

Oxford Diocesan Synod

WITHDRAWAL OF THE OXFORD DIOCESAN SYNOD MOTION ON THE ANGLICAN COMMUNION COVENANT

In March 2012, Diocesan Synod passed a private member's motion as follows:

"This Diocesan Synod requests the General Synod to debate the following motion:

'that this Synod:

- (a) rejoice in the fellowship of the world-wide Anglican Communion, which is rooted in our shared worship and held together by bonds of affection and our common appeal to Scripture, tradition and reason;
- (b) thank the Archbishop of Canterbury for his tireless efforts throughout the Communion to sustain and strengthen unity in difficult times; and
- (c) call on the House of Bishops:
 - (i) to find ways to maintain and reinforce strong links across the world-wide Anglican Communion and to deepen the Church of England's involvement with the existing Communion ministries and networks (especially the continuing Indaba process);
 - (ii) to publicise and promote this work within the dioceses of the Church of England in order to broaden understanding of, and enthusiasm for, the Anglican Communion; and
 - (iii) to encourage a wide understanding of, and support for, the next Lambeth Conference. '"

An identical motion was passed at about the same time by the Diocesan Synods of Bath and Wells, Chelmsford, Lincoln, London, Manchester, Newcastle, St Albans and Worcester. Since then we have a new archbishop and events in the Anglican Communion have moved on. In the light of this, Chelmsford, the initiating Diocese, and others have now withdrawn their motion.

Bishop's Council therefore recommend that Diocesan Synod adopt the following motion:

"This Synod notes and expresses appreciation for the work of the Archbishop of Canterbury in the Anglican Communion since his appointment, note that the following motion passed by the Diocesan Synod on 24 March 2012 is now out of date, and therefore rescind the said following motion and withdraw the request for it to be debated by the General Synod"

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