

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

Resolution Number A055

Subject: Amend Canon XVII (Licensing) to Clarify that Licenses May be Granted to Bishops, Priests and Deacons Ordained in The Anglican Church of Canada or a Church in Full Communion with The Anglican Church of Canada

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 the following motion to amend Canon XVII (Licensing) as follows:

1. Add section 1 f)

“in good standing” means a bishop, priest or deacon who is not inhibited from, suspended from, deprived of or deposed from ministry due to a disciplinary matter, and who has not relinquished or abandoned the exercise of the ordained ministry without being reinstated thereto.

2. Add section 5 a.1)

No bishop shall issue a license or temporary permission except to a person who has been validly ordained and is in good standing as a bishop, priest or deacon in The Anglican Church of Canada or a church in full communion therewith.

3. Add section 5 a.2)

Notwithstanding section 5 a.1), a bishop may issue a license to a bishop, priest or deacon who has been received into the Anglican Church of Canada from the Roman Catholic or Orthodox Churches.

4. Add section 8 c)

No bishop shall transfer or accept the transfer of a bishop, priest or deacon who is not in good standing.

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

PROCEDURE FOR ADOPTION (D)

Section 11 c) i) of the [Declaration of Principles](#) requires the enactment or amendment of all canons dealing with doctrine, worship or discipline to be passed by a two-thirds majority of each Order voting at two successive sessions of General Synod.

Note: This type of resolution must also be referred to all diocesan and provincial synods for information (not consent) after first approval by General Synod.