

## Getting a Motion Before Synod

**Synod Jurisdiction:** The jurisdiction of the Diocesan Synod is the "government and administration of the temporal affairs of the Church in the Diocese" (*Anglican Church Act*, s.4(1)). In contrast to the Diocese's "temporal affairs", the spiritual affairs of the diocese are the jurisdiction of its bishop, and matters of "the doctrines of the Church" are the jurisdiction of the General Synod (*Declaration of Principles*, s.6).

**Order of Consideration:** [Canon Two, sections 7(4) and 8(2)]  
Motions will be considered at Synod in the following order:

- 1) Notices given at a preceding Synod for consideration at the current Synod (to be printed in the order given);
- 2) Notices given six weeks before Synod (to be printed in the order received); and
- 3) Notices given at Synod before the deadline set by the Agenda Committee.

Motions of which notices are given under 1) and 2) above shall be considered prior to notices given at Synod under 3).

**Making a Motion:** All substantive motions are initiated by giving a Notice of Motion by way of the required form. Notices of Motion can be given either before or for a brief time during a Synod.

**Before Synod:** [Canon Two, sections 7(1)(b) and 7(2)]  
Notices of Motion for regular meetings of Synod can be sent to the Resolutions Committee ([resolutions@anglican.nb.ca](mailto:resolutions@anglican.nb.ca)) not less than six weeks before Synod and when appropriate will be printed in the Synod Journal and in the order received.

**At Synod:** [Canon Two, sections 3(10), 7(1)(a) and 7(3)]  
Notices of Motion can be given at a meeting of Synod by delivering the same to the Resolutions Committee before the deadline set by the Agenda Committee. A Notice of Motion can be given for consideration either at the current meeting of Synod or at the next regular meeting of Synod. However, it is preferable to submit motions to the Resolutions in advance and not wait until the day of the Synod.

**Procedural Motions:** [Canon Two, section 8(5)]  
Procedural motions (such as a motion to table, refer or adjourn) may be made without notice and must be disposed of before consideration of the substantive motion before Synod.

**Resolutions Committee:** [Canon Two, section 3(1), Regulation 2-1 Resolutions Committee Mandate]  
The Resolutions Committee does not have authority to veto or refuse a motion, but will seek to ensure that the language reflects the mover's intent and is in clear and coherent language, and the Committee may recommend clarifications and point out potential concerns. It may also suggest consolidation of a proposed motion with other motions received on the same subject.

**New Expenditures:** [Canon Two, section 8(3)]  
Motions proposing new expenditures must either identify a proposed source of funding or be qualified as being made "subject to available funding."