

Synod of the Diocese of West Malaysia

**STATEMENT TO THE HOUSE OF BISHOPS OF THE PROVINCE OF
THE ANGLICAN CHURCH IN SOUTH EAST ASIA**



The following statement was adopted by the Synod of the Diocese of West Malaysia at its meeting at St. Katherine's Church, Kajang, Selangor on 26 July 2023:

Whereas the General Synod of the Church of England had voted on 9 February 2023 to incorporate into the Church of England's authorised liturgy prayers for the blessing of individuals in same-sex unions,

And whereas such developments are in direct contravention of Resolution 1.10 of the Lambeth Conference 1998 on Human Sexuality, which declared that "homosexual practice is incompatible with Scripture" and advised against the "legitimising or blessing of same sex union",

And whereas the House of Bishops of the Province of the Anglican Church in South East Asia ("Provincial House of Bishops") had on 18 February 2023 issued a Pastoral Letter responding to and expressing grave reservations at this development by the Church of England,

Now it is hereby agreed by the Synod of the Diocese of West Malaysia that we:

Disagree with and disapprove of the position adopted by the General Synod of the Church of England in its decision of February 2023 on the issue of the blessing of individuals in same-sex unions;

Urge the Synod of the Province of the Anglican Church in South East Asia to adopt a similar position at the Provincial level, and further urge the Provincial House of Bishops to build upon its Pastoral Letter by declaring a degree of impairment in the relationship between the Province of the Anglican Church in South East Asia and the Church of England such that we are able to continue to welcome, share, work and collaborate on issues of mission, evangelism, faith and order with the individuals, churches, Dioceses and agencies of the Church of England which are faithful and firm in upholding the provisions of Resolution 1.10 of the Lambeth Conference 1998, while ceasing to work or share fellowship with those who do not.

Support all efforts and initiatives by the Provincial House of Bishops and all orthodox Anglican Provinces and groupings within the Anglican Communion which are firmly aligned to Resolution 1.10 of the Lambeth Conference 1998 together with all the other agencies and bodies within the Anglican Communion to work towards resetting the Anglican Communion on its biblical foundations and to reform the structures and instruments of the Anglican Communion in order to uphold the orthodox teachings of the Anglican Church on human sexuality; and

Endeavour to bring about a new global leadership framework in the worldwide Anglican Communion in which the current Instruments of Communion may be replaced by structures which are more relevant to, representative and reflective of the present and continuing shift in the global membership of the Anglican Communion.