

GENERAL SYNOD 2025

RESOLUTION

Resolution Number C011

Subject: Expression of Support for Those in the Land of the Holy One

Moved By: The Rt. Rev. John Watton

Seconded By: The Rev. Canon Nicola Skinner

Be it resolved that this General Synod:

1. Extend our unified expression of support to the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem and St. George's College Jerusalem in response to Archbishop Hosam's invitation extended to us and our fellow Anglicans across the wider Communion, to intercede on their behalf, that we might collectively be strengthened to embody the role of peacemakers as mutual members of the larger Body of Christ.
2. Direct the Partners in Mission Coordinating Committee to connect with all operations/partnerships (ie Alongside Hope, Companions of Jerusalem, Compass Rose Canada and other relevant groups of our national body) to engage, equip and invite Dioceses to engage intentional processes of study, intercession and action for pathways of peace.
3. Encourage the dioceses of The Anglican Church of Canada to extend words and expressions of support to the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem and The Most Reverend Hosam Naoum, Bishop of Jerusalem and Primate of the entire Province of Jerusalem & the Middle East, as well as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land.
4. Encourage all parishes to vocalize their concern by actively including prayers for Palestine particularly and the Middle East in their Sunday intercessions and in various study programmes.

Source: Members of General Synod

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

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

EXPLANATORY NOTE/BACKGROUND

Throughout our Church there are many who through various pilgrimage and mentoring experiences have become connected to the history and life situation throughout the Land of the Holy One.

The voices of the land of the Holy One and our own context have asked us

- To learn in new ways about the people there with open hearts and minds.
- To advocate publicly and before government bodies for justice and peace.
- To keep them in remembrance and intercession.

Across our country, many individual, congregational and diocesan voices have been added to those of our leaders:

The Rev. Susan Johnson
National Bishop Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada

The Most Rev. Anne Germond
Acting Primate Anglican Church of Canada

The Most Rev. Chris Harper
National Indigenous Anglican Archbishop.

Our voice is strong and can be unified and more clearly articulated by this General Synod.

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.