

**GENERAL SYNOD 2025  
RESOLUTION**

**Resolution Number A120**

**Subject:** Theological Statement on the Diaconate

**Moved By:** The Rt. Rev. Lynne McNaughton

**Seconded By:** The Rev. Canon Claudette Taylor

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

1. Adopt *Theological Statement on the Diaconate (2025)* as an agreed theological statement.
2. Commend the *Theological Statement on the Diaconate (2025)* to the theological colleges and ministerial training centres associated with The Anglican Church of Canada for study and feedback, and reporting back to the Faith, Worship, and Ministry Coordinating Committee by October 2027.
3. Commend the *Theological Statement on the Diaconate (2025)* to our ecumenical and full communion partners and official dialogues for study and feedback, and reporting back to the Faith, Worship, and Ministry Coordinating Committee by October 2027.
4. Request that the House of Bishops include in their agenda significant time for discussion of their understandings of their theology and practices with respect to the diaconate, and reporting back to the Faith, Worship, and Ministry Coordinating Committee.

**Source:** Faith, Worship, and Ministry Coordinating Committee

**Submitted By:** Faith, Worship, and Ministry Coordinating Committee

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 (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](#).*