

ST ALBANS DIOCESAN SYNOD

25 JUNE 2016

QUESTIONS – SECOND NOTICE PAPER

- 1) The Reverend Dean Henley (Amphill and Shefford Deanery) to ask the Reverend Darren Collins – Chair, Diocesan Caribbean Links Group: -

“At the March 2016 synod I asked the Bishop of St. Albans about the homophobia in our Caribbean link dioceses (the Diocese of the Windward Islands, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Grenada and St. Lucia; Guyana and Belize), and specifically their support for the criminalization of the LGBTQ communities in those countries. I was assured that the links group would address these concerns in the very near future.

Given that the Archbishop of Canterbury and the other Primates of the Anglican Communion have censured Anglican Churches that support the criminalization of LGBTQ people; what steps have the group taken so far and propose to take in the future to address the homophobia in our link dioceses and will they consider terminating links with those dioceses who continue to advocate for and defend the criminalization of LGBTQ people?

The Reverend Darren Collins will respond: -

The Caribbean Link Group in its current format meets three times a year to discuss and strengthen our Diocesan links with NECA, The Windward Islands, Guyana and Belize. We have a growing relationship with each individual Diocese, which is open and honest.

At our next meeting on the 19th July, the question raised by the Reverend Dean Henley will be an agenda item. Once this has been discussed and information from our Link Diocese obtained, we will feed back to those concerned.”