

Rule 10 Motion – Part 1

This Synod notes:

- 1) The recent passage of legislation which allows same-sex couples to marry in Scotland,
- 2) The principle which is now established in Scots law that no one should be forced to act against their conscience in this area,
- 3) That Scottish Episcopalians are not of one mind about these and other matters,
- 4) That there will continue to be a diversity of views about matters of human sexuality in the Scottish Episcopal Church,
- 5) That this Synod believes that the unity that we find in Christ binds us together in our mission to share the Good News with the people of Scotland,
- 6) That our unity in Christ is greater than any disagreements that we have about issues relating to human sexuality.

Rule 10 Motion – Part 2

This Synod resolves:

- 1) For the wellbeing, peace, and mission of the Scottish Episcopal Church, to endorse the principle that no one should be forced to act against their conscience in this area,
- 2) To request that the Faith and Order Board asks the Committee on Canons to draft an amendment to Canon 31 which will allow for the possibility of same-sex marriage services taking place in the Scottish Episcopal Church whilst ensuring that no celebrant be compelled to act against their conscience in this area,
- 3) To consider such an amendment for First Reading at General Synod 2015, with consequent discussion in Diocesan Synods as an integral part of the Church's wider conversations within this area,
- 4) To notify dioceses immediately after this Synod as to how General Synod intends this matter to be considered.