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***Embodying God's Call:  
Aligning General Synod Structures for God's Mission Today  
Report from consultation, Jan. 11, 2013***

The Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada, Archbishop Fred Hiltz, convened a consultation of 40 members from the Anglican Church of Canada to consider how the structures of the General Synod could better embody God's call to mission. Participants were drawn from all regions of Canada, a variety of generations, the Anglican Council of Indigenous Peoples, and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, and included lay, clergy, bishops, women and men. Held in Mississauga January 8-10, 2013, this consultation was envisioned in the General Synod approved plan *Vision 2019* and mandated by the Council of General Synod. Its goal was to *help the church shape General Synod's structures to achieve the ministry priorities of the General Synod to embody God's call into mission.*

A process of conversation, prayer and reflection facilitated by Janet Marshall and Rhonda Waters engaged participants with the history of the Anglican Church of Canada, specifically with moments of change in the life of the General Synod, and identified key trends in the current context of ministry. Through working groups the consultation recommended changes some of which could occur quickly with the consent of the CoGS and others to be considered over the next triennium (2013-2016). These proposed changes seek to deliver more effectively the priorities and practices for mission as identified in *Vision 2019*, recognizing financial limitations and include suggestions related to the frequency and size of national church meetings and possible realignment of partnerships and collaborations.

A working group will take detailed recommendations generated by this consultation to the Council of General Synod's meeting in March 2013 for their consideration.

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