

TEMA/TÍTULO: Diezmo: Reafirmar el Diezmo como la Norma Mínima

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1 *Se resuelve*, con la aprobación de la Cámara de \_\_\_\_\_ que la 76ª Convención General reafirme el  
2 diezmo como la norma mínima de donación para los episcopales; y asimismo

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4 *Se resuelve* que se pida a la Secretaría de la Convención General que establezca disposiciones  
5 para que los miembros de cada Cámara puedan indicar de manera conveniente si están donando  
6 el diezmo o si se comprometen a dar el diezmo en un plazo de cinco años, mediante su firma y  
7 escritura legible de su nombre y su diócesis o si consideran que no es apropiado que esa  
8 información sea del dominio público, que firmen y que escriban la palabra "Anónimo" e  
9 indiquen su estado de residencia o el estado o país donde nacieron; y asimismo

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11 *Se resuelve* que se publique el registro de nombres y firmas "Anónimas" en el Diario de la  
12 Convención y en cualquier otra publicación de la Iglesia que la Obispa Presidenta pudiera  
13 designar.

EXPLANATION:

In living memory, the 1982 General Convention was the first to state that the tithe is "the minimum standard of giving for Episcopalians." Several subsequent Conventions have re-affirmed this concept in the same or similar language. In the 1982 Stewardship Legislative Committee, there was vigorous debate as to whether the resolution should be a canon (they decided "no"), whether passing such a resolution was too legalistic, whether the resolution should specify whether the calculation should be based on before-tax or after-tax income, whether the calculation is restricted to gifts to this Church or whether financial support for other Godly work should be included, and so on. The 1982 Committee ultimately intentionally left such matters up to each individual Church member to decide. Subsequent Conventions have followed this precedent. Tithing is an important spiritual discipline. Except in the most unusual circumstances, it is a major contributor to the giver's spiritual health and inner joy. Note that the sometimes-offered wording "biblical tithe" is inaccurate because the word "tithe" does not always refer to the same thing in different places in the bible: sometimes it refers to income, sometimes to property. Other biblical standards include "all" as in "You shall love the Lord your God with all..." and 50-50, as in "If you have two cloaks..."

BALLOT RESULTS:

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