

GENERAL SYNOD

DRAFT AMENDING CANON No. 36

(Of the vesture of ordained and authorized ministers during the time of divine service)

1. (1) Canon B 8 (Of the vesture of ordained and authorized ministers during the time of divine service) is amended as follows.
 - (2) In paragraph 2—
 - (a) after “the form of vesture” insert “specified in this Canon which is”, and
 - (b) **omit the words from “: Provided always” to the end.**
 - (3) In paragraph 3, at the end of the first sentence insert “unless the minister **has ascertained by consultation with** the parochial church council that adopting some other form of dress **will be acceptable and will** benefit the mission of the Church in the parish”.
 - (4) In paragraph 4, at the end insert “; but the minister may adopt some other form of dress to wear on a general basis if the minister **has ascertained by consultation with** the parochial church council that doing so **will be acceptable and will** benefit the mission of the Church in the parish.”
 - (5) **After paragraph 4 insert—**

“4A. Where, in a case within paragraph 2, 3 or 4, there is a disagreement between the minister and the parochial church council, the minister shall refer the matter to the bishop of the diocese, whose direction shall be obeyed.”
 - (6) In paragraph 5—
 - (a) for “At the Occasional Offices” substitute “At a service of Baptism that is not held at public worship on a Sunday, at the Solemnization of Matrimony or at a service for the burial of the dead”, and
 - (b) at the end insert “or shall adopt such other form of dress as the minister agrees with the persons concerned.”
 - (7) **After paragraph 5 insert—**

“6. Where a minister adopts a form of dress other than vesture of a form specified in this Canon, the form of dress so adopted must (in addition to the requirements of Canon C 27) not be such as to indicate a departure from the doctrines now contained in the formularies of the Church of England.”