

**GENERAL SYNOD 2025
RESOLUTION**

Resolution Number C013

Subject: Establishing a National Youth Council

Moved By: Noah Skinner

Seconded By: Adam MacNeil

Be it resolved that this General Synod:

1. Endorse the creation of a National Youth Council to serve as an advisory board for the Council of General Synod.
2. Direct the Council of General Synod to examine options, including constitutional or canonical changes required, for the creation of such a body, and to seek input on those options from the youth members to this General Synod and develop an implementation plan for a National Youth Council.

Source: Youth delegates to General Synod

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

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

Does this motion contain within it any staffing implications? **Yes** No

EXPLANATORY NOTE/BACKGROUND

The Anglican Church of Canada is blessed with a vibrant and faithful community of Young People, deeply committed to living out and witnessing the Christian faith through the rich traditions of Anglicanism.

As a Church, we are called to respond with love, compassion, and creativity to the needs of the world, including the unique voices, hopes, and challenges of young people. Across the country, we are witnessing a movement of the Spirit as the Church engages young people in dynamic and meaningful ways.

Young People bring wisdom, passion, and a prophetic clarity that is vital to the future of our Church. They understand the realities their peers face and are uniquely equipped to help shape a Church that is responsive, inclusive, and authentically rooted in our Anglican identity.

However, their voices need to be heard more fully. We believe they have so much more to offer than they are currently invited to share.

The establishment of a National Youth Council would create a powerful space to listen, to learn, and to lead—amplifying the voices of Young People across our Church. It would foster deeper engagement, offer guidance for our shared witness, and breathe fresh life into the mission and ministry of the national Church.

Now is the time to walk alongside our young leaders, honor their faith, and empower them to help shape the Church of today and tomorrow.

PROCEDURE FOR ADOPTION (G)

In the normal course, an ordinary motion must be passed by a majority of the members of General Synod present and 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 immediately before the next item of business require a vote to be taken by dioceses. A motion passes if a majority (or a tie) of dioceses vote in favour.

Source: Sections 4 and 5 of the Declaration of Principles and sections 18, 19 and 20 of the Rules of Order and Procedure.