

**GENERAL SYNOD 2025
RESOLUTION**

Resolution Number A125

Subject: United Church of Canada 100th Anniversary

Moved By: The Rt. Rev. Dr. Susan Bell

Seconded By: Mr. Dion Lewis

Be it resolved that this General Synod:

1. Extend warm greetings and congratulations to the United Church of Canada on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of their formative Union, June 1925.
2. Encourage the dioceses of The Anglican Church of Canada to extend similar salutations to the United Church Regional Councils with which their jurisdictions overlap.
3. Give thanks for the decades of fruitful ecumenical dialogue and deepening partnership between the two churches, including especially the unique witness of the growing number of both long established and newly forming Anglican-United Ecumenical Shared Ministries which exist across the country.
4. Encourage the Council of the General Synod to act on the creation of a National Coordinating Committee for Unity and Mission between The Anglican Church of Canada and the United Church of Canada, as originally called for by General Synod 2016 Resolution A-141.

Source: Faith, Worship, and Ministry Coordinating Committee

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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

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

EXPLANATORY NOTE/BACKGROUND

The United Church of Canada was formed in 1925 through the organic union of the Methodist Church, Canada, the Congregational Union of Ontario and Quebec, two-thirds of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, and the Association of Local Union Churches. The Evangelical United Brethren Church also joined some years later. Though not without some difficult points of conflict and tension along the way, for much of the 100 years since, The Anglican Church of Canada has regularly worked alongside of and in common cause with United Church siblings in Christ in numerous areas of mutual concern as an expression of our shared witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. In recent decades, ecumenical dialogues and active engagement between Anglican and United disciples have enabled Anglicans to receive many gifts from

the distinct witness of the United Church and have allowed our two churches to grow even more closely together as partners in common mission. This has included numerous arrangements in certain local contexts which have seen some Anglican parishes and United Church communities of faith able to share together deeply in their mutual ministry – in some cases everything from outreach programs, to buildings, to clergy, to regular gathered worship. As we anticipate even more opportunities for collaboration in the future, at local, regional, and national levels, the occasion of the 125th anniversary of the United Church of Canada represents an important moment to express our gratitude for one of our closest ecumenical partners, and to rededicate ourselves to ongoing ecumenical friendship and cooperation in the years ahead.

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](#).