

**GENERAL SYNOD 2016
RESOLUTION**

Resolution Number A030 – R1b

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 amendment to the Declaration of Principles and specified Canons:

Adding the following section to Canon XIV:

5. *Prayer Number 4 in “Prayers and Thanksgivings upon Several Occasions” is to be deleted from use and omitted from further printings of The Book of Common Prayer.*

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.