

## WHAT IS A MOTION?

What is a **Motion**? Oxford's International Dictionary defines a motion as:  
"To make a proposal; to petition or suggest; to make a plan."

In other words, the main function of a motion is to take an issue, problem, or injustice and start the proceedings of a solution. For example with the issue of the floods in Mozambique there are many communities in need of financial assistance. If someone thought that this was an important issue, they could write a motion to request that each parish in the Diocese of Niagara make a financial contribution to Primates World Relief and Development Fund, directed to "the "Mozambique Relief".

You would want to write *where as clauses* which detailed the facts regarding the destruction and the need for financial assistance. Your **BE IT RESOLVED** clause would outline what you are proposing and your plan to make it happen.

Good Luck!

\*\*see reverse side for actual motion form.