

C001 - Modification to Canon III, Part 1, 4. b)

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Be it resolved that this General Synod:

Request that the Council of the General Synod examine all that is necessary to modify Canon III, Part 1, 4. b) as follows, with a proposal to be brought forward to the next General Synod or at the direction of the Primate:

Replace "As soon as practicable following election, but in any case not more than 90 days after the date of election, the Primate shall resign any Episcopal and Metropolitan offices held at the time of election to the Primacy."

With

"The Primate may at their discretion retain **their Diocesan** office held at the time of election to the Primacy **but must resign their Metropolitan Office, if applicable**. If an ecclesiastical offence is alleged to have been committed by the Primate, the Metropolitans in conjunction with the National Indigenous Archbishop shall determine if the alleged offence was committed in the Primate's capacity as a Suffragan or Diocesan. If **it was under their Suffragan or Diocesan** offices, then the process for adjudication and imposition of discipline shall be as outlined in the applicable Provincial Canon and related policies. If Primatial, then Canon XVIII shall apply. If the offence was extra-parochial, then the highest office inhabited at the time of the offence shall determine the judicatory process placement accordingly. Any appeals shall be as per the applicable Canon (Provincial or National) and related policies.

"If there is a deadlock in the determination by the Metropolitans in conjunction with the National Indigenous Archbishop, the House of Bishops shall vote by simple majority to indicate judicatory process placement.

"If there is an apparent conflict of interest between the offices held concurrently (Suffragan, Diocesan, **Metropolitan**, Primate), then the individual shall recuse themselves from all involvement until the matter is decided."