

Dear Committee Members:

I'm grateful for the chance to make a submission for your consideration.

I have been a parish priest in the Anglican Church of Canada for over forty-five years. The Church has been for me, a fruitful and nurturing place, in which to proclaim the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. Its ethos of Reformed Catholicism has made it a joy for me to claim this church as my home.

I am anxious that the proposal to revise the doctrine of the Church with regard to Christian Marriage will prove disastrous for us in the decades to come. It is clear that Holy Marriage is portrayed in Holy Scripture as a complimentary relationship between a man and a woman. To open the door to same-sex marriage, should General Synod 2016 begin that process, would be a capitulation to the spirit of this age, and disobedience to the explicit teaching of Holy Scripture.

The Anglican Church of Canada would set itself adrift from the authority of Scripture and would relinquish any claim to be an expression of catholic, biblical, and orthodox Christianity.

My fervent prayer is that our General Synod delegates and especially our bishops, will pull back from the brink, before it is too late.

Yours truly,
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