

## Motion regarding Episcopal Oversight

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Whereas, the Order of Bishops are the central instrument of shared ministry within an autonomous diocese in the Anglican Communion and  
Whereas disagreement, division and conflict within parishes, dioceses, and provinces of the Anglican Communion are common over a wide range of issues, including human sexuality, (Windsor Report, 147) and  
Whereas a conditional and temporary provision of pastoral oversight for those who are dissenting” (Windsor Report, 151) may be made “by retired bishops within the province in question” (Windsor Report, 152) and  
Whereas the intervention of bishops and archbishops from outside geographical boundaries cannot be justified under any circumstances, including pastoral concerns for “dissenting minorities” and  
Whereas by aligning with bishops and dioceses outside the geographical diocesan boundaries, clergy and parishes in the Anglican Communion have contravened the accepted recommendations of the Windsor Report, which discourages, “the establishment of parallel jurisdictions” (Windsor Report, 154) and  
Whereas the Primates reaffirmed the teaching of successive Lambeth Conferences that bishops must respect the autonomy and territorial integrity of dioceses and provinces other than their own (Primates’ Communique, Lambeth, October 2003).

Be it resolved:

**THAT this Synod call upon all bishops as Christ’s leaders and pastors to work tirelessly to rebuild trust, and to work for healing and reconciliation during times of conflict and**

**THAT that bishops from other dioceses or provinces not be permitted to exercise Episcopal oversight or ministry within the Diocese of Niagara without the expressed permission of the bishop of Niagara. Parishes and clergy seeking Alternative Episcopal Oversight may only do so with the approval of the incumbent Bishop of Niagara, who may invite and appoint a bishop from within the Anglican Church of Canada for a pre-determined period of time to provide temporary pastoral and sacramental oversight.**

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