

Synod Moderator Review
Arrangements and staffing for Ecumenical work within the Synod

Resolutions

Southern Synod Together resolves that:

1. The Synod resolves to continue treating ecumenical work as a priority in accordance with Jesus' prayer in John 17: 21 – "that all of them may be one ..." and to explore ways of maintaining effective ecumenical relationships with other denominations, through both structured and informal arrangements.
2. i) Synod gives thanks for the work done by all the ecumenical officers in the various Synod and United Areas.
ii) The 25% and 30% posts in the Central Sussex United Area, South London Synod Area Pastoral Committee West, Surrey and Sussex Synod Area and West Kent and East Sussex Synod Area be ended by 31st December 2017.
iii) The 25% scoped post in East Kent Synod Area and the unscoped post in the South London Synod Area Pastoral Committee East, be retained until such time as the present post-holders move or retire, allowing a transitional period towards the new Synod pattern.
3. Synod asks that a job description for a new part-time Synod post of a 50% Ecumenical Officer, which addresses such matters as allowing effective delegation by the Moderator, be prepared as a matter of urgency.

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Synod Clerk, September 2017