

GENERAL SYNOD 2025
RESOLUTION

Resolution Number XXXX

Subject: Presbyterian Church in Canada 150th Anniversary

Moved By: Susan Bell (Niagara)

Seconded By: Dion Lewis (Montréal)

Be it resolved that this General Synod:

1. Extend warm greetings and friendly congratulations to the Presbyterian Church in Canada on the occasion of their 150th anniversary
2. Encourage the dioceses of the Anglican Church of Canada to extend similar salutations to the PCC Presbyteries with which their jurisdictions overlap
3. Give thanks for the ongoing ecumenical relationship between the Presbyterian Church in Canada and the Anglican Church of Canada, including especially the unique witness of Anglican-Presbyterian Ecumenical Shared Ministries which exist across the country
4. Encourage the Council of General Synod to initiate renewed exploration of the potential for greater ecumenical collaboration and sharing of resources between the Anglican Church of Canada and the Presbyterian Church in Canada at local, regional, and national levels

Source: Faith, Worship, and Ministry committee of General Synod

Submitted By: Faith, Worship, and Ministry

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 Presbyterian Church in Canada was formed in 1875 through the joining of four predecessor Presbyterian church expressions of European origin that had been in Canada for several decades prior. While a portion of Canadian Presbyterians entered the Union that formed the United Church of Canada in 1925, another portion continued as the Presbyterian Church in Canada from that point on. Anglicans and Presbyterians in Canada, as elsewhere, have not always enjoyed peaceful and positive relations. However, with the dawning of the modern ecumenical movement in 1910, and especially with the formation of the World Council of Churches and Canadian Council of Churches in the 1940s, Presbyterians and Anglicans have come to know one another more deeply and to work together more closely in common mission. This has included several arrangements in certain local contexts which have seen some Anglican parishes and Presbyterian congregations 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 150th anniversary of the Presbyterian Church in Canada

represents an important moment to express our gratitude for these our valued ecumenical partners, and to rededicate ourselves to ongoing ecumenical friendship and cooperation in the years ahead.