

**GENERAL SYNOD 2016
RESOLUTION**

Resolution Number A 141

Subject: Ecumenical Relationships – Anglican-United Church Dialogue

Moved By: Ms. Melissa Green

Seconded By: The Rt. Rev Linda Nicholls

Be it resolved that this General Synod:

a) receive with gratitude the final report of the latest iteration of the dialogue between the Anglican Church of Canada and the United Church of Canada; and

b) endorse the report's recommendations, including the establishment of a *national coordinating committee for unity and mission* between at least our two churches, whose size, membership, and mandate will be determined by the Council of General Synod in consultation with the United Church of Canada and any other participating churches.

Source: Anglican United Church Dialogue Final Report, via Faith, Worship, and Ministry committee

Submitted By: Faith, Worship and Ministry Coordinating Committee

Does this motion contain within it any financial implications? Yes **No financial implications – within present budget**

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

EXPLANATORY NOTE/BACKGROUND

Following upon six years of renewed dialogue this iteration of the Anglican United Church dialogue has issued *Called to Common Mission*. See appendix #10 of the Faith, Worship, and Ministry report. The following are its *Recommendations*:

Acknowledging our fundamental agreement in a common faith, our churches must engage more deeply in common mission. We recommend the following concrete expressions of this unity in mission:

1. *Establishing a national "coordinating committee for unity and mission" between at least our two churches; Supporting the current and future ecumenical work of reconciliation, particularly with Indigenous peoples; Inviting participation of members from each other's churches on parallel program and mission committees and task groups; Promoting the sharing of physical and human resources between our two churches at the local, regional, and national level, including a shared national office.*
2. *Pursue the way forward on mutual recognition of ministry between our two churches. We recommend building on the existing work of these conversations in the following ways: Continuing the dialogue about episcopé, with the goal of the mutual recognition of the office of*

oversight in each church's polity, drawing on the work of recent ecumenical agreements elsewhere; Developing the dialogue further concerning the mutual recognition of ordained ministries; Exploring ways to involve conversation partners who have particular wisdom to offer on these theological issues. Renewing the Ecumenical Shared Ministries Task Force.

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