

**Monday, June 25, 2007**

## **Orders of the Day**

Mrs. Barbara Burrows reviewed the Orders of the Day.

## **Resolutions**

### **Revision of Canon XXI on Marriage**

Moved by:                 Dean Peter Elliott  
Seconded by:             Chancellor Ronald Stevenson

That this General Synod request the Council of General Synod to consider a revision of Canon XXI (On Marriage) including theological rationale to allow marriage of all legally qualified persons and to report back to General Synod 2010.

**CARRIED**  
*Act 44*

### **A Statement from the House of Bishops to the Members of General Synod**

Bishop Donald Phillips, Secretary of the House of Bishops, and Bishop Patrick Yu introduced this Statement. (*See Appendix L*)

### **House of Bishops Statement on Pastoral Care of Same Sex Couples**

Moved by:                 Bishop Michael Bedford-Jones  
Seconded by:             Ms. Suzanne Lawson

That this General Synod welcome the Statement of the House of Bishops of October, 2006, urging the church to show pastoral understanding and sensitivity to all same-sex couples, including those civilly married, and committing the House to develop pastoral strategies to give effect to the acceptance of gays and lesbians to whom we are already committed by previous General Synods and COGS resolutions, House of Bishops guidelines and Lambeth Conference statements.

### ***Friendly Amendment***

The Rev. Canon Paul Jennings proposed a friendly amendment that the Statement issued in April 2007 by the House of Bishops (and included as a Memorial in the Convening Circular) also be included in this resolution. This amendment was declined by the mover and seconder.

The original motion was then put and –

**CARRIED**  
***Act 45***

The October 2006 *Statement of the House of Bishops* is attached. (*See Appendix L*)

### ***Point of Personal Privilege***

Bishop Michael Ingham rose to correct several statements made in the House with respect to the Diocese of New Westminster.

He said: *“It is a small minority of people who are getting a lot of press attention. I would not want General Synod to have the impression that those who speak from outside our diocese and the Anglican Church of Canada represent theological conservatives in the Diocese of New Westminster, the vast majority of whom remain within the diocese and are represented here in our delegation to General Synod.”*

### **ACC-13 Resolution 4**

The revised resolution was presented.

Moved by: Bishop Susan Moxley  
Seconded by: Ms. Suzanne Lawson

That this General Synod:

- i. ratify Sections a-d of the proposed constitutional changes for the Anglican Consultative Council, as proposed in ACC-13 Resolution 4; and
- ii. not ratify ACC-13 Resolution 4, Section e) of the proposed constitutional changes for the Anglican Consultative Council.

**CARRIED**  
***Act 46***

### **Declaration of Principles and Constitution – Amending Procedures**

The resolution suspended earlier was returned and the list of speakers was noted. Canon Falby advised that the mover and seconder had accepted a *friendly amendment* from Ms. Heather Dixon (and the revisions are underlined). The motion now reads:

Moved by: Canon Robert Falby  
Seconded by: Bishop Susan Moxley

That *first reading* be given to the resolution that the Declaration of Principles be amended by:

- 1) deleting sections 3 and 4 thereof ;
- 2) renumbering sections 5 to 11 to be sections 3 to 9; and
- 3) amending all cross-references to sections 6, 7 and 8 to refer to sections 3 and 4 respectively.

***Motion to Refer***

Moved by: Bishop Donald Phillips  
Seconded by: Mr. Eric Parsons

That this resolution be referred to the Council of General Synod for further work, including consultation with the provinces and dioceses of our church.

**CARRIED**  
*Act 47*

**Governance – procedures for enactment of Canons and amendment of the Declaration of Principles, the Constitution, and the Canons respecting worship and discipline**

Moved by: Canon Robert Falby  
Seconded by: Archbishop Caleb Lawrence

The revised resolution was presented.

That *first reading* be given to the Resolution that section 11 of the Declaration of Principles be amended to read as follows:

**11. Amendments; Enactment of Canons**

***a) Amendments to the Declaration of Principles***

- i) The Solemn Declaration of the Declaration of Principles belongs in a particular historic context and therefore cannot be altered or amended.
- ii) An amendment to the Declaration of Principles can be considered only when a majority of each Order is present at the session of the General Synod.
- iii) Subject to subsection iv), an amendment to the Declaration of Principles shall take effect when passed by a two-thirds majority in each Order.

- iv) An amendment to sections 6, 7 and 8 of the Declaration of Principles shall take effect only when the General Synod has adopted it in the manner prescribed in subsection iii), and the synods of each of the ecclesiastical provinces of the Anglican Church of Canada have consented to it.
- v) The synod of an ecclesiastical province of the Anglican Church of Canada shall be deemed to have consented to an amendment to section 6, 7 or 8 of the Declaration of Principles adopted by the General Synod if no resolution proposing consent to the amendment has been voted upon in the provincial synod before the expiration of 3 years from the date the amendment was passed by the General Synod.
- vi) Where a proposed amendment to the Declaration of Principles has been defeated by the General Synod, or where an amendment to section 6, 7 or 8 of the Declaration of Principles passed by the General Synod has not taken effect pursuant to subsection iv), the proposed amendment may be introduced again at any subsequent session of the General Synod.

**b) *Amendments to the Constitution***

- i) An amendment to a section of the Constitution which has its origin in the Declaration of Principles must be consistent with the Principle concerned.
- ii) An amendment to the Constitution of the General Synod shall take effect when passed by a two-thirds majority of each Order voting at a session of the General Synod.

**c) *Canons and Amendments to Canons***

- i) All Canons dealing with doctrine, and amendments to such Canons, shall take effect when passed by a two-thirds majority in each Order at two successive sessions of the General Synod, the Canon or amendment proposed having been referred for consideration to diocesan and provincial synods, following the first approval of the General Synod.
- ii) All Canons dealing with matters other than doctrine or amendments to such Canons, shall take effect when passed by a two-thirds majority of the Order of Bishops, and of the Orders of Clergy and Laity voting together.

**d) *Amendments to the Rules of Order and Procedure***

An amendment to the Rules of Order and Procedure shall take effect when passed by a two-thirds majority of the Order of Bishops, and of the Orders of Clergy and Laity voting together.

**e) *Amendments on Second Reading at Synod***

- i) Where a resolution proposing a Canon dealing with doctrine or an amendment to such a Canon has been:

- a) passed at one session of the General Synod,
- b) referred for consideration to all diocesan and provincial synods,  
and
- c) brought before a second session of the General Synod,

it shall be in order for the General Synod to adopt any amendment to the resolution which does not alter the resolution in any substantive way but which merely improves the clarity or form of the resolution.

- ii) A resolution amended pursuant to subsection i) shall take effect if passed by the required majority at the second session notwithstanding the amendment.

### ***Motion to Refer***

Moved by: Bishop William Anderson  
Seconded by: Mr. George Power

That this resolution be referred to the Council of General Synod for further work and consultation.

**CARRIED**  
***Act 48***

***Note – Resolution A061 (a companion to A022) was withdrawn.***

## **Nominating Committee – Second Report on Standing Committees**

Bishop Moxley presented this report.

Moved by: Bishop Susan Moxley  
Seconded by: Bishop John Privett

That the following ***Second Report*** of the Nominating Committee be accepted.

**CARRIED**  
***Act 49***

Bishop Moxley explained that, as a result of restructuring, there were a reduced number of members on some committees. Most dioceses have 1-2 (or at most 3) representatives. Youth members are appointed (i.e. anyone under the age of 27 years).

## Standing Committees 2007-2010

Communications & Information Resources		COGS	General Synod Member
Name	Diocese		
George Elliott	Toronto		Yes
John Fletcher	Military Ordinariate		Yes
Margaret Jenniex	Central Newfoundland	Yes	Yes
Dion Lewis	Montreal	Yes	Yes
Derrick Lovell	Western Newfoundland		Yes
Tanya Moxley	Nova Scotia and PEI		No
Trevor Powell	Qu'Appelle		No
Michael Thompson	Niagara	Yes	Yes

Partners in Mission & EcoJustice		COGS	General Synod Member
Name	Diocese		
Elizabeth Beardy	Keewatin		Yes
Caroline Chum	Moosonee		Yes
Jesse Dymond	Huron		Yes
Peter Hobbs	Ottawa		Yes
Robert Marsh	Fredericton	Yes	Yes
Iola Metuq	Arctic		Yes
William Mous	Niagara		Yes
Antonio Osorio	British Columbia		Yes
Nigel Packwood	Brandon		Yes
Susan Titterington	Yukon		Yes
David Torraville	Central Newfoundland		Yes
Susan Winn	Montreal		No

Financial Management & Development		COGS	General Synod Member
Name	Diocese		
David Ashdown	Keewatin		Yes
William Clarke	Ontario		Yes
Judy Darling	Ottawa	Yes	Yes
Constance Joanna Gefvert	Toronto		Yes
Michael Hawkins	Saskatchewan		Yes
Suzanne Lawson	Toronto	Yes	Yes
Falen McNulty	Fredericton		Yes
Arran Thorpe	Nova Scotia and PEI		Yes
Michael Wellwood	New Westminster		Yes

Faith, Worship & Ministry		COGS	General Synod Member
Name	Diocese		
Jean Brenton-Hickman	Western Newfoundland		Yes
George Bruce	Ontario		Yes
Maureen Crerar	Edmonton		Yes
Stephanie DeForest	Niagara		Yes
Greg Gilson	Caledonia		Yes
John Harvey	Algoma		Yes
Rene Jamieson	Rupert's Land		Yes
Richard Leggett	New Westminster		Yes
Iain Luke	Athabasca		Yes
Gary Thorne	Military Ordinariate		Yes
Pierre Voyer	Quebec		No
Lela Zimmer	Cariboo	Yes	Yes

Pension		COGS	General Synod Member
Name	Diocese		
Rodney Andrews	Saskatoon		Yes
David Embury	Huron		Yes
Ronald Harrison	New Westminster		Yes
David Irving	Kootenay		Yes
Stephen Koning	Calgary		Yes
Cyrus Pitman	Eastern Nfld & Labrador		Yes

*Synod members expressed their appreciation to the members of the Nominating Committee by applause.*

*The Prolocutor assumed the Chair.*

## **Governance – Consultation with Dioceses**

Moved by: Canon Robert Falby  
 Seconded by: Archbishop Caleb Lawrence

That the Primate, after consultation with the House of Bishops, be requested to initiate discussion with the provinces and dioceses of the Anglican Church of Canada regarding:

- 1) the possible reform of the provincial organization of the Anglican Church of Canada, and, in particular, whether the effectiveness and efficiency of the Anglican Church of Canada would be significantly improved by:
  - a) entirely eliminating the four provinces from the organizational structure of the church and transferring the powers and authority the provinces presently hold to the General Synod, or
  - b) maintaining the existing provincial structure for some part of its present purpose and transferring part of provincial power and authority, for example part or all of provincial legislative authority, to the General Synod, or
  - c) reorganizing the dioceses into groupings with greater common goals, concerns, needs and interests than the collections of dioceses forming the existing provinces.
  
- 2) the possible reform of the diocesan organization of the Anglican Church of Canada, in particular by:
  - a) adjusting diocesan boundaries to reflect modern transportation patterns and population shifts created by social and economic changes,
  - b) reducing the number of dioceses within the Anglican Church of Canada,
  - c) implementing any other change that might improve the effectiveness, efficiency, or economy of the operation of dioceses.

### ***Friendly Amendment***

The mover and seconder accepted a friendly amendment from the Rev. Stephen Peake to add the words '*enhance the mission and*' in item 2) c) after the word 'might'. Item 2) c) now reads:

- c) implementing any other change that might *enhance the mission and* improve the effectiveness, efficiency or economy of the operation of dioceses.

***The amended motion was then put and -***

**CARRIED AS AMENDED**  
***Act 50***

### **Partner's Reflection**

**The Rev. Dr. Karen Hamilton**, General Secretary of the Canadian Council of Churches, addressed Synod and referred members to the CCC website – [www.ccc-ccc.ca](http://www.ccc-ccc.ca)



## Principles for Revision of Common Worship Texts

Moved by: Rev. Dr. Richard Leggett  
Seconded by: Bishop Michael Bedford-Jones

That this General Synod direct the Faith, Worship and Ministry Committee to prepare principles and an agenda for common worship texts revision.

### *Friendly Amendment*

The Rev. Dr. Stephen Andrews proposed the following friendly amendment, which was accepted by the mover and seconder – i.e. to delete the words “*common worship texts revision*” and replace them with ‘*revision of our contemporary language worship texts and the creation of fresh liturgical expressions*’.

*The amended motion reads:*

That this General Synod direct the Faith, Worship and Ministry Committee to prepare principles and an agenda for *revision of our contemporary language worship texts and the creation of fresh liturgical expressions*.

*The amended motion was then put and -*

**CARRIED AS AMENDED**  
*Act 51*

## Millennium Development Goals

Moved by: Bishop Philip Poole  
Seconded by: Archdeacon Peter Fenty

That this General Synod:

1. Request the General Secretary to write to the Prime Minister, reminding him of a previous call from the Anglican Church of Canada on the Government of Canada to deliver and implement a plan to reach the UN target of 0.7% of Gross National Income for Official Development Assistance by 2015, and urgently requesting that budgetary measures be taken toward achieving this target.

2. Request the PWRDF and the General Synod through its Partnerships program to:
  - Reconsider how the Millennium Development Goals, in light of the attention given them by the wider Anglican Communion at the recent TEAM 2007 Conference, can be used effectively to inform and advance the global development and advocacy work of PWRDF and General Synod throughout the 2007-2010 triennium.
  - Participate as appropriate in the Make Poverty History campaign and the Micah Challenge, national and global movements advocating for the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals by 2015.
  - Explore the possibilities of working in partnership with The Episcopal Church, and with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada to promote the Millennium Development Goals.
  
3. Request the Partners in Mission Committee and the Ecojustice Committee (or their successor) and the PWRDF, in consultation with the Faith Worship and Ministry Committee to:
  - Identify theological themes underlying the eight (8) Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and the church's response to them.
  - Determine which of the MDGs should be given priority for advocacy and action within Canada.
  - Develop, identify and promote educational resources to raise awareness in Anglican dioceses and parishes about the Millennium Development Goals, and about poverty and development issues in Canada using the framework of the MDGs and other Millennium campaign strategies, especially Make Poverty History and The Micah Challenge.

**CARRIED**  
*Act 52*

## **Amendments to the Long Term Disability Plan Pre-2005 Document**

Moved by: Bishop Philip Poole

Seconded by: Dean Peter Elliott

That this General Synod approve the amendments to the Long Term Disability Plan Pre-2005 Document, as approved by the Council of General Synod, by deleting the underlined portions and adding the bold portions as shown on the attached copy of the document.

**CARRIED WITHOUT DEBATE**  
*Act 53*

*The amended LTD Plan Pre-2005 Document is attached. (See Appendix M)*

## **The Declaration of Principles – Eligibility of Clergy**

Moved by: Chancellor Ronald Stevenson  
Seconded by: Bishop Fred Hiltz

That *second reading* be given to the Resolution that the Declaration of Principles be amended as follows:

1. by amending section 3 c) to read:

c) The Order of Clergy shall consist of clerical members of The Anglican Church of Canada or of a church in full communion with the Anglican Church of Canada elected by the several diocesan synods according to such rules as they may adopt, subject to the provisions of subsection f). In a diocese that has no synodical organization such appointments shall be made by the bishop; and

2. by amending subsection 3 f) vi) to read:

vi) the words “licensed members of the clergy”, as used in this section and elsewhere in the Constitution, shall mean all clerical members of The Anglican Church of Canada or of a church in full communion with the Anglican Church of Canada holding the license of the bishop of a diocese to perform the functions of the ordained ministry within the diocese, excepting and excluding those who are resident in the diocese but are on leave from another diocese, and those who are in receipt of benefits from the pension funds of the Church (other than for temporary disability) and who are not in charge of a parish or fully engaged in the work of the ordained ministry.

**CARRIED IN ALL ORDERS**  
*Act 54*

## **The Constitution – Eligibility of Clergy**

Moved by: Chancellor Ronald Stevenson  
Seconded by: Bishop Fred Hiltz

That the Constitution of the General Synod be amended as follows:

1. by amending section 8 c) to read:

c) The Order of Clergy shall consist of clerical members of The Anglican Church of Canada or of a church in full communion with the Anglican Church of Canada elected by the several diocesan synods according to such rules as they may adopt, subject to the provisions of subsection f). In a diocese that has no synodical organization such appointments shall be made by the bishop; and

2. by amending subsection 8 f) vi) to read:

vi) the words “licensed members of the clergy”, as used in this section and elsewhere in the Constitution, shall mean all clerical members of The Anglican Church of Canada or of a church in full communion with the Anglican Church of Canada holding the license of the bishop of a diocese to perform the functions of the ordained ministry within the diocese, excepting and excluding those who are resident in the diocese but are on leave from another diocese, and those who are in receipt of benefits from the pension funds of the Church (other than for temporary disability) and who are not in charge of a parish or fully engaged in the work of the ordained ministry.

**CARRIED IN ALL ORDERS**

*Act 55*

## **International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons**

Moved by: Mrs. Phyllis Creighton  
Seconded by: Bishop Susan Moxley

That this General Synod:

1. Commit the Anglican Church of Canada, through its Ecojustice Committee (or its successor), to support the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons in its efforts to raise political will for the achievement of a Nuclear Weapons Convention. This convention would forbid the development, manufacture, testing, deployment, stock-piling, transfer, threat or use of nuclear weapons, lead to their reduction and elimination, and provide for verification of the same.
2. Request the chair of the Ecojustice Committee (or its successor) to direct a letter to ICAN expressing our support for the demands of ICAN:
  - Negotiation of Nuclear Abolition
  - No new Nuclear Weapons
  - Reduction of the likelihood of nuclear weapons use by
    - a No First Use policy
    - a No Launch-on Warning policy
    - development of more Nuclear-Weapons Free Zones (including one in Canada)

- Canada must call on NATO to revise its nuclear policy. Canada must promote No-Launch-on Warning and make sure adequate resources are directed toward nuclear disarmament.

**CARRIED**  
*Act 56*

## **Noon Prayer**

The Rev. Sonja Free (ELCIC) concluded prayers by requesting members to join hands while she read the following hymn:

### **The Lord Now Sends us Forth**

*The Lord now sends us forth with hands to serve and give,  
To make of all the earth a better place to live.  
The angels are not sent into our world of pain  
To do what we were meant to do in Jesus' name;  
That falls to you and me and all who are made free.  
Help us, O Lord, we pray, to do your will today.*

*(Text anonymous – from Central America)*

## **Meeting of Standing Committees**

Members of committees attended their first meeting.

The Synod reconvened in the Plenary Hall. The Prolocutor was in the Chair.

## **Resolutions**

### **Ecumenical Participation in Ordination**

Moved by: Bishop George Bruce  
Seconded by: Rev. Dr. Richard Leggett

That this General Synod adopt the “Guidelines for Ecumenical Participation in Ordinations” formulated by the Inter-Anglican Standing Commission on Ecumenical Relations and proposed for all churches of the Anglican Communion, as the standard to be generally followed by this Church in all situations in which Anglican bishops and priests are invited to participate in ordinations outside the Anglican Communion, or in which clergy of other churches are invited to participate in Anglican ordinations; and

that all Bishops of the Anglican Church of Canada be requested to follow these Guidelines as the standard for Ecumenical Participation in Ordinations when such questions arise.

**CARRIED**  
*Act 57*

## **Support for Partners in the Middle East**

Moved by: Bishop Peter Coffin  
Seconded by: Archdeacon Richard LeSueur

That this General Synod:

1. Request the Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada to write to the Primate of the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East, including the dioceses of Jordan, Lebanon and Syria, of Cyprus and the Gulf, and of Egypt to express:
  - Affirmation of the bonds of fellowship we share as Anglicans with the clergy and people of Jerusalem and the Middle East
  - Solidarity with Anglicans and other Christians in Palestine in their struggle for justice and peace
  - Commitment to active prayer and education concerning the condition of the Palestinian people and to advocacy for a peaceful and just solution to the conflict in the region.
2. Request the Ecojustice Committee and Partners in Mission Committee or their successor, (in cooperation with Faith Worship and Ministry Committee) to study the policy of ECUSA on the Middle East as a basis for formulating a policy for the Anglican Church of Canada in relation to the Middle East.
3. Request the Primate of The Anglican Church of Canada to make a solidarity visit to Anglicans and other Christians in Israel and Palestine, and with others seeking peace in the region, and to the extent possible, to extend the visit to other parts of the Middle East, including Jordan, Lebanon, Syria, Cyprus, the Gulf and/or Egypt.
4. Request the EcoJustice Committee or its successor, in cooperation with KAIROS, to:
  - identify or develop resources for Canadian Anglicans on structural conflict and peace issues in Palestine and Israel
  - equip those travelling to the region and suggest people, organizations, and connections in Canada with whom to de-brief upon return.

### ***Friendly Amendment***

Dr. John Harvey proposed a friendly amendment re item #1, 2<sup>nd</sup> bullet, to delete the word “Palestine” and add after the word “in” ... “*the Province of the Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East*”. The mover and seconder accepted this amendment.

*The 2<sup>nd</sup> bullet of item #1 now reads:*

- Solidarity with Anglicans and other Christians in the Province of the Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East in their struggle for justice and peace.

***The amended resolution was then put and -***

**CARRIED AS AMENDED**  
***Act 58***

### **Duties and Functions of the Primate**

Moved by: Bishop Rodney Andrews  
Seconded by: Bishop Claude Miller

That this General Synod ask the Council of General Synod to convene a task force to:

- a) conduct a detailed study of the role, duties and functions of the Primate;
- b) recommend changes, if any, to Canon III;
- c) complete its work in advance of GS 2010; and
- d) report to GS 2010 and, if the task force thinks appropriate, to recommend resolutions for consideration by General Synod.

**CARRIED**  
***Act 59***

### **Ban the Use of Tobacco Products**

Moved by: Dr. Randall Fairey  
Seconded by: Rev. Robert Lemon

That this General Synod:

1. Ban the use of tobacco products, exclusive of ceremonial use, in and around all venues for national meetings of the Anglican Church of Canada.
2. Strongly encourage the dioceses of the Anglican Church of Canada to ban the use of tobacco products at all levels.
3. Encourage Anglicans in all physical, psychological and spiritual ways to cease their personal use of tobacco products.

### ***Point of Order***

Archdeacon Harry Huskins raised a point of order about the feasibility of this motion. He was ruled out of order by the Assessors.

***The motion was then put and –***

**DEFEATED**  
***Act 60***

### ***Point of Privilege***

Bishop William Anderson stated that there was a sense of disrespect or humour relative to the above motion, which he felt was unfair to the mover and seconder. He urged the Synod members to have respect for *all* motions and to treat the presenters with courtesy.

## **Introduction of Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church**

The Primate introduced Archbishop Katharine Jefferts Schori who briefly addressed Synod. She expressed the hope that the partnership between the Episcopal Church and the Anglican Church of Canada would thrive and prosper.

## **Resolutions**

### **Study of Human Sexuality**

Moved by: Rev. John Oakes  
Seconded by: Rev. Ajit John

That in light of the statement of the House of Bishops to members of General Synod, dated April 30, 2007, this General Synod 2007:

1. Ask the Primate to request the Primate's Theological Commission to report in advance of General Synod 2010 on:
  - the theological question whether the blessing of same-sex unions is a faithful, Spirit-led development of Christian doctrine;
  - Scripture's witness to the integrity of every human person and the question of the sanctity of human relationships.
2. Ask the Primate to request the Anglican Communion Task Force to report in advance of General Synod 2010 on the implications of the blessing of same-sex unions and/or marriage for our church and the Anglican Communion.



3. Support and encourage dioceses to offer the most generous pastoral provision possible within the current teaching of the church to gays and lesbians and their families.

***Amendment #1***

Moved by: Bishop James Cowan  
Seconded by: Ms. Catherine Speechley-Pell

That a 4<sup>th</sup> section be added to the motion:

4. Request Faith Worship and Ministry to develop a process to engage the dioceses and parishes of the Anglican Church of Canada in a study of the Christian perspective of human sexuality through the lens of scripture, reason, tradition and current scientific understanding.

Discussion ensued.

***Point of Order***

Bishop Cowan explained that the *study* being requested in #4 above *is not a new study* – it is a request to FWM to actually *do it*, rather than placing *‘reports on shelves’*.

*The motion on the amendment was then put and -*

**CARRIED**

***Amendment #2***

Moved by: Rev. Dr. Stephen Hopkins  
Seconded by: Rev. Michael Thompson

That the words *‘to consult with dioceses and parishes and’* be added in #1 after *‘Primate’s Theological Commission...’*.

The mover and seconder accepted this wording as a friendly amendment. *(There was no vote.)*

***Amendment #3***

Moved by: Mr. Joseph Wooden  
Seconded by: Dean Hugh Matheson

That in #3 the words *‘within the current teaching of the church’* be deleted.

**DEFEATED**

The Chair of the Expenditures Committee, Mrs. Judy Darling, reported that there were financial implications with respect to amendment #2 above and the Prolocutor asked the Assessors to respond. The Assessors advised that, under Section 15 of the Rules of Order, the report is required *before* the question is put; however, the motion is still *in order* although the committee's report raises financial concerns.

***The vote on the amended resolution was then put and -***

**CARRIED**  
***Act 61***

*The motion, as adopted, now reads (amendments are in italics):*

That in light of the statement of the House of Bishops to members of General Synod, dated April 30, 2007, this General Synod 2007:

1. Ask the Primate to request the Primate's Theological Commission *to consult with the dioceses and parishes and* to report in advance of General Synod 2010 on:
  - the theological question whether the blessing of same-sex unions is a faithful, Spirit-led development of Christian doctrine;
  - Scripture's witness to the integrity of every human person and the question of the sanctity of human relationships.
2. Ask the Primate to request the Anglican Communion Task Force to report in advance of General Synod 2010 on the implications of the blessing of same-sex unions and/or marriage for our church and the Anglican Communion.
3. Support and encourage dioceses to offer the most generous pastoral provision possible within the current teaching of the church to gays and lesbians and their families.
4. *Request Faith, Worship and Ministry to develop a process to engage the dioceses and parishes of the Anglican Church of Canada in a study of the Christian perspective of human sexuality through the lens of scripture, reason, tradition and current scientific understanding.*

*The Primate resumed the Chair.*

## **Omnibus Motion**

Moved by: Ms. Suzanne Lawson  
Seconded by: Archdeacon Karl McLean

That this General Synod forward all remaining resolutions to the Council of General Synod for consideration.

**CARRIED**  
***Act 62***

Resolution B001 – Blessing couples in covenanted same-sex unions – was withdrawn by the mover and seconder. The seventeen resolutions passed by the omnibus motion are as follows (*in the order proposed by the Resolutions Committee*):

### **No Debate List**

Item #	Res. #	Title
1	C004	Public Meetings
2	C005	Budget Allocation to Support Youth Initiatives
3	A264	Adoption of the new LTD Plan and subsequent amendments to the Regulations
4	A041	Voting in the Council of General Synod
5	A220	Anglican-Orthodox Relations
6	A221	Code of Ethics
7	A223	French Translation of Liturgical Texts
8	A225	Inter-Faith Education and Dialogue
9	A211	Food and Agriculture
10	A250	Companion Diocese Relationships
11	A251	Sri Lanka
12	A252	Philippines
13	A253	Darfur / Sudan
14	A280	Support for PWRDF Partnership for Life Initiative
15	C001	Targets for Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions
16	C006	Anti-Racism Education
17	C007	Anti-Racism Education

### **Motion of Thanks**

Moved by: Mr. Dion Lewis  
Seconded by: Ms. Laura Walton-Clouston

That this General Synod express its deep appreciation to the people (both staff and volunteers) who contributed to the organization, hosting, leadership, guidance, worship and program of General Synod 2007.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**  
*Act 63*

## **Prorogation**

The Primate declared the 38<sup>th</sup> Session of the General Synod prorogued at 4.30 p.m. and invited everyone to the Closing Service at 7.30 p.m.

## **Closing Service and Primatial Installation**

The Right Reverend Fred Hiltz was installed as the 13<sup>th</sup> Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada at St. Matthew's Anglican Church in Winnipeg.

The Most Reverend John Sentamu, Archbishop of York and Primate of England, delivered the sermon and the Most Reverend Fred Hiltz, Primate, presided at the Eucharist.

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## ***List of Appendices***

- A***     *Archbishop Hutchison's Presidential Address*
- B***     *Canon VIII – Long Term Disability Fund (amended)*
- C***     *Canon XII – The Continuing Education Plan (amended)*
- D***     *Canon VIII – Regulations of General Synod Pension Plan (amended)*
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