



# Clergy Discipline Measure 2003

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*Disciplinary proceedings concerning matters not involving doctrine, ritual or ceremonial*

## 15 Conciliation

- (1) Where the bishop determines that an attempt to bring about conciliation is to be made he shall afford the complainant and the respondent an opportunity to make representations and, if both of them agree to the appointment of a conciliator, an appointment shall be made under subsection (2) below.
- (2) The appointment of a conciliator shall be by the bishop with the agreement of the complainant and the respondent.
- (3) The bishop shall not appoint any person to be a conciliator unless he is satisfied that there is no reason to question the impartiality of that person.
- (4) A conciliator appointed under this section shall use his best endeavours to bring about a conciliation between the complainant and the respondent and—
  - (a) if, within the period of three months following his appointment or such further period as he may, with the agreement of the complainant and the respondent, allow a conciliation is brought about, he shall submit a report on the case to the bishop, together with such recommendations as he may wish to make;
  - (b) if a conciliation is not brought about but the complainant and the respondent agree that another conciliator should be appointed, the bishop may appoint that other person as the conciliator for the purposes of this section;
  - (c) if a conciliation is not brought about and the complainant and the respondent do not agree as aforesaid, he shall refer the matter back to the bishop.
- (5) If—
  - (a) the complainant and the respondent do not agree to the appointment of a conciliator or as to the person to be appointed, or
  - (b) the matter is referred back to the bishop by the conciliator under subsection (4) (c) above,the bishop shall proceed to deal with the complaint under paragraph (a), (b), (d) or (e) of section 12(1) above.