

**GENERAL SYNOD 2016
RESOLUTION**

Resolution Number A 050

Subject: Amendments to Canon XXII (National Indigenous Ministry)

Moved By: Canon David Jones

Seconded By: Ms. Cynthia Haines-Turner

Be it resolved that this General Synod:

1. amend Canon XXII as follows:

- A. Delete the following words in entirety from section 1 *Term of Office for the NIAB*:
The term of office for the NIAB is nine years from the date of installation. The NIAB whose term has been completed is eligible to stand for election for a further term.
- B. Reword the following paragraph in section 2 by adding the words shown in bold:

*Except for the NIAB, the terms of ACIP members will end at the conclusion of the **second** Sacred Circle after their election, **with the terms of half of the members expiring at the end of each Sacred Circle**. Where a vacancy occurs **prior to the end of a member's term**, ACIP may appoint a replacement for a person who was elected by the Sacred Circle, and the NIAB may appoint a replacement for a person whom the NIAB had appointed. **The replacement's term will be for the remainder of the term of the person being replaced**. A person who has served on ACIP is eligible for re-election.*

2. Request ACIP to determine which of its current members will have terms ending at the conclusion of the next Sacred Circle (2018), and which will have terms ending at the conclusion of the second next Sacred Circle (2021).

Source:

Submitted By: Governance Working Group

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

The Sacred Circle in August 2015 asked General Synod to make two amendments to Canon XXII to:

1. Remove the current 9 year term limit on the National Indigenous Anglican Bishop.
2. Increase the term of office for members of the Anglican Council of Indigenous Peoples ("ACIP) from the current three years to six years, and to provide that the terms of half of the members expire at each Sacred Circle, so as to permit continuity. (Sacred Circle meets approximately every three years.)

The following table shows the present wording and the proposed wording.

<i>Present Wording</i>	<i>Proposed Wording</i>
<p><i>Term of Office for the NIAB</i></p> <p>The term of office for the NIAB is nine years from the date of installation. The NIAB whose Term has been completed is eligible to stand for election for a further term. The NIAB must retire on reaching the age of 70.</p> <p>Except for the NIAB, the terms of ACIP members will end at the conclusion of the next Sacred Circle. Where a vacancy occurs on the Council between Sacred Circles, ACIP may appoint a replacement for a person who was elected by the Sacred Circle, and the NIAB may appoint a replacement for a person whom the NIAB had appointed. A person who has served on ACIP is eligible for re-election.</p>	<p><i>Term of Office for the NIAB</i></p> <p>[deleted]</p> <p>The NIAB must retire on reaching the age of 70.</p> <p>Except for the NIAB, the terms of ACIP members will end at the conclusion of the second Sacred Circle after their election, with the terms of half of the members expiring at the end of each Sacred Circle. Where a vacancy occurs prior to the end of a member's term, ACIP may appoint a replacement for a person who was elected by the Sacred Circle, and the NIAB may appoint a replacement for a person whom the NIAB had appointed. The replacement's term will be for the remainder of the term of the person being replaced. A person who has served on ACIP is eligible for re-election.</p> <p>ACIP shall determine which of its current members will have terms ending at the conclusion of the next Sacred Circle (2018), and which will have terms ending at the conclusion of the second next Sacred Circle (2021).</p>

PROCEDURE FOR ADOPTION (E)

In accordance with section 11(c)(ii) of the Declaration of Principles, an amendment to a Canon not dealing with doctrine, worship or discipline must be approved by a two-thirds majority of the Order of Bishops, and of the Orders of Clergy and Laity voting together.