

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), Regulation 2-1 Resolutions Committee Mandate]

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 MANDATE

1 Task

It is the responsibility of the Committee:

- 1(1) To receive, and prepare for debate, motions proposed for the consideration of the Synod;
- 1(2) To ensure that proposed motions contain clear and concise statements of what is intended by the sponsors;
- 1(3) To propose consolidations of motions dealing with the same subject; and
- 1(4) Generally, to ensure that motions do not conflict with the Constitution or Canons, or the regulations, directives or guidelines of the Diocese.

2 Resolutions Procedures

- 2(1) 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.)
- 2(2) 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.
- 2(3) 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.
- 2(4) 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.
- 2(5) 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.
- 2(6) The Committee will advise the author of any proposed motion it considers to be:
 - a. outside the jurisdiction of the Diocesan Synod;
 - b. unclear or ambiguous;
 - c. inaccurate;
 - d. of local rather than a diocesan character;
 - e. impossible of performance; or
 - f. calculated to be a source of embarrassment to the Church;
 and propose amendments to the same, where possible, to alleviate such concerns.

3 Vote Count Team

- 3(1) Prior to each regular and special meeting of the Diocesan Synod, the Chair of the Resolutions Committee, in consultation with the Secretary of the Synod, shall select and train a Diocesan Synod Vote Count Team.
- 3(2) The Vote Count Team shall comprise at least six persons.
- 3(3) A member of the Diocesan Synod may be a member of the Vote Count Team.

Adopted
17 January 2009

NOTICES OF MOTION

(Proposed Resolutions)

2009-01 Parish Documents to Synod (Canon Five)

Mr. Clyde Spinney / The Ven Geoffrey Hall

That Canon Five, s. 7 be amended by re-lettering clauses (b) and (c) to be (c) and (d) and adding a new clause (b) as follows:

"(b) a copy of the financial statements, accounts and other information received at the annual meeting of voting members of the parish pursuant to clause 2(1)(d) of Canon Six;"

2009-02 Language of Canon Three

Mr. Clyde Spinney / The Ven. Geoffrey Hall

That the following amendments be made to Diocesan Canon Three (Election of Bishops):

"chair" replaces "chairman" s. 3(3), 3(6), 9

"member of Synod" replaces "delegate" s. 4(3), 4(5)

"or her" added after "his"; " or her" added after "him" s. 11

"or her" added after "him"; "or herself" added after "himself"

"perform" replaces "preform" s. 13

"or her" added after "his" s. 14

"or her" added after "his" s. 15

2009-03 Embryonic Stem Cell Research

The Ven. Vicars Hodge / The Ven. Geoffrey Hall

That the 130th Session of Diocesan Synod memorialize the General Synod which forwards the motion made to the 129th Session of Synod (DS 129-22a) regarding Embryonic Stem Cell Research.

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.

2009-04 Clergy Quorum

Mr. Clyde Spinney / The Ven. Vicars Hodge

That under paragraph 4(2)(e) of the Anglican Church Act, 2003 and paragraph 15(1)(b) of Canon Two, that this Diocesan Synod amend section 7 of the Constitution of the Diocesan Synod of Fredericton by adding after subsection (2) thereof, the following subsection:

"7(2.1) For the sole purpose of determining a quorum of the members of the clergy qualified to attend a meeting of the Synod under subsection (2), only those members of the clergy who are either the Rector or the incumbent of a parish, or are otherwise appointed the charge of a parish, chaplaincy or other position of pastoral responsibility by virtue of an appointment from the Bishop, shall be counted for the purpose of determining a quorum."

2009-05 Marriage

The Rev'd Bruce McKenna / Ms. Rebecca Ellis

That this Diocesan Synod affirms and upholds the teaching of the Holy Scriptures and the Church:

- (1) that marriage 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 persons of the same sex; and calls on the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada to affirm and uphold this teaching.

This Synod directs the Secretary of the Synod to memorialize this motion to the meeting of the General Synod of 2010.

2009-06 Blessing of Same-sex Unions

The Rev'd Ranall Ingalls / Mrs. Deborah Ritchie

In recent months, several Canadian dioceses have declared their intention to proceed with the blessing of same-sex unions with or without the assent of General Synod. Others have invoked the Bishops' Pastoral Statement of May 2007 in order to proceed in the same direction, but without the pronouncement of a nuptial blessing.

This Synod desires to bring to the attention of the Canadian Church and the House of Bishops that these actions must further divide the Anglican Church of Canada and distance us from the greater part of the Anglican Communion. These attempts to force a resolution of theological questions by political means will have serious and far-reaching consequences for our life together as a Church, and for those who look to the Church for guidance in the midst of the sexual revolution of the past fifty years. As a Church we have not answered the important questions about marriage, friendship, and the sanctification of sexual relationships raised by the St. Michael Report.

Be it moved, therefore, that this motion and its preamble be sent to each Canadian Diocese care of each Diocesan Bishop and Diocesan Synod lay chairs, so asking our brothers and sisters in Christ to refrain from actions that will be deeply destructive of our common life and witness and making known the resolve of this Synod to refrain from actions which may carry our Church out of the Anglican Communion.

2009-07 Rural and/or Struggling Parishes

The Ven. Patricia Drummond / The Rev'd Canon John Matheson

That this Synod affirm, and refer to the Bishop and Diocesan Council for implementation, the report and recommendations of the Task Force on Rural and/or Struggling Parishes, subject to available funding as identified by the Bishop and Diocesan Council.

2009-08 Budget Support

Mr. Gerald McConaghy / The Rev'd Chris VanBuskirk

That this Synod affirm, and refer to the Bishop and Diocesan Council for implementation, the report and recommendations of the Task Force on Budget Support, including its values and principles.

2009-09 Stewardship Education

The Rev'd Gordon Thompson / Mr. Gerald McConaghy

That this Synod affirm the need for a parish-based stewardship education initiative across the diocese, and refer this initiative to the Bishop and Diocesan Council for implementation, subject to available funding as identified by the Bishop and Diocesan Council.

2009-10 Giving and Sharing Model to General Synod

The Rev'd Chris VanBuskirk / Mrs. Jackie Straight

That this Synod send a memorial to General Synod requesting that the national church investigate the adoption of the 10-10-10 giving and sharing model as the standard for the Anglican Church of Canada.

2009-11 Evaluation of Structures and Processes

Mr. Gil Carter / Mrs. Jennifer Lister-Brown

That this Synod request that the Bishop and Diocesan Council establish a task group to assess the value and the effectiveness of current diocesan governance structures and processes, with a view to improving administrative efficiency and reducing costs, subject to available funding as identified by the Bishop and Diocesan Council.

2009-12 Fund for Rural and/or Struggling Parishes

The Rev'd Dr. Ross Hebb / Dr. Richard Spacek

That this Synod direct Diocesan Council to roll back expenditures and/or transfers of income with the goal of developing a fund of \$100,000.00 within the next three years. This fund will be used for the stabilization, maintenance, and expansion of resident clerical ministry in rural and struggling parishes of our diocese, and will be maintained and disbursed at the discretion of the Diocesan Council. Funds sent to our fellow Anglicans in the Canadian North will be exempt from the roll-backs necessary to create this fund.

2009-13 Integrity Fredericton

The Rev'd Canon Neville Cheeseman / Mr. Robert Brittain

That this Synod:

- recognize the pastoral ministry of Integrity Fredericton
- recognize that this ministry is the work of Anglicans within our Diocese, and
- encourage Integrity Fredericton to continue this ministry.