

**GENERAL SYNOD 2016
RESOLUTION**

Resolution Number A 142

Subject: Liturgy Task Force – Future Work on Liturgical Texts

Moved By: Ms. Melissa Green

Seconded By: The Rt. Rev. Linda Nicholls

Be it resolved that this General Synod:

encourage the work begun within the term limit of the Liturgy Task Force (2010-2016) to continue, guided by the Liturgical Principles and Agenda for Liturgical Revision as adopted by the General Synod 2010, and in light of evolving priorities in the General Synod’s ministry.

Source: Liturgy Task Force, through Faith, Worship, and Ministry

Submitted By: Faith, Worship and Ministry Coordinating Committee

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

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

EXPLANATORY NOTE/BACKGROUND

Work on revision of our contemporary language liturgical texts began in 2010 with the presentation of the proposed *Principles* and *Agenda* for that work. The task force was give a six year mandate, with the expressed knowledge that six years would only mark the early mid-stage of work that is, or should be, ongoing. This present Liturgy Task Force adopted priorities, some of which have been fulfilled. In the meantime, additional priorities for liturgical work have emerged in the life of our church. In addition, the work primarily described as ‘revision’ has, in the past six years, taken on more the form of ‘addition’, and it is widely recognized that there is not anything to be gained in the revision (as in retirement of some parts of) the Book of Alternative Services. The present request is for the liturgical textual work to continue, guided by *the Principles* document adopted by General Synod 2010, and with top priorities and ways of working to be decided by the Faith, Worship, and Ministry committee.

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