

GETTING A MOTION BEFORE SYNOD

There are three different methods by which a substantive (or non-procedural) motion can get before Synod that also will determine the order in which the motion is considered.

Order of Consideration: [Canon Two, sections 7(4) and 8(2)]

Motions will be considered at Synod in the following order:

- 1) Notices given at a preceding Synod (in the order received);
- 2) Notices given six weeks before Synod (in the order received); and
- 3) Notices given at Synod before the deadline set by the Agenda Committee (in the order received).

Motions may otherwise be received without notice, only with the permission of Synod.

Making a Motion: All substantive motions are initiated by giving a Notice of Motion by way of the required form. Notices of Motion can be given either before or during a Synod.

Before Synod: [Canon Two, sections 7(1)(b) and 7(2)]

Notices of Motion for regular meetings of Synod can be sent to the Secretary of Synod not less than six weeks before Synod, and will be printed in the Synod Journal in the order received.

At Synod: [Canon Two, sections 3(10), 7(1)(a) and 7(3)]

Notices of Motion can be given at a meeting of Synod by delivering the same to the Resolutions Committee before the deadline set by the Agenda Committee. A Notice of Motion can be given for consideration either at the current meeting of Synod or at the next regular meeting of Synod.

Procedural Motions: [Canon Two, section 8(5)]

Procedural motions (such as a motion to amend, table, refer or adjourn another motion) may be made without notice and must be disposed of before consideration of the substantive motion before Synod.

Resolutions Committee: [Canon Two, section 3(1), Diocesan Council Guidelines]

The Resolutions Committee does not have authority to veto or refuse a motion, but will seek to ensure that the language reflects the mover's intent, and may recommend clarifications to the mover and point out potential concerns. It may also suggest consolidation of a proposed motion with other motions received on the same subject.

New Expenditures: [Canon Two, section 8(3)]

Motions proposing new expenditures must either identify a proposed source of funding or be qualified as being made "subject to available funding."

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE GUIDELINES

Diocesan Synod of Fredericton

Task

It is the responsibility of the Committee:

- a) To receive, and prepare for debate, motions proposed for the consideration of the Synod;
- b) To ensure that proposed motions contain clear and concise statements of what is intended by the sponsors;
- c) To propose consolidations of motions dealing with the same subject; and
- d) Generally, to ensure that motions do not conflict with the Constitution or Canons, or the regulations, directives or guidelines of the Diocese.

Resolutions Procedures

- a) All motions not already printed in the Convening Circular, except those of a procedural or courtesy nature, or those that arise in the course of debate, shall be written and submitted to the Secretary for consideration by the Committee before being put to the Synod. (The Secretary will give the notice of motion to the Chair of the Resolutions Committee who will assign it a number and present it as a notice of motion at a time determined by the Agenda Committee.)
- b) The Committee shall not debate the merits of any proposed motion, but will ensure that it contains a clear and concise statement of what is proposed.
- c) Any motion presented to the Committee may be accompanied by an explanatory note setting forth the consideration leading to the proposal. This note will not form part of the motion.
- d) The Committee is authorized to propose consolidations of motions which deal with the same subject, with the understanding that, in doing so, the Committee will consult with the sponsors of the motions.
- e) The sponsors of any motion which is recommended for change by the Committee must be consulted and asked for their agreement to the change(s) proposed.
- f) The Committee will advise the author of any proposed motion it considers to be:
 - 1. outside the jurisdiction of the Diocesan Synod;
 - 2. unclear or ambiguous;
 - 3. inaccurate;
 - 4. of local rather than a diocesan character;
 - 5. impossible of performance; or
 - 6. calculated to be a source of embarrassment to the Church;and propose amendments to the same, where possible, to alleviate such concerns.

Approved by Diocesan Council
18 May 2005

NOTICES OF MOTION
(Proposed Resolutions)

2007-01 Communications

MOVED: The Ven Geoffrey Hall
SECONDED: Andrew Cromwell

That the report of the Communications Task Force be received and accepted with thanks to its members.

That the recommendations of the Task Force be accepted and acted upon, including:

- a) The bishop should immediately appoint a Communications Committee, reporting to him and accountable to him as publisher of all diocesan communications
- b) The publisher and the editor of diocesan publications should have a meaningful role in the appointment of members, since both are stakeholders in the committee's effectiveness
- c) The editor should serve as an ex-officio member and as the chair; other members should include at least one member of the Administration Team of Diocesan Council, at least one representative of clergy, and other members of clergy and the laity as the bishop and the editor deem necessary
- d) The Communications Committee should meet at least quarterly and report to executive members of diocesan staff in an open and transparent manner
- e) The terms of reference of the proposed committee include those recommended in the report.

2007-02 Property and Liability Insurance

MOVED: The Rev'd Canon David Kierstead
SECONDED: The Ven. Stuart Allan

That this Synod direct Diocesan Council to continue to develop the Diocesan Group Property and Liability Insurance Program and that specific steps be taken to ensure parishes not in compliance with the established minimum standards (A-19) for coverage be required to comply by participating in the group program.

2007-03 Rural and Struggling Parishes

MOVED: The Rev'd Dr Ranall Ingalls
SECONDED: The Ven. Stuart Allan

WHEREAS the Parish Support and Development Team of Diocesan Council has reported to this Synod that it has not been able to address the questions raised in the 2005 Synod motion pledging support for rural parishes; and

WHEREAS the same Committee has described these questions as 'urgent' and 'vital' and urged us to address them as soon as possible; and

WHEREAS the Shared Ministry Plan does not directly address questions concerning the spending priorities of Diocesan Synod implied by this motion;

BE IT RESOLVED that this Diocesan Synod respectfully request the Bishop

- 1) to appoint a committee to deal with the question how best to continue this Synod's historic commitment to rural and struggling parishes;

- 2) to charge this body to undertake a wide-ranging diocesan consultation with rural and struggling parishes on his behalf, in order to gain the best knowledge possible of their circumstances, hopes, aspirations, and needs;
- 3) to charge this body to draw up recommendations or proposals about how best to continue this commitment as soon as possible after this consultation, including cost estimates and suggestions as to where the monies might be found to cover costs; and
- 4) to ensure that this body is charged with no other business, so that its members can devote themselves to this good work.

It is suggested that another individual or group of archivists or historians might help this committee by drawing up a brief history of the forms this commitment has taken from our eighteenth-century beginnings up to the present.

2007-04 Canon Five Section 3 – Diocesan Signing Authority

MOVED: Mr. Charles Ferris

SECONDED: The Ven. Geoffrey Hall

That Canon Five be amended by renumbering sections 3 to 6 to be sections 4 to 7 and by adding a new section 3 as follows:

- 3(1) The Bishop and the Secretary of the Synod shall sign all documents that are required to be executed under the seal of the Diocesan Synod or which may subject the Diocese or the Synod to financial or other liability.
- 3(2) Cheques and other money instruments issued by the Diocese or the Synod shall be signed by any two of the Bishop, the Treasurer of the Synod and the Secretary of the Synod and a member of the Diocesan Staff designated by the Diocesan Council.

2007-05 Securing Clean Drinking Water as a Right

MOVED: Mrs. Betty McNamara

SECONDED: The Rev'd Keith Osborne

WHEREAS: The world is facing new challenges to what was once in many places taken for granted, the right of access to clean drinking water.

Whereas: Many in towns and cities have municipal supplies piped into their homes, others in rural areas rely on springs, streams, rivers, lakes and wells. And while urban dwellers may not think about it often, their municipal supplies also rely on sources from springs, streams, rivers, lakes and wells.

WHEREAS: Increases in human activity, without adequate protection and regulation, can lead to the pollution and contamination of drinking water sources. For example, incidents where gasoline storage tanks have polluted neighbourhood wells, problems with the water supply in Walkerton, Ontario a few years ago, drinking water sources for small communities have been threatened or contaminated as large mining, industrial, hydro electric developments or large irrigation projects have polluted or diverted water for the benefit of some but to the detriment of others.

WHEREAS: We have also witnessed in recent years an explosion in the use of bottled drinking water and increased commercialization of drinking water as just another commodity and often there are no alternatives available other than to purchase bottles of water . When

bottled water becomes the only source of clean drinking water, we create a captive and dependant market, increasing waste and raising environmental concerns.

WHEREAS: Laws and regulations can change with the political climate and local expediencies, it is important to work towards access for all to clean drinking water as a human right.

BE IT RESOLVED that this Synod recognize and affirm that:

- Water is a sacred gift that connects all life.
- Access to clean water is a basic human right.
- The value of Earth's fresh water to the common good takes priority over any possible commercial value.
- Fresh water is a sacred legacy, a public trust, and a collective responsibility.

2007-06 Integrity Fredericton

MOVED: The Rev'd Canon Alvin Westgate

SECONDED: Mrs. Mary Anne Chrisjohn

BE IT RESOLVED that this one hundred and twenty-ninth Synod of the Diocese of Fredericton:

- recognizes the pastoral ministry of Integrity Fredericton, which has continued for the past two and a half years in our Diocese;
- recognizes that the pastoral ministry of Integrity Fredericton is entirely the work of Anglicans within, and native to, our diocese;
- encourages Integrity Fredericton to continue in this ministry.

2007-07 Proposed Code of Pastoral Conduct

MOVED: Kevin Stockall

SECONDED: Neville Cheeseman

Given that the Constitution and Canons of the Diocesan Synod of Fredericton reserve to Synod the exclusive right to adopt, amend, repeal or suspend canons;
and that matters pertaining to the disciplining of the clergy are regulated by Diocesan Synod under the provisions of Canon EIGHT;
and that there is a proposed Code of Pastoral Conduct currently being considered for adoption by Diocesan Council which contains within it provisions for the disciplining of clergy,

BE IT RESOLVED:

- That Section 8 of Canon SEVEN be amended by the removal of the words "Diocesan Council" and their replacement by the words "Diocesan Synod."
- As amended, Canon SEVEN, Section 8 would therefore read as follows:
8 The Diocesan Synod may adopt regulations respecting a code of pastoral conduct of clergy.

Explanatory Background: That whereas the authority to adopt a Code of Pastoral Conduct is given to Diocesan Council by Section 8 of Canon SEVEN, the implementation of a code which is disciplinary in nature is an exercise of authority which Synod has previously reserved to itself. The amendment would serve to preserve Synod's exclusive right to regulate matters pertaining to the disciplining of clergy.

2007-08 Marriage and Sexuality

MOVED: The Ven. Vicars Hodge

SECONDED: The Rev'd David Edwards

This Synod of the Diocese of Fredericton resolves:

- a. This Synod reaffirms the Diocese of Fredericton's commitment to the Godly care and pastoral support of people of all sexual orientations. This Diocese along with the whole Church is challenged (as the Archbishop of Canterbury stated on March 28, 2007) to ensure that our Churches are "truly (a) safe place(s) for people to be honest and where they may be confident that they will have their human dignity respected, whatever serious disagreements about ethics may remain." In keeping with Lambeth 1998 - Resolution 1.10 we commit ourselves to ongoing listening to the experience of homosexual persons and assure them that "they are loved by God and that all baptised, believing and faithful persons, regardless of sexual orientation, are full members of the Body of Christ." We encourage the Bishop and Diocese to initiate and engage in a sustained Biblical and theological conversation about human sexuality using the listening process requested in preparation for the 2008 Lambeth conference.
- b. In accordance with the teaching of Lambeth Conference 1998 Resolution 1.10, this Synod reaffirms the position taken at our 127th and 128th Synods that:
 1. Marriage (as understood by the Church) is the lifelong union of one man and one woman to the exclusion of all others; and
 2. that no clergy person may bless any union or marriage of the same sex
- c. In line with the St. Michael Report we regard the blessing of same-sex unions as a matter of doctrine, with implications that are integral to the doctrines of salvation, incarnation, the person and work of the Holy Spirit, theological anthropology, sanctification and holy matrimony. Given that any change in Christian teaching on this doctrinally serious matter has significant implications for the unity of the Church we believe that any change ought to require wide consultation and no less than a two-thirds majority in each house of the General Synod over two successive General Synods in order to be regarded as canonical.
- d. This diocese is determined to remain an integral part of the worldwide Anglican Communion, thus we reaffirm the decision of Synod 2005 and make clear to the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada that, should it decide not to follow the doctrine and discipline of the Communion this will cause a tear in the fabric of our relationship with the General Synod.
- e. This Synod, recognizing that catholicity is one of the marks of the Anglican Church, and recognizing that each of the Instruments of Unity (the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Lambeth Conference, the Anglican Consultative Council and the Primates Meeting) have affirmed that the worldwide Communion should take no action concerning authorization of the blessing of same sex unions unless a new consensus emerges, we therefore urge General Synod to do all in its power to preserve the 'bonds of affection' within our Communion.
- f. We urge the General Synod to take seriously the request of the Archbishop of Canterbury, made in his Presidential Address to the General Synod of the Church of England (Feb 26, 2007) to the effect that the worldwide Anglican Communion should lay aside the currently divisive matters around human sexuality and address the more difficult issue of how the Anglican Communion becomes "a body attempting to live in

more than one intellectual and cultural setting and committed to addressing major problems in a global way....”

- g. In light of the above, the Synod of the Diocese of Fredericton does not intend to return to this matter unless the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada takes precipitant action concerning the contentious issues around human sexuality. We have made a definitive statement and it is our intention to move ahead with other important matters in the areas of mission and ministry.

The secretary of Synod is directed to send a copy of this entire motion to the Archbishop of Canterbury and to memorialize the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada 2007 with the same.

2007-09 Reaffirmation of Synod Resolutions

MOVED: The Rev'd Allen Tapley

SECONDED: Mrs. Donna Craig

- That this Diocesan Synod in keeping with resolution 128-23 of our Synod of 2005, resolves:
- That this Diocesan Synod of Fredericton affirms that it regards being in full and visible communion with the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Anglican Communion throughout the world as essential and vital, and
- That any consideration of the Anglican Church of Canada 'walking apart' from the rest of the Anglican Communion is unacceptable and indeed contrary to the Solemn Declaration of 1893, and would thus seriously jeopardize the relationship between this Diocese and General Synod.
- The Secretary of Synod is directed to memorialize General Synod with this entire motion.

2007-10 September 2007 Meeting of Synod

MOVED: Mrs. Mary Robinson

SECONDED: The Rev'd Canon Bill MacMullin

That this 129th session of the Diocesan Synod of Fredericton petition our Bishop to hold another Synod by September 30th, 2007 to plan to continue as a diocese in communion with the Archbishop of Canterbury should General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada meeting in June 2007 decide it will walk apart from the Anglican Communion by

- a) approving the blessing of same-sex unions or
- b) allowing for local option (each diocese may decide what they will practice) or
- c) resolving that the blessing of same-sex unions is consistent with core doctrine of the Anglican Church of Canada.

2007-11 Regarding Embryonic Stem Cell Research

MOVED: The Rev'd Ian Wetmore

SECONDED: The Rev'd Gerald Laskey

WHEREAS the people of God have always embraced the biblical teaching that human life begins at conception, and thus is fully human at every stage of development, and ever precious to God*; and

WHEREAS the Government of Canada, in 2005, granted permission for scientific research involving the destruction of human life at the embryonic stage (embryonic stem cell research), which many charitable organizations subsequently began to fund;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Anglican Diocese of Fredericton repudiates any scientific research which involves the destruction of unborn human life at any stage of development, and prohibits any parish, congregation or other member organization of the Anglican Diocese of Fredericton from contributing funds to, or supporting in any other way, any organization or group which contributes to or engages in embryonic stem cell research or any other endeavour which involves the destruction of unborn human life.

cf. Psalm 139: "[v.13] For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb.... [v.16] Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there were none of them"; Job 10: [v.8] Your hands fashioned and made me... [v.11] You clothed me with skin and flesh, and knit me together with bones and sinews."

RATIONALE: Embryonic stem cell research is such a new form of research that many in the Church of God have not had sufficient time or opportunity to consider its moral implications. The Roman Catholic Church, among many other Christian communions, drawing from the treasury of holy Scripture and nearly two millennia of teaching on the nature of human life and the question of when life begins, has discerned that a human embryo is a fully human person equal in dignity and in value in the sight of God to an adult human, an infant, a senior citizen or an unborn human at any other stage of development. The life-giving Gospel of Christ thus demands a life-saving response to all those individuals and organizations who, without prayerful thought or care, support the destruction of human life in its embryonic stage, introducing the light of God's truth into the situation and calling on all Christians to speak out against this practice (the medical term for which is "embryocide").

A further note with regard to use of the word "prohibits" in the proposed resolution: Previous synods of this diocese have seen fit to use similar wording in speaking out against gambling, and in reforming diocesan investment practices in order to refrain from investing in tobacco and alcohol manufacturing companies, to good effect. How much more serious is this matter in the Christian moral vision?

2007-12 General and Provincial Synod Members

MOVED: Mr. Charles Ferris

SECONDED: The Ven Geoffrey Hall

That notwithstanding section 12(1) of Canon TWO, the members and alternate members of the General Synod elected at the 2005 meeting of this Diocesan Synod be the members and alternate members of the General Synod to be held at Winnipeg in June 2007, and that the members and substitute members of the Provincial Synod elected at the 2005 Diocesan Synod continue to be the members and substitute members of the Provincial Synod until the 2009 Diocesan Synod.

2007-13 Fair Share Contribution

MOVED: Gerald McConaghy (Parish of Rothesay)

SECONDED: Lawrence Carpenter (Parish of Richmond)

Subject: Determining parish fair share contributions in regard to the annual Diocesan Shared Ministry Budget

Resolved that in accordance with the principles, definitions and processes described in the Report of the Budget Funding Task Force, that the bases for determining individual parish fair share contributions in support of the Diocesan Shared Ministry Budgets for 2008 and 2009 be set as follows: \$65 per identifiable giver, and 12% of parish operating income.

Background:

The background information and recommendations, as approved by Diocesan Council, are contained in the Report of the Budget Funding Task Force which is included in this convening circular.