

Ecclesiastical Province of Canada

Notice of Motion

September 2006

MOVED BY: David F. Watts (Fredericton)

SECONDED BY: Margaret Jenniex (Central Newfoundland)

That this Synod send a memorial regarding the future of the Anglican Journal and diocesan newspapers to the Council of General Synod, with copies to the national Financial Management Development committee, the special task force on budgeting of the Council of General Synod, the Prioritized Operation Plan (POP) working group, and to Rob Towler, President of the Anglican Journal Board, Leanne Larmondin, Editor, Anglican Journal, and Vianney Carriere, Director of Communications, Anglican Church of Canada:

1. We affirm the important contribution made by *The Anglican Journal* and diocesan papers to the life and unity of the Anglican Church of Canada.
2. We recognize and endorse the character of *The Anglican Journal* as defined in its charter as a newspaper with editorial independence.
3. Noting that these publications provide an essential service in connecting Anglicans on the local, provincial, and national levels and beyond, we are concerned about their future funding. Special attention needs to be drawn to the unique nature of these media vehicles when consideration of funding cuts is undertaken, with every possible effort to ensure that necessary funding is allocated to continue operations at or close to present levels in terms of number of issues, size, maintaining the mailing grant, and otherwise.