

**RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE CHURCH IN  
NOVA SCOTIA AND PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND  
(129<sup>th</sup> Session of Synod, 1996)**

**BE IT RESOLVED that:**

1. The Synod of the Diocese of Nova Scotia confirms its consent to the following resolution adopted by the Synod of the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada at the session of the Provincial Synod held on September 22-25, 1994.

“That, in the exercise of its jurisdiction and authority with respect to the adjustment or rearrangement of diocesan boundaries, and subject to the consent of the General Synod and of the Diocese of Nova Scotia, the Synod of the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada declares that the boundaries of the Diocese of Nova Scotia are coterminous with the boundaries of the civil provinces of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.”

2. The report of the Task Force on the Relationship Between Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island attached to this resolution is adopted.

3. The Constitution and Canons of the Diocese of Nova Scotia shall be interpreted and applied and the administration of the Diocese carried out so as to give effect to the provisions of the Task Force Report.

4. The Appointments Committee is to endeavor to appoint at least one (1) resident of Prince Edward Island to each of the major standing Committees of the Diocese from a list of nominations submitted by the Diocesan Church Society

5. If a person resident on Prince Edward Island is not elected to the Diocesan Council, the Bishop is requested to exercise his authority under Canon 11, s.5(g) to appoint a resident of Prince Edward Island to the Diocesan Council.

6. Canon 7 entitled “The General Synod” be and is amended by the addition of the following as section 3:

3. (1) One of the clerical or lay delegates to General Synod shall be a resident of Prince Edward Island elected by the Assembly of the Diocesan Church Society of Prince Edward Island and confirmed as a delegate by resolution of the Synod;

(2) Prior to each Synod session for the election of General Synod delegates, the Secretary of the Diocesan Church Society of Prince Edward Island shall notify the Bishop in writing of the name of the person elected as a delegate and the name of a person elected as a substitute delegate and confirm the persons elected have agreed to serve;

(3) If a delegate has not been elected by the Assembly, all delegates to General Synod will be elected by the Synod in the manner provided in sections 2 and 3;

(4) This section does not limit the right of the Synod to elect other persons resident in Prince Edward Island as delegates to General Synod in the manner provided in sections 2 and 3.”

7. Canon 8 entitled “The Provincial Synod of Canada” is amended by the deletion of existing section 2 and the adoption of the following as section 2:

2. The provisions of the Canon on the election of delegates to the General Synod including the provision of Section 3 providing for the election of a resident of Prince Edward Island shall apply mutatis mutandis to the delegates and substitute delegates to the Provincial Synod, their election and certification.”

**REPORT OF THE TASK FORCE ON THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN NOVA  
SCOTIA AND PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND AND ADOPTED BY THE DIOCESAN  
CHURCH SOCIETY AND DIOCESAN COUNCIL**

**Section 1: STATUS**

- (1) That we acknowledge our acceptance of the Episcopal Authority of the Bishop of Nova Scotia.
- (2) That the Bishop exercising Episcopal Authority in this Province of Prince Edward Island shall be officially placed in the bishop's cathedra in the Cathedral Church in Prince Edward Island.
- (3) That we acknowledge our present association with the Diocese of Nova Scotia.

**Section 2: REPRESENTATION**

- (1) That there be at least one clerical or lay delegate from Prince Edward Island on both the General Synod and the Provincial Synod, elected by the Diocesan Church Society Assembly and ratified by the Diocesan Synod. Perhaps the election may rotate between the clerical and lay delegate.
- (2) That there be at least one person from Prince Edward Island on the Diocesan Council and each of the major standing committees of the Diocese.

**Section 3: ISLAND CHURCH MATTERS**

- (1) That the Diocesan Church Society of Prince Edward Island shall have the right to make decisions in financial and program matters affecting the Anglican Church in Prince Edward Island and in such other specific matters as may be determined by joint agreement, but excluding matters of Faith and Order or other areas over which the Bishop of Nova Scotia has exclusive authority.
- (2) The Diocesan Church Society reserves the right to plan and implement its own programs.

**Section 4: RESIDENT BISHOP**

- (1) That we request the Diocese of Nova Scotia to give careful consideration to the appointment of a resident Bishop on Prince Edward Island.

**Section 5: ARCHDEACON**

- (1) That subject to the appointment of a resident Bishop, there shall be an Archdeacon of Prince Edward Island, appointed in accordance with the general procedures of the Canon on Archdeacons of the Diocese of Nova Scotia with all the rights and privileges and responsibilities accorded by that Canon.
- (2) That notwithstanding any subsequent repeal of the Canon on Archdeacons, there shall continue to be an Archdeacon of Prince Edward Island, whose rights, privileges and responsibilities shall be determined by negotiation by the Diocesan Council and the Diocesan Church Society Council.

**Section 6: REGIONAL DEAN**

- (1) That the Regional Dean be appointed in accordance with the general procedures of the Canon of Regional Deans of the Diocese of Nova Scotia with all the rights, privileges and responsibilities accorded by that Canon.

**Section 7: FINANCIAL PROPOSALS**

- (1) This proposal recognizes and affirms that there are areas of jurisdiction and responsibility which are of particular interest to the Church in Prince Edward Island. We now exercise our right to negotiate the necessary changes to assume these responsibilities.
- (2) This proposal recognizes and affirms that there are areas of jurisdiction and responsibility which properly belong with the Synod of the Diocese of Nova Scotia. We now confirm and endorse continued authority of the Diocese of Nova Scotia in these matters.
- (3) That the system of the collection of allotments as may be determined from time to time by the Diocesan Synod continue to be applicable to the Church in Prince Edward Island.
- (4) That the Diocesan Church Society negotiate annually, with the Diocese's appropriate committees, a sum to be returned to the Church in Prince Edward Island from the allotments collected, to be used for its programs and operations.
- (5) That the Church in Prince Edward Island will assume responsibility for, and receive appropriate funding from areas in the Diocesan Budget which will be negotiated by the Diocesan Council and the Diocesan Church Society Council.