

FELLOWSHIP OF DEACONS

MOTION ARISING OUT OF REPORTS

Your Grace, *Newtons of PSC*
Gwynne Lawlor Deacon in Diocese of *Highveld*
~~Archbishop Thabo,~~

Given that there is no clarity in the Canons as to the role of the Permanent Deacon within the Parish or Diocese within our Province, and given that the Deacon is part of the threefold order of Bishop, Priest and Deacon within the Anglican Communion in General and in the Anglican Church of Southern Africa in particular, and this lack of clarity about the ministry, role and responsibilities of the deacon in the Parish is creating confusion and limiting the vital servant ministry of the deacon, we respectfully request that the Canon Law Society update canons to list the duties, role and responsibilities of the permanent deacons in ACSA.

And although there is reference to the role of the deacon in the Anglican Prayer book, we respectfully request that the Bishops of the Dioceses of ACSA consider a resolution of permanent force be implemented in their Diocese on these roles and responsibilities. (*in the written*)

Deacon Gwynne Lawlor, Deacon Joan Jones (representing ACSA Fellowship of Deacons.)

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This PSC
responsibility
We ~~HUMBLY~~ request that Synod of Bishops APPLIES ~~its mind~~ to the Holy Order of Deacons, and in particular to examine the phenomena, , at present made manifest in two distinct types: deacons in transition and permanent deacons.

7. Deacons in transition want to be priests. Their diaconate is considered as a stepping to the priesthood, and does not necessarily reflect the ministry of the permanent deacon. Their diaconate serves as a period of formation for priesthood.

The permanent deacons are deacons in the way in which the Ordinal envisages the ministry of a ~~deacon~~.

This PSC requests the Synod of Bishops to apply their minds to this anomaly and to release a directive that would explain to the church the distinctive nature of the role of the permanent deacon (as opposed to the transitional deacon).

Proposer: Bishop Charles May, Diocese of the Highveld.

Seconder: Revd George Palmer (Dean of Studies)

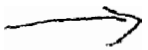
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Principle

- * ~~the~~ ~~order~~ of deacons made manifest in two almost distinct deacons in function → types
and ~~permanent~~ deacon

* deacons in function want to priests there no need for the stepping stone

* ~~permanent~~ deacons as deacons in the ^{require} style way in which the Cardinal encourage the ministers



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request the SOB to apply their minds to the anomaly and to release a directive that would explain to the clergy the distinctive nature of the role of the ~~permanent~~ deacon (as opposed to the transitional deacon)

MOTION ARISING FROM THE REPORT ON THE FELLOWSHIP OF DEACONS

Noting that

There is an omission in terms of the duties of a distinctive deacon in the Prayer Book, this creates a lack of clarity among both clergy and laity.

Therefore this PSC respectfully requests that the Synod of Bishops be asked to;

1. examine the role and ministry of permanent deacons in the Province with a view to recognizing the distinctive vocation to the Holy Order of Deacons, as discerned in respective Dioceses.
2. Apply their minds to this anomaly, to release a directive that would explain to the church the distinctive nature of the role of the permanent deacon as opposed to the transitional deacon.

Proposer: Revd. Dr. George Palmer (Diocese of Christ the King)

Secunder: Bishop Charles May (Diocese of Highveld)

ANGLICAN CHURCH OF SOUTHERN AFRICA



PROVINCIAL STANDING
COMMITTEE

AGENDA BOOK

To be held at:

The Kopanong Hotel and Conference Centre-
Benoni

Date:

Wednesday, 27 September - Friday, 29 September
2017

President of Provincial Standing Committee
The Most Reverend Dr Thabo Cecil Makgoba

12h00 The Angelus was led by the Bishop of Saldanha Bay.

- **MOTION OF CONDOLENCES – REVD DR CHRISTIAN REDDY**

Ms Kim Williams proposed, seconded by The Venerable Lundi Joko that;

Provincial Standing Committee:

1. Notes with sadness the passing of The Revd Canon Dr. Christian Reddy, a retired priest in the False Bay Diocese,
2. Acknowledges Revd Canon Dr. Reddy's work and dedication to the church for more than 60 years as principal of Good Shepherd EC School, where he was catechist for 20 years and then priest for almost 46 years.
3. Thanks God for a faithful, disciplined and loving servant and priest.

Provincial Standing Committee agreed to send a message of condolence to the Reddy family before the motion was put and passed.

- At this point a message of love and greeting was received from Bishop Margaret Vertue who was recovering at home after her recent illness.

- **MOTION ARISING FROM THE FELLOWSHIP OF DEACONS REPORT**

The Ven. Dr George Palmer, seconded by Bishop Charles May proposed that this PSC;

Noting there is an omission in terms of the duties of a distinctive deacon in the Anglican Prayer Book, thereby creating a lack of clarity among both clergy and laity.

Therefore respectfully requests that the Synod of Bishops be asked to:

1. Examine the role and ministry of permanent deacons in the Province with a view to recognising the distinctive vocation to the Holy Order of deacons, as discerned in respective dioceses.
2. Apply their minds to this anomaly, and to release a directive that would explain to the church the distinctive nature of the role of the permanent deacon as opposed to that of the transitional deacon.

PSC agreed that debate on this motion would be suspended for amendment.

- **MOTION TO AMEND CANON 38**

The Revd Canon Mark Long proposed and Lay Canon Charleen van Rooyen seconded the amended motion:

This PSC

1. acknowledges the struggle and pain experienced by communities within Southern Africa caught in ongoing cycles of poverty;
2. expresses specific support for communities in Westbury and on the Cape Flats and The Shutdown Movement in seeking to peacefully protest against the gangsterism flourishing in their communities;
3. condemns the lack of effective action by National, Provincial and Local Government in addressing the rampant criminality in these communities, and the police's substantial use of non-lethal means in dispersing The Shutdown Movement's protest in the Cape Flats on Tuesday the 25th September 2018; and
4. requests the Archbishop to assure the religious and community leaders and structures on the ground of our prayers as they continue to give guidance to these communities in seeking to ensure these crises receive urgent and practical attention by the authorities.

The Archbishop noted with great concern the killings of police in South Africa and the need for people to respect the police. He also drew attention to what was happening in our schools.

The motion was put and passed.

- **MOTION ARISING FROM THE REPORT ON THE FELLOWSHIP OF DEACONS**

Archdeacon Dr George Palmer proposed and Bishop Charles May seconded the following;

Noting that:

1. ACSA has recognized that the ordained ministry of the church is a 3-fold ministry of deacons, priests and bishops; and
2. Celebrating the ministry of those who are discerned to the distinctive and permanent ministry of a deacon in the church;

Calls upon the Archbishop to establish a Commission* to investigate the ministry of the distinctive and permanent diaconate and to report to Provincial Synod 2019.

* The Archbishop may in his discretion make use of the following structures for this purpose: The Advisory Board for Theological Education and/or the Provincial Liturgical Committee.

The motion as amended was passed.

• **MOTION ON THE ANGLICAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP
PROVINCIAL COUNCIL MEETING**

Ms Thobeka Jack proposed and Dean Andrew Hunter seconded that;

This PSC, noting that

1. the AWF will be holding its 26th Provincial Council meeting from the 24th to 28th October 2018, and
2. that delegates from different dioceses will be travelling to the hosting Diocese of Grahamstown;

Respectfully requests the different dioceses to provide the necessary support to AWF members through prayers for travelling mercies and the success of the event.

The motion as amended was put and passed.

The Archbishop took this opportunity to acknowledge the presence of the AWF President at PSC, and asked that greetings be conveyed when they meet.

• **MOTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE MOTHERS UNION**

Ms Thobeka Jack proposed and Dean Andrew Hunter seconded that;

This PSC, noting that

1. The MU will be holding its 52nd Provincial Council meeting from the 5th to 9th December 2018, and
2. That the delegates from different dioceses will be travelling to the hosting Diocese of Port Elizabeth;