

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

Resolution Number A123

Subject: Lectionary Items I: Alternative Old Testament Readings for Eastertide

Moved By: The Most Rev. Lynne McNaughton

Seconded By: Finn Keesmaat-Walsh

Be it resolved that this General Synod:

Authorize the *Table of Alternative Old Testament Readings for Eastertide* as commended by the English Language Liturgical Consultation (2011) for use as an updated alternative to the Revised Common Lectionary offerings for Eastertide.

Source: Faith, Worship, and Ministry 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

BACKGROUND

One of the main criticisms of the Revised Common Lectionary has been the absence of Old Testament readings for the Easter Season. Several Provinces of the Anglican Communion worked up suggested alternative reading about ten years after adopting the RCL, and after major internal-to-their-churches-consultations. Eventually, these proposals were brought to the Consultation on Common Texts (CCT), and evaluated. At the time, the CCT had just handed on its custodianship of the Revised Common Lectionary to the English Language Liturgical Consultation¹ - the international ecumenical liturgical body made up of representatives of the regional English speaking ecumenical liturgical bodies in eight global regions). ELLC reviewed the various options proposed and made a recommendation of one set of *Alternative Readings from the Old Testament for Paschaltide*. They can be reviewed here:

<https://www.englishtexts.org/paschaltide-readings-from-the-old-testament>

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](#).