

GENERAL SYNOD**TO ADD CONFIRMATION NUMBERS TO STATISTICS FOR MISSION****Summary**

That the number of candidates presented for confirmation should be recorded, so if they chose, they could be used by parishes, deaneries or dioceses as one of their measures.

We ask that General Synod support the recording of confirmations, alongside baptisms, weddings and funerals in the annual Statistics for Mission online return.

To move on behalf of Canterbury Diocesan Synod

‘That this Synod:

- a) Request that the number of candidates presented for confirmation should be recorded, so they could be used by parishes, deaneries or dioceses as one of their measures if they so desired; and**
- b) support the recording of confirmations, alongside baptisms, weddings and funerals in the annual Statistics for Mission online return.’**

Confirmation is a unique service in which a person confirms the promises made when they were baptized. As a young person or adult, affirming these promises commits a person to a life to following Jesus Christ.

The promises are made personally with friends, family and the local Christian community are there to provide support and prayer.

Confirmation provides a real marker for who we are as a church, both quantitatively and qualitatively and this motion seeks to rejoice in that.

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