

## ACTS OF THE 2010 GENERAL SYNOD

1. Declared the 39<sup>th</sup> session of General Synod to be constituted.
2. Adopted Draft Agenda #9
3. Approved the minutes of the 38<sup>th</sup> Session of the General Synod
4. Extended the Courtesies of the General Synod to Partners, Visitors, Directors of General Synod and to the Acting General Secretary.
5. Received Notices of Motion and Memorials printed in the Convening Circular.
6. Suspended the Rules of order to permit the No Debate List Procedure printed in the Convening Circular to be used at this Synod.
7. Agreed that the Nominating Committee be responsible for arranging balloting and appointing scrutineers in any election where such is required.
8. Adopted *on second reading* an amendment to Section 6 of the Declaration of Principles enabling General Synod to provide for the selection, confirmation of selection, consecration and resignation of the National Indigenous Anglican Bishop.
9. Adopted *on second reading* an amendment to Section 6 of the Declaration of Principles by adding a new clause s) as follows:
  - s) the appointment, election, confirmation, consecration and resignation of a Bishop Ordinary having jurisdiction over the chaplains of the Anglican Church of Canada on duty with the Canadian Forces.
10. Adopted *on second reading* an amendment to Section 3 b) of the Declaration of Principles to make the National Indigenous Anglican Bishop a member of the Order of Bishops of the General Synod.
11. Adopted an amendment to Section 8 b) of the Constitution of the General Synod to make the National Indigenous Anglican Bishop a member of the Order of Bishops of the General Synod.
12. Directed that all resolutions adopted by this session of General Synod, that involve the spending of money and for which the necessary financial resources have not been identified in the motion or are not included in the budget of General Synod, be referred to a group comprised of the Primate, the Prolocutor and the General Secretary.
13. Adopted *on first reading* amendments to sections 3, 4 and 5 of the Declaration of Principles to remove duplication between the Declaration of Principles and the Constitution (or the Rules of Order).
14. Adopted an amendment to section 3 of the Constitution - President and Chairperson of the General Synod.
15. Adopted an amendment to section 6 of the Constitution clarifying who is to chair when the Orders meet separately.

16. Adopted amendments to the Rules of Order needed when Resolution A019 (*Act 13*) comes into effect and also to clarify where *ex officio* and other non-diocesan members vote when there is a vote by dioceses.
17. *Defeated* a motion to amend Section 8 (f) of Constitution changing the basis for determining the number of clerical and lay members of General Synod from each diocese.
18. Agreed to reconsider the defeated motion (A029) regarding a change to the basis for determining the number of clerical and lay members of General Synod from each diocese.
19. Adopted an amendment to section 33 the Constitution to reduce the size of COGS.
20. Adopted an amendment to section 35 of the Constitution to permit participation in meetings of COGS by telephone, video or other electronic means.
21. Elected Canon Robert Falby Prolocutor of General Synod.
22. Approved the Auditors Report and the audited Financial Statements of the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada (ACC), the ACC Consolidated Trust Fund and the ACC Resolution Corporation for the fiscal year ended as at December 31, 2009
23. Approved the chartered accounting firm of Ernst & Young LLP as the auditors for the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada (ACC), the ACC Consolidated Trust Fund and the ACC Resolution Corporation for the fiscal year of 2010.
24. Adopted amendments to section 39 of the Constitution to divide the Financial Management and Development Committee into two standing committees – the Philanthropy Committee and the Financial Management Committee.
25. Repealed Canon VI (Financial Management) and *enacted* a new Canon VI.
26. Adopted amendments to Canon II and Canon XI and the Rules of Order and Procedure striking out the words “Financial Management and Development Committee” wherever they appear and substituting the words “Financial Management Committee.”
27. Adopted amendments to Canon III – *The Primate*.
28. Adopted amendments to Sections 13 b), 16 c), 16 e) and 45 of the Constitution to redefine the roles of the Primate and the General Secretary in relation to the staff of General Synod.
29. Adopted amendments to Sections 33 a) and 33 f) of the Constitution to add two ACIP nominees to the membership of the Council of General Synod.
30. Adopted amendments to Sections 33 a) and 33 f) of the Constitution to add an ELCIC nominee to the membership of the Council of General Synod.
31. Adopted an amendment to Section 4 b) of the Constitution to clarify means of communication to members of General Synod regarding the business of Synod.

32. Repealed Canon VII (Missionary Society) and *enacted* a new Canon VII.
33. Authorized the Council of the General Synod to apply for continuance of the General Synod as a corporation under the *Canada Not-for-profit Corporations Act*.
34. Recognized 2011 as the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Authorized Version (the King James Bible); *directed* Faith Worship and Ministry Committee to prepare information and liturgical resource for use on October 30, 2011, and *invited* dioceses and parishes to find and share appropriate ways to celebrate this anniversary.
35. Received the Report of the Faith, Worship and Ministry Committee (FWM) entitled *Liturgical Principles: Principles to Guide the Revision of Contemporary Language Common Worship Texts of the Anglican Church of Canada*; *directed* the FWM Committee to create a Task Force for Liturgy and *directed* COGS to ensure adequate budget provision to undertake the work.
36. Requested COGS to direct a study of the implications and the potential effects of the cessation of the solemnization of matrimony by the clergy and the adoption of the model of blessing those civil marriages that conform to a canonical definition of marriage and to report the findings to General Synod in 2013.
37. Affirmed the continued need for theological education and *requested* the Primate to appoint a “Commission on Theological Education and Formation for Presbyteral Ministry”.
38. Expressed appreciation the initiative, commitment, and spirit of dialogue undertaken in national, international and inter-diocesan conversations regarding human sexuality and mission, and *mandated* the Faith, Worship and Ministry Committee to continue to support these conversations.
39. Approved a revised mandate for the Partners in Mission and Eco Justice Committee.
40. Called on the Parliament and the Government of Canada to adopt policies to address homelessness and poverty and *affirmed* the endorsement of the *Dignity for All Campaign*.
41. Expressed support for a world free of nuclear weapons and requested the General Secretary to convey the Anglican Church of Canada’s position to the Government of Canada.
42. Requested the General Secretary to give consideration to the establishment of a General Synod Youth Secretariat and to make a recommendation to the Council of General Synod in November 2010.
43. In thanksgiving for the long partnership with the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem, committed the Anglican Church of Canada to pray for peace, educate for peace and strengthen relationships for peace and *requested* resource material be prepared.
44. Adopted an amendment to Section 39 of the Constitution to reduce the size of the Partners in Mission and Eco Justice Committee.

45. Adopted an amendment to Section 8 (f) of Constitution changing the basis for determining the number of clerical and lay members of General Synod from each diocese.
46. Confirmed General Synod's commitment to continuing the discussion about whether and how the structures of the church need to be modified to support and enhance mission and to make it a priority and *requested* the Provinces to undertake a discussion within the Provinces and inform General Synod 20113 of the results.
47. Adopted amendments to Canon VIII - General Synod Pension Plan.
48. Adopted amendments to Canon XII and the Regulations – Continuing Education Plan.
49. Adopted amendments to the Regulations of Canon VIII – General Synod Pension Plan.
50. Adopted amendments to the Regulations of Canon IX – Lay Retirement Plan.
51. Adopted amendments to the Long Term Disability Plan Pre-2005.
52. Elected The Ven. Harry Huskins Deputy Prolocutor
53. Recognized the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Anglican Roman Catholic International Commission; *gave thanks* for the progress in strengthening the relationship between the two churches and *requested* distribution of this resolution.
54. Received the report of the Vision 2019 Task Force and *directed* that the Officers of General Synod and the Council of General Synod be guided by the priorities and practices laid out in pages 13 -21 in the planning, program and any organization restructuring that may be undertaken.
55. Elected the members of the Council of General Synod 2010-2013.
56. Congratulated the United Church of Canada on its 85<sup>th</sup> anniversary; *welcomed* the renewal of dialogue with the United Church of Canada and *authorized* the Council of General Synod to continue the dialogue for three years.
57. Passed a resolution on Climate change that General Synod would:
  - Join with other faith communities and secular groups to press the Government of Canada to adopt a comprehensive climate action plan;
  - Encourage dioceses and parishes to incorporate concerns about the care of creation more fully into regular liturgies and request the Partners in Mission and EcoJustice Committee and the Faith, Worship and Ministry Committee to provide resources to support this;
  - Encourage dioceses and parishes to join with other faith communities and secular groups in research and providing information on the climate crisis;
  - Encourage dioceses to work with “*Greening Anglican Spaces*” project group of the Partners in Mission and EcoJustice Committee;
  - Encourage COGS to model how to estimate the annual rate of greenhouse gas emissions in order to share the data gathered and make specific predictions about energy use reduction
  - Request the Council of General Synod to consider having an estimate made of

the annual greenhouse gas emission for which the office of General Synod is responsible, commit to a stated reduction in these and report regularly on progress made.

58. Enacted Canon XXII providing canonical recognition for the roles of the National Indigenous Anglican Bishop, the Anglican Council of Indigenous Peoples and the Sacred Circle.
59. Established the National Aboriginal Day of Prayer in the calendar of the Anglican Church of Canada and authorized the Propers for the national Aboriginal Day of Prayer.
60. Repudiated and renounced the Doctrine of Discovery, and
  - requested that every diocesan bishop cause this declaration to be proclaimed in every parish and shared with the nations and peoples in their diocese;
  - requested the primate to share this declaration with the United Nations;
  - Committed to undertake a review of the Church's policies and programs;
  - encouraged each diocese to reflect upon its own history and to encourage all Anglicans to seek a greater understanding of the Indigenous Peoples and to support their ongoing efforts for their inherent sovereignty and fundamental human rights as peoples to be respected;
  - requested that the General Secretary inform all relevant governmental bodies in Canada of its action and that a similar review of historical and contemporary policies that . . . . . and to write to Queen Elizabeth II, requesting that her Majesty disavow and repudiate publicly, the claimed validity of the Christian Doctrine of Discovery.
61. Endorsed the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples adopted by the UN General Assembly on 13 September 2007, and
  - Requested the General Secretary to call on the Government of Canada to endorse the UN Declaration;
  - Adopted the Declaration as a standard for our own practice and commit to implementing the values and principles of the Declaration within the work and structures of General Synod;
62. Accepted the Second Report of the Nominating Committee—Standing Committees.
63. Expressed General Synod's commitment to the pursuit of peace with justice for all Palestine and Israel, and
  - Committed the Anglican Church of Canada to review statements on the status of Jerusalem and other issues which confront the Christian, Muslim and Jewish faiths in Palestine and Israel, and
  - Commended them to members of the Anglican Church of Canada;
  - Requested the General Secretary to write to the Prime Minister of Canada reiterating the Anglican Church of Canada's established policy; asking the Government of Canada to take a more constructive and active lead in creating conditions for peace; and

- Requested the partners in mission and Ecojustice Committee to equip Canadian Anglicans to work locally for peace with justice in Palestine and Israel in conjunction with ecumenical and interfaith organizations.
64. Expressed its deep concern regarding the recent actions involving Israeli Defence Forces and relief ships in international waters and the resulting loss of life; *requested* the General Secretary to communicate to the Prime Minister and Government of Canada its concern and view that a full international inquiry is necessary.
  65. Direct the Faith, Worship and Ministry Committee consider the best way to incorporate into the Baptismal Covenant, set out in the Book of Alternative Services, our ministry to sustain, respect and renew the earth as stewards of creation, and to make a recommendation to General Synod 2013.
  66. *Defeated* a motion calling General Synod to instruct the Financial Management Committee to provide the Council of General Synod, at its Fall 2010 meeting, with a full range of options regarding budgetary cuts based upon the Vision 2019 document, for consideration prior to approving the budget for 2011.
  67. Encouraged parishes to engage in commemorative activities to mark the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the 1962 Canadian Book of Common Prayer in 2012.
  68. Asked the Council of General Synod to organize a review of the current apportionment system and to report to General Synod 2013.
  69. Recognized that the United Nations and International Maritime Organization (IMO) have declared 2010 as the Year of the Seafarer, and
    - Commended the ministry of the Missions to Seafarers;
    - Recognized that all Canadian benefit from the important work that seafarers do in our import/export industry;
    - Paid tribute to the world's seafarers for their unique contribution to society and recognized the risks they shoulder; and
    - Encouraged all dioceses and parishes to celebrate the UN\_IMO Year of the Seafarer with appropriate liturgical or special event during 2010.
  70. Affirmed the *Sexuality Discernment Statement, General Synod 2010*, and requested the General Secretary to forward it to the Diocesan Bishops with the request that it be distributed within each diocese.
  71. Expressed thanks to Ms. Janet Marshall and to all who had worked on the discernment process.
  72. Requested that all dioceses, Anglican Council of Indigenous Peoples, Military Ordinariate and Religious Orders engage in theological and scriptural study of human sexuality in the coming triennium.
  73. Received the text of *The Covenant for the Anglican Communion*, and
    - Requested that materials be prepared for parishes and dioceses in order that study and consultation be undertaken on the Covenant;
    - Requested that conversations, both within and across the Communion, reflect

the values of openness, transparency, generosity of spirit, and integrity which have been requested repeatedly;

- Requested that the proposed Covenant be referred to the Faith, Worship and Ministry Committee and to the Governance Working Group; and directed the Council of General Synod to bring a recommendation regarding adoption of the Covenant for the Anglican Communion to the General Synod 2013.
74. Agreed to consider a resolution related to the sexuality discussion that was received after the deadline for resolutions.
75. Deplored any legislation calling for punishments for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender persons and their supporters and encouraged our partners in jurisdictions with such legislation to do the same; and *requested* the Anglican Church of Canada at all levels to embrace the outcast and stand against the abuse and torment of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender persons.
76. Affirmed six goals of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada and
- Requested the General Secretary and the Council of General Synod to ensure adequate resources for the Anglican Church of Canada to support and participate fully in the work of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada over the next five years (2010-2015).
  - Reaffirmed the three goals for equipping leaders, taken from the *Equipping Ambassadors of Reconciliation* conference hosted by the Anglican, United and Presbyterian Churches in Orillia, Ontario in November 2009
  - Recommended that the Anglican Church of Canada co-host at least two and up to three more events modeled after the first Equipping Ambassadors of Reconciliation conference during the 2010-2013 triennium, if possible in Western, Eastern, and Northern Canada.
77. Expressed thanks and deep appreciation to everyone who contributed to the organization, hosting, worship, program and leadership of General Synod 2010.