

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

**Resolution Number A032**

**Subject:** Motion for Second Reading of Amendment to the Declaration of Principles from GS 2019 A030

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

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

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

Give second reading to amend section 11 of the Declaration of Principles by adding paragraph f) as follows:

11 f) The Handbook Committee may make such corrections and alterations to the Declaration of Principles, Constitution, Canons, and Rules of Order and Procedure as it considers necessary, provided that such corrections and changes relate only to matters of form and not to matters of substance and provided that any such correction or alteration shall be reported to the next following meeting of General Synod and may be set aside by a majority of those members present and voting.

**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**

In preparing the Handbook after General Synod 2016, the Handbook Committee discovered a number of typographical and formatting errors as well as some provisions needing clarification.

It would be helpful if the Handbook Committee were empowered to make such non-substantive changes to the Declaration of Principles, Constitution and Canons provided they must be reported to the next session of General Synod which can set the changes aside by a majority of those members present and voting.

Note that at first reading the phrase “and Rules of Order and Procedure” was omitted. It is included here for completeness. This change is in order pursuant to Declaration of Principles section 11 e).

**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.*