

**GENERAL SYNOD 2025
RESOLUTION**

Resolution Number A050

Subject: Motion for Second Reading of Amendment to Canon XVII (Licensing) from GS 2023 to Clarify that Licenses May be Granted to Bishops, Priests and Deacons Ordained in The Anglican Church of Canada or a Church in Full Communion with The Anglican Church of Canada

Moved By: Chancellor Canon Clare Burns

Seconded By: The Ven. Alan T. Perry

Be it resolved that this General Synod:

Give second reading to the following motion to amend Canon XVII (Licensing) as follows:

1. Add section 1 f) *“in good standing” means a bishop, priest or deacon who is not inhibited from, suspended from, deprived of or deposed from ministry due to a disciplinary matter, and who has not relinquished or abandoned the exercise of the ordained ministry without being reinstated thereto.*
2. Add section 8 c) *No bishop shall transfer or accept the transfer of a bishop, priest or deacon who is not in good standing.*

Source: Governance Working Group

Submitted By: Governance Working Group

Does this motion contain within it any financial implications? Yes **No**

If yes, has the General Synod Expenditures Committee considered the implications? Yes No

Does this motion contain within it any staffing implications? Yes **No**

EXPLANATORY NOTE/BACKGROUND

PROCEDURE FOR ADOPTION (D)

Section 11 c) i) of the [Declaration of Principles](#) requires the enactment or amendment of all canons dealing with doctrine, worship or discipline to be passed by a two-thirds majority of each Order voting at two successive sessions of General Synod.

Note: This type of resolution must also be referred to all diocesan and provincial synods for information (not consent) after first approval by General Synod.