

Proposed Changes to the Constitution and Canons

1.00 CONTINUING PROVISIONS AND JURISDICTION

- 1.01 The Dioceses of the Arctic, Athabasca, Brandon, Calgary Edmonton, Keewatin, Qu'Appelle, Rupert's Land, Saskatchewan and Saskatoon, each as presently constituted or as may be hereafter changed, renamed or reconstituted, and any Diocese hereafter formed in accordance with this Constitution, shall continue as and be an ecclesiastical province of the Anglican Church of Canada, and continue to be called the "Ecclesiastical Province of Rupert's Land".

Resolution PS50 C-6

Moved by: Karen Webb

Seconded by: Iain Luke

RESOLVED THAT Section 1.01 of the Constitution be amended as follows:

- 1.01 The Dioceses of the Arctic, Athabasca, Brandon, Calgary Edmonton, ~~Keewatin~~, The Indigenous Spiritual Ministry of Mishamikoweesh, Qu'Appelle, Rupert's Land, Saskatchewan and Saskatoon, each as presently constituted or as may be hereafter changed, renamed or reconstituted, and any Diocese hereafter formed in accordance with this Constitution, shall continue as and be an ecclesiastical province of the Anglican Church of Canada, and continue to be called the "Ecclesiastical Province of Rupert's Land".

2.00 ORGANIZATION AND MEMBERSHIP OF SYNOD

2.01 The Synod shall be composed of

- (a) The Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada, ex officio;
- (b) every bishop in the Order of Bishops;
- (c) three members from every diocese who are delegates drawn from the clergy;
- (d) three members from every diocese who are delegates drawn from the laity;
- (e) the Chancellor of every diocese, the Registrar and the Chancellor of the Province;
- (f) the Prolocutor, Deputy Prolocutor, Provincial Secretary and Treasurer;

- 2.02 One of the three members from each diocese who are delegates drawn from the laity shall be a person between the ages of 16 and 25 inclusive as of the first day of May of the year of the regular session of the Synod for which the delegate is chosen.

Resolution PS50 C-7

Moved by: Karen Webb

Seconded by: Iain Luke

RESOLVED THAT Section 2.01 of the Constitution be amended to include a new section b) as follows:

- 2.01 The Synod shall be composed of
- (a) The Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada, ex officio;
 - (b) The National Indigenous Anglican Archbishop, ex officio;**
 - (c) every bishop in the Order of Bishops;
 - (d) three members from every diocese who are delegates drawn from the clergy;
 - (e) three members from every diocese who are delegates drawn from the laity;
 - (f) the Chancellor of every diocese, the Registrar and the Chancellor of the Province; **in the event the Chancellor of a diocese is either unwilling or unable to attend, the Vice-Chancellor of the diocese may attend in his/her place.**
 - (g) the Prolocutor, Deputy Prolocutor, Provincial Secretary and Treasurer;
- 2.02 One of the three members from each diocese who are delegates drawn from the laity shall be a person between the ages of 16 and 25 inclusive as of the first day of May of the year of the regular session of the Synod for which the delegate is chosen.
- 3.00 OFFICERS
- 3.04 (1) The term of office of the Metropolitan shall commence at the end of the session of the Synod at which the Metropolitan is elected, unless the Office of Metropolitan is vacant at the time of the election in which case the Metropolitan shall hold office from the time of the election.
- (2) The term of office of the Metropolitan shall continue from its commencement until the end of the regular session of Synod in the 6th year following the election

of the Metropolitan or until the Metropolitan sooner

- (a) ceases to be a diocesan bishop of the Province
- (b) resigns as Metropolitan and the resignation is accepted;
- (c) reaches the age of seventy years;
- (d) is removed pursuant to section 6.53

Resolution PS50 C-8

Moved by: Karen Webb

Seconded by: Iain Luke

RESOLVED THAT Section 3.04 of the Constitution be amended to include new sections 3 and 4 as follows:

- (3) in the event that a regular session of Synod is not held in the 6th year following the election of the Metropolitan, an Acting Metropolitan, pursuant to the procedure set out in s. 3.06 shall be appointed.
- (4) in the event that a regular session of Synod cannot be held in the 6th year following the election of the Metropolitan for reasons beyond the control of the Synod, the Diocesan Bishops shall decide
 - (a) whether the Metropolitan may continue in office until the Synod can be held, or
 - (b) whether an Acting Metropolitan should take office;

5.00 SYNOD SESSIONS

Regular Sessions

- 5.01 The Synod shall meet in regular session at intervals not exceeding three years at such time and place as may be determined by the Metropolitan in consultation with the Executive Council.
- 5.02 Where the Metropolitan and the Executive Council decide that it is inadvisable to convoke a regular session of the Synod within the time set out in section 5.01, the Metropolitan may postpone the session for a period not exceeding one year.

Resolution PS50 C-9

Moved by: Karen Webb

Seconded by: Iain Luke

RESOLVED THAT Section 5.02 of the Constitution be amended to include a new section (a) as follows:

- 5.02 (a) Regular sessions of Synod shall take place in person, unless the Executive Council determines, not less than three months prior to the scheduled session that:
- (i) there has been an external intervention such that a meeting in person is not possible or advisable;
 - (ii) each diocese has confirmed its delegates are able to connect and meet by telephone, video or other electronic means.
 - (iii) the attendance of synod delegates can be confirmed at the time the Synod convenes;
 - (iv) the Executive Committee has confirmed there is a process in place to ensure all Synod delegates are able to cast a secret ballot;

6.00 EPISCOPAL AFFAIRS
Eligibility for Election

- 6.02 A person shall be eligible for election as a bishop if that person
- (a) is of the full age of thirty years;
 - (b) is a priest or bishop in Holy Orders of the Anglican Church of Canada, or of a church in full communion therewith;
 - (c) is faithful in the doctrines and discipline of the Anglican Church of Canada, as determined and defined by the official formularies of that church;
 - (d) is known and recognized within that person's community as being a person of integrity and moral stature; and
 - (e) has those qualities and abilities of leadership, experience and learning that will enable that person to fulfil the duties of a chief pastor in the Church of God.

Resolution PS50 C-10
Moved by: Karen Webb
Seconded by: Iain Luke

RESOLVED THAT Section 6.02 of the Constitution be amended as follows, including a

new section (c):

6.02 A person shall be eligible for election as a bishop if that person

- (a) is of the full age of thirty years,
- (b) is a priest or bishop in Holy Orders of the Anglican Church of Canada, **having been in Holy Orders as a priest or bishop for a minimum of seven (7) years. or of a church in full communion therewith;**
- (c) **if the person is a priest or bishop of a church in full communion with the Anglican Church of Canada, has a minimum of seven (7) years ministerial experience within the Anglican Church of Canada;**
- (d) is faithful in the doctrines and discipline of the Anglican Church of Canada, as determined and defined by the official formularies of that church;
- (e) is known and recognized within that person's community as being a person of integrity and moral stature; and
- (f) has those qualities and abilities of leadership, experience and learning that will enable that person to fulfil the duties of a chief pastor in the Church of God.

Objection Procedure

6.13 Any episcopal member of the Electoral College who objects to the election of the person elected as a bishop shall send a written objection to the Metropolitan, but objection shall be taken only on the grounds that the person does not meet the eligibility requirements of section 6.02

6.14 If, within one month from the sending out of the notice referred to in section 6.06, the Metropolitan has received notice of objection referred to in section 6.13, he shall summon the Episcopal members of the Electoral College to meet at a time and place specified by him that is within one month after the expiry of the period during which objections may be received to consider the objection or objections.

Resolution PS50 C-11

Moved by: Karen Webb

Seconded by: Iain Luke

RESOLVED THAT Section 6.14 of the Constitution be amended and that a new section 6.19 be added as follows:

- 6.13 Any episcopal member of the Electoral College who objects to the election of the person elected as a bishop shall send a written objection to the Metropolitan, but objection shall be taken only on the grounds that the person does not meet the eligibility requirements of section 6.02
- 6.14 If, within ~~one month~~ **fifteen days** from the sending out of the notice referred to in section 6.06, the Metropolitan has received notice of objection referred to in section 6.13, he shall summon the Episcopal members of the Electoral College to meet at a time and place specified by him that is within one month after the expiry of the period during which objections may be received to consider the objection or objections.
- 6.19 **In the event that in the opinion of the majority of the House of Bishops, it is necessary to consecrate a bishop-elect within the fifteen (15) day waiting period, the consecration may proceed only if the Metropolitan has received the assent of every member of the House, in writing, prior to the consecration.**

Financial Support

- 6.42 (a) Where a vacancy is to be filled in the Episcopate of a diocese, or
- (b) a diocese applies for episcopal assistance in the form of a bishop coadjutor or suffragan,

And the Metropolitan is not satisfied with the sufficiency of the financial support of the person to be elected, the Metropolitan shall refer the matter of financial support to the Executive Council of the Province.

Resolution PS50 C-12

Moved by: Karen Webb

Seconded by: Iain Luke

RESOLVED THAT Section 6.42 of the Constitution be amended as follows:

- 6.42 (a) Where a vacancy is to be filled in the Episcopate of a diocese, or
- (b) a diocese applies for episcopal assistance in the form of a bishop coadjutor or suffragan,

The diocese shall provide to the Metropolitan and to the Executive Council of the Province copies of financial statements for the past three years and its proposal for the funding of the proposed bishop:

~~And the Metropolitan is not satisfied with the sufficiency of the financial support of the person to be elected, the Metropolitan shall refer the matter of financial support to the Executive Council of the Province.~~

- 6.47 A diocesan bishop may, with the approval of his Synod and upon notifying the Metropolitan in writing, engage, as an assistant bishop, a bishop of the Anglican Church of Canada, or any church in full communion with it, to assist him in carrying out his diocesan duties and functions.
- 6.48 Where the tenure of the Assistant Bishop exceeds a period of six months, or such tenure is extended to a time beyond six months, or is renewed, the tenure shall not be valid unless the Diocesan Synod and the Metropolitan shall approve.

Resolution PS50 C-13

Moved by: Karen Webb

Seconded by: Iain Luke

RESOLVED THAT Section 6.47 and 6.48 of the Constitution be amended as follows:

- 6.47 A diocesan bishop may, with the approval of his Synod and upon notifying the Metropolitan in writing, engage, as an assistant bishop, a bishop of the Anglican Church of Canada, or any church in full communion with it, to assist him in carrying out his diocesan duties and functions. **The Assistant Bishop may be appointed for a period up to and including eighteen months.**
- 6.48 Where the tenure of the Assistant Bishop exceeds a period of six months, or such tenure is extended to a time beyond six months, or is renewed, the tenure shall not be valid unless the Diocesan Synod and the Metropolitan shall approve. **The tenure may be renewed for an additional period of time, not to exceed eighteen months, regardless of the period of the initial tenure. The renewal shall be valid only if both the Diocesan Synod and the Metropolitan approve.**