

**House of Deputies  
Resolutions Review Committee**

**Zoom Conference**

**May 1, 2018**

**4 pm EDT / 1 pm PDT**

**Present:** Sharon Alexander, Betsy Bell, Megan Castellan (Vice Chair), Nancy Cohen, Brad Foster, Polly Getz, Mike Glass (Chair), Richard Edward Helmer (Secretary), Maly Hughes, Stephen Hutchinson, Sally Johnson, Tom Little, Steve Ott, Diane Pollard, William Powell, Jim Salter, Brad Thompson, Sam Webster, Kathleen Wells, George Wing

Megan Castellan led the committee in an opening prayer.

Mike Glass introduced the charge of the committee: to make sure each resolution doesn't conflict with the canons, constitution, and polity of the Church, and to ensure that any resolution with funding implications is in the PB&F budget process.

The committee reviews all legislation and then issues an advisory report to each legislative committee chair and reports, if necessary, to the House of Deputies Chair/President regarding any problems with pending pieces of legislation.

Richard Edward Helmer introduced the Tracking Spreadsheet and fielded questions, noting:

- The Committee will be broken into subcommittees, each with a focus on particular areas of legislation. Each subcommittee will organize itself to review and report onto the spreadsheet.
- This work will commence the week of May 6th, after we collect feedback and contact information from all members of the committee.
- The tracking sheet is available through Google Docs to enable group work. The reports we prepare will ultimately be copied from the sheet and transmitted to legislative committee chairs via the GC extranet.

**What to look for**

1. Cf. the detailed instructions sent to the Committee as a whole in an email dated 4/30 and available in the Files section of our committee's extranet page.
2. The listed problems there are generally in order of frequency, based on past Conventions
3. Michael and Richard Edward introduced a few examples of flagged problems from the currently filed legislation

### **At Convention**

1. The committee will meet briefly each morning to coordinate.
2. The committee will set up a Group Me for the committee and also use text and cell contact during each legislative day to coordinate work on the fly.

Mike Glass highlighted that the HoDRRC is neutral on the substance of resolutions, and members are never to offer or imply this committee's endorsement for any legislation on the floor of Convention.

Members' suggestions to improve the work of the committee are welcome. Please send them to the officers, so they can be memorialized for future General Conventions.

Watch for:

- Invitation to share your contact information and subcommittee preferences on a spreadsheet
- Members will be assigned subcommittees and invited to begin their work early in the coming week.

Our next meeting will be on May 31st to check in on progress, identify key problem areas in the body of legislation, and answer questions.

Meeting concluded at 4:55pm EDT/1:55 PDT.

- (The Rev.) Br. Richard Edward Helmer, BSG  
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