

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

Resolution Number A125

Subject: Ecumenically Agreed Liturgical Texts (English Language Liturgical Consultation)

Moved By: The Most Rev. Lynne McNaughton

Seconded By: The Rev. Dr. Karen Egan

Be it resolved that this General Synod:

Authorize the following texts from the English Language Liturgical Consultation for use:

- *Gloria in Excelsis*
- *The Nicene Creed*
- *The Apostles' Creed*
- *Agnus Dei and Alternative*
- *Te Deum Laudamus and Versicles and Responses*
- *Benedictus and Alternative*
- *Magnificat and Alternative*

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 Anglican Church of Canada is a founding member of and regular participant in The Consultation on Common Texts (CCT) an ecumenical liturgical roundtable of more than 25 denominations. Along with five other regional ecumenical liturgical bodies around the world the CCT sends representatives to a broadly international and ecumenical body called the English Language Liturgical Consultation (formerly known as ICET) which from time to time undertakes common ecumenical projects, particularly in close partnership with the International Commission on English in the Liturgy (of the Vatican). In 1988, their work, *Praying Together* was published. As the former Liturgical Officer at the time of the creation of the BAS, Paul Gibson, had access to some draft texts that could be incorporated into the BAS, most of ELLC's work was completed well after the publication of the BAS. These seven texts (plus two alternatives) represent broad ecumenical consensus and have already been incorporated into many of the prayer books and worship resources of many churches, including within The Anglican Communion. They do not represent the most current paraphrases that exist, but are instead the lasting broad ecumenical consensus texts and as such represent conservative changes.

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](#).