

**GENERAL SYNOD 2023  
RESOLUTION**

**Resolution Number C003**

**Subject:** Supporting Organ, Blood, and Tissue Donation

**Moved By:** Jesse Zink

**Seconded By:** Anne Germond

**Be it resolved that this General Synod:**

1. Recognize the life-giving benefits of organ, blood, and tissue donation and encourage all members of The Anglican Church of Canada, if eligible, to become organ, blood, and tissue donors as part of their witness and ministry to others in the name of Christ;
2. Recommend and urge all members of The Anglican Church of Canada to consider seriously the opportunity to donate organs after death that others may live, to register to become a donor in their province or territory, and to clearly communicate such decision to family, friends, and attorney.

**Source:**

**Submitted By:** Jesse Zink

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**

Donations of blood, tissue, and organs from living donors are vital and important to the provision of health care in this country. According to Health Canada, an average of 250 people on the waiting list for organ donation die awaiting a transplant each year. According to Health Canada, fewer than 25% of Canadians are registered as donors.

Jesus Christ gave wholly of himself and of his body for his followers. The followers of Jesus are called to do the same by offering of themselves, both while alive and, if eligible, after death, so that others may have life.

The General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada has never taken an official position on blood, organ, and tissue donation. It is time to raise awareness of these issues and encourage members of the church to become donors.

## **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.*