

**GENERAL SYNOD 2023
RESOLUTION**

Resolution Number C005

Subject: Anglican Congress

Moved By: Iain Luke

Seconded By: Jesse Zink

Be it resolved that this General Synod:

1. Endorse the call of the 2022 Lambeth Conference to plan for an Anglican Congress meeting in the Global South as a time “for the broad Anglican family to renew its vision and practice of Christian mission,” with priority given “to the voices of indigenous leaders, women, young people, and the laity.” [*Lambeth Calls* 3.1]
2. Call on the Primate, officers and Council of General Synod to support and advocate for such a Congress.

Source: Members of Synod

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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

Three Anglican Congresses have taken place, in 1908, 1954 and 1963, each bringing together thousands of Anglicans to consult together on the mission of Anglicans and Anglicanism in the world of their respective times. The vision of the most recent Congress, in 1963 in Toronto, for “Mutual Responsibility and Interdependence in the Body of Christ”, remains a hallmark for global Anglican identity and practice.

The life of the Anglican Communion, and of the world in which we bear witness, has continued to develop over the last 60 years. A renewal of relationships, a celebration of our common life, and an intentional broadening of the voices to which we pay attention, will have an impact on the future mission of the churches of the Communion.

Resourcing of such an event is one of the biggest hurdles to address. Its success depends on bringing together the different kinds of support which many Provinces of the Communion can offer, along with creativity in seeking out and encouraging widespread participation, which may include virtual communities as well as one or more location-based gatherings.

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.