

Resolution Number: **A-24**

Subject: Amendment to Constitution: Unifying the Assessment and Apportionment Budgets

Moved By: (Name) Canon Michael Iveson from the Diocese of Ottawa

Seconded By: (Name) Mr. Rob Dickson from the 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 Section 30, sub-sections b) to f) of the Constitution be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

Except as provided for by other revenues, the financial requirements of the General Synod shall be met from the proportional gifts made by the Dioceses.

The Financial Management and Development Committee shall develop and, as appropriate, review and amend a fair and equitable formula for determining suggested proportional gifts to be made by each of the Dioceses and shall, based on such formula, calculate and recommend to the Council of the General Synod, annually, suggested proportional gifts to be made by each of the Dioceses.

Upon the Council of the General Synod approving the proportional gifts suggested to be made by each Diocese, the Financial Management and Development Committee shall advise each Diocese of the proportional gift request and seek its acceptance. It shall consult with any Diocese that is not able to meet the request.

The expenses of the meeting of the General Synod, including travel costs, meeting and administrative costs, as determined from time to time by the Financial Management and Development Committee but not including costs for members' accommodation and meals, shall be paid by the General Synod.

Income derived from the General Synod Endowment Fund shall be used to support the General Synod budget, as approved by the Council of the General Synod.

EXPLANATORY NOTE/BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

In 1995, General Synod passed Act 97, as follows:

“That this General Synod direct the Council of General Synod to study, over the next triennium, the matter of complete unification of the revenue budget and bring recommendations to the next General Synod.”

Resolution A-24 is presented in response to the above motion, along with the proposal for proportional giving. It removes references to the Assessment and Apportionment parts of General Synod financial procedures and unifies the income side of the General Synod budget.

The expenditure side was unified in 1995.

Source: Financial Management and Development Committee

Submitted by: General Secretary