

GENERAL SYNOD OF THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

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 or at the Solemnization of Matrimony or 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.”