

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

Resolution Number A122

Subject: New Liturgical Texts II: Pastoral Liturgies for Journeys for Gender Transition and Affirmation

Moved By: Finn Keesmaat-Walsh

Seconded By: The Rev. Marnie Peterson

Be it resolved that this General Synod:

Authorize Pastoral Liturgies for Journeys of Gender Transition and Affirmation for use in The Anglican Church of Canada.

Source: Faith, Worship, and Ministry Coordinating Committee

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Does this motion contain within it any financial implications? Yes **No, outside of regular costs of production for new liturgical texts, within the Communications department's financial considerations.**

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

EXPLANATORY NOTE/BACKGROUND

In 2010 the General Synod unanimously adopted Resolution C010 deploring persecution of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender persons, and requested that the Anglican Church of Canada at all levels “embrace the outcast and stand against the abuse and torment of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender persons.” This present work was built on this and additional foundations laid in expressions of pastoral care and support for transgender persons over the years, nationally. The fact that transgender persons are active members in good standing - clergy and laity - in our church has been recognized and welcomed and was not a question for debate in beginning this process, but a fact of the life of our church which we understand to be a call to pastoral presence and support. A group of transgender and gender non-binary persons along with their chosen allies formed the foundational consultative group to shape the theological, pastoral, and liturgical lenses to shape these liturgical rites and the careful pastoral Introduction to them.

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](#).