

**The Faith Worship and Ministry Committee of the Anglican Church of Canada has been asked to gather responses from the church to the St. Michael Report. I invite you to offer your responses, whether as an individual, a study or other group, or a parish. You might wish to engage the report using some of all of the following questions:**

- 1) Please evaluate the conclusion of the report: do you agree, disagree, or wish to comment further on the conclusion ‘that the blessing of same-sex unions is a matter of doctrine’.
- 2) Discuss the level of doctrinal importance you assign to the issue of same sex blessings. Is it a ‘confessional’ issue (cf. Paragraph 9 & 10)? Where does it lie in the spectrum of doctrine between ‘core’ and ‘adiaphora’?
- 3) Paragraph 16: If the two questions in this paragraph are on a continuum where, for you, should the Anglican Church of Canada be in 2007?
- 4) What are the implications of the cultural context of Canadian life for ministry and doctrine?
- 5) Re: paragraph 12 *It is commonly assumed that doctrinal certainty is required before pastoral actions can be taken, but history also demonstrates that clarity emerges when thought and action occur simultaneously.* (Eg. the ordination of women & children receiving communion).
  - a) In light of all of the above, how should the church respond to the pastoral issues we are facing?
  - b) Are there actions that need to occur simultaneously with our ongoing discernment?
  - c) What might such actions be and what would be an appropriate way of commencing and proceeding with them and assessing them?

**Other comments:** \ Please add any additional comments you wish to make.

**Please share** your insights, comments, affirmations and/or questions with the Faith, Worship & Ministry Committee as part of our ongoing preparation for General Synod 2007, c/o Canon Alyson Barnett-Cowan: [abarnettcowan@national.anglican.ca](mailto:abarnettcowan@national.anglican.ca), and copy them if you wish to your diocese as it formulates a response

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