

**Appendix B Faith, Worship, and Ministry**

Be it resolved that this General Synod approve the following as Revised Terms of Reference for the Faith, Worship, and Ministry Committee to replace that which appears in Appendix B, Page 147 of the 19<sup>th</sup> Edition of The General Synod Handbook.

The Terms of Reference are in Two Parts: A. Mandate and B. Ways of Working

A. Mandate:

The FWM Committee shall fulfill the mandate of the General Synod with respect to matters of faith, worship, and ministry in The Anglican Church of Canada. Specifically, this means to:

1. articulate standards and develop resources for worship and liturgy
2. support General Synod’s responsibilities with respect to ministry, leadership, and theological education
3. develop policy for, monitor, and animate inter-church dialogues
4. develop policy for, monitor, and animate inter-faith dialogues
5. support the Youth Secretariate as it manages policy for, supports and animates youth ministry across the country
6. support the deepening of faith and discipleship
7. promote theological reflection, and to provide resources to assist the church in its common life and witness in areas within its mandate

B. Ways of Working:

As indicated in Section 39B of the Constitution, the role of the Coordinating Committee is to provide coordination and oversight to the work which will be performed by staff members, task forces, working groups, or commissions. The committee shall establish and support those bodies best equipped to carry out the work mandated, and to support the development of national networks for areas within its mandate. The Coordinating Committee maintains formal liaison with the National House of Bishops. It intentionally liaises with those existing church partners, networks and organizations which connect with and further its work.

Does this motion contain within it any financial implications?

- No

Explanatory Background:

The Terms of Reference for the Faith, Worship, and Ministry committee, as found on page 147 of Appendix B of the General Synod Handbook, have not been revised and reflect the very early coming-together of three ancestral Standing Committees. Revision has been desirable for many years, but only now was sufficient reflection and strategic thinking able to be brought by an FWM committee to this work. There is every expectation that all Coordinating Committees will need to review their Terms of Reference in light of the work of the Strategic Planning Working Group as its work unfolds into the coming triennium. However, this Revised FWM Terms of Reference provides a stronger basis for the

immediate work of the new committee in the next triennium to begin its work with better focus and mandate clarity, whilst also providing a more solid foundation for the next stages of revision that will be done across the whole General Synod system.