

Motion No. 9

Central Communications Board Terms of Reference

Proposer: Bishop Pat Storey

Archbishops, bishops, members of Synod, Motion no. 9 proposes that the revised terms of reference of the Central Communications Board be approved. The terms of reference are before you and our report can be found on p.217 of the Book of Reports under Appendix D. There are in particular two simple changes that will allow more flexibility to the committee's working agenda. Firstly it is proposed that two of the sub-committees, Broadcasting and Internet, which have effectively ceased to function be absorbed into the general business of the Central Communications Board, thus no longer requiring a separate committee or separate meetings. Occasionally when business from the areas of Broadcasting and Internet appear, we deal with them at the CCB meetings. We would today thus be requesting support for what is in effect already our practice. We would also like a little flexibility for the future in appointing sub-committees, as it may become necessary in the future to have e.g. a social media sub-committee. This motion would allow us to do so without having to wait for Synod approval each time. The Literature sub-committee continues to meet and to be very effective in presenting recommendations from the Royalties Fund to Standing Committee for new writing and publications.

Secondly, we are requesting that a representative of the Liturgical Advisory Committee be officially appointed to the Central Communications Board. Their help and advice has been crucial in the last year in, for example, the development and adjustments to the Daily Worship App, which was launched at Synod last year and which so far 785 people are enjoying using for their own devotions and for small group gatherings. It would be great if even more people would avail of the facility for their own private worship. It can be downloaded to your phone or iPad quickly and cheaply! We have found it helpful to have a member of the LAC advise us on this and other ventures.

Otherwise the terms of reference of the CCB remain largely the same. We strive as in all our committees to retain gender and geographical balance and co-options enable us to keep an eye on that.

Members of Synod, I thank you for your time and I propose the motion before you that the revised terms of reference of the Central Communications Board be approved.