

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."