

**GENERAL SYNOD 2016  
RESOLUTION**

**Resolution Number A030 – R1a**

**Subject:** Housekeeping Amendments

**Moved By:** Canon David Jones

**Seconded By:** The Rev. Harry Huskins

**Be it resolved that this General Synod:**

Give first reading to the following housekeeping amendments to the Declaration of Principles and specified Canons:

1. Changing section 11 c) ii) of the Declaration of Principles to read as follows:

*All other Canons may be approved or amended by a two-thirds majority of each Order voting separately.*

2. Adding the following to Canon XVIII:

*6 iii) The National Indigenous Anglican Bishop,*

3. Amending Canon XX as follows:

- A. in section 3 i), adding the words shown in bold:

*If any member of the court dies, or declines to act or becomes incapable of doing so, or develops an interest in the case, **or changes Order due to ordination or relinquishment or abandonment of ordained ministry**, or if a bishop ceases to hold episcopal office as aforesaid, before the hearing is commenced, the vacancy shall be filled in the same way. If the vacancy occurs after the hearing has commenced the remaining members of the court may continue the hearing and give judgment or in their discretion direct that a new court be appointed and the hearing recommenced.*

- B. in section 4 a), adding the words shown in bold:

*The other assessors shall be provincial or diocesan chancellors, **or persons learned in Canon Law**, appointed in the same manner as members of the court.*

C. in section 10 a), changing the words shown in bold:

*Before delivering judgment on a question of doctrine, the Supreme Court shall refer the question to the **members of the Order of Bishops** and ask for the individual written opinion of each such bishop on the question and shall consider the opinions of the bishops who reply to the request within two months after the making of the reference in reaching its decision.*

**Source:** Governance Working Group

**Submitted By:** The Ven. Harry Huskins; Ms. Cynthia Haines Turner, Chancellor David Jones, Q.C. (Chair)

Does this motion contain within it any financial implications? Yes No

If yes, has the General Synod Expenditures Committee considered the implications? Yes No

#### **EXPLANATORY NOTE/BACKGROUND**

These are housekeeping amendments, all requiring the same procedure for adoption

1. General Synod amended the normal voting procedures in 2013 so that the three Orders vote together for ordinary resolutions and separately for constitutional and canonical matters. This amendment completes that work by removing the last vestige of clergy and laity voting together (the old Lower House) with the bishops voting separately (the old Upper House).
2. When section 4 was adopted, deleting the third Collect, for the Conversion of the Jews, from the Good Friday lectionary, it appears that by oversight a similar, albeit not identical, prayer – Prayer 4 on page 41 – was left in. It would be appropriate to deauthorize this prayer and omit it from future printings of the BCP.
3. The National Indigenous Anglican Bishop needs to be included in the discipline canon.
4. A The current wording omits the possibility of a change of Order.  
B There may be persons learned in Canon Law who are not chancellors, but who could serve as assessors to the Court.  
C The current wording refers to provisions which were previously located in the Declaration of Principles, and are now located in the Constitution. In addition, the proposed wording adds the Bishop Ordinary, the National Indigenous Bishop, and assistant bishops exercising episcopal functions within their diocese. All of these are members of the Order of Bishops.

**PROCEDURE FOR ADOPTION (B)**

*In accordance with section 11(a)(ii) of the Declaration of Principles, an amendment to the Declaration of Principles must be approved by a two-thirds majority in each Order voting at two successive sessions of General Synod.*

*In accordance with section 11(c)(i) of the Declaration of Principles, an amendment to a Canon dealing with doctrine, worship or discipline must be approved by a two-thirds majority in each Order voting at two successive sessions of General Synod.*