

APPENDIX B

Standing and Coordinating Committees — Terms of Reference

I. Standing Committees

See Constitution, section 39A.

1. Financial Management Committee

(The Committee is responsible for the tasks assigned in Canon VI.)

2. Pension Committee

See Canon VIII, section 4.

II. Coordinating Committees

See Constitution, section 39B.

1. Anglican Journal Coordinating Committee

The Committee shall:

- (i) Be the publisher of the Anglican Journal.
- (ii) Monitor, defend and safeguard the editorial independence of the Anglican Journal.
- (iii) Support the work of the Anglican Journal staff and advise staff as requested.
- (iv) Explore and work on areas of mutual interest with the Communications and Information Resources Coordinating Committee.
- (v) Produce, publish and distribute a national newspaper of interest to the members of the Anglican Church of Canada, with an independent editorial policy and not being an official voice of or for the church. When expression of opinion conflicts with official church policy, as stated by decisions of the General Synod or the Council of General Synod, the newspaper will, at the same time, carry an explanation by an informed spokesperson of the official position of the church.
- (vi) Provide a means to distribute diocesan newspapers and other materials as inserts to the national newspaper.
- (vii) Maintain a data base containing pertinent circulation information that will be available to the national and diocesan offices of the Anglican Church of Canada.

- (viii) Exercise functions to all committees, namely
 - (a) Develop annual budget proposals
 - (b) Communicate with other committees and groups
 - (c) Report regularly to the Council of General Synod
 - (d) At least once a triennium review its own mandate and review policies governing the various areas of work of the Anglican Journal.

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2. Communications and Information Resources Coordinating Committee

1. *Duties and Responsibilities*

- a) Develop and oversee a communications policy for General Synod.
- b) Interpret and carry forward the intentions of General Synod with regard to information and communications.
- c) Discern and be responsive to the information and communications needs of Canadian Anglicans.
- d) Provide policy guidelines for coordinating the various areas of work in the communications and information resources department (including corporate communications, archives, data management, web site, resource production and distribution, graphics, Anglican Video, and ABC Publishing).
- e) Maintain liaison with the Anglican Journal Coordinating Committee.
- f) Facilitate communications between General Synod and dioceses and among dioceses.
- g) Exercise those functions common to all committees, namely:
 - i) develop annual budget proposals
 - ii) communicate with other committees and groups
 - iii) report regularly to the Council of General Synod
 - iv) encourage theological reflection on stewardship and on the committee's mandate
 - v) within the committee's mandate, do functional strategic planning and visioning
 - vi) maintain liaison with the House of Bishops
 - vii) when deemed appropriate, invite partners (international, ecumenical or internal) to join the committee
 - viii) at least once in each triennium, review policies governing the various areas of work of the Communications and Information Resources Department.

2. *Organization*

- a) The Communications and Information Resources Coordinating Committee will oversee the work of corporate communications, information services, and resource production for the General Synod.
- b) The Communications and Information Resources Coordinating Committee will maintain liaison with the Anglican Journal Coordinating Committee through its common members.

- c) The ways of working will be established by the Communications and Information Resources Coordinating Committee to address its duties and responsibilities and may from time to time include the establishment of sub-committees which will be created according to the procedures outlined in Procedures for Sub-units of Standing Committees.

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3. Faith, Worship and Ministry Coordinating Committee

The Committee shall:

- i) Articulate standards and develop resources for worship and liturgy.
- ii) Foster and facilitate collaboration between Canadian theological colleges, and with the national church.
- iii) Develop policy for, monitor, and engage in inter-church dialogues.
- iv) Develop policy for, monitor, and engage in inter-faith dialogues.
- v) Promote theological reflection, and provide resources and education on issues of doctrine, ethics, ministry, ecumenism, leadership, evangelism and mission.
- vi) Monitor work of the Anglican Communion in the areas of liturgy, doctrine, authority and identity.
- vii) Monitor work of the World Council of Churches and the Canadian Council of Churches in areas of faith and order, ethics, theological education, and inter-faith relations.
- viii) Convene gatherings and develop networks related to the work of the Committee.
- ix) Work alongside the Anglican Council of Indigenous Peoples around aboriginal spirituality.
- x) Work with the House of Bishops to define doctrine where necessary.
- xi) Use the Lund principle to work ecumenically wherever possible.
- xii) Report to the Council of General Synod.
- xiii) Encourage theological reflection on stewardship and on the Committee's mandate.
- xiv) Within the Committee's mandate, do functional strategic planning and visioning.
- xv) Maintain liaison with the House of Bishops.
- xvi) When deemed appropriate, invite partners (international, ecumenical or internal) to join the committee.

4. Partners in Mission Coordinating Committee

Preamble

We as the Church are mandated to be signs and instruments of God's reconciling love in the world. We have a responsibility to incarnate our response to Jesus' summary of the law, 'to love God and our neighbor as self,' to Jesus' example of being in right relationships, and to the question posed by the prophet Micah (6:8): 'And what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and love kindness, and walk humbly with your God?'

We as the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada, seek direction and vitality for ministry within Vision 2019, and the Anglican Communion's Marks of Mission. We seek to be leaders in the Anglican Communion and in ecumenical actions, and to foster a common sense of participation in God's mission that celebrates the depth and breadth of Anglicanism in our Canadian church, develops our relationships with other parts of the Anglican Communion, and deepens Full Communion with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, and ecumenical partnerships. We seek structures for ministry that work today for the mission of the church and of God, that build bridges not fences within our church, with Full Communion partners, and within the Anglican Communion.

The Partners in Mission Coordinating Committee shall:

1. Oversee policies governing the church's national program of relationship with Provinces of the Anglican Communion, including the implementation of General Synod resolutions and Joint Ministry Agreements;
2. Strengthen relationships for mission between General Synod and local Canadian dioceses and global partners through the development of national networks, Companion Diocese Relationships and participation in Communion Networks, and regular print and web-based communications;
3. Enable Canadian Anglicans to live out their baptismal promise to "strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being" by providing opportunities for deeper awareness of culture and learning for intercultural discipleship; and
4. Report to the Council of General Synod and recommend new policies and actions.

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5. Public Witness for Social and Ecological Justice Coordinating Committee

We as the Church are mandated to be signs and instruments of God's reconciling love in the world. We have a responsibility to incarnate our response to Jesus' summary of the law, 'to love God and our neighbour as self,' to Jesus' example of being in right relationships, and to the question posed by the prophet Micah (6:8): 'And what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and love kindness, and walk humbly with your God?'

The work of the *Public Witness for Social and Ecological Justice Coordinating Committee* is to help the Anglican Church of Canada understand and participate in God's mission in the world by:

- challenging attitudes and structures in church and society that cause injustice;
- building relationships among people and dioceses within the Anglican Church of Canada; with ecumenical and interfaith partners;

- fostering commitment to the integrity of God’s creation;
- ensuring that mission is handed on from generation to generation.

The Public Witness for Social and Ecological Justice Coordinating Committee shall:

- Engage itself and the wider church in biblical, theological and ethical reflection, listening for the Spirit and discerning God’s mission for the church and the world
- Equip Canadian Anglicans to live out their baptismal promise to “strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being”
- Equip Canadian Anglicans to build and strengthen relationships and networks for public witness for social justice with Anglican, ecumenical and interfaith partners
- Engage in teaching and learning about Indigenous peoples in Canada and globally, identify ways that Canadian Anglicans can move toward healing and reconciliation from the legacy of colonialism, and participate in advocacy and solidarity initiatives in the struggle of Indigenous peoples in Canada to protect their land and rights, including the right to self-determination
- Monitor events, be familiar with established church policy, and recommend priorities for responding as the Anglican Church of Canada to social, ecological and ethical issues
- Report to the Council of General Synod and recommend new policies and actions
- Monitor and support the involvement of the Anglican Church of Canada in the World Council of Churches, the Anglican Consultative Council, the Canadian Council of Churches, in relevant networks of the Anglican Communion, and in partner organizations such as KAIROS, Project Ploughshares, the Churches’ Forum for Global Ministries, the Church Council on Justice and Corrections, and Citizens for Public Justice.

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6. Resources for Mission Coordinating Committee

Purpose:

To provide leadership and support for dioceses in their efforts to increase generous giving across the Anglican Church of Canada; and to raise funds for the General Synod.

Responsibilities:

- Develop and continue to update a theology of stewardship for the church.
- Provide advice and support to initiatives coming from the staff.
- Champion adopted actions and decisions.
- Ensure that there is a broad presence of such fundraising techniques as annual appeal, major gift solicitation, gift planning, special initiatives, campaigns, honour gifts etc. available to resource the revenue base of General Synod.

- e) Enhance the capacity of the General Synod to work in full partnership with dioceses and parishes in building the financial sustainability and ministry capacity of the church at all levels.
- f) Develop criteria to guide staff decisions on the provision of services to dioceses.
- g) Assist in sharing best practices in resource development across the church in Canada.
- h) Report regularly to the Council of General Synod.
- i) Develop relationships with all standing committees, councils and boards.
- j) Maintain strong connections and regular communication with the Financial Management Committee.
- k) Maintain liaison with the House of Bishops.
- 1). When deemed appropriate, invite partners (international, ecumenical, or internal) to join the committee.

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Guidelines for Sub-Units of Standing Committees

The following guidelines are directions to Standing Committees of the General Synod with regard to the creation and operation of sub-units of such committees. These guidelines will be communicated to Standing Committees at the commencement of each term following the General Synod.

1. A sub-unit of a standing committee of the General Synod shall be created only by formal resolution of the committee.
2. The resolution creating a sub-unit shall establish:
 - i) the composition of the sub-unit
 - ii) the means by which the members of the sub-unit are to be selected
 - iii) the chair of the unit or the means by which the chair shall be selected
 - iv) the terms of reference, mission, purpose, function, or task for which the sub-unit is created
 - v) the date by which it is expected that the sub-unit will accomplish its task or purpose
 - vi) the expectations and requirements of the committee with regard to reporting by the sub-unit to the committee, including the frequency of reports, their form and content, and by whom they are to be submitted

- vii) the budget, if any, with which the sub-unit shall perform its task and any requirements with respect to the approval by the committee, or by some other authority of proposed expenditures and any requirements with regard to accounting by the sub-unit for the expenditure of budget.
- 3. The approval of the Council of the General Synod shall be required for the creation of units which are entitled to exist for the triennium following each meeting of the General Synod.

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