

**GENERAL SYNOD 2023
RESOLUTION**

Resolution Number C012

Subject: Process of election to the Council of General Synod

Moved By: Bishop Bruce Myers

Seconded By: Dion Lewis

Be it resolved that this General Synod:

Direct the Council of General Synod (CoGS) to revise the process by which members of CoGS are elected by ecclesiastical provinces at meetings of the General Synod.

Source: Members of General Synod

Submitted By: Bruce Myers

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 rules currently governing the process by which ecclesiastical provinces elect representatives to the Council of General Synod are inconsistently followed and arguably incoherent, in that dioceses often do not provide the requisite full slate of nominees, or those that do are obliged to nominate individuals who do not actually wish to serve on the Council. This motion implores CoGS to develop a new system of election for CoGS members that will take these factors into account.

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.