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Resolution 1 – (Synod Council: Shared Synods Panel – Paper A)

The Southern Synod meeting in plenary session on the 8th day of October 2016, resolves as follows:

1. To join with *Eastern, East Midlands, Southern and Thames North Synods* (the Sharing Synods) in constituting a Shared Synod Panel in accordance with Paragraph B.2.2 of the Ministerial Disciplinary Process, which said Panel shall come into being when all the Sharing Synods have passed this enabling resolution and at a date to be agreed by the Sharing Synods (“the formation date”), at which date the Shared Synod Panel shall come into existence.
2. In conjunction with the other Sharing Synods and no later than the formation date, to appoint persons onto the Shared Synod Panel in compliance with Paragraph B.2.2.1 and one person (who may be a Panel member) to act as Co-ordinator in compliance with Paragraph B.2.2.3.
3. To continue to maintain its separate Synod Panel until the formation date, following which it shall cease to exist.

Resolution 2 – (Finance: Budget – Paper C2)

Southern Synod Together is asked to endorse the recommended Synod 2017 Budget for the General Purposes Fund.

Resolution 3 – (Synod Moderator Review – Paper E)

Southern Synod Together resolves that:

1. The Synod Clerk be the Moderator’s ‘official’ deputy at meetings if the Moderator is unable to attend.
2. A 50% Synod Ecumenical Officer post be created to replace the present 25% posts.
3. A 50% Synod Moderator’s Pastoral Assistant post be created to assist with pastoral care of serving ministers, retired ministers, widows and widowers.
4. Synod Council should look again at the future property needs of the Synod especially at the division of manse and church issues.
5. The Moderator is given a clear mandate to go to the Synod Officers meeting for decisions of a sensitive pastoral nature, usually involving manse issues.
6. Synod Together appoints the Revd Paul Dean, the Revd Jennifer Millington, Mr Nigel Macdonald, Miss Pam Tolhurst, Mr Sam Brown (representing youth), and the Synod Clerk as Convenor, to review the Moderator’s job description in light of the Review report/findings and using the generic job description for Moderators approved by Mission Council.

Synod Resolution 4 – (Assembly 2016 matters referred to Synods – Paper I)

Assembly Resolution 3

The Southern Synod meeting in plenary session on the 8th day of October 2016, resolved that:
The Proposed new version of Section 5: 5. Appeal, Reference and Constitutional Review,
Be proceeded with.

Synod Resolution 5 – (Assembly 2016 matters referred to Synods – Paper I)

Assembly Resolution 42

The Southern Synod meeting in plenary session on the 8th day of October 2016, resolved that:
The Proposed new wordings in sections:

- a) Membership of Synods 2(4) (i)
- b) Membership of General Assembly (2(6) (b) and 2(6) (k)

Be proceeded with.

Resolution 6 – (Brighthelm Church – Paper J)

Southern Synod is concerned about the effects of climate change on some of the world's poorest people, as well as on animal and plant life. Therefore, Synod does not wish to give financial support to the further development of the oil, coal and gas industries and calls on those with responsibility for managing its investments to implement the rapid transfer of Synod investments from fossil-fuels to the renewable energy sector. Synod requests a progress report by its meeting in October 2017.

Resolution 7 – (Nominations – Paper K)

Southern Synod Together endorses the above appointments, which came through Synod Council

Resolution 8 – (Church Closure – Paper L)

Southern Synod Together notes the closure of Hartley URC, with praise to God for the worship and witness offered by these fellowships across the years since 1927.

Resolution 9 – (Appointment of Tellers)

Southern Synod Together appoints as Tellers the Revd Peter Flint – Chief Teller; Revd Peter Stevenson, Mrs Jenny Sheehan and Mr Frank Liddell.