

Resolution Number C004

Subject: Public Meetings

Moved By: Neale Adams, diocese of New Westminster

Seconded By: Charles Nurse, diocese of New Westminster

Note: The mover and the seconder must be members of the General Synod and be present in the House when the resolution is before the synod for debate.

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this General Synod directs the Council of General Synod to expedite consideration and implementation of the principles expressed in the draft of "The Open Meeting Policy" that all meetings of General Synod, of its Standing Committees, and of the subsidiary bodies of General Synod be open meetings unless a specific motion of the meeting mandates that the meetings be held in camera.

EXPLANATORY NOTE/BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Anglican Church of Canada has a public ministry. Its proceedings should be open to inform the public and its members. Misunderstanding and mistrust are overcome by a free flow of information.

It is anticipated that in camera sessions will be used to discuss personal matters, sensitive financial negotiations, matters subject to solicitor-client privilege, and little else.

A) Does this motion contain within it any financial implications?

Yes _____ No

B) If yes, has the General Synod Expenditures Committee considered the implications?

Yes _____ No _____