

**General Synod 2016  
Resolution**

**Resolution Number A051-R2**

**Subject: Amendment to Canon XXI (On Marriage in the Church)**

**Moved by: The Ven. Harry Huskins**

**Seconded by: Ms. Cynthia Haines-Turner**

**Be it resolved that this General Synod:**

1. Declare that Canon XXI (On Marriage in the Church) applies to all persons who are duly qualified by civil law to enter into marriage.
2. Make the following consequential amendments to Canon XXI:
  - (a) in paragraph 2 of the Preface, delete the words “of the union of man and woman in”;
  - (b) in paragraph 4 of the Preface, substitute the words “the parties to the marriage” for the “husband and wife”;
  - (c) in section 16 a) of the Regulations, substitute “the parties to the marriage” for “a man and a woman”;
  - (d) in section 17 b) of the Regulations, substitute “the parties to the marriage” for “husband and wife”.
3. Add the following to section 11 of the Regulations
  - e) A minister may only solemnize a marriage between persons of the same sex if authorized by the diocesan bishop.
4. Declare that this resolution shall come into effect on the first day of January after being passed by General Synod at Second Reading.

**Source:**

**Submitted By:** The Commission on the Marriage Canon

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

## **EXPLANATORY NOTE/BACKGROUND**

### **PROCEDURE FOR ADOPTION (D)**

*In accordance with section 11(c)(i) of the Declaration of Principles, an amendment to a Canon dealing with doctrine, worship or discipline must be approved by a two-thirds majority in each Order voting a two successive sessions of General Synod.*