

Ecclesiastical Province of Canada

Memorials to General Synod 2007

Moved by: The Revd Alan T Perry (Montreal)

Seconded by: Chancellor Charles Ferris (Fredericton)

That this Synod memorialize the General Synod with respect to legislation awaiting second reading as follows:

“The Synod of the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada concurs with the amendment to Canon XVII given first reading at General Synod 2004, and awaiting second reading in 2007, as printed in the Handbook of the General Synod, 14th Edition, in Appendix L, page 157.”

Rationale:

The Synods of the Dioceses of Montreal and Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island sent memorials to the General Synod meeting of 2001, following changes to the Canon on the Licensing of Clergy (Canon XVII) in 1998, to raise a series of concerns regarding the imbalance of power and potential risks to the fair treatment of clergy under the canon. A follow-up motion was taken to the General Synod meeting of 2001, resulting in amendments given first reading in 2004. These amendments must be presented for second reading in 2007 following consultation with the dioceses and provinces. This motion and memorial are the mechanism for consultation with the Synod of the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada.

The amendments presented in 2004 accomplish three things:

- 1) They specify (though without limitation) circumstances in which the provision of revocation of a license might be used;
- 2) They prohibit the use of this provision as an expedient way of bypassing the protections of the accused in a disciplinary matter, which must instead be pursued under Canon XVIII;
- 3) They flesh out procedures for arbitration regarding severance pay.

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That this Synod memorialize the General Synod with respect to legislation awaiting second reading as follows:

“The Synod of the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada concurs with the amendment to the Declaration of Principles given first reading at General Synod 2004, and awaiting second reading in 2007, as printed in the Handbook of the General Synod, 14th Edition, in Appendix L, page 158.”

Rationale:

Following the adoption of the Waterloo Declaration of Full Communion with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, amendments to the Constitution and Canons of the General Synod were drafted, to give effect to the provisions for licensing Lutheran clergy in Anglican parishes or other ministries. Two of these amendments affected the Declaration of Principles, and thus require two readings to come into effect. These amendments must be presented for second reading in 2007 following consultation with the dioceses and provinces. This motion and memorial are the mechanism for consultation with the Synod of the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada.