

**GENERAL SYNOD 2016  
RESOLUTION**

**Resolution Number A120**

**Subject:** Anglican Communion Relations Advisory Council (ACRAC)

**Moved By:** The Ven. Harry Huskins

**Seconded By:** The Very Rev. Peter Elliott

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

acknowledge that the Anglican Covenant process has had the positive effect of leading many to think deeply about the nature of Anglican ecclesiology and the nature of inter-Anglican relationships, and directs the Council of General Synod to continue to monitor developments related to the Anglican Covenant; and

commit the Anglican Church of Canada to full participation in the Instruments of Communion, the Continuing Indaba, the Consultation of Anglican Bishops in Dialogue and the strengthening of relationships through initiatives such as the establishment and nurturing of Companion Diocese relationships.

**Source:**

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

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

**EXPLANATORY NOTE/BACKGROUND**

The General Synod session of 2013 enacted a resolution in regard to the Anglican Communion Covenant. This resolution:

- 1) requested that the conversation in the Anglican Church of Canada about the proposed Covenant for the Anglican Communion continue during the next triennium; and
- 2) directed the Council of the General Synod to bring a recommendation regarding the adoption of the Covenant to General Synod 2016.

The resolution also directed that the Anglican Communion Relations Advisory Council “*monitor continued developments about the proposed Covenant for the Anglican Communion and report to the Spring 2016 meeting of the Council of the General Synod.*”

The Anglican Communion Relations Advisory Council, as directed by this resolution, has considered the situation in regard to the Covenant. It would seem that the situation remains much as it was when the

General Synod last considered the matter in 2013 and that there is no *common mind* in the Canadian Church for either the adoption or rejection of the Covenant.

Given this, the ACRCAC thinks it best to put a range of possible motions before the Council of the General Synod and allow the Council members to choose both the intent and wording of the motion that the Council has been directed to send to the floor of the 2016 General Synod session.

#### **PROCEDURE FOR ADOPTION (G)**

*In the normal course, an ordinary motion must be passed by a majority of the members of synod voting together.*

*Six members of General Synod may, prior to the question being put, require a vote by Orders, with a majority of each Order being necessary to pass.*

*If a question passes on a Vote by Orders, any six members (two from each of three different dioceses) may require a vote to be taken by dioceses. A motion passes if a majority of dioceses (or a tie) vote in favour.*

*Source: Section 4 of the Declaration of Principles and sections 18, 19 and 20 of the Rules of Order and Procedure*