

**THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA  
GENERAL SYNOD 2023  
RESOLUTION**

**Resolution Number A030**

**Subject:** Motion Responding to GS 2019 Resolution C005 - Eliminating the Need for Approval by Two Successive Sessions of General Synod

**Moved By:** Chancellor Canon David P. Jones, K.C.

**Seconded By:** The Ven. Alan T. Perry

**Be it resolved that this General Synod:**

Give First Reading to amend section 11 of the Declaration of Principles as follows:

- in paragraph a) ii), the phrase “voting at two successive sessions of the General Synod, the change proposed having been referred for consideration to all diocesan and provincial synods following the first approval by the General Synod” be changed to “notice of the proposed change having been previously referred for at least a year to all diocesan and provincial synods”;
- in paragraph c) i), the phrase “voting at two successive sessions of the General Synod, the Canons and alterations proposed having been referred for consideration to all diocesan and provincial synods following the first approval by the General Synod” be changed to “notice of the proposed Canon and alteration having been previously referred for at least a year to all diocesan and provincial synods”;
- paragraph e) i) be deleted and renumber paragraph e) ii) accordingly.

**Source: Governance Working Group**

**Submitted By: Governance Working Group**

Does this motion contain within it any financial implications?      Yes      **No**

If yes, has the General Synod Expenditures Committee considered the implications?      Yes      No

**EXPLANATORY NOTE/BACKGROUND**

General Synod 2019 passed the following resolution:

[Resolution C005—Constitutional Review \(as amended\)](#)

Be it resolved that this General Synod:

Direct Council of General Synod to review the composition of the membership and the rules of order and procedure of General Synod and bring forward any recommended changes for consideration at the 2022 General Synod.

At the November 2021 meeting, the Council of General Synod directed the Governance Working Group to proceed with the steps necessary to implement the working group's five proposals to respond to Resolution C005.

The proposed change is intended to make General Synod more nimble. It would remove the requirement that proposed amendments to the Declaration of Principles and Canons dealing with discipline, worship and doctrine must be passed at two successive sessions of General Synod. The motion preserves the need to refer such proposed amendments to diocesan and provincial synods for consideration (not consent).

#### **PROCEDURE FOR ADOPTION (A)**

*Section 11 a) ii) of the [Declaration of Principles](#) requires an amendment to the Declaration of Principles to be approved by a two-thirds majority in each Order voting at two successive sessions of General Synod.*

*Note: This type of amendment to the Declaration of Principles must also be referred to all diocesan and provincial synods for consideration (not consent) after first approval by General Synod.*