

## General Synod Archives



### Anglican Catholic Church of Canada

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**Mover:** Bishop Short  
**Seconder:** Archbishop Peers  
**Text:** That the following Statement of Policy be accepted by the House of Bishops, for the time being. CARRIED #3-6-83

1. Anglican clergy who have abandoned the Anglican Church of Canada in order to exercise their ministry in some church with which the Anglican Church of Canada is not in communion, should be considered to have abandoned the exercise of their ministry and be deposed. (This is in accordance with the practice of the Episcopal Church of America.)

2. Clergy who have abandoned the Anglican Communion but wish to return to the Anglican Church of Canada will be subject to the normal discipline applying to those who have been deposed and wish to resume their ministry. This applies only to clergy who have not been admitted to any other Order than that in which they stood when they abandoned the Anglican Communion.

3. Clergy of churches with which the Anglican Church of Canada is in full communion, or have been ordained in churches whose Orders are not questioned by the Anglican Church of Canada and who after being associated with the Anglican/Catholic Church of Canada desire to exercise their ministry in the Anglican Church of Canada will not be required to undergo further ordination or conditional ordination.

4. The Anglican Church of Canada has made no statement about its position with respect to the validity of the Orders of the Anglican Catholic Church of Canada. Any such statement should be in accord with the practices of the Episcopal Church of the United States of America, whose officers should be informed of our actions in this respect. For the immediate future the Anglican Church of Canada will require ministers ordained in Anglican Catholic Church of Canada or its sister body in the United States of America to be conditionally ordained before exercising a ministry in the Anglican Church of Canada.

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