

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

Resolution Number A202

Subject: Commitment to Call to Action #59

Moved By:

Seconded By:

Be it resolved that this General Synod:

1. Affirm its commitment to Call to Action #59 of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada.
2. Direct all ministries of the General Synod to engage with the full historical realities of the Anglican Church's involvement in Residential Schools, slavery, and other forms of racial injustice, as well as its historical work in striving to dismantle racism.
3. Encourage all dioceses across Canada to similarly engage with these realities and take steps toward addressing the continuing impacts of these practices.

Source: Dismantling Racism Task Force

Submitted By: Dismantling Racism Task Force

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

Call to Action #59 of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada calls on "church parties to the Settlement Agreement to develop ongoing education strategies to ensure that their respective congregations learn about their church's role in colonization, the history and legacy of residential schools, and why apologies to former residential school students, their families, and communities were necessary."¹ This motion calls the Anglican Church of Canada to honour this Call to Action, and to go further in this mission by further excavating the Church's connection to systems of racial injustice *and* resistance to such systems throughout its history in order to continue the journey toward dismantling racism.

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.

¹ https://ehprnh2mwo3.exactdn.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/Calls_to_Action_English2.pdf p. 7

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](#).