

GENERAL SYNOD

DRAFT AMENDING CANON No. 36

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

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, after “the form of vesture” insert “specified in this Canon which is”.
 - (3) In paragraph 3, at the end of the first sentence insert “unless the minister considers, after consulting the parochial church council, that adopting some other form of dress would 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 considers, after consulting the parochial church council, that doing so would benefit the mission of the Church in the parish.”
 - (5) In paragraph 5, at the end insert “or shall adopt such other form of dress as the minister agrees with the persons concerned.”
 - (6) 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 be seemly and must not be such as to be indicative of a departure from the doctrines now contained in the formularies of the Church of England.”
2. In Canon B 38 (Of the burial of the dead), in paragraph 2—
 - (a) after “laid violent hands upon himself,” insert “and the minister cannot in good conscience use the Order for the Burial of the Dead contained in *The Book of Common Prayer* or a form of service for burial which is approved by the General Synod under Canon B2”,
 - (b) omit the words from “or have been declared” to “repentance”,
 - (c) after “in which case” insert “, having notified the Ordinary accordingly,”, and
 - (d) omit the words from “: Provided that” to the end.