and the minor amendments that have been approved by the Bishop's Council & Standing Committee;**

- 3. Requests the Chief Executive and Heads of Department to implement a comprehensive programme of communications explaining the importance and impact of the CMF on our mission and ministry, whilst reaffirming our commitment to be a generous community of communities, promoting and practicing sacrificial generosity and good stewardship of all the resources entrusted to us.**

The Bishop of Winchester thanked the reflection group for their work.

Episcopal Delegation DS19/05

The Bishop of Winchester presented the paper and explained the legal responsibility of Diocesan Synod with regards Episcopal Delegation.

Members approved the following motion unanimously:

For the avoidance of doubt, Diocesan Synod is asked to:

- 1. Confirm its approval of the making of the current instruments of delegation, that is to say the instruments dated 25 January 2019 and 15 July 2019; and**
- 2. Approve the making of instruments on substantially similar terms whenever they should be required to give effect to the current practice, provided that any substantial amendment to the terms of such instrument shall require approval as provided under s.13 of the Dioceses, Pastoral and Mission Measure 2007.**

Questions under Standing Order 72

Questions had been received from Mark Ward, Gwilym Stone and Rachel Noel . Written responses were issued at the meeting. The Bishop of Winchester and the Rev'd Philip Krinks addressed 4 supplementary questions on the day.

The meeting closed with prayer.

DEEMED BUSINESS

Approved nem con.

- Acts of Synod June 2019
- Acts of Synod October 2019