

HOB Conversation on Marriage

1:30-5:30pm, Saturday, 14 March, 2015

I – Introduction to conversation on marriage (15’)

- Tom Ely: How we got here
- Andrew Waldo: How we’re going to approach our conversation today

II - Table discussions (30’)

- What has been the ongoing conversation in our dioceses with respect to marriage?
- How is the TF on the Study of Marriage material being received in our congregations/diocese?
- What in this material will be helpful/challenging as you continue the marriage conversation in your diocese?
- How might this material help/challenge us in our Inter-Anglican, ecumenical and interfaith conversations/relationships?

Break (15’)

III – Indaba-style group discussions [facilitated by Special Legislative Committee Bps?] (90’)

- What is the place of GConv 2000 Resolution D-039 in the context of our discussion of sexual ethics and the changing norms/trends regarding relationships and expressions of sexuality, gender and preference?
- How do we view the significance of the shifting norms/trends in marriage from “cornerstone to capstone?”
- How can we be attentive to and inclusive of the voice of those for whom the trajectory of “marriage equality” or “marriage expansion” is challenging?
- What are the strengths/weaknesses of the proposed canonical change?

Break (15’)

IV - Plenary discussion (45’)

- What do you want to bring forward from your Indaba group?
- What’s the continuing work around marriage that the bishops think the Church needs to engage going forward?

V – Concluding table conversations (30’)

- Invite each other to share where you are personally with this body of work and with the conversation we’ve had today? Share with each other your take-away/insights/questions.