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## Moderates' new church election platform set

**Over the weekend the national board of the Moderates adopted the party's platform for this Fall's church elections. One of the points is that homosexuals should be able to marry in the Church of Sweden.**

“There are various views towards (homosexual) blessings among members of the Moderate Party, but as a party we advocate that homosexual couples should be able to enter into marriage in the Church of Sweden. Our opinion is that the Church of Sweden should also retain the right to perform marriages in the future,” reads the platform that the Moderates call “The Church of Sweden in the 2010s.”

### **"The Bishops are conquered in the General Synod"**

Helle Klein, a pastor and chief political editor at Aftonbladet newspaper, comments as follows in her blog: “The political agreement is thereby almost total as this Fall's General Synod approaches when the three large parties, Social Demokrats, Center and Moderates, recommend that the Church shall retain the right to perform weddings and at the same time say yes to same-gender marriage.

“The bishops who are of another opinion will learn to see themselves conquered.”

*[The article then concludes with a paragraph summarizing other points in the Moderates' platform – one of which is more freedom to join a parish other than where one lives.]*

Original (in Swedish) at this link:

[http://www.kyrkanstidning.se/nyheter/moderaternas\\_nya\\_kyrkovalprogram\\_klart\\_0\\_8919.news.aspx](http://www.kyrkanstidning.se/nyheter/moderaternas_nya_kyrkovalprogram_klart_0_8919.news.aspx)