

TEMA/TÍTULO: Consagración de Obispos: Reafirmación de Conformidad con el Canon III.1.2
PROPONENTE: Diocese of Washington
PÁGINA CYC: 63
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Se resuelve, con la aprobación de la Cámara de _____ que la 76ª Convención General de la Iglesia Episcopal convoque a los Comités Permanentes y obispos con jurisdicción que se conformen a las disposiciones de no discriminación del Canon III.1.2 en el momento de considerar consentimientos a elecciones episcopales, que indica: “A ninguna persona se le negará en esta Iglesia el acceso al proceso de discernimiento para cada ministerio, sea ésta laica u ordenada, por causa de raza, color, origen étnico, nacionalidad, sexo, estado civil, orientación sexual, incapacidad o edad, a excepción de lo que esté dispuesto de otro modo en estos Cánones.”

EXPLANATION:

At General Convention 2006, The House of Bishops, with the House of Deputies concurring, passed Resolution B033 which states, "Resolved, That the 75th General Convention receive and embrace The Windsor Report's invitation to engage in a process of healing and reconciliation; and be it further Resolved, That this Convention therefore call upon Standing Committees and bishops with jurisdiction to exercise restraint by not consenting to the consecration of any candidate to the episcopate whose manner of life presents a challenge to the wider church and will lead to further strains on communion." Resolution B033 was an attempt by The Episcopal Church to promote continuing dialogue around issues of human sexuality in response to resolutions passed at Lambeth Conferences 1978, 1988, and 1998, portions of the Windsor Report, and requests made by the Primates of the Anglican Communion. The broad failure to engage in a process of reconciliation has rendered B033 ineffective in achieving its goal of helping the Church and wider Communion move beyond conflict and division toward mutual understanding and healing. However, B033 has resulted in the following: 1) it has been misinterpreted and misapplied as binding due to its ambiguity and lack of clarity when in fact Standing Committees and bishops with jurisdiction are not bound by any extra-canonical restraints; 2) it has limited the response of gay and lesbian members of the church to respond to any call to the episcopate they may have discerned; and 3) it has discouraged dioceses from raising up qualified gay and lesbian persons to be considered in Episcopal elections. Thus, the 76th General Convention is called upon to reaffirm and enact with renewed commitment the Constitution and Canons of The Episcopal Church which govern our common life and prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation for any ministry, lay or ordained.