

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

Resolution Number A120

Subject: One Flock, One Shepherd: Lutherans, Anglicans, and Moravians – Called to Walk Together in Full Communion

Moved By: The Most Rev. Lynne McNaughton

Seconded By: Finn Keesmaat-Walsh

Be it resolved that this General Synod:

Receive and approve *One Flock, One Shepherd: Lutherans, Anglicans, and Moravians – Called to Walk Together in Full Communion* - the Declaration on recognition of full communion relations between the Anglican, Lutheran and Moravian churches in Canada.

Source: Faith, Worship, and Ministry Coordinating Committee

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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

The Moravian, Lutheran, and Anglican traditions are each historic communities of faith in Jesus Christ which have their roots in the ancient common tradition of the apostolic Church. They were also each shaped in many ways by the reforming impulses of 15th and 16th century Europe. Emerging grassroots connections, along with a growing sense of the need for churches to walk faithfully together as disciples into an uncertain future, have raised to our shared ecumenical consciousness a call to seek full communion and deeper ministry partnerships together according to the prayer of our common Saviour. In several places in recent decades, the Lutheran, Moravian, and Anglican traditions have already found ways to enhance and formalise their relationships as a result of several decades of thorough dialogue on key theological issues. In Canada this expansion of the full communion relationship that we recognize, enjoy, and steward with The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada to include Moravian Church Canada is a step following upon five years of intentional mutual engagement in dialogue and common discipleship.

PROCEDURE FOR ADOPTION (G)

In the normal course, an ordinary motion must be passed by a majority of the members of General Synod present and voting together.

Six members of General Synod may, prior to the question being put, require a vote by Orders, with a majority of each Order being necessary to pass.

If a question passes on a Vote by Orders, any six members (two from each of three different dioceses) may immediately before the next item of business require a vote to be taken by dioceses. A motion passes if a majority (or a tie) of dioceses vote in favour.

Source: Sections 4 and 5 of the [Declaration of Principles](#) and sections 18, 19 and 20 of the [Rules of Order and Procedure](#).