

**GENERAL SYNOD 2016  
RESOLUTION**

**Resolution Number A 144 - R1**

**Subject:**            **The Iona Report, with *Competencies for the Diaconate***

**Moved By:**        Ms. Melissa Green

**Seconded By:**    The Rt. Rev. Bruce Myers

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

1.        receive *The Iona Report*, including the *Competencies for the Diaconate*, and commend it to the dioceses for study and for use in review of their existing guidelines and practices with respect to the diaconate, sending their feedback to Faith, Worship and Ministry Coordinating Committee no later than October 2018;
2.        request that the Primate convene a study of *The Iona Report* within the House of Bishops and report to the Faith, Worship and Ministry Coordinating Committee;
3.        request that the Faith, Worship and Ministry Coordinating Committee review the Ordinal, in light of current scholarship and best practices, and present to the General Synod of 2019 a revision of the liturgical text for the Ordination of a Deacon.

**Source:**            **Faith, Worship and Ministry Coordinating Committee**

**Submitted By:** **Faith, Worship and Ministry Coordinating Committee**

Does this motion contain within it any financial implications?    Yes    **No - already budgeted**

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

**EXPLANATORY NOTE/BACKGROUND**

This work was discerned as timely and of high importance by the Faith, Worship and Ministry Coordinating Committee in this triennium. The Recommendations require action by a number of different groups. It is our hope that passage of this motion into resolution will further the development of the diaconate in the Anglican Church of Canada.

**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*