

## **AGENDA 2.2.6**

# **Review of Professional Standards Department**

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(See also Agenda 2.3.10)

## **PROPOSED MOTION**

*Submitted by General Church Council*

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the General Synod requests the General Church Council to undertake a review the Professional Standards Department (PSD) in response to concerns raised about PSD matters in proposals submitted to this Synod.

## **REASONS FOR THE MOTION**

The General Church Council (GCC) has governance oversight of the Professional Standards Department and therefore is the appropriate body to undertake the review and oversee the implementation of any necessary changes.

The GCC (and the bishops) do not consider the College of Bishops to be the appropriate body, nor has it the capacity, to lead a review of this nature. Furthermore, the bishops are often involved in PSD-related matters and therefore have a potential conflict of interest that will likely be under consideration as part of the proposed review.

The GCC has also noted other Synod resolutions which, either directly or indirectly, refer to PSD. The GCC considers it will be more effective to consolidate all the PSD-related issues raised in one process rather than requiring separate actions for each resolution.