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PART II

GENERAL CONVENTION 76\textsuperscript{TH} SESSION
MORNING SESSION

This being the day and place designated by the Presiding Bishop, with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, pursuant to Article 1, Section 6 of the Constitution for the Seventh-sixth Regular Meeting of the General Convention, the House of Bishops assembled in the Anaheim Convention Center, Anaheim, California, in the Diocese of Los Angeles, on Wednesday, July 8, 2009, with the Presiding Bishop in the Chair. Prayer was led by Chaplain Br. Geoffrey Tristram, SSJE.

Call to Order
The Presiding Bishop called the House of Bishops to order at 8:06 a.m.

Agenda of the Day
The House of Bishops Committee on Dispatch of Business moved to adopt the agenda of the day.

Motion carried
Agenda adopted

Quorum
Following the roll call, the Secretary announced that the current membership of the House, pursuant to Article 1, Section 2, was 279 bishops with 273 bishops entitled to vote, of which number 147 being resigned are not to be counted in computing a quorum. On the basis of 132 members, therefore, a quorum was 67 active bishops entitled to vote. There being 172 such bishops present, an undoubted quorum existed, and the Secretary so certified.

House Organized
The Secretary of the House moved that the House of Deputies be notified that the House of Bishops was organized and ready to proceed to business, with the Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori, Primate, in the Chair, with Bishop Richard Chang as Vice-Chair, and with the Bishop Suffragan of Southern Ohio as Secretary.

Motion carried
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #1)

A delegation of Bishop Chang and the Bishop of East Carolina delivered the House of Bishops Message #1 to the House of Deputies.

Recognition of the Senior Bishop
The Rt. Rev. Otis Charles, Resigned Bishop of Utah, was recognized by the House.
Introduction
The Rt. Rev. J. Scott Mayer, Bishop of Northwest Texas, was introduced as the newest member of the House.

Necrology
The Presiding Bishop announced a member who died since the preceding meeting:
   June 29, 2009
   The Rt. Rev. Robert Miller
   Resigned Bishop of Alabama

Changes of Status
The Secretary announced changes in status:
   The Rt. Rev. Don Wimberly, Diocese of Texas, Resigned Diocesan
   The Rt. Rev. C. Andrew Doyle, Diocese of Texas, Coadjutor to Diocesan

Elections, consents not yet received:
   The Rev. Luis Ruiz, Diocesan, Ecuador Central, August 1, 2009
   The Rev. Lawrence Provenzano, Coadjutor, Long Island, September 29, 2009
   The Rev. John Tarrant, Coadjutor, South Dakota, October 31, 2009

Appointments of Bishops serving other Dioceses:
   The Rt. Rev. John Buchanan, Diocese of Quincy, Provisional Bishop
   The Rt. Rev. Bavi Rivera, Diocese of Eastern Oregon, Provisional Bishop
   The Rt. Rev. Donald Parsons, Diocese of Springfield, Assisting Bishop

Renunciations:
   The Rt. Rev. David C. Bane, Jr., Resigned Diocesan of Southern Virginia, May 22, 2009

Minutes
The Chair of Dispatch moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the Spring 2009 meeting of the House of Bishops.

Motion carried

Appointments
The Presiding Bishop announced the following appointments:
   Bishop Chang, Vice-Chair
   The Bishop Suffragan of Southern Ohio, Secretary
   The Bishop of Delaware, Chair of Dispatch
   The Rt. Rev. John Buchanan, Provisional of Quincy, Parliamentarian
   The Rev. Carol Wade, Chaplain
   Br. Geoffrey Tristram, SSJE, Chaplain
   Bishop Williams, Head Teller
The following were appointed to be floor tellers:
  - The Bishop of Southern Ohio
  - The Bishop of Olympia
  - The Bishop of Northwest Texas
  - The Bishop of Idaho

The following were appointed to count ballots:
  - Bishop Knudsen
  - The Assisting Bishop of Florida
  - Bishop Ohl
  - Bishop Theuner

**Rules of Order**
The House of Bishops Committee on Rules of Order presented its report on renumbering the Rules of Order.

**Personal Privilege**
Bishop Theuner offered the following courtesy resolution:

> Whereas, The Rt. Rev. McConnell Hatch was born on July 6, 1910; and
> Whereas, Bishop Hatch was consecrated Bishop Suffragan of Connecticut on May 14, 1951; and
> Whereas, Bishop Hatch subsequently was elected Bishop of Western Massachusetts in 1957, in which position he served until his resignation in 1970; and
> Whereas, He retired to New Hampshire and Massachusetts until several years ago when he moved west to be closer to family; and
> Whereas, He maintains a loyalty to The Episcopal Church and a keen interest in the affairs of its House of Bishops, as attested to in a note in his own hand sent to the Rt. Rev. Douglas E. Theuner last week; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the House of Bishops of The Episcopal Church, gathered at its General Convention in Anaheim, California, convey to the Rt. Rev. Robert McConnell Hatch upon his 99th birthday its congratulations, best wishes and prayers.

Motion carried

**Announcements**
The Secretary made several announcements to the House.

**Message from the House of Deputies**
The Presiding Bishop announced the arrival of a delegation from the House of Deputies and introduced Deputy Curry of Central Gulf Coast and Deputy Linares of Puerto Rico who conveyed the greetings of the House of Deputies and respectfully informed the House of Bishops that the House of Deputies has been duly organized with Canon Bonnie Anderson, D.D., of the Diocese of Michigan as President, the Rev. Brian N. Prior of the Diocese of Spokane as Vice-President, and the Rev. Dr. Gregory
ANAHEIM MEETING

S. Straub of the Diocese of Easton as Secretary and that it is now ready to proceed to business.

The deputies then withdrew.

RECESS

The House of Bishops Committee on Dispatch of Business moved that the House stand in recess until 4:30 p.m. on the First Legislative Day.

Motion carried

The House recessed at 8:34 a.m.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Reconvene
The House reconvened at 4:57 p.m. and was called to order by the Presiding Bishop.

Welcome from Host Bishop
The Presiding Bishop introduced the Bishop of Los Angeles, the Rt. Rev. J. Jon Bruno, the host bishop, who addressed the House.

Introduction of Visiting Bishops and Guests
The President Bishop introduced the visiting bishops and guests:
- The Most Rev. Mauricio J.A. deAndrade, Bishop of Brazil
- The Most Rev. Edward P. Malecdan, Bishop of the Philippines
- The Most Rev. Martin J. Barahona-Pascasio, IARCA
- The Most Rev. Carlos Touche-Porter, Primate and Bishop of Mexico
- The Rt. Rev. Hector Monterroso, Provincial Secretary of IARCA
- The Rev. Canon Habaucue Ramos-Huerta, Provincial Secretary of Mexico
- The Rt. Rev. Miguel Tamayo-Zaldivar, Interim Bishop of Cuba
- The Rev. Peter Douglas Koon, Provincial Secretary of Hong Kong
- The Rev. Canon Francisco de Assis da Silva, Provincial Secretary of Brazil
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- The Most Rev. Dr. Sameul R. Azariah, Bishop of Pakistan
The Rt. Rev. Suheil Dawani, Bishop of Jerusalem
The Rev. Canon Grace Kaiso, CAPA
The Rev. Canon Kenneth Kearon, Secretary General of the Anglican Communion Office
The Most Rev. and Rt. Hon. Rowan Williams, Archbishop of Canterbury
The Rev. Canon Paul Feheley, Bishop of Canada
Mr. Paul Joo, Translator
The Most Rev. Bernard Htahoturi, Bishop of Burundi-Colorado
The Most Rev. Fidele Dirokpa Balufga, Bishop of the Congo-Louisiana
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The Rt. Rev. Johannes Seoka, Bishop of Pretoria
The Rt. Rev. Daniel Sarfo, Bishop of Kumasi
The Most Rev. Bernard Ntahoturi, Bishop of Burundi
The Most Rev. Fidele Dirokpa Balufga, Bishop of the Congo

Dispatch of Business
The Committee on Dispatch of Business presented its Report #2 on HD Message #1 on Resolution A004 (2009 General Convention Daily Agenda) and moved concurrence. The House concurred (Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #2)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A004)
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention function through the following activities:
1. Formal legislative sessions of the two Houses;
2. A joint session for the presentation of the budget proposal;
3. Meetings of the legislative committees of the two Houses; and
4. Open Hearings to be conducted, as needed, by all legislative committees; and be it further

Resolved, That the schedule and the daily timetable of the 76th General Convention held in Anaheim, California in 2009 be:

Sunday, July 5, 2009
11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Volunteer Supervisors and Secretariat Gathering
Monday, July 6, 2009
9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Registration and Deputy Certification
2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Legislative Committee Officers and Legislative Aides Orientation
Tuesday, July 7, 2009
7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Deputy Certification
8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Legislative Committees and New Deputy Orientation
12:00 p.m. Exhibits Open
12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. PB&F Hearing: Budget Priorities
2:00 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.  Presiding Bishop and President, House of Deputies Presentation

2:45 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.  Introduction to Mission Conversation through Public Narrative

4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.  Orientation

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.  Legislative Committees

Wednesday, July 8, 2009 – First Legislative Day

7:00 a.m. – 7:30 a.m.  Deputy Certification

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.  Legislative Session

9:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.  Opening Eucharist

11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.  Legislative Committees

11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.  Deputy Certification

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.  Legislative Committees

4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.  Legislative Session

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.  Legislative Committees

Thursday, July 9, 2009 – Second Legislative Day

7:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.  Legislative Committees

9:45 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.  Mission Conversation

11:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.  Community Eucharist

12:45 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.  Deputy Certification

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.  Legislative Committees

4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.  Legislative Session

5:00 p.m.  Resolution Filing Deadline

7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.  PB&F and Other Hearings

Friday, July 10, 2009 – Third Legislative Day

7:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.  Deputy Certification

7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.  Legislative Committees

9:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.  Legislative Session

11:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.  Community Eucharist

12:45 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.  Deputy Certification

2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.  Legislative Session

7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.  PB&F and Other Hearings

Saturday, July 11, 2009 – Fourth Legislative Day

7:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.  Deputy Certification

7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.  Legislative Committees

9:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.  Legislative Session

11:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.  Community Eucharist

12:45 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.  Deputy Certification

12:45 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.  Legislative Chairs Lunch

2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.  Mission Conversation

4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.  Legislative Session

8:00 p.m.  Seminary Dinners

Sunday, July 12, 2009 – Fifth Legislative Day

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  UTO Ingathering and Eucharist

12:45 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.  Deputy Certification

3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.  Legislative Session

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.  Bishop Dinner
Monday, July 13, 2009 – Sixth Legislative Day

8:00 p.m. ECW Event
7:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. Deputy Certification
7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Legislative Committees
9:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. Legislative Session
11:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. Community Eucharist
12:45 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Deputy Certification
2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Legislative Session
8:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. Mission Conversation

Tuesday, July 14, 2009 – Seventh Legislative Day

7:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. Deputy Certification
7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Legislative Committees
9:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. Legislative Session
11:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. Community Eucharist
12:45 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Deputy Certification
2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Legislative Session
5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Provincial Caucuses
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Suggested Time for Provincial Gatherings

Wednesday, July 15, 2009 – Eighth Legislative Day

7:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. Deputy Certification
7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Legislative Committees
9:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. Legislative Session
11:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. Community Eucharist
12:45 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Deputy Certification
2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Legislative Session
2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Joint Session: Program, Budget and Finance
6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. Suggested Time for Diocese of Los Angeles Event

Thursday, July 16, 2009 – Ninth Legislative Day

7:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. Deputy Certification
7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Legislative Committees
9:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. Legislative Session
11:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. Community Eucharist
12:45 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Deputy Certification
2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Legislative Session
8:00 p.m. Reserved for Legislative Session

Friday, July 17, 2009 – Tenth Legislative Day

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Deputy Certification
9:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. Legislative Session
11:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. Closing Eucharist
12:45 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Deputy Certification
2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Legislative Session
6:00 p.m. Joint Adjournment – Sine Die
Messages from the House of Deputies
The Secretary announced that the following messages had been received from the House of Deputies.

- **HD Message #1**: Replaced by Message #22.
- **HD Message #2**: Replaced by Message #25.
- **HD Message #3**: Replaced by Message #6.
- **HD Message #4**: E003 (Appointments of Members of the Board of Archives) Adopted.

Social and Urban Affairs
The House of Bishops Committee on Social and Urban Affairs presented its Report #1 on Resolution A077 (Episcopal Health Ministries) and moved adoption with amendment.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(A077)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 76th General Convention urges the congregations of The Episcopal Church, which have not already done so, to explore and implement health ministry as an organizing concept or vital component of outreach and pastoral care of the congregations by 2012; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention selects the Sunday closest to St. Luke’s Day (October 18) to be observed annually as Health Ministry Sunday for the recognition of health professionals in the congregation; for consideration of health systems upon the lives of the congregation’s members; for study of the abundant biblical references to health and healing; and for expansion of understanding about health to include body, mind and spirit.

**Committee Amendment:**

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 76th General Convention urges the congregations of The Episcopal Church, which have not already done so, to explore and implement health ministry as an organizing concept or vital component of outreach and pastoral care of the congregations by 2012; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention selects the Sunday closest to St. Luke’s Day (October 18) to be observed annually as Health Ministry Sunday for the recognition of health professionals in the congregation; for consideration of health systems upon the lives of the congregation’s members; for study of the abundant biblical references to health and healing; and for expansion of understanding about health to include body, mind and spirit. That the General Convention encourages congregations to raise awareness of health ministries and promote the understanding that health includes body, mind and spirit.

Motion carried

Resolution adopted with amendment

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #3)
Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music

The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music presented its Report #1 on Resolution A095 (Approve Liturgical Calendar Commemorations) and moved adoption.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(A095)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the commemorations of Harriet Bedell, James Theodore Holly, Oscar Romero and The Martyrs of El Salvador, Tikhon, Vida Dutton Scudder, and Frances Joseph Gaudet, proposed by the 75th General Convention and approved for trial use (Resolution 2006-A063), be now finally approved and entered in the Calendar of the Church Year (BCP, p. 15-30) and in future revisions of *Holy Women, Holy Men: Celebrating the Saints.*

**Motion carried**

**Resolution adopted**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #4)

Church Pension Fund

The House of Bishops Committee on Church Pension Fund presented its Report #1 on Resolution A137 (Continuation of the Task Force to Study Employment Policies and Practices in The Episcopal Church) and moved adoption with amendment.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(A137)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the Task Force to Study Employment Policies and Practices in The Episcopal Church be continued for the 2010-2012 Triennium. Its work would include the following: a) further study be undertaken on how to appropriately treat Episcopal schools and institutions that are affiliated with an Episcopal congregation or diocese, but are an independent 501 I (3) organization; b) monitor (in conjunction with the Church Pension Group) the implementation of the canon on lay pensions; c) further study the unique contexts of the overseas Episcopal dioceses in light of the canon on lay pension; and d) consider any recommendations to the 77th General convention; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to allocate $15,000 for the work of the Task Force in the Triennium.

**Committee Amendment:**

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the Task Force to Study Employment Policies and Practices in The Episcopal Church be continued for the 2010-2012 Triennium. Its work would include the following: a) further study be undertaken on how to appropriately treat Episcopal schools and institutions that are affiliated with an Episcopal congregation or diocese, but are an independent 501 I (3) organization; b) monitor (in conjunction with the Church Pension Group) the implementation of the canon on lay pensions; c) further study the unique contexts of the overseas Episcopal dioceses in light of the canon on lay pension; and d) consider any recommendations to the 77th General convention; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to allocate $15,000 for the work of the Task Force in the Triennium.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #5)

Stewardship and Development
The House of Bishops Committee on Stewardship and Development presented its Report #1 on Resolution A081 (Accommodation for People with Disabilities) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A081)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That reasonable accommodations, such as sign language interpreters, motorized scooters or similar adaptive equipment, be made available and financed by The Episcopal Church, dioceses or parishes sending staff members or volunteers who are disabled to conferences or meetings on behalf of the Church.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That The Episcopal Church dioceses or parishes make those reasonable accommodations, such as sign language interpreters, motorized scooters or similar adaptive equipment, be made available and financed by The Episcopal Church, dioceses or parishes sending members or volunteers who are disabled to conferences or meetings on behalf of the Church.

The Bishop of Minnesota moved an amendment.

Proposed Amendment:
Replace the word “parishes” with the word “congregations.”

Motion carried
Amendment adopted

A vote was taken on Resolution A081 as amended.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #6)

The House of Bishops Committee on Stewardship and Development presented its Report #2 on Resolution A049 (Task Force to Empower Data Sharing in The Episcopal Church) and moved that the Committee be discharged as this data sharing is already occurring.

Motion carried
Committee discharged
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #7)
The House of Bishops Committee on Stewardship and Development presented its Report #3 on Resolution A069 (Funding Mission Funding Office) and moved adoption.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(A069)  
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 76th General Convention fully fund Mission Funding Initiative to raise $250,000,000 over the next six years; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $5,000,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

**Motion carried**  
Resolution adopted

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #8)

*[Editor’s Note: The House of Bishops moved to reconsider Resolution A069 on the Fourth Legislative Day.]*

The House of Bishops Committee on Stewardship and Development presented its Report #4 on Resolution A114 (Funding Mission Funding Office) and moved that the Committee be discharged.

**Motion carried**  
Committee discharged

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #9)

**Ecumenical Relations**

The House of Bishops Committee on Ecumenical Relations presented its Report #1 on Resolution A076 (Establish Dialogue with the Church in Sweden) and moved adoption with amendment.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(A076)  
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 76th General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations to begin a dialogue with the appropriate ecumenical offices of the Church of Sweden, the ultimate goal of which is to reach a relationship of full communion between The Episcopal Church and the Church of Sweden; and be it further

Resolved, That the Standing Commission do so in consultation with the Inter-Anglican Standing Commission on Ecumenical Relations.

**Committee Amendment:**

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 76th General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations to begin a dialogue with the appropriate ecumenical offices of the Church of Sweden, the ultimate goal of which is to reach a relationship of full communion between The Episcopal Church and the Church of Sweden; and be it further
Resolved, That the Standing Commission do so in consultation with the Inter-Anglican Standing Commission on Ecumenical Relations, Standing Inter-Anglican Commission on Unity, Faith and Order.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #10)

The House of Bishops Committee on Ecumenical Relations presented its Report #2 on Resolution A075 (Approve Presbyterian-Episcopal Agreement) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A075)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 76th General Convention adopt the following Agreement between The Episcopal Church and the Presbyterian Church (USA), which has been approved by the 2008 General Assembly of the PCUSA, and commend it to dioceses and congregations; and be it further
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention authorize a second round of dialogue to address the issues specified in this Agreement and report to the 77th General Convention on its progress.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 76th General Convention adopt the Agreement Between The Episcopal Church and the Presbyterian Church (USA) following Agreement between The Episcopal Church and the Presbyterian Church (USA), which has been approved by the 2008 General Assembly of the PCUSA, and commend it to dioceses and congregations; and be it further
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention authorize a second round of dialogue to address the issues specified in this Agreement and report to the 77th General Convention on its progress.

The Bishop Suffragan of New York moved an amendment.

Proposed Amendment:
In the first resolve clause, replace the word “adopt” with the word “receive.”

Motion carried
Amendment adopted

A vote was taken on Resolution A075 as amended.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #11)
Rules of Order

Motion carried
Report adopted

RECESS

Following announcements by the Secretary, the House of Bishops Committee on Dispatch of Business moved that the House stand in recess until 4:30 p.m. on the Second Legislative Day.

The House recessed at 5:32 p.m. with prayers led by Chaplain Wade.
Appendix A
Day One

Make-Up of the House of Bishops

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* 1 Diocesan Bishop and 1 Suffragan Bishop also serve as Provisional Bishops reducing the total membership from 281 to 279.

Note: A quorum is defined by Article 1, Section 2 of the Constitution as “a majority of all bishops entitled to vote (273), exclusive of bishops who have resigned their jurisdictions or positions (147).” Thus the present quorum is 67.
Appendix B
Day One

House of Bishops Legislative Committees

01 Dispatch of Business
Wright, The Rt. Rev. Wayne P., Chair (Delaware, III)
Daniel III, The Rt. Rev. Clifton (East Carolina, IV)
Johnson, The Rt. Rev. Don E. (West Tennessee, IV)
Price Jr., The Rt. Rev. Kenneth L. (Southern Ohio, V)

02 Certification of Minutes
Johnson, The Rt. Rev. Don E., Chair (West Tennessee, IV)

03 Rules of Order
Price Jr., The Rt. Rev. Kenneth L., Chair (Southern Ohio, V)
Garrison, The Rt. Rev. J. Michael (Western New York, II)
Wright, The Rt. Rev. Wayne P. (Delaware, III)

04 Constitution
Powell, The Rt. Rev. F. Neff, Chair (Southwestern Virginia, III)
Doyle, The Rt. Rev. C. Andrew (Texas, VII)
Robertson, The Rt. Rev. Creighton L. (South Dakota, VI)
Sauls, The Rt. Rev. Stacy F. (Lexington, IV)

05 Canons
Waynick, The Rt. Rev. Catherine M., Chair (Indianapolis, V)
Gregg, The Rt. Rev. William O. (North Carolina, IV)
Henderson Jr., The Rt. Rev. Dorsey F. (Upper South Carolina, IV)
Ohl Jr., The Rt. Rev. Wallis (Northwest Texas, VII)

06 Structure
Curry, The Rt. Rev. James Elliot, Chair (Connecticut, I)
Gibbs Jr., The Rt. Rev. Wendell N. (Michigan, V)
Robinson, The Rt. Rev. V. Gene (New Hampshire, I)

07 Consecration of Bishops
Alexander, The Rt. Rev. J. Neil, Chair (Atlanta, IV)
Beisner, The Rt. Rev. Barry L. (Northern California, VIII)
Bruno, The Rt. Rev. J. Jon (Los Angeles, VIII)
Jacobus, The Rt. Rev. Russell E. (Fon Du Lac, V)
MacPherson, The Rt. Rev. D. Bruce (Western Louisiana, VII)
Price Jr., The Rt. Rev. Kenneth L. (Southern Ohio, V)

08 **World Mission**
Duracín, The Rt. Rev. Jean Zache (Haiti, II)
Frade, The Rt. Rev. Leopold (Southeast Florida, IV)
Harrison, The Rt. Rev. Dena (Texas, VII)
Skilton, The Rt. Rev. William J. (Dominican Republic, IX)
Taylor, The Rt. Rev. E. Don (New York, II)

09 **National and International Concerns**
Andrus, The Rt. Rev. Marc Handy (California, VIII)
Jelinek, The Rt. Rev. James L. (Minnesota, VI)
Shaw III, SSJE, The Rt. Rev. Thomas (Massachusetts, I)

10 **Social and Urban Affairs**
Rivera, The Rt. Rev. Bavi E., *Chair* (Olympia, VIII)
Beckwith, The Rt. Rev. Mark M. (Newark, II)
Cederholm Jr., the Rt. Rev. Roy Frederick (Massachusetts, I)

11 **Church in Small Communities**
Ely, The Rt. Rev. Thomas Clark, *Chair* (Vermont, I)
Gumbs, The Rt. Rev. E. Ambrose (Virgin Islands, II)
Lambert, The Rt. Rev. Paul (Dallas, VII)
Smith, The Rt. Rev. Michael Gene (North Dakota, VI)

12 **Evangelism**
Jones, The Rt. Rev. David C., *Chair* (Virginia, III)
Brookhart Jr., The Rt. Rev. C. Franklin (Montana, VI)
Burnett, The Rt. Rev. Dr. Joe G. (Nebraska, VI)
Curry, The Rt. Rev. Michael Bruce (North Carolina, IV)
Holguín, The Rt. Rev. Julio Cesar (Dominican Republic, IX)
Reed, The Rt. Rev. David M. (West Texas, VII)

13 **Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music**
Smith, The Rt. Rev. George Wayne, *Chair* (Missouri, V)
Johnston, The Rt. Rev. Shannon S. (Virginia, III)
Marshall, The Rt. Rev. Paul V. (Bethlehem, III)
Parsley Jr., The Rt. Rev. Henry Nutt (Alabama, IV)
Sloan, The Rt. Rev. John McKee (Alabama, IV)

14 Ministry
Howe, The Rt. Rev. Barry R., Chair (West Missouri, VII)
Gray-Reeves, The Rt. Rev. Mary (El Camino Real, VIII)
Lane, The Rt. Rev. Stephen T. (Maine, I)
Little II, The Rt. Rev. Edward S. (Northern Indiana, V)
Ousley, The Rt. Rev. S. Todd (Eastern Michigan, V)
Thom, The Rt. Rev. Brian James (Idaho, VIII)

15 Education
Rabb, The Rt. Rev. John L., Chair (Maryland, III)
Bauerschmidt, The Rt. Rev. John C. (Tennessee, IV)
Breidenthal, The Rt. Rev. Thomas E. (Southern Ohio, V)
Irish, The Rt. Rev. Carolyn T. (Utah, VIII)
Taylor, The Rt. Rev. G. Porter (Western North Carolina, IV)

16 Church Pension Fund
Harris, The Rt. Rev. Gayle E., Chair (Massachusetts, I)
Duque, The Rt. Rev. Francisco (Columbia, IX)
High Jr., The Rt. Rev. Rayford B. (Texas, VII)
Howard, The Rt. Rev. S. Johnson (Florida, IV)
Konieczny, The Rt. Rev. Edward J. (Oklahoma, VII)

17 Stewardship and Development
Shand, The Rt. Rev. James J., Chair (Easton, III)
Alvarez, The Rt. Rev. David (Puerto Rico, IX)
Lawrence, The Rt. Rev. Mark J. (South Carolina, IV)
Mathes, The Rt. Rev. James R. (San Diego, VIII)

18 Ecumenical Relations
Gulick Jr., The Rt. Rev. Edwin F., Chair (Kentucky, IV)
Duncan II, The Rt. Rev. Philip M. (Central Gulf Coast, IV)
Scruton, The Rt. Rev. Gordon Paul (Western Massachusetts, I)
Whalon, The Rt. Rev. Pierre Welte (Churches in Europe, II)
19 Communications
Smith, The Rt. Rev. Kirk Stevan, Chair (Arizona, VIII)
Sutton, The Rt. Rev. Eugene T. (Maryland, III)

21 Privilege and Courtesy
Scantlebury, The Rt. Rev. Victor A., Chair (Chicago, V)
Carranza-Gomez, The Rt. Rev. Sergio (Los Angeles, VIII)
Gray-Reeves, The Rt. Rev. Mary (El Camino Real, VIII)
Lamb, The Rt. Rev. Jerry A. (San Joaquin, VIII)
Ramos-Orench, The Rt. Rev. Wilfrido (Ecuador, IX)
Smith, The Rt. Rev. Dabney T. (Southwest Florida, IV)
Wolfe, The Rt. Rev. Dean E. (Kansas, VII)

25 Program, Budget and Finance
Smith, The Rt. Rev. Andrew D., Vice-Chair (Connecticut, I)
Allen, The Rt. Rev. Lloyd Emmanuel (Honduras, IX)
Hollingsworth Jr., The Rt. Rev. Mark (Ohio, V)
Klusmeyer, The Rt. Rev. William Michie (West Virginia, III)
Scarfe, The Rt. Rev. Alan (Iowa, VI)
Waggoner Jr., The Rt. Rev. Andrew D. (Spokane, VIII)
Whitmore, The Rt. Rev. Keith B. (Atlanta, IV)
Wolfe, The Rt. Rev. Dean E. (Kansas, VII)
SECOND DAY

Thursday
July 9, 2009

AFTERNOON SESSION

Reconvene
The House reconvened at 5:05 p.m. with the Presiding Bishop in the Chair.

Agenda of the Day
The House of Bishops Committee on Dispatch of Business moved to adopt the agenda of the day.

Motion carried
Agenda adopted

Previous Day’s Minutes
The House of Bishops Committee on Dispatch of Business moved to dispense with the reading of the previous day’s minutes.

Motion carried

Consent Calendar
The Consent Calendar was presented to be voted on the Third Legislative Day.

Messages from the House of Deputies
The Secretary announced that the following messages had been received from the House of Deputies.

| HD Message #5: | E004 (Confirm Appointments to Board for Church Deployment) Adopted. |
| HD Message #7: | X001 (Special Order for Election of Trustees of Church Pension Fund) Adopted. |
| HD Message #8: | X002 (Special Order for Election of President and Vice-President of House of Deputies) Adopted. |
| HD Message #9: | X003 (Special Order for Election of Members of Trial Court of a Bishop) Adopted. |
| HD Message #10: | X005 (Special Order for Committee of the Whole) Adopted with amendment. |
ANAHEIM MEETING


HD Message #14: C081 (Consent to the Election of the Rev. Lawrence Provenzano as Bishop Coadjutor of the Diocese of Long Island) Adopted.

HD Message #15: A182 (Continue Forward Movement) Adopted.

HD Message #16: A161 (AIDS Education and Resources) Adopted with amendment.

HD Message #17: D052 (Mission Budget Priorities) Adopted.

HD Message #18: A084 (Continued Development of Province IX Curriculum Project) Adopted.

HD Message #19: B003 (Camping Ministries) Adopted.

HD Message #20: A086 (Continued Development and Maintenance of the Theological Education for All (TEforALL) Web Site, Internet and Electronic Resources) Adopted with amendment.

HD Message #21: D027 (Five Marks of Mission) Adopted with amendment.

HD Message #22: E001 (Secretary of General Convention) Adopted.

HOUSE OF BISHOPS

Official Acts of the Presiding Bishop
The Presiding Bishop addressed the House regarding her Official Acts during the triennium. [Editor’s Note: See Appendix C for details.]

The Presiding Bishop yielded the chair to the Vice-Chair.

Special Order of Business
Balloting commenced at 5:15 p.m. for the elections of Bishops on the Executive Council; Bishops, Lay, Clergy and Faculty for the General Board of Examining Chaplains and Bishops for the General Theological Seminary Board.

Dispatch of Business
The House of Bishops Committee on Dispatch of Business presented its Report #13 on House of Deputies Message #22, informing the House of the Election of the Rev. Dr. Gregory Straub as the Secretary of General Convention, and moved concurrence.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #12)

Ministry
The Committee on Ministry presented its Report #3 on Resolution A008 (Program for Formation for Newly Elected Bishops) and moved adoption with amendment.
Original Text of Resolution:
(A008)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 76th General Convention be charged with funding the canonically required and House of Bishops approved program of formation for newly-elected bishops entitled, Living Our Vows: A Peer Coaching and Residential Program, effective January 1, 2010.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 76th General Convention be charged with funding fully fund, at $367,500, the canonically required and House of Bishops approved program of formation for newly-elected bishops entitled, Living Our Vows: A Peer Coaching and Residential Program, effective January 1, 2010.

The Bishop of Connecticut moved an amendment.

Proposed Amendment:
Replace the words “fully fund, at” with the words “request the Joint Standing Committee of Program, Budget and Finance to consider.”

Motion carried
Amendment adopted

A vote was taken on Resolution A008 as amended.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #13)

Church Pension Fund
The House of Bishops Committee on Church Pension Fund presented its Report #2 on Resolution A165 (Women and Money) and moved that the Committee be discharged as such a fund already exists.

Motion carried
Committee discharged
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #14)

Stewardship and Development
The Committee on Stewardship and Development presented its Report #5 on Resolution D019 (Recommit to MDG’s as a Mission Priority) and moved to adopt with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(D019)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 76th General Convention commends the leadership of The Episcopal Church at the local, diocesan and national levels for working towards the meeting of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs)
as an expression of our faithfulness to God’s mission of global reconciliation; and be it further
Resolved, That this Convention extend its appreciation to the individuals, parishes and dioceses who, in response to General Convention Resolutions 2003-D066 and 2006-D022, have contributed 0.7% of their annual budgets to international development programs as a sign of our participation in the MDG’s; and be it further
Resolved, That this Convention celebrates the successful raising of three million dollars for international development through the Millennium Inspiration Fund led by Episcopal Relief and Development and partially funded through 0.7% line item budget for the triennium 2007-2009; and be it further
Resolved, That the Convention reaffirm its commitment to the Millennium Development Goals as a primary mission priority through 2015; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance, to include in the 2010-2012 Budget for The Episcopal Church a budget line item of no less than an additional 1% (reflecting a “cost of giving” increase from 0.7% to1%) of the non-government revenue of The Episcopal Church to support the Millennium Development Goals; and be it further
Resolved, That the funds from the 1% line item be used to support a Nets for Life Inspiration Fund with a goal of five million dollars for the triennium 2010-2012 to be led and administered by Episcopal Relief and Development.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 76th General Convention commends the leadership of The Episcopal Church at the local, diocesan and national levels for working towards the meeting of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) as an expression of our faithfulness to God’s mission of global reconciliation; and be it further
Resolved, That this Convention extend its appreciation to the individuals, parishes and dioceses who, in response to General Convention Resolutions 2003-D066 and 2006-D022, have contributed 0.7% of their annual budgets to international development programs as a sign of our participation in the MDG’s; and be it further
Resolved, That this Convention celebrates the successful raising of three million dollars for international development through the Millennium Inspiration Fund led by Episcopal Relief and Development and partially funded through 0.7% line item budget for the triennium 2007-2009; and be it further
Resolved, That the Convention reaffirm its commitment to the Millennium Development Goals as a primary mission priority through 2015; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance, to include in the 2010-2012 Budget for The Episcopal Church a budget line item of no less than an additional 1% (reflecting a “cost of giving” increase from 0.7% to1%) of the non-government revenue of The Episcopal Church to support the Millennium Development Goals. The increase from 0.7% to 1% will be a visible and prophetic act of leadership in fighting global poverty; and be it further
Resolved, That the funds from the 1% line item be used to support a Nets for Life Inspiration Fund with a goal of five million dollars for the triennium 2010-2012 to be led and administered by Episcopal Relief and Development.
The Bishop of Ohio moved an amendment.

**Proposed Amendment:**
In the fifth resolve clause, replace the words “The increase” with the word “Increasing.”

*Motion carried*
*Amendment adopted*

The Bishop of California moved an amendment.

**Proposed Amendment:**
In the final resolve clause, delete the words “used to support a Nets for Life Inspiration Fund” and replace with “apportioned between Episcopal Relief and Development’s Nets for Life Inspirational Fund and program areas of The Episcopal Church that promote advocacy within the U.S. government for full U.S. funding of the Millennium Development Goals.”

*Motion defeated*
*Amendment defeated*

A vote was taken on Resolution D019 as amended.

*Motion carried*
*Resolution adopted with amendment*
*(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #15)*

**Ecumenical Relations**
The House of Bishops Committee on Ecumenical Relations presented its Report #3 on Resolution D016 (Ecumenical Shared Ministries) and moved adoption of a substitute.

**Original Text of Resolution:**
(D016)
*Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 76th General Convention charge the Standing Commission on Ecumenical Relations to study the merits of having a canon which addresses the matter of ecumenical shared ministries, resolving such questions as the appropriate jurisdictional level for such regulations within the structure of The Episcopal Church and opportunities for ecumenical sharing including with denominations with which we do not yet have full Eucharistic sharing. If such a canon is deemed appropriate, this Convention does charge the Standing Commission on Ecumenical Relations to develop said canon to be considered by the 77th General Convention.*

**Committee Substitute:**
*Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 76th General Convention charge the Standing Commission on Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations to develop a canon or policy guidelines regarding local ecumenical shared ministries.*

*Motion carried*
*Substitute resolution adopted*
*(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #16)*
Social and Urban Affairs
The House of Bishops Committee on Social and Urban Affairs presented its Report #2 on Resolution C051 (Wounded Soldiers and Veterans) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(C051)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 76th General Convention encourage its clergy, members, congregations and agencies to:

A. Educate themselves about the health-care and economic needs of our nation’s military personnel and veterans who have been wounded, physically or emotionally, in the current wars in Afghanistan, Iraq, or in other wars, past or future.
B. Call on our nation’s Veterans Administration Medical System and the U.S. Government to continue to give the best possible care to our veterans and to shorten the time required for our soldiers to receive approval for medical care and other benefits, which they have earned through their military service.
C. Take direct action to improve the lives of wounded soldiers in their communities and, when asked, to advocate on their behalf with government agencies.
D. Seek to build caring pastoral relationships with wounded soldiers in their families, congregations, communities or local hospitals.
E. Establish, build and support an Episcopal Veterans Fellowship for our diocese and for the whole Church.
F. Encourage local congregations to establish an annual healing service for wounded military personnel, veterans and others.
G. Take action in the cause of local and global peace efforts.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 76th General Convention encourage its clergy, members, congregations and agencies to:

A. Educate themselves about the health-care and economic needs of our nation’s military personnel and veterans who have been wounded, physically or emotionally, in the current wars in Afghanistan, Iraq, or in other wars, past or future.
B. Call on our nation’s Veterans Administration Medical System and the U.S. Government to continue to give the best possible care to our veterans, and to shorten the time required for our soldiers to receive approval for medical care and other benefits, which they have earned through their military service.
C. Take direct action to improve the lives of wounded soldiers in their communities and, when asked, to advocate on their behalf with government agencies.
D. Seek to build caring pastoral relationships with wounded soldiers in their families, congregations, communities or local hospitals.
E. Establish, build and support an Episcopal Veterans Fellowship for our diocese and for the whole Church.
F. Encourage the establishment of an Episcopal Veterans Fellowship for each diocese.
F. Encourage local congregations to establish an annual healing service for wounded military personnel, veterans and others.

G. Take action in the cause of local and global peace efforts.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #17)

Church in Small Communities
The House of Bishops Committee on Church in Small Communities presented its Report #2 on Resolution A113 (Strengthening Small Congregations) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A113)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the Standing Commission for Small Congregations raise awareness of and publish information about innovative ministry models for small congregations currently evolving and being developed in small congregations and dioceses; and be it further

Resolved, That the Standing Commission for Small Congregations collaborate with other CCABs, networks and organizations throughout the Church (such as Living Stones, Domestic Missionary Partnership, Ministry Developer's Collaborative, Native American and other ethnic specific ministries, Episcopal Appalachian Ministries, Rural Ministry Network, Center for Baptismal Living, Church Deployment Office) around issues and concerns related to the strengthening of small congregations; and be it further

Resolved, That the Standing Commission for Small Congregations continue strategic discussions with the Church Pension Fund regarding compensation and benefit issues for participating ordained and non-ordained persons serving small congregations; and be it further

Resolved, That the Standing Commission for Small Congregations be an active participant in current and future conversations throughout the Church related to Seminary education and other vehicles of life-long Christian Formation for ordained and non-ordained leaders serving small congregations; and be it further

Resolved, That the Standing Commission for Small Congregations plan with the General Convention Office opportunities to celebrate the life and ministry of small congregations at the 77th General Convention.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the Standing Commission for Small Congregations in partnership with the office of Congregational Vitality raise awareness of and publish information about effective innovative ministry practices models for small congregations currently evolving and being developed in small congregations and dioceses; and be it further

Resolved, That the Standing Commission for Small Congregations collaborate with other CCABs, networks and organizations throughout the Church (such as Living Stones, Domestic Missionary Partnership, Ministry Developer's Collaborative, Native American and other ethnic specific ministries, Episcopal Appalachian Ministries, Rural Ministry
Network, Center for Baptismal Living, Church Deployment Office) around issues and concerns related to the strengthening of small congregations; and be it further
Resolved, That the Standing Commission for Small Congregations continue strategic discussions with the Church Pension Fund regarding compensation and benefit issues for participating ordained and non-ordained persons serving small congregations; and be it further
Resolved, That the Standing Commission for Small Congregations be an active participant in current and future conversations throughout the Church related to Seminary education and other vehicles of life-long Christian Formation for ordained and non-ordained leaders serving small congregations; and be it further
Resolved, That the Standing Commission for Small Congregations plan with the General Convention Office to make the mission, ministry and vitality of small congregations a major emphasis of the 77th General Convention.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #18)

Special Order of Business
Bishop Robert Johnson moved to reconsider Resolution A069 (Funding Mission Funding Office).

Motion carried

The Bishop of Minnesota moved to postpone the reconsideration of Resolution A069 (Funding Mission Funding Office) until the Fourth Legislative Day.

Motion carried
Resolution reconsidered
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #19)

Introduction of Visiting Bishops
The Bishop for Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations announced that the Rt. Rev. Hopeton Clennon, of the Moravian Church, was present in the House.

Prayers
Prayers were led by Chaplain Br. Geoffrey.

RECESS

Following announcements by the Secretary, the House of Bishops Committee on Dispatch of Business moved that the House stand in recess until 9:30 a.m. on the Third Legislative Day.

Motion carried

The House recessed at 6:03 p.m.
Appendix C  
Day Two  

Official Acts of the Presiding Bishop  

Consecrations  
Larry R. Benfield, Bishop of Arkansas  
   January 6, 2007  
Mark M. Beckwith, Bishop of Newark  
   January 27, 2007  
Robert L. Fitzpatrick, Bishop of Hawaii  
   March 10, 2007  
Thomas E. Breidenthal, Bishop of Southern Ohio  
   April 28, 2007  
Shannon S. Johnston, Bishop Coadjutor of Virginia  
   May 26, 2007  
Laura J. Ahrens, Bishop Suffragan of Connecticut  
   June 30, 2007  
Sean Rowe, Bishop of Northwestern Pennsylvania  
   September 8, 2007  
Edward Joseph Konieczny, Bishop of Oklahoma  
   September 15, 2007  
Mary Gray-Reeves, Bishop of El Camino Real  
   November 10, 2007  
Dan T. Edwards, Bishop of Nevada  
   January 5, 2008  
John McKee Sloan, Bishop Suffragan of Alabama  
   January 12, 2008  
Jeffrey D. Lee, Bishop of Chicago  
   February 2, 2008  
Stephen T. Lane, Bishop of Maine  
   September 13, 2008  
Prince Grenville Singh, Bishop of Rochester  
   May 31, 2008  
Eugene Taylor Sutton, Bishop of Maryland  
   June 28, 2008  
Brian Thom, Bishop of Idaho  
   October 11, 2008  
C. Andrew Doyle, Bishop Coadjutor of Texas  
   November 22, 2008  
Herman Hollorith IV, Bishop-Elect of Southern Virginia  
   February 13, 2009  
J. Scott Mayer, Bishop-Elect of Northwest Texas  
   March 16, 2009
Order Taken for Consecrations
John C. Bauerschmidt, Bishop of Tennessee
January 27, 2007
Dabney T. Smith, Bishop of Southwest Florida
September 15, 2007
Gregory H. Rickel, Bishop of Olympia
September 15, 2007
Mark Joseph Lawrence, Bishop of South Carolina
January 26, 2008
Paul Emil Lambert, Bishop Suffragan of Dallas
July 12, 2008

Reorganizing Conventions
Diocese of San Joaquin
March 2008
Diocese of Fort Worth
February 2009
Diocese of Quincy
April 2009
Visit to Diocese of Pittsburgh
November 2008

House of Bishops Meetings
March 2007
September 2007
March 2008
September 2008
March 2009

Anglican Communion
Visit to Archbishop of Canterbury, October 2006
Primates meetings, February 2007; February 2009
Lambeth Conference, July-August 2008
Joint Standing Committee, February-March 2008; November 2008; April 2009
Anglican Consultative Council, May 2009
TEAM Conference, March 2007
Installation of Canadian Primate, June 2007
Province of Brazil, July 2007
South Korea (and North), November 2007
Jerusalem, March 2008
Philippines, June 2008
Hong Kong, June 2008
Salisbury, July 2008
Costa Rica (IARCA), February 2009
Jamaica, West Indies, May 2009

Other Church Bodies
China Christian Council, November 2007
Church of Sweden, September 2008

Executive Council Meetings
Chicago, IL
November 2006
Visitation to Dioceses
Visited 83
Not Visited 29

Diocese of Cuba
January-February 2007
February 2008
June 2008
January 2009 (Miami meeting of Metropolitan Council)

Disciplinary Actions
Inhibited
Charles E. Bennison, Jr., Bishop of Pennsylvania, October 31, 2007
John-David Schofield, Bishop of San Joaquin, January 11, 2008
Jack Iker, Bishop of Fort Worth, November 21, 2008

Deposed
John-David Schofield, Bishop of San Joaquin, March 12, 2008
William J. Cox, Resigned Bishop of Maryland, March 12, 2008
Robert W. Duncan, Bishop of Pittsburgh, September 19, 2008

Renunciations Accepted
Daniel Herzog, Resigned Bishop of Albany, September 6, 2007
Clarence Pope, Resigned Bishop of Forth Worth, September 12, 2007
John B. Lipscomb, Resigned Bishop of Southwest Florida, December 18, 2007
Jeffrey N. Steenson, Resigned Bishop of Rio Grande, January 14, 2008
David Bena, Resigned Bishop of Albany, January 23, 2008
Andrew H. Fairfield, Resigned Bishop of North Dakota, January 23, 2008
Howard S. Meeks, Resigned Bishop of Western Michigan, January 23, 2008
Terence Kelshaw, Resigned Bishop of Rio Grande, January 14, 2008
Jack Iker, Bishop of Forth Worth, December 5, 2008
William C. Wantland, Resigned Diocesan of Eau Claire, January 15, 2009
Henry Scriven, Assistant Bishop of Pittsburgh, January 15, 2009
Edward MacBurney, Resigned Bishop of Quincy, May 22, 2009

Restored
Charles I. Jones, Resigned Bishop of Montana, July 30, 2007
Prayers
Chaplain Br. Geoffrey led the House in prayer.

Reconvene
The House reconvened at 9:39 a.m. with the Presiding Bishop in the Chair.

Introduction of Visiting Bishops
The Presiding Bishop announced the arrival of former Presiding Bishops, the Most Rev. Edmond Browning and the Most Rev. Frank Griswold. The House saluted the former Presiding Bishops.

Previous Day’s Minutes
The House of Bishops Committee on Dispatch of Business moved to dispense with the reading of the previous day’s minutes.

Motion carried

Messages from the House of Deputies
The Secretary announced that the following messages had been received from the House of Deputies:

- **HD Message #22**: E001 (Secretary of General Convention) Adopted.
- **HD Message #25**: E002 (Election of Treasurer of General Convention) Adopted.
- **HD Message #26**: A012 (Amend HDRO 12 (d)) Adopted.
- **HD Message #27**: A013 (Amend HDRO 12(g) and 17) Adopted.
- **HD Message #28**: A014 (Amend HDRO 14) Adopted.
- **HD Message #29**: A015 (Amend HDRO 19(a)) Adopted.
- **HD Message #30**: A017 (Amend HDRO 27(c)(1) and 27(h)(1)) Adopted.
- **HD Message #31**: A018 (Amend HDRO 34 and 36) Adopted.
- **HD Message #32**: A019 (Amend HDRO 40(a)) Adopted.
- **HD Message #33**: A024 (Amend HDRO 58) Adopted.
- **HD Message #34**: A021 (Amend HDRO 45) Adopted.
- **HD Message #35**: A025 (Amend HDRO 60(a) and 60(b)) Adopted with amendment.
- **HD Message #36**: A022 (Amend HDRO 46) Adopted.
- **HD Message #37**: A027 (Amend HDRO 64) Adopted.
Appointments by the Presiding Bishop
The Presiding Bishop announced the following appointments:

Church Deployment Board
The Rt. Rev. Laura Ahrens, Bishop Suffragan of Connecticut (already appointed for 3 years to fill term of the Rt. Rev. Michael Smith, Bishop of North Dakota)
The Rt. Rev. Barry Beisner, Bishop of Northern California (to be appointed for 6 years)
The Rt. Rev. Prince Singh, Bishop of Rochester (to be appointed for 6 years)

Motion carried
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #62)

Board of Archives
The Rt. Rev. J. Neil Alexander, Bishop of Atlanta (to be reappointed for 3 years)
The Rt. Rev. David Alvarez, Bishop of Puerto Rico

Motion carried
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #61)

Nominations by the Presiding Bishop
The Presiding Bishop nominated the Rev. Dr. J. Robert Wright as Historiographer, Mr. Dennis Sullivan as Recorder of Ordinations and the Rev. Greg Howe as Custodian of Standard Book of Common Prayer.

A motion was made to confirm the nominations.

Motion carried
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #63)

Resignation of Bishops
The House of Bishops Committee on Resignation of Bishops presented its Report #7 on the resignation of the following bishops:
The Rt. Rev. Peter James Lee, Bishop of Virginia, October 1, 2009
The Rt. Rev. Dorsey F. Henderson, Jr., Bishop of Upper South Carolina, December 31, 2009
The Rt. Rev. Charles E. Jenkins, Bishop of Louisiana, January 7, 2010

Motion carried
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #64)
Special Order of Business
The Presiding Bishop introduced Robert Radtke of Episcopal Relief and Development. Mr. Radtke addressed the House.

Special Order of Business

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The Committee moved the resolution for the consent to the consecration of the Rev. John Tarrant, Bishop Coadjutor-elect of the Diocese of South Dakota and Ballot #1 was taken.

Ballot #1 taken

The Committee moved the resolution for the consent to the consecration of the Rev. Lawrence Provenzano, Bishop Coadjutor-elect of the Diocese of Long Island and Ballot #2 was taken.

Ballot #2 taken

A 10-minute recess at 10:15 a.m. was held to allow Bishops with jurisdiction to vote. The House resumed business at 10:26 a.m.

Special Order of Business
Former Presiding Bishop Browning addressed the House.

Former Presiding Bishop Griswold also addressed the House.

Consecration of Bishops
The Presiding Bishop read the results of Ballot #1 on the consent to the consecration of Bishop Coadjutor-elect John Tarrant of the Diocese of South Dakota. Of 103 bishops with jurisdiction, 99 have given consent.

The House consented
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #26)

The Presiding Bishop read the results of Ballot #2 on the consent to the consecration of Bishop Coadjutor-elect Lawrence Provenzano of the Diocese of Long Island. Of 103 bishops with jurisdiction, 99 have given consent.

The House consented
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #25)
Welcome of Newly-Elected Bishops
The House welcomed:
The Rt. Rev. John Tarrant as Bishop Coadjutor Elect of the Diocese of South Dakota
The Rt. Rev. Lawrence Provenzano as Bishop Coadjutor Elect of the Diocese of Long Island

Agenda of the Day
The House of Bishops Committee on Dispatch of Business moved to adopt the agenda of the day.

Motion carried
Agenda adopted

Nominations and Elections
The House of Bishops Committee on Nominations and Elections presented its Report #1 on the election of bishop members to Executive Council:
The Rt. Rev. Wendell N. Gibbs, Bishop of Michigan
The Rt. Rev. Mark Hollingsworth, Jr., Bishop of Ohio

Motion carried
Members elected
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #20)

The House of Bishops Committee on Nominations and Elections presented its Report #2 on bishops elected as Trustees of the General Theological Seminary:

Motion carried
Members elected
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #21)

The House of Bishops Committee on Nominations and Elections presented its Report #3 on the election of members to the General Board of Examining Chaplains:

Bishops
The Rt. Rev. Larry R. Benfield, Bishop of Arkansas
The Rt. Rev. Barry R. Howe, Bishop of Western Missouri
The Rt. Rev. Sean Rowe, Bishop of Northwestern Pennsylvania

Lay Persons
Br. Reginald-Martin Crenshaw, OHC
Mr. Donn F. Morgan
Ms. Kristine T. Utterback

Priests with Pastoral Cures or in Specialized Ministries
The Rev. Stephen E. Moore
The Rev. Elena Thompson
The Rev. Dr. Tanya Wallace
Members of Accredited Seminary Faculties or other Educational Institutions

The Rev. Luis Barrios
The Rev. Lloyd Alexander Lewis, Jr.
The Rev. Frederick W. Schmidt

Motion carried
Members elected

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #22)

Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music
The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music presented its Report #2 on Resolution A096 (Additional Calendar Commemorations) and moved to adopt with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A096)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 76th General Convention propose revised and additional commemorations in the Calendar of the Church Year, as set forth in the Calendar in Holy Women, Holy Men: Celebrating the Saints; found on page 266 of this Blue Book, and authorize trial use thereof for the triennium 2010-2012.

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 76th General Convention propose revised and additional commemorations in the Calendar of the Church Year, as set forth in the Calendar in Holy Women, Holy Men: Celebrating the Saints; found on pages 272-283 of this Blue Book, and authorize trial use thereof for the triennium 2010-2012; with the following corrections:

• Page 273, February 21: John Henry Newman: priest, not bishop
• Page 275, April 30, Sarah Josepha Buell Hale, not Josephine
• Page 278, July 14, Samson Occom: Occum (correct spelling)
• Page 278, July 30, Anthony Ashley Cooper; remove hyphen
• Page 282, November 24, Juan de la Cruz: delete
• Page 283, December 14: add Juan de la Cruz
• Page 283, December 14, Henry Budd: move to December 22 (date of his ordination);
and authorize trial use thereof for the triennium 2010-2012; and be it further

Resolved, That the 76th General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music and the Program Officer for Worship and Spirituality to develop and implement a plan for trial use that includes a proactive approach to soliciting intentional utilization and feedback by a variety of congregations throughout the Church, with a timeline that will permit the SCLM to prepare a report and proposed revisions for presentation to the 77th General Convention. Information to be sought shall include the suitability of persons proposed for commemoration, the wording of collects and the appropriateness of proposed passages from the Scriptures.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #23)
The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music presented its Report #3 on Resolution A097 (Authorize Trial Use of Commemorations) and moved to adopt with amendment.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(A097)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 76th General Convention authorize, for trial use until the 77th General Convention, propers for the revised and additional commemorations proposed by this Convention, as set forth in *Holy Women, Holy Men: Celebrating the Saints*; found on page 266 of this *Blue Book*.

**Committee Amendment:**

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 76th General Convention authorize, for trial use until the 77th General Convention, propers for the revised and additional commemorations proposed by this Convention, as set forth in *Holy Women, Holy Men: Celebrating the Saints*; found on pages 285-557 of this *Blue Book*, with the following revisions:

- Page 297, December 14, Henry Budd: move to December 22, date of his ordination
- Page 344, February 21: John Henry Newman: priest, not bishop
- Page 399, April 30, Sarah Josepha Buell Hale, not Josephine
- Page 447, July 14, Samson Occom: Occum (correct spelling)
- Page 460, July 30, Anthony Ashley Cooper; remove hyphen
- Page 465, August 3, W. E. B. DuBois: first sentence of each collect, replace “black folk” with “African Americans”
- Page 529, October 19, Henry Martyn: proposed Psalm 56:8-12
- Page 537, Richard Hooker: replace proposed collects with those appearing in Lesser Feasts and Fasts
- Page 554, November 24, Juan de la Cruz: move to December 14.

The Bishop of Minnesota moved an amendment.

**Proposed Amendment:**

Add a second resolve clause: “And be it further Resolved, That the Collects for the Propers for each day be printed in modern English and Spanish, deleting the language of Rite 1.”

The Bishop Suffragan of North Carolina moved to amend the amendment.

**Proposed Amendment:**

In the proposed second resolve clause, add the words “Shall provide all Collects in *Holy Women, Holy Men* in French.”

A vote was taken on the Bishop Suffragan of North Carolina amendment.

**Motion defeated**

**Amendment defeated**

The Bishop Suffragan of Olympia and Provisional Bishop of Eastern Oregon moved to amend the amendment.
Proposed Amendment:
In the proposed second resolve clause, add the words “That the Collects, lesson citations and biographies be printed in Rite 1, Rite 2 and Spanish.”

A vote was taken on the Bishop Suffragan of Olympia and Provisional Bishop of Eastern Oregon amendment.

Motion defeated
Amendment defeated

A vote was taken on the Bishop of Minnesota amendment.

Motion defeated
Amendment defeated

A vote was taken on Resolution A097 as amended.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #24)

RECESS

Following announcements by the Secretary, the House of Bishops Committee on Dispatch of Business moved that the House stand in recess until 2:00 p.m. on the Third Legislative Day.

Motion carried

AFTERNOON SESSION

Reconvene
The House reconvened at 2:33 p.m. with the Presiding Bishop in the Chair.

Special Order of Business
Bishop Robert Johnson, the Bishop of Michigan and the Bishop of Arizona entertained the House with the results of their friendly wagers on the Super Bowl and the Stanley Cup.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Ministry
The House of Bishops Committee on Ministry presented its Report #1 on Resolution A186 (Refer Impairment of Clergy Issue of Standing Commission on Ministry Development) and moved adoption.
Original Text of Resolution:
(A186)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 76th General Convention, having received the report and recommendations of the Title IV Task Force II regarding possible canonical amendments by which to address the needs and circumstances of Members of the Clergy who may be impaired by physical, mental or substance abuse-related causes, hereby refers this issue to the Standing Commission on Ministry Development for further study and recommendations to the 77th General Convention.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #27)

The House of Bishops Committee on Ministry presented its Report #2 on Resolution A150 (Endorsement for the Oklahoma Consultation for Leaders in Indigenous Ministry) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A150)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 76th General Convention endorses the collaboration between the Executive Council’s Committee on Indigenous Ministries and the Indigenous Theological Institute for 2010 Oklahoma Consultation for Leaders in Indigenous Ministry.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #28)

The Consent Calendar for the Third Legislative Day was laid on the table.

END OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR

Messages from the House of Deputies
The Secretary announced that the following messages had been received from the House of Deputies:

*HD Message #42:* E006 (Election of President of House of Deputies) Adopted.

*HD Message #43:* A026 (Amend HDRO 60) Adopted with amendment.

*HD Message #44:* A192 (Amend Canon I.4.3) Discharged for other reasons.

*HD Message #45:* A009 (Study the Process of Nominations and Election of the Presiding Bishop) Rejected.

*HD Message #46:* B001 (Amendment to the Parochial Report) Rejected.
Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music

The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music presented its Report #4 on Resolution A098 (Holy Women, Holy Men Revision Principles) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A098)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the “Guidelines and Procedures for Continuing Alteration of the Calendar of The Episcopal Church,” as set forth in Holy Women, Holy Men: Celebrating the Saints; found on page 266 of this Blue Book, be approved by the 76th General Convention and published in Holy Women, Holy Men: Celebrating the Saints.

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the “Guidelines and Procedures for Continuing Alteration of the Calendar of The Episcopal Church,” as set forth in Holy Women, Holy Men: Celebrating the Saints; found on page 266 pages 558-562 of this Blue Book, be approved by the 76th General Convention and published in Holy Women, Holy Men: Celebrating the Saints: with the following revision:

On page 558, revise “Principles of Revision” to replace existing paragraph 3 with the following:

3. Significance: Those commemorated should have been in their lifetime extraordinary, even heroic servants of God and God’s people for the sake, and after the example, of Jesus Christ. They may also be people whose creative work or whose manner of life has glorified God, enriched the life of the Church or led others to a deeper understanding of God. In their varied ways, those commemorated have revealed Christ’s presence in, and Lordship over, all of history; and continue to inspire us as we carry forward God’s mission in the world.

The Bishop of Arizona moved an amendment.

Proposed Amendment:

Add a second resolve clause: “And be it further Resolved, That the Standing Committee on Liturgy and Music report to the 77th General Convention those candidates for inclusion who are being liturgically commemorated.”

A vote was taken on the amendment.

Motion carried
Amendment adopted

A vote was taken on Resolution A098 as amended.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #29)

The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music presented its Report #5 on Resolution A089 (Daily Prayer) and moved adoption with amendment.
Original Text of Resolution:

(A089)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 76th General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to complete the work on Daily Prayer and report back to the 77th General Convention; and be it further

Resolved, That the 76th General Convention direct the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $15,000 for implementation of this resolution.

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 76th General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to complete the work on Daily Prayer and report back to the 77th General Convention; and be it further

Resolved, That the 76th General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to continue the work of developing liturgical materials for inclusion in the Enriching Our Worship series for the pastoral issues in the context of adoption of children; and be it further

Resolved, That the 76th General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to continue to collect, develop and disseminate materials that assist members of the Church to address Christian anti-Judaism expressed in and stirred by portions of Christian scriptures and liturgical texts, including the preparation of a pamphlet explaining Christian anti-Judaism and ways to address it in teaching, evangelism and congregational life; the development of age-appropriate educational materials for children; the identification and evaluation of available resources pertaining to liturgy and music, giving special attention to Holy Week and Easter liturgies and to the diverse traditions of song in The Episcopal Church; and to report the results of its efforts to the 77th General Convention; and be it further

Resolved, That the 76th General Convention request that the Theology Committee of the House of Bishops develop, in consultation with the Standing Commissions on Liturgy and Music and on Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations, a statement defining Christian anti-Judaism and why it demands our attention, and to report to the 77th General Convention; and be it further

Resolved, That the 76th General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to continue the work begun in the World Music project; and be it further

Resolved, That the 76th General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to collect comprehensive data from across The Episcopal Church to determine congregational music needs and wants; and be it further

Resolved, That the 76th General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to undertake a substantial revision of the Book of Occasional Services and report its progress to the 77th General Convention; and be it further

Resolved, That the 76th General Convention request that liturgical and musical resources be made widely available not only in print but also in electronic format on the internet; and be it further

Resolved, That the 76th General Convention direct the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $15,000 $136,500 for implementation of this resolution, and for any other projects that the 76th General Convention directs the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to undertake in the 2010-2012 triennium, and any other projects required by the SCLM’s canonical mandates.

The Bishop of Tennessee moved an amendment.
Proposed Amendment:
In the fourth resolve clause, delete the words “Theology Committee of the House of Bishops develop, in consultation with the” and delete the comma after the word “Relations.” Insert the word “develop” after the words “Interreligious Relations.”

Motion carried
Amendment adopted

A vote was taken on Resolution A089 as amended.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #30)

Church Pension Fund
The House of Bishops presented its Report #3 on Resolution C038 (Pension of Spouses of Deceased Clergy) and moved adoption of a substitute.

Original Text of Resolution:
(C038)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 76th General Convention request that the Church Pension Fund use a portion of the Additional Funds, over and above the Required Reserves and the Securities Valuation Reserve, to raise the benefits of those below the average for surviving beneficiaries.

Committee Substitute:
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 76th General Convention gives thanks to the Fellowship of St. John and the Diocese of Washington for expressing by resolution to this Convention the concern for surviving spouses’ pension benefits; and be it further
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention commends the Church Pension Fund for its work over the last three triennia in all areas of benefits policy, including but not limited to surviving spouses whose benefits are below the average for all survivors’ benefits; and be it further
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention recommends that the Church Pension Fund continue its study and analysis of pension equity, with particular focus on raising the benefits of those below the average for surviving beneficiaries.

Motion carried
Substitute resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #31)

Stewardship and Development
The House of Bishops Committee on Stewardship and Development presented its Report #6 on Resolution D015 (Merciful and Humane Treatment of God’s Creatures) and moved adoption with amendment.
Original Text of Resolution:
(D015)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 76th General Convention support the humane and merciful treatment of all of God’s Creatures; and be it further Resolved, That the General Convention direct Diocesan Environmental Commissions or Committees to provide information to educate our parishes about decisions that would affect the lives and health of the most vulnerable of animal life; and be it further Resolved, That each congregation be encouraged to refer this resolution to their outreach committee or other such venue in order to ensure the education and dissemination of information to their members and encourage environmentally compassionate actions.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 76th General Convention support the humane and merciful treatment of all of God’s Creatures; and be it further Resolved, That the General Convention direct Diocesan Environmental Commissions or Committees to provide information to educate our parishes about decisions that would affect the lives and health of the most vulnerable of animal life endangered species and farmed food animals; and be it further Resolved, That each congregation be encouraged to refer this resolution to their outreach committee or other such venue in order to ensure the education and dissemination of information to their members and encourage environmentally compassionate actions about endangered species and farmed food animals.

The Bishop Suffragan of New York moved an amendment.

Proposed Amendment:
In the second and third resolve clauses, insert a comma after the words “endangered species,” delete the word “and” after the word “species” and add the words “and domesticated animals” after the words “food animals.”

Motion carried
Amendment adopted

The Bishop Suffragan of Connecticut moved an amendment.

Proposed Amendment:
In the second resolve clause, replace the word “direct” with the word “urge.”

Motion carried
Amendment adopted

The Bishop of Northern California moved an amendment.

Proposed Amendment:
In the second resolve clause, replace the word “parishes” with the word “congregations.”

Motion carried
Amendment adopted
A vote was taken on Resolution D015 as amended.  

**Motion carried**  
**Resolution adopted with amendment**  
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #32)

The House of Bishops Committee on Stewardship and Development presented its Report #7 on Resolution C070 (Memorializing the Genesis Covenant) and moved adoption.  

**Original Text of Resolution:**  
(C070)  
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church affirm that The Episcopal Church become a signatory to the Genesis Covenant, thereby making a public commitment to work to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from every facility it maintains by a minimum of 50% within ten years.  

**Motion carried**  
**Resolution adopted**  
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #33)

The House of Bishops Committee on Stewardship and Development presented its Report #8 on Resolution C067 (Litigation Expense Disclosure) and moved to refer the resolution to the Standing Commission on Stewardship and Development.  

**Original Text of Resolution:**  
(C067)  
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church direct the office of the Presiding Bishop and the Executive Council to provide the following information to each Diocese of the Church:  
(a) The dollar amount spent by TEC on litigation against dioceses, parishes, groups of churches and individuals since General Convention, 2006;  
(b) A list of the church accounts and/or budget items from which these funds were taken;  
(c) An explanation of the line item described in the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society Budgetary Summary as: Additional Draw from short-term reserve for legal support to dioceses exceeding budget for 2008-$1,520,000.00;  
(d) The amount of money budgeted for litigation for the next Triennium;  
(e) An estimate of the amount of property value retained and expected to be retained by the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America (PECUSA) because of pending and completed litigation as of General Convention 2009.  

**Motion carried**  
**Resolution referred to a Standing Commission**  
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #34)
Social and Urban Affairs
The House of Bishops Committee on Social and Urban Affairs presented its Report #4 on Resolution A154 (To Affirm Commitment to the Jubilee Ministry Grants Program) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A154)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 76th General Convention re-affirm its commitment to the Jubilee Ministry Grants program as a line item in the church’s budget at a minimum funding level of $100,000.00 per annum during the 2010-2012 triennium; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $100,000.00 per annum for the implementation of this resolution.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #35)

Church in Small Communities
The House of Bishops Committee on Small Communities presented its Report #3 on Resolution A148 (Doing Justice and Alleviating Poverty; Identity; Growing Congregations; Strengthening Governance and Foundations for Mission; Promoting Anglican Partnerships) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A148)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 76th General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider increasing by 15% the base budget support awarded at General Convention 2006 to each of the four “aided dioceses” (South Dakota, North Dakota, Alaska, Navajoland Area Mission) for ministry with Native peoples in the 2010-2012 triennial budget; and be it further
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider increasing by 20% the Program Budget of the Office of Native Ministries awarded at General Convention 2006 in the 2010-2012 triennial budget.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 76th General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider increasing by 15% increase by 25% the base budget support awarded at General Convention 2006 to each of the four three “aided dioceses” (South Dakota, North Dakota, Alaskan and the Navajoland Area Mission) for ministry with Native peoples in the 2010-2012 triennial budget; and be it further
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider increasing by 20% the Program Budget of the Office of Native Ministries awarded at General Convention 2006 maintain the current level
of funding in the Draft Budget ($382,200) for the Program Budget of the Office of Native Ministries (line 210) in the 2010-2012 triennial budget.

The Bishop of New York moved to amend the resolution.

Proposed Amendment:
In the first resolve clause, add the word “urgently” between the words “Convention” and “request.”

Motion carried
Amendment adopted

A vote was taken on Resolution A148 as amended.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #36)

Ministry
The House of Bishops Committee on Ministry presented its Report #5 on Resolution C063 (Development of Consent Information System) and moved the resolution, recommending rejection.

Original Text of Resolution:
(C063)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 76th General Convention direct the Office of the Presiding Bishop to develop a Consent Information System (CIS) for the purpose of providing to diocesan bishops with jurisdiction and to diocesan standing committees information on each bishop-elect in the consent process. This task involves the determination of the type and format of information required as well as the timely distribution of this information via the Internet or through electronic distribution. This task also involves establishing procedures for the diocesan bishops with jurisdiction and diocesan standing committees to interface directly with the bishop-elect for the purpose of question and answer exchange and/or discussions on specified topics. The CIS shall also make available the status of each bishop-elect in the consent process. Automation of the entire consent process should also be looked at and implemented where possible. This resolution also directs that this system be in place no later than July 31, 2010; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $30,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

Motion defeated
Resolution rejected
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #37)

The House of Bishops Committee on Ministry presented its Report #6 on Resolution C055 (Same Gender Committed Relationships) and moved the resolution, recommending rejection.
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 75th General Convention support and uphold persons in same-gender committed relationships of enduring love, mutuality and fidelity; and be it further

Resolved, That the term “sexual orientation” in Title III, Canon 1, Section 2, shall protect all persons from denial of access to the discernment process for any ministry, lay or ordained, in this Church solely on the basis of being in such a relationship.

Motion defeated
Resolution rejected

The House of Bishops Committee on Ministry presented its Report #7 on Resolution A149 ((Support for the Indigenous Theological Training Institute (ITTI)) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A149)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 76th General Convention requests the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $175,000 for support of the Indigenous Theological Training Institute; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $175,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 76th General Convention requests the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $175,000 for each year of the triennium for a total of $525,000 for support of the Indigenous Theological Training Institute; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $175,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment

The House of Bishops Committee on Ministry presented its Report #8 on Resolution A135 (Seminarian Cross-Cultural Formation) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A135)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church provide funding toward cross-cultural and international experience for seminarians; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $180,000 for the implementation of this resolution.
Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church provide funding toward cross-cultural and international experience for seminarians, postulants and candidates. This funding is to be received and overseen by the Seminary Consultation on Mission (SCOM); and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $180,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

The Bishop of Connecticut moved an amendment.

Proposed Amendment:

In the second resolve clause, replace the word “allocate” with the words “to consider a budget allocation of.”

Motion carried
Amendment adopted

A vote was taken on Resolution A135 as amended.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #40)

The House of Bishops Committee on Ministry presented its Report #9 on Resolution A064 (Amend Canon III.4.1(a) and Add Canon III.4.9) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A064)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That Canon III.4.1(a) is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 1. (a) A confirmed communicant in good standing or, in extraordinary circumstances, subject to guidelines established by the Bishop, a communicant in good standing, may be licensed by the Ecclesiastical Authority to serve as Pastoral Leader, Worship Leader, Preacher, Eucharistic Minister, Eucharistic Visitor, Evangelist or Catechist. Requirements and guidelines for the selection, training, continuing education and deployment of such persons, and the duration of licenses shall be established by the Bishop in consultation with the Commission on Ministry; and be it further

Resolved, That Canon III.4.9 is hereby added as follows:

Sec. 9. An Evangelist is a lay person with an extraordinary gift for presenting the good news of Jesus Christ in such a way that people decide to follow him, join the body of Christ and share his mission. An Evangelist assists with the community’s ministry of evangelism in partnership with the Presbyter or other leader exercising oversight of the congregation, or as directed by the Bishop.

The Bishop of Arkansas moved an amendment.
Proposed Amendment:
In the first resolve clause, insert the word “Lay” before the first occurrence of the word “Evangelist.”

Motion carried
Amendment adopted

The Bishop of Springfield moved an amendment.

Proposed Amendment:
In the second resolve clause, replace the word “An” with the word “A,” add the word “Lay” before the first occurrence of the word “Evangelist” and delete the word “lay” before the word “person.”

Motion carried
Amendment adopted

The Bishop of Western North Carolina moved an amendment.

Proposed Amendment:
In the second resolve clause, replace the word “him” with the word “Christ” and replace the word “his” with the word “Christ’s.”

Motion carried
Amendment adopted

The Bishop of North Carolina moved an amendment.

Proposed Amendment:
In the second resolve clause, delete the words “an extraordinary.”

No Action taken

The Bishop of Central Florida moved to send the resolution back to the committee for refinement.

The question was called.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

A vote was taken to refer Resolution A064 back to committee.

Motion carried
Resolution re-referred to a Legislative Committee
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #133)

The House of Bishops Committee on Ministry presented its Report #12 on Resolution B007 (Amend Canon III.12.3(a)) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(B007)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That Canon III.12.3(a) be amended to read as follows:
Sec. 3. Duties
(a) Each Bishop Diocesan of the Diocese shall visit the Congregations within the Diocese at least once in three years. Interim visits may be delegated to another Bishop of this the Church.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That Canon III.12.3(a) be amended to read as follows:
Sec. 3. Duties
(a) Each Bishop Diocesan of the Diocese, Diocesan, Bishop Coadjutor, Bishop Suffragan or Assistant Bishop of the Diocese shall visit the Congregations within the Diocese at least once in three years. Interim visits may be delegated to another Bishop of this the Church.

The Bishop of Ohio moved an amendment.

Proposed Amendment:
In the last line, replace the word “the” with the word “this.”

Motion carried
Amendment adopted

A vote was taken on Resolution B007 as amended.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #41)

The House of Bishops Committee on Ministry presented its Report #13 on Resolution A051 (Amend Article VIII of the Constitution) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A051)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the last paragraph of Article VIII of the Constitution be amended to read as follows:
A bishop may permit an ordained minister in good standing in a church with which this church is in full communion as specified by the Canons who has made the foregoing declaration, or a minister ordained in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America or its predecessor bodies who has made the promise of conformity required by that church in place of the foregoing declaration to officiate on a temporary basis as an ordained minister of this church.

The Bishop of Arizona moved an amendment.

Proposed Amendment:
Delete the words “on a temporary basis.”

Motion defeated
Amendment defeated
A vote was taken on Resolution A051.  

**Motion carried**  
**Resolution adopted**  
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #42)

The House recessed for fifteen minutes.

**Stewardship and Development**

The House of Bishops Committee on Stewardship and Development presented its Report #9 on Resolution D041 (Equitable Distribution of Goods within TEC) and moved that the Committee be discharged as it was not in the proposed budget.

**Original Text of Resolution:**  
(D041)  
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 76th General Convention ask the Presiding Bishop to form a task force to examine options for equitable, progressive, systematic distribution of financial resources across The Episcopal Church; and be it further  
Resolved, That this task force examine ways which dioceses with abundant resources could share more with dioceses that have few, and that this sharing focus on needs such as clergy deployment, physical plant maintenance and staffing; and be it further  
Resolved, That the Presiding Bishop and the Joint Committee on Program, Budget and Finance appoint individual members to this task force from existing Commissions or Committees that they think appropriate, as well as appoint persons not currently on Commissions or Committees who have useful expertise, and that this task force report initial suggestions and recommendations to the 77th General Convention; and be further  
Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $20,000.00 to support the task force.  

**Motion carried**  
**Committee discharged**  
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #43)

The House of Bishops Committee on Stewardship and Development presented its Report #10 on Resolution B018 (Stewardship of Resources) and moved adoption.

**Original Text of Resolution:**  
(B018)  
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the Joint Committee on Program, Budget and Finance is requested to present a Budget to the General Convention that reduces the expenses for interim meetings of all Committees, Commissions, Agencies and Boards by one-half for the Triennium; and be it further  
Resolved, That funding for domestic and foreign missionary projects, including the Millennium Development Goals be directly increased by a dollar amount equal to that by which the expenses for interim meetings of Committees, Commissions, Agencies and Boards is decreased; and be it further
Resolved, That the Budgetary Funding Task Force is requested to consider ways in which the direct funding of mission be the priority in future budgets of The Episcopal Church and report to the 77th General Convention of The Episcopal Church.

The Bishop of Connecticut moved an amendment.

**Proposed Amendment:**
In the third resolve clause, delete the word “direct.”

- Motion carried
- Amendment adopted

The Bishop of Western Kansas moved an amendment.

**Proposed Amendment:**
In the second resolve clause, add the words “the House of Bishops and Executive Committee” after the words “meetings of.”

- Motion defeated
- Amendment defeated

The Bishop Suffragan of New York moved a substitute resolution.

**Substitute Resolution:**
Delete the first and second resolve clauses and retain the final resolve clause.

The question was called.

- Motion carried
- Debate terminated

A vote was taken on the substitute resolution.

- Motion defeated
- Substitute defeated

The Assisting Bishop of North Carolina moved an amendment.

**Proposed Amendment:**
In the first resolve clause, add the words “and expenses of the offices of the Church Center” after the word “Boards.”

The question was called.

- Motion defeated
- Amendment defeated

The question was called on the amendment.

- Motion carried
- Debate terminated
A vote was taken on Resolution B018 as amended.  

**Motion carried**
**Resolution adopted with amendment**
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #44)

The House of Bishops Committee on Stewardship and Development presented its Report #11 on Resolution A156 (Sacred Acts for Sacred Water) and moved adoption.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(A156)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church reaffirms Resolutions 1979-D029 (Give Priority to Educating Congregations on Energy and the Environment), 1988-D126 (Request a Statement of Policy and a Plan for Environmental Stewardship), 1991-D041 (Implement 1988 Lambeth Resolution No. 40 on the Environment), 2003-D046 (Urge Stewardship of Water Resources) and 2003-D070 (Work for a Clean Water Policy); and be it further

Resolved, That the 76th General Convention encourages national Episcopal Church organizations, dioceses, congregations and individual Episcopalians to study the theology of Creation and the place of water in Creation, including the entire cycle of water sourcing, storage and transport, use and wastewater treatment and disposal and to study the ethical issues associated with individual, local, regional, national and international water-related decisions; and be it further

Resolved, That the 76th General Convention request designation and funding of a half-time position ($60,000, including salary, benefits and modest travel) within the existing Episcopal Church Center’s Advocacy Center, supported by the Executive Council Committee on Science, Technology and Faith, and by the Episcopal Ecological Network, to encourage the sharing of tools that dioceses, congregations and individual Episcopalians have already developed, and the development of new tools for use when making or helping make water-related decisions; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $60,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

The Bishop of Missouri moved an amendment.

**Proposed Amendment:**
Delete the third and fourth resolve clauses.

**Motion carried**
**Amendment adopted**

The Bishop of Minnesota moved to send the resolution back to the committee for refinement.

The question was called.

**Motion carried**
**Debate terminated**
A vote was taken to refer Resolution A156 back to committee.

Motion carried
Resolution re-referred to a Legislative Committee
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #134)

Ecumenical Relations
The House of Bishops Committee on Ecumenical Relations presented its Report #4 on Resolution A073 (Moravian Episcopal Dialogue) and moved adoption of a substitute.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A073)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church accept Finding our Delight in the Lord as set forth following as the basis for a relationship of full communion to be established between The Episcopal Church and the Northern and Southern Provinces of the Moravian Church; and be it further
Resolved, That Title I, Canon 20, Section 2 be amended to include the Moravian Church in America, Northern and Southern Provinces, as Churches in full communion with this Church.

[Editor's Note: See The Blue Book Report of the Standing Commission on Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations, pp. 137-151 for the full report entitled Finding Our Delight in the Lord: A Proposal for Full Communion Between The Episcopal Church; the Moravian Church-Northern Province; and the Moravian Church-Southern Province.]

Committee Substitute:
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church adopt Finding Our Delight in the Lord: A Proposal for Full Communion Between The Episcopal Church; the Moravian Church-Northern Province; and the Moravian Church-Southern Province, as set forth in Resolution A073 in the Blue Book report to the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church; and be it further
Resolved, That Canon I.20 be amended by adding a new subsection (3), as follows:
Sec. 3. The Episcopal Church has a relationship of full communion with the Northern and Southern Provinces of the Moravian Church in America under the terms of the Finding Our Delight in the Lord: A Proposal for Full Communion Between The Episcopal Church; the Moravian Church-Northern Province; and the Moravian Church-Southern Province, which was adopted by the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church as Resolution A073.

The question was called.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on substitute Resolution A073.

Motion carried
Substitute resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #45)
Social and Urban Affairs

The House of Bishops Committee on Social and Urban Affairs presented its Report #7 on Resolution A159 (Address the Issue of AIDS) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A159)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church notes with increasing concern the continued rise in numbers of HIV infections; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention urges Episcopalians at all levels of the Church to engage in conversations with HIV/AIDS service providers, local health departments and other public and private resources to urge them to address this issue in direct and substantive ways that include the following prevention activities: accurate and explicit prevention information that is sensitive and specific to issues of culture, ethnicity, sexual identity, sexual orientation and the use of IV drugs and recreational drugs; and be it further
Resolved, That the vow of our Baptismal Covenant to respect the dignity of every human being makes us responsible for providing full, complete and accurate information about HIV/AIDS prevention to all, but especially to our young people that they may make informed choices about this aspect of their health.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church notes with increasing concern the continued rise in numbers of HIV infections and sexually transmitted diseases; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention urges Episcopalians at all levels of the Church to engage in conversations with HIV/AIDS and sexually transmitted diseases service providers, local health departments and other public and private resources to urge them to address this issue in direct and substantive ways that include the following prevention activities: accurate and explicit prevention information that is sensitive and specific to issues of culture, ethnicity, sexual identity, sexual orientation and the use of IV drugs and recreational drugs; and be it further
Resolved, That the vow of our Baptismal Covenant to respect the dignity of every human being makes us responsible for providing full, complete and accurate information about HIV/AIDS prevention to all, but especially to our young people that they may make informed choices about this aspect of their health.

Resolved, That in light of our Baptismal Covenant that calls us to respect the dignity of every human being, the 76th General Convention urges dioceses and congregations to provide full, complete and accurate information about HIV/AIDS and sexually transmitted disease prevention to all, and especially to young people, that they may make informed choices about this aspect of their lives.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #46)
The House of Bishops Committee on Social and Urban Affairs presented its Report #8 on Resolution D011 (Principles for Decisions at the End of Life) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(D011)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 76th General Convention reaffirm Resolution 1991-A093a of the 70th General Convention, as amended in Resolution 1994-A056 of the 71st General Convention regarding Principles With Regard to the Prolongation of Life; and be it further
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention commend chaplains endorsed by the Office of the Suffragan Bishop of Chaplaincies, members of the Assembly of Episcopal Healthcare Chaplains and of National Episcopal Healthcare Ministries, and chaplains certified by the Association for Clinical Pastoral Education, the Association of Professional Chaplains, or the College of Pastoral Supervision and Psychotherapy as appropriate resource persons for discussions regarding ethical care, medical futility and decisions at the end of life.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 76th General Convention reaffirm Resolution 1991-A093a of the 70th General Convention, as amended in Resolution 1994-A056 of the 71st General Convention regarding Principles With Regard to the Prolongation of Life; and be it further
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention calls on dioceses and parishes congregations of this Church to become informed of the laws of states and policies of health care institutions regarding decisions at the end of life and regarding medical futility; and be it further
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention commend chaplains endorsed by the Office of the Suffragan Bishop of Chaplaincies for Armed Forces, Federal Institutions and Chaplaincies, members of the Assembly of Episcopal Healthcare Chaplains and of National Episcopal Healthcare Ministries, and chaplains certified by the Association for Clinical Pastoral Education, the Association of Professional Chaplains, or the College of Pastoral Supervision and Psychotherapy as appropriate resource persons for discussions regarding ethical care, medical futility and decisions at the end of life.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #47)

The House of Bishops Committee on Social and Urban Affairs presented its Report #9 on Resolution A160 (Access to Adequate Medical Care for People Living with AIDS) and moved adoption with amendment.
Original Text of Resolution:
(A160)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church notes with concern high rates of HIV infection particularly in our African American communities and deplores the discrepancies in levels of care and treatment of people living with HIV/AIDS based on poverty, prejudice, ignorance and the lack of visibility; and be it further
Resolved, That The Episcopal Church advocate strongly for access to adequate medical care not based on any factor other than the need for health care.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church notes with concern high rates of HIV infection particularly in our African American communities and grieves the discrepancies in levels of care and treatment of people living with HIV/AIDS based on poverty, prejudice, racism, ignorance and the lack of visibility; and be it further
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention urges the United States Congress and the President of the United States to include in comprehensive health care reform legislation provisions that would cover persons with pre-existing conditions such as HIV/AIDS and sexually transmitted diseases, under any health care plan; and be it further
Resolved, That The Episcopal Church advocate strongly for access to adequate medical care not based on any factor other than the need for health care.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #48)

The House of Bishops Committee on Social and Urban Affairs presented its Report #10 on Resolution C075 (Camps for Children of the Incarcerated) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(C075)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church direct the Program Officer of Domestic Justice and Jubilee Ministries to assist the dioceses of The Episcopal Church to establish and support summer camps for children who have parents in prison, who are on parole or probation or who have experienced a parent’s incarceration; and that the Program Officer of Domestic Justice and Jubilee Ministries report to the 77th General Convention on his/her progress; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $75,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church direct the Program Officer of Domestic Justice and Jubilee Ministries to assist the dioceses of The Episcopal Church to establish and support summer camps
for children who have parents in prison, who are on parole or probation or who have experienced a parent’s incarceration; and that the Program Officer of Domestic Justice and Jubilee Ministries report to the 77th General Convention on his/her progress including data from current and ongoing programs; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation for 2010-2012 triennium of $75,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #49)

Ministry
The House of Bishops Committee on Ministry presented its Report #14 on Resolution D029 (Amend Article VIII of the Constitution) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:
(D029)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the last paragraph of Article VIII of the Constitution is amended by the addition of a final sentence as follows:

No minister of such a Church ordained by other than a Bishop, apart from any such ministers designated as part of the Covenant or Instrument by which full communion was established, shall be eligible for licensing under this Article.

The Bishop of Lexington moved an amendment.

Proposed Amendment:
In the last line, replace the words “for licensing” with the words “to officiate.”

Motion carried
Amendment adopted

The Bishop Suffragan of the Convocation of American Churches in Europe moved an amendment.

Proposed Amendment:
Delete the word “such” and add the words “in full communion with The Episcopal Church” after the word “Church.”

Motion carried
Amendment adopted

A vote was taken on Resolution D029 as amended.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #50)

[Editor's Note: The House of Bishops moved to reconsider Resolution D029 on the Fourth Legislative Day, see p. 133.]
The House of Bishops Committee on Ministry presented its Report #15 on Resolution A080 (Ministry Discernment for Disabled Persons) and moved adoption of a substitute.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(A080)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That all Dioceses encourage qualified people with disabilities to begin ministry discernment as described in Title III of the Constitution and Canons of The Episcopal Church; and be it further

Resolved, That the discernment process for people with disabilities be the same as the discernment process for persons who are temporarily able-bodied; and be it further

Resolved, That the Commissions on Ministry and Standing Committees apply the same standards to persons with disabilities as they apply to persons who are temporarily able-bodied.

**Committee Substitute:**

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 76th General Convention direct provincial Commissions on Ministry networks in the next triennium to address the access and welcome of qualified persons with disabilities to begin ministry discernment as described in Title III of the Constitution and Canons of The Episcopal Church; and be it further

Resolved, That their findings be shared with bishops diocesan and diocesan Commissions on Ministry in order to encourage persons with disabilities to begin ministry discernment and to educate them about the process.

**Motion carried**

**Substitute resolution adopted**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #51)

The House of Bishops Committee on Ministry presented its Report #16 on Resolution A106 (Plan to Limit Help Ordinands Repay Accumulated Educational Debt) and moved adoption with amendment.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(A106)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 76th General Convention recognize the crisis of educational debt for those preparing for ordained ministry in the Church; and be it further

Resolved, That The Society for the Increase of the Ministry be commended for developing a three-phase, comprehensive plan to limit, manage and help ordinands successfully repay accumulated educational debt; and be it further

Resolved, That the Standing Commission on Ministry Development, in consultation and coordination with The Society for the Increase of the Ministry and the Office for Ministry Development of the Mission Leadership Center, disseminate information about The Society for the Increase of the Ministry’s plan to limit, manage and help ordinands successfully repay accumulated educational debt to all diocesan Bishops and diocesan Commissions on Ministry.
Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 76th General Convention recognize the crisis of educational debt for those preparing for ordained ministry in the Church; and be it further
Resolved, That The Society for the Increase of the Ministry be commended for developing a three-phase, comprehensive plan to limit, manage and help ordinands successfully repay accumulated educational debt; and be it further
Resolved, That the Standing Commission on Ministry Development, in consultation and coordination with The Society for the Increase of the Ministry and the Office for Ministry Development of the Mission Leadership Center, disseminate information about The Society for the Increase of the Ministry’s plan to limit, manage and help ordinands successfully repay accumulated educational debt to all diocesan Bishops and diocesan Commissions on Ministry.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #52)

The House of Bishops Committee on Ministry presented its Report #17 on Resolution A181 (Amend Canon III.15.2(a)) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A181)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That Canon III.15.2 (a) is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2.(a) The General Board of Examining Chaplains, with professional assistance, shall prepare at least annually a General Ordination Examination covering the subject matter set forth in Canon III.8.5 (g) and (h), and shall conduct, administer and evaluate it in respect to those Candidates for Holy Orders who have been identified to the Board by their several Bishops.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #53)

Ecumenical Relations
The House of Bishops Committee on Ecumenical Relations presented its Report #5 on Resolution D054 (Int. Eucharistic Sharing with UMC and Dialogue with Historically Af. Am. Meth. Churches) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:
(D054)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 76th General Convention give thanks for the relationship of Interim Eucharistic Sharing with the United Methodist Church and commend the work of this dialogue to dioceses and congregations of The Episcopal Church; and be it further
Resolved, That the Standing Commission on Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations continue exploring tangible ways to involve the historically African American Methodist
Episcopal churches (AME, CME, AMEZ and others) in this dialogue.

**Motion carried**

**Resolution adopted**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #54)

The House of Bishops Committee on Ecumenical Relations presented its Report #6 on Resolution A072 (Interim Eucharistic Sharing with the United Methodist Church) and moved that the Committee be discharged as the matter is already acted on in Resolution D054.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(A072)

*Resolved*, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 76th General Convention gives thanks for the relationship of Interim Eucharistic Sharing with the United Methodist Church and commends the work of this dialogue to dioceses and congregations of The Episcopal Church.

**Motion carried**

**Committee discharged**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #55)

**Personal Privilege**

The Bishop of Colombia spoke on the election of the Bishop for Ecuador Central.

The Bishop of Ecuador Central also spoke.

Bishop Matthews of the Pastoral Development Office spoke to the House about the history in Ecuador Central.

**RECESS**

Following announcements by the Secretary, the House of Bishops Committee on Dispatch of Business moved that the House stand in recess until 9:30 a.m. on the Fourth Legislative Day.

**Motion carried**

The House recessed at 5:55 p.m. with prayer led by Chaplain Wade.
MORNING SESSION

Prayers
Prayers were offered by Chaplain Br. Geoffrey.

Reconvene
The House reconvened at 9:39 a.m. with the Presiding Bishop in the Chair.

Agenda of the Day
The House of Bishops Committee on Dispatch of Business moved to adopt the agenda of the day.

Motion carried
Agenda Adopted

Previous Day’s Minutes
The House of Bishops Committee on Dispatch of Business moved to dispense with the reading of the previous day’s minutes.

Motion carried

Messages from the House of Deputies
The Secretary announced that the following messages had been received from the House of Deputies:

HD Message #47: C060 (Statistics for Overseas Congregations) Adopted.
HD Message #48: A003 (78th General Convention Site) Adopted.
HD Message #49: A060 (Regarding Canon I.1.5) Adopted.
HD Message #53: A124 (Foreign Lands Task Force) Referred to a Standing Commission.
HD Message #55: A046 (Creation of Position of Information Officer) Adopted with amendment.
HD Message #56: A050 (Church Center Technology Audit) Adopted with amendment.
HD Message #57: D010 (An International Church) Adopted with amendment.
HD Message #58: A115 (Amend Canon I.4.3(g): Committees of Executive Council) Adopted.
HD Message #59: A168 (Annual Data Gathering About Gender Parity in Diocesan Leadership) Referred to the Executive Council.
HD Message #60: A117 (Discontinue Three Committees) Adopted substitute.
HD Message #61: C053 (Continuing Support for MDG’s) Referred to Stewardship and Development.
HD Message #62: A039 (Wall Around Palestine) Referred to National and International Concerns.
HD Message #63: A133 (Amend Canon I.1.2(n)(11)) Referred to Structure.
HD Message #64: A130 (Covenant with Brazil) Adopted.
HD Message #65: A190 (Commendation of The Episcopal Church in the Philippines) Adopted.
HD Message #66: A136 (EPGM Funding) Adopted.
HD Message #67: A128 (Funding Missionaries) Adopted with amendment.
HD Message #69: D014 (Environmental Justice) Adopted with amendment.
HD Message #70: X006 (Special Order for Election of Members of Executive Council) Adopted.
HD Message #71: X007 (Special Order for Election of Trustees of GTS) Adopted.
HD Message #73: A173 (Amend Canon I.5.3(a) Board of Archives Membership) Adopted.
HD Message #75: E009 (Election of Trustees of Church Pension Fund) Adopted.
HD Message #76: A118 (Amend Canon I.1.2(n): Establish Two Standing Commissions) Adopted with substitute.
HD Message #77: C064 (Endorsement of the Earth Charter) Adopted with amendment.
HD Message #78: A032 (Human Rights Violations in the Philippines) Adopted with amendment.
HD Message #79: A144 (Extension of Resolution A127 to General Convention 2012) Adopted with amendment.
Youth Presence Address
A presentation by the Official Youth Presence was made. Michael Sahdev and Grace Aheron addressed the House.

Stewardship and Development
The House of Bishops Committee on Stewardship and Development presented its Report #17 on Resolution D024 (Creating a Strategy for Proclaiming the Reign of God) and moved that the Committee be discharged as the matter is considered in Resolution A061.

Original Text of Resolution:
(D024)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That since proclaiming the Good News of the Reign of God is an essential mission of The Episcopal Church, that the 76th General Convention direct that the next triennium be a period of strategic planning to determine how to implement this priority and to make resources available to encourage this work at the diocesan and local levels; and be it further
Resolved, That the strategic plan include a strategy for growing the church, increasing congregational vitality, planting new churches and redeveloping dying congregations, as essential components of this mission; and be it further
Resolved, That this strategic plan pay particular attention to the challenges of proclaiming the Good News in a multicultural context, to young people, to underserved and marginalized populations and to people with no church background; and be it further
Resolved, That the work of creating this strategic plan should be a joint effort undertaken by the following groups, in consultation with the Standing Commission on Domestic Mission and Evangelism: the Executive Council Strategic Planning Committee; the Center for Evangelism and Congregational Life of the Episcopal Church Center; and the Congregations in Mission Standing Committee of Executive Council; and be it further
Resolved, That the work of creating this strategic plan be completed, presented to Executive Council, and made available to deputies to the 77th General Convention by January 1, 2012.

Motion carried
Committee discharged
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #56)

The House of Bishops Committee on Stewardship and Development presented its Report #14 on Resolution A061 (Continuous Cycle of Strategic Planning) and moved adoption of a substitute.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A061)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 76th General Convention direct the Executive Council to create a Committee of Strategic Planning to guide the Executive Council and the Church Center in their capacities as leaders of The Episcopal Church; and be it further
Resolved, That the Committee on Strategic Planning be charged with using the best appropriate planning methods available to develop a ten-year plan, updated annually, that identifies and tracks the missional, financial, societal, cultural and other challenges and opportunities facing The Episcopal Church; considers alternative paths of action; recommends a path; defines measurable indicators of success of the selected direction and a specific timeline; details resources needed and proposes how those resources will be gathered; and be it further

Resolved, That the Committee on Strategic Planning report annually to the Executive Council except in years when General Convention meets, during which year it reports to General Convention; and be it further

Resolved, That the plan receive a revision every year and a major revision every three years in anticipation of the triennial priorities and budget process that is finalized at General Convention; and be it further

Resolved, That the Committee on Strategic Planning consist of fourteen persons with voice and vote: the Presiding Officers; three bishops, three ordained priests or deacons, and six lay persons all jointly appointed by the Presiding Officers, at least three and no more than six of whom will be members of Executive Council; and be it further

Resolved, That the Presiding Bishop appoint two or three senior members of Church Center staff to serve on the Committee on Strategic Planning with voice, but no vote; and be it further

Resolved, That the work of the Committee on Strategic Planning be guided and supported by an external consultant working with senior Church Center staff; and be it further

Resolved, That minutes of the meetings of the Committee on Strategic Planning be distributed to the Presiding Officers and staff of the Church Center to one level below Center Directors; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $300,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

Committee Substitute:

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 76th General Convention direct the Executive Council to create a Committee of Strategic Planning to guide the Executive Council and the Church Center in their capacities as leaders of The Episcopal Church; and be it further

Resolved, That the Committee on Strategic Planning be charged with using the best appropriate planning methods available to develop a ten-year plan, updated annually, that identifies and tracks the missional, financial, societal, cultural and other challenges and opportunities facing The Episcopal Church; considers alternative paths of action; recommends a path; defines measurable indicators of success of the selected direction and a specific timeline; details resources needed and proposes how those resources will be gathered; and be it further

Resolved, That the Committee on Strategic Planning report annually to the Executive Council except in years when General Convention meets, during which year it reports to General Convention; and be it further
Resolved, That the plan receive a revision every year and a major revision every three years in anticipation of the triennial priorities and budget process that is finalized at General Convention; and be it further

Resolved, That the Committee on Strategic Planning consist of fourteen persons with voice and vote: the Presiding Officers; three bishops, three ordained priests or deacons, and six lay persons all jointly appointed by the Presiding Officers, at least three and no more than six of whom will be members of Executive Council; and be it further

Resolved, That the Presiding Bishop appoint two or three senior members of Church Center staff one of whom shall be from the Mission Funding office to serve on the Committee on Strategic Planning with voice, but no vote; and be it further

Resolved, That the work of the Committee on Strategic Planning be guided and supported by an external consultant working with senior Church Center staff; and be it further

Resolved, That minutes of the meetings of the Committee on Strategic Planning be distributed to the Presiding Officers and staff of the Church Center to one level below Center Directors; and be it further

Resolved, That the Budgetary Funding Task Force continue for the next Triennium to complete their interviews and research regarding diocesan support to The Episcopal Church; and be it further

Resolved, That the Church Center Staff, Executive Council and the Joint Standing Committee on Program Budget and Finance shall use the strategic plan as a tool in the preparation of the triennial draft budget of The Episcopal Church; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $300,000 (including funding for the Budgetary Funding Task Force) for the implementation of this resolution.

Motion carried
Stevie Put resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #57)

The House of Bishops Committee on Stewardship and Development presented its Report #15 on Resolution A183 (Develop Nine-Year Vision and Budget Cycle) and moved that the Committee be discharged as the matter is considered in Resolution A061.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A183)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church receive and endorse the Report of the Budgetary Funding Task Force, in particular the Task Force’s recommendations that:

• Adequate funding of the budget of The Episcopal Church depends on (1) a compelling statement of our identity as a church; (2) a clearly articulated common vision of our participation in God’s mission; and (3) a pervasive accountability of church structures to that identity and common vision so that stewardship and mission are linked. Specific steps must be taken to make these three goals an active part of the on-going life of our church:
o Develop a common vision for mission during the triennium immediately preceding the election of a Presiding Bishop for the purpose of informing the nomination and election process for that office.

 o Identify specific goals to be accomplished during the nine-year period corresponding to the term of the Presiding Bishop (the Term Goals).

 o Hold a joint meeting of the House of Deputies and the House of Bishops at the beginning of the General Convention at which a Presiding Bishop is to be elected, so that the goals identified for the coming Presiding Bishop’s term may be addressed, amended and ratified.

 o Develop a draft budget based on identified goals and present the Budget of The Episcopal Church in a nine-year cycle to coincide with the term of a Presiding Bishop (the Term Budget).

 o Report on the Term Budget and progress toward accomplishing the Term Goals in a written report on an annual basis to all bishops and deputies to the General Convention, Standing Committees of the Dioceses, members of the Executive Council, members of all other Committees, Commissions, Agencies and Boards, and post the report for members of the Church on the web site of The Episcopal Church, as well as report on it by all means available, especially personal visits to dioceses and provinces, in order to receive the widest possible circulation.

 o Review the Term Budget and progress toward the Term Goals at a joint meeting of the House of Deputies and the House of Bishops at each General Convention to encourage accountability and so that the goals may be revised as needed.

 o Structure the Church Center staff in order to facilitate the accomplishment of goals over the course of the Presiding Bishop’s term, with some positions coinciding with the term of the Presiding Bishop and some being permanent in nature.

 o Conduct an in-depth review, regarding the accomplishment of the Term Goals during the last triennium of a Presiding Bishop’s term.

And be it further
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention endorse the continuation of the Budgetary Funding Task Force and charge it to produce an implementation plan for its proposals, including necessary canonical changes, for consideration by the 77th General Convention; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance consider a budget allocation of $72,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

Motion carried
Committee discharged
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #58)
The House of Bishops Committee on Stewardship and Development presented its Report #16 on Resolution B008 (Amend Canon I.7.3 to add 3(b)) recommending discharge, and re-referral of the resolution to the Committee on Canons.

Original Text of Resolution:

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That Canon I.7.3 be amended to read as follows:

A new section added to be 1.7.Sec.3(b) that would change the former 1.7.Sec.3 to 1.7.Sec.3(a).

Sec. 3. (b) No Vestry, Trustee or other Body, authorized by Civil or Canon Law to hold, manage or administer the trusts or permanent funds of any Parish, Mission, Congregation or Institution, shall expend or otherwise encumber those funds in a manner inconsistent with standard business practice without the written consent of the Bishop and Standing Committee of the Diocese of which the Parish, Mission, Congregation or Institution is a part except under such regulations as may be prescribed by Canon of the Diocese.

Motion carried

Resolution re-referred to a Legislative Committee

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #59)

Church Pension Fund

The House of Bishop Committee on Church Pension Fund presented its Report #4 on Resolution A138 (Establishing a Mandatory Lay Employee Pension System) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That this Church establish a mandatory lay employee pension system for employees who are scheduled to work a minimum of 1,000 hours annually for any domestic Diocese, Parish, Mission or other ecclesiastical organization or body subject to the authority of the Church, in accordance with the following principles:

1. The lay employee pension system shall provide benefits that shall, initially, include defined benefit plan(s) and defined contribution plan(s);
2. If a defined benefit plan is selected, the employer assessment and/or contribution shall be not less than nine (9) percent of the employee’s compensation; if a defined contribution plan is selected, the employer shall contribute not less than five (5) percent of the employee’s compensation and match at least four (4) percent of the employee’s contributions. The Trustees of The Church Pension Fund shall have the authority to increase or decrease the assessment and/or contribution percentages required for the lay pension system;
3. Existing defined benefit plans will be permitted to continue as long as their plan design delivers pension benefits not less than the pension benefits required by this resolution, as determined by the plan administrator. If the plan does not provide the pension benefits required by this resolution, such plan
shall be amended to provide for such pension benefits no later than January 1, 2012;
4. The lay employee pension system shall be designed and administered by the Trustees and officers of The Church Pension Fund; the investment managers of the system shall initially include, but not necessarily be limited to, The Church Pension Fund and, in the case of a defined contribution plan offered to school employees, TIAA-CREF;
5. The lay employee pension system will be operated on a financially sound basis, as determined by the Trustees of the Church Pension Fund;
6. Other societies, organizations, or bodies in the Church not mandated to participate may, under the regulations of The Church Pension Fund, elect to come into the lay employee pension system;
7. No right or obligation to have assessments paid on compensation paid prior to plan participation will be part of the mandatory lay employee pension system;
8. Service in The Episcopal Church prior to plan implementation shall be recognized for vesting purposes;
9. The implementation of the mandatory lay employee pension system shall be completed no sooner than January 1, 2011 and no later than January 1, 2012; and
10. Further study be undertaken by The Church Pension Fund on the feasibility of inclusion of overseas Episcopal dioceses in the lay employee pension system and report back to the 77th General Convention.

And be it further

Resolved, That Canon I.8 shall be amended as follows:

Sec. 1. The Church Pension Fund, a corporation created by Chapter 97 of the Laws of 1914 of the State of New York as subsequently amended, is hereby authorized to establish and administer the clergy pension system, including life, accident and health benefits, of this Church, substantially in accordance with the principles adopted by the General Convention of 1913 and approved thereafter by the several Dioceses, with the view to providing pensions and related benefits for the Clergy who reach normal age of retirement, for the Clergy disabled by age or infirmity, and for the surviving spouses and minor children of deceased Clergy. The Church Pension Fund is also authorized to establish and administer the lay employee pension system of the Church, substantially in accordance with the principles adopted by the General Convention of 2009, with the view to providing pensions and related benefits for the eligible lay employees of this Church, as well as their eligible beneficiaries.

Sec. 3. For the purpose of administering the pension system, The Church Pension Fund shall be entitled to receive and to use all net royalties from publications authorized by the General Convention, and to levy upon and to collect from all Parishes, Missions and other ecclesiastical organizations or bodies subject to the authority of this Church, and any other organizations, or bodies in the Church which under the regulations of The Church Pension Fund shall elect to come into the pension system, assessments based upon the salaries and other compensation paid to Clergy by such Parishes, Missions and other ecclesiastical organizations or bodies for services rendered currently or in the past, prior to their becoming beneficiaries of the Fund. For the purpose of administering the lay employee pension system, The Church Pension Fund shall be entitled to collect from all Parishes, Missions and other...
ecclesiastical organizations or bodies subject to the authority of this Church, and any other societies, organizations or bodies in the Church which under the regulations of The Church Pension Fund shall elect to come into the lay employee pension system, assessments and/or contributions based upon the salaries and other compensation paid to eligible lay employees by such Parishes, Missions and other ecclesiastical organizations or bodies.

The question was called.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on Resolution A138.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #60)

Special Order of Business
The Presiding Bishop recognized the Bishop Suffragan of Texas who spoke on the Anglican Health Network.

Personal Privilege
The Bishop of West Tennessee was recognized to extend birthday wishes to the Bishop of East Tennessee.

Special Order of Business
The Ecumenical Officer for The Episcopal Church, Bishop Epting, moved to reconsider Resolution D029 (Amend Article VIII of the Constitution).

Motion carried
Resolution reconsidered
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #66)

The Bishop of Florida moved an amendment.

Proposed Amendment:
Restore the original text of the resolution.

Motion carried
Amendment adopted

Original Text of Resolution:
(D029)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the last paragraph of Article VIII of the Constitution is amended by the addition of a final sentence as follows:

No minister of such a Church ordained by other than a Bishop, apart from any such ministers designated as part of the Covenant or Instrument by which full communion was established, shall be eligible for licensing under this Article.
The Bishop of Lexington moved an amendment.

Proposed Amendment:
In the last line, replace the words “for licensing” with the words “to officiate.”

Motion carried
Amendment adopted

The Bishop of the Convocation of American Churches in Europe moved to refer the resolution to the Committee on Constitution and Canons.

Motion defeated

The question was called.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

A was taken on Resolution D029 as amended.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #67)

RECESS

Following announcements by the Secretary, the House of Bishops Committee on Dispatch of Business moved that the House stand in recess until 4:00 p.m. on the Fourth Legislative Day.

Motion carried

The House recessed at 11:00 a.m.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Reconvene
The House reconvened at 4:40 p.m. with the Presiding Bishop in the Chair.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Social and Urban Affairs
The House of Bishops Committee on Social and Urban Affairs presented its Report #3 on Resolution A140 (Domestic Poverty) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A140)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 76th General Convention commend the Presiding Bishop for convening a Summit on Domestic Poverty in May
2008, and calls upon the Executive Council to engage continuing efforts in the Church to address this priority concern in the next triennium.

Motion carried  
Resolution adopted  
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #68)

Ministry  
The House of Bishops Committee on Ministry presented its Report #4 on Resolution A180 (General Ordination Exam Fee) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:  
(A180)  
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the authorization for the General Board of Examining Chaplains to charge a fee for the General Ordination Examination be continued for the next triennium, such fee not to exceed $500 per candidate; this authorization is granted with the proviso that fees shall be reduced or waived, at the Administrator’s discretion, for qualified candidates who are unable to obtain funds for the stated fee.

Motion carried  
Resolution adopted  
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #69)

The House of Bishops Committee on Ministry presented its Report #10 on Resolution A175 (Amend Canon III.16, Section 1) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:  
(A175)  
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the first sentence of Canon III.16 be amended as follows:

CANON 16: Of the Board for Church Deployment  
Sec. 1. (a) There shall be a Board for Church Deployment Transition Ministry of the General Convention, consisting of twelve members, four of whom shall be Bishops, four of whom shall be Presbyters or Deacons and four of whom shall be Lay Persons.  
(b) The Bishops shall be appointed by the Presiding Bishop. The Priests or Deacons and Lay Members shall be appointed by the President of the House of Deputies. All appointments to the Board shall be subject to the confirmation of the General Convention.  
(c) The Members shall serve terms, beginning with the adjournment of the meeting of the General Convention at which their appointments are confirmed and ending with the adjournment of the second regular meeting thereafter. The members shall not serve successive terms.  
(d) At each regular meeting of the General Convention one-half of the membership shall be appointed to serve full terms.  
(e) Vacancies shall be filled by appointment by the Presiding Bishop or by the President of the House of Deputies, as appropriate. Such appointments shall
be for the remaining unexpired portion of the members’ terms, and, if a regular meeting of the General Convention intervenes, appointments for terms extending beyond such meetings shall be subject to confirmation of the General Convention. Members appointed to fill the vacancies shall not thereby be disqualified from appointment to full terms thereafter.

**Motion carried**
**Resolution adopted**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #70)

The House of Bishops Committee on Ministry presented its Report #11 on Resolution A176 (Amend Canon III.16, Section 2) and moved adoption.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(A176)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That Canon III.16.2 be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2. The duties of the Board shall be:

(a) To oversee the Church Deployment Office Office for Transition Ministry.
(b) To provide support for the training of bishops and diocesan personnel in the transition ministry processes.
(c) To study the deployment transition ministry needs and trends in The Episcopal Church and in other Christian bodies.
(d) To issue and distribute such reports and information concerning deployment transition ministry as it deems helpful to the Church.
(e) To cooperate with the Centers for Mission and the other Boards, Commissions and Agencies which are concerned with transition ministry, and particularly with the Executive Council.
(f) To report on its work and the work of the Church Deployment Office Office for Transition Ministry at each regular meeting of the General Convention.
(g) To report to the Executive Council at regular intervals annually as part of its accountability to the Council for the funding which the Church Deployment Office Office for Transition Ministry receives.
(h) To work in cooperation with the Church Center Staff.
(i) To fulfill other responsibilities assigned to it by the General Convention.

**Motion carried**
**Resolution adopted**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #71)

**Social and Urban Affairs**

The House of Bishops Committee on Social and Urban Affairs presented its Report #6 on Resolution A164 (Commendations to Presiding Bishops) and moved adoption.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(A164)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church commend the 24th, 25th and 26th Presiding Bishops of The
Episcopal Church for their faithful issuance of an annual World AIDS Day message; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention call upon all congregations and worshiping committees of the Church to observe World AIDS Day with worship and educational programs; and be it further

Resolved, That these events be used as an opportunity to form pastoral and liturgical responses to the HIV/AIDS pandemic both at home and overseas.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #83)

The Bishop of Michigan and two other bishops requested to withdraw Resolution A122 from the Consent Calendar.

The House of Bishops Committee for Dispatch of Business removed Resolution A122 from the Consent Calendar and re-calendared it for the Fifth Legislative Day.

The Secretary laid the Consent Calendar for the Fifth Legislative Day on the table.

END OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR

Messages from the House of Deputies
The Secretary announced that the following messages had been received from the House of Deputies:

- HD Message #85: A068 (Reconciliation Training) Adopted with amendment.
- HD Message #86: A020 (Amend HDRO 41) Adopted with amendment.
- HD Message #87: D045 (Committee Member Transparency) Adopted with amendment.

Special Order of Business
The House of Bishops Committee on Stewardship and Development moved to reconsider Resolution A069 (Funding Mission Funding Office).

Motion carried
Resolution reconsidered

The Bishop of San Diego proposed a substitute for Resolution A069.

Proposed Substitute:
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 76th General Convention affirms the imperative of raising significant financial resources to seize the mission opportunities that are before us; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention encourages the mission Funding Initiative of The Episcopal Church and commends the Presiding Bishop for her leadership in this important area; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention directs the Presiding Bishop and the Mission Funding Advisory Board to include in their work in this triennium continued development of the case for support and appropriate evaluation of a feasible goal for this initiative which will include conversations with Bishops, clergy and lay leaders at all levels of the church; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention authorizes the Executive Council to set a bold and ambitious goal for this fund after the aforementioned conversations; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $5,000,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

The question was called.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on substitute Resolution A069.

Motion carried
Substitute resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #72)

Rules of Order
The House of Bishop Committee on Rules of Order presented its Report #1 on Resolution B032 (Amend HBRO I(11)) and moved adoption.

Final Text of Resolution:
(B032)
Resolved, That Rule of Order I(11) of the House of Bishops be amended to read as follows:
(11) *Small Congregations.*

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #75)

Structure
The House of Bishops Committee on Structure presented its Report #18 on HD Message #78 on Resolution A118 (Amend Canon I.1.2(n): Establish Two Standing Commissions) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #73)
Final Text of Resolution:
(A118)
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention supports the Executive Council Committee on Science, Technology and Faith and Executive Council Committee on Anti-Racism as continuing committees of the Executive Council pursuant to Canon I.4.3.(g).

The House of Bishops Committee on Structure presented its Report #19 on HD Message #60 on Resolution A117 (Discontinue Three Committees) and moved concurrence.

The Bishop of Michigan moved an amendment.

Proposed Amendment:
Add the words “and the Executive Council Committee on HIV/AIDS” after the word “Women,” replace the word “committee” with the word “committees” and delete the word “a.” Delete the comma after the word “Women.”

Motion carried
Amendment adopted

A vote was taken on Resolution A117 as amended.

Motion carried
The House concurred with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #74)

The House of Bishops Committee on Structure presented its Report #20 on HD Message #59 on Resolution A168 (Annual Data Gathering About Gender Parity in Diocesan Leadership) and moved concurrence to refer to the Executive Council.

Motion carried
The House concurred to refer to Executive Council
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message # 76)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A168)
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church add the following to the annual Diocesan Report Form:
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### National and International Concerns

The House of Bishops Committee on National and International Concerns presented its Report #21 on HD Message #81 on Resolution A144 (Extension of Resolution A127 to General Convention 2012) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #77)

#### Final Text of Resolution:

**(A144)**

Resolved, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church agree to extend Resolution A127, which was passed at the 75th General Convention and that the Executive Council Committee on Anti-Racism report back to the 77th General Convention in 2012.

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#### Final Text:

Resolved, That the 75th General Convention of The Episcopal Church endorse the principles of restorative justice, an important tool in implementing a neutral articulation of the self-examination and amendment of life that is required to fulfill our baptismal covenant; and be it further

Resolved, That the 75th Convention, in support of and to enhance Resolution A123, call upon the Anti-Racism Committee of Executive Council to design a study and dialogue process and materials in order to engage the people of The Episcopal Church in storytelling about historical and present-day privilege and under-privilege as well as discernment towards restorative justice and the call to fully live into our baptismal covenant; and be it further

Resolved, That in the spirit of inclusion, dioceses also be invited to determine whether their call is to conduct truth and reconciliation processes in regard to other histories and legacies of racial discrimination and oppression that may be
applicable in their geographic area, while not diminishing the strong call to focus on the history and legacy of slavery; and be it further

Resolved, That the dioceses will give a progress report to the Anti-Racism Committee. The Anti-Racism Committee will report their findings and recommendations to the Standing Commission on National Concerns and to Executive Council and to the 76th General Convention; and be it further

Resolved, That the Church hold before itself the vision of a Church without racism; a Church for all races.

Citation: General Convention, Journal of the General Convention of The Episcopal Church, Columbus, 2006 (New York: General Convention, 2007), pp. 665-666.

Archives

The House of Bishops Committee on National and International Concerns presented its Report #22 on HD Message #79 on Resolution C064 (Endorsement of the Earth Charter) and moved concurrence.

The Bishop of Maryland moved an amendment.

Proposed Amendment:
In the first resolve clause, after the words “action steps” add the following words “including the provision of biblical, theological and spiritual resources for environmental justice.”

Motion carried
Amendment adopted

A vote was taken on Resolution C064 as amended.

Motion carried
The House concurred with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #78)

The House of Bishops Committee on National and International Concerns presented its Report #23 on HD Message #82 on Resolution B006 (Immigration: Economic Justice Implications) and moved concurrence.

The Bishop of Southwestern Virginia moved an amendment.

Proposed Amendment:
In the second resolve clause, add the word “non-federal” between the word “on” and the word “roadside.”

Motion defeated
Amendment defeated

The question was called.

Motion carried
Debate terminated
A vote was taken on Resolution B006.

The House concurred

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #79)

Final Text of Resolution:

(B006)

Resolved, That the 76th General Convention recognize that all people living in the United States are entitled to protection provided by due process of law and that all immigrants and their families are entitled to receive protection granted by our laws and Constitution; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention call for a moratorium on roadside checkpoints and raids carried out by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) at work sites, transportation systems, community gatherings, places of worship, lawful assemblies and private residences leaving families torn apart and children parentless and negatively affecting businesses, workers and communities; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention advocate for a return of congressional consideration and implementation of comprehensive immigration reform which will allow millions of undocumented immigrants who have established roots in the United States and are often parents and spouses of U.S. Citizens to have a pathway to legalization and to full social and economic integration in to the United States; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention deplore conditions found in immigration detention centers and the over-reliance on a costly prison-like detention system for immigrants, and urge the uses of alternatives to detention, and calls for accountability and oversight to ensure detainees are provided with humanitarian treatment, adequate food and medical care and sanitary conditions; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention call for termination of any program which allows or funds local enforcement agencies to enforce immigration law, and return that enforcement to Federal Immigration Agents, leaving local law enforcement agencies the work of keeping communities safe and dedicating their resources to that end, and provide for a sense of safety for immigrant victims of crimes to come forward and report without fear of detention and deportation; and be it further

Resolved, That in as much as youth are a priority of The Episcopal Church, the 76th General Convention support the provision of conditional legal status for undocumented youth who arrived as infants and/or children and have grown up as members of our communities and schools, providing for them the opportunity to pursue higher education and/or serve the United States so they can become full contributing members of our communities and could eventually become U.S. Citizens.

The House of Bishop Committee on National and International Concerns presented its Report #24 on HD Message #80 on Resolution A032 (Human Rights Violations in the Philippines) and moved concurrence.
The Bishop Suffragan of the Armed Forces moved an amendment.

**Proposed Amendment:**
Replace the word “withholding” with the words “scrutiny about the use.”

The question was called.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on the amendment.

Motion defeated
Amendment defeated

A vote was taken on Resolution A032.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #80)

**Final Text of Resolution:**
(A032)
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention joins The Episcopal Church in the Philippines and the National Council of Churches in the Philippines in urging the United States government to use its considerable influence (including withholding of military aid) to champion human rights and thus encourage an end to extra-judicial killings and disappearances.

**Social and Urban Affairs**
The House of Bishops Committee on Social and Urban Affairs presented its Report #18 on Resolution C049 (Renew and Strengthen Economic Justice Ministry) and moved adoption with amendment.

**Original Text of Resolution:**
(C049)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 76th General Convention shall urge each Episcopal congregation to know where the marginalized of their community live and work, have a relationship with one or more poor families in their community, know people by their names and form a local partnership with an agency that is working with low-income people; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention shall urge each Episcopal congregation to begin or continue to engage in the traditional acts of mercy in which many congregations and Jubilee Centers participate: food pantries, clothing closets, soup kitchens, homeless shelters and other programs; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention shall continue and deepen its advocacy and shall urge dioceses and congregations (often in concert with the Episcopal Public Policy Network) to advocate for legislation that provides adequate levels of support and opportunities for low-income people; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention shall urge dioceses and congregations to promote and participate in church-based community organizing whereby people of the local community exercise the power of numbers and conviction to bring their needs to the attention of and promote effective action by elected officials and governmental bodies; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention shall support and participate and shall urge dioceses and congregations to support and participate in various models through which low-income people and their co-workers can take control of their own lives and meet their own needs: models such as community development corporations, housing corporations and co-ops, small business development and land trusts; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention encourage at every level loans and deposits at a level of one to ten percent of its financial assets to community development financial institutions (community loan funds, community development banks and credit unions and micro-loan business funds) to support local community development, and, where helpful and necessary, shall create such financial institutions themselves; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention direct development at the national level of a community development loan fund that is open to deposits from Episcopal dioceses, congregations, organizations and members, with a goal of becoming a $24 million fund that will support the “community-controlled economic development programs of the disadvantaged” (quoted from the Economic Justice Resolution of the 1988 General Convention); and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $300,000 to fund the Episcopal Network for Economic Justice at a level of $100,000 per year for the coming triennium so that it can increase its mission of supporting and assisting economic justice work at every level of the Church and help implement the ministry outlined in this resolution.

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 76th General Convention shall urge each Episcopal congregation to know where the marginalized of their community live and work, have a relationship with one or more poor families in their community, know people by their names and form a local partnership with an agency that is working with low-income people; and be it further

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 76th General Convention direct the Executive Council to develop a strategic plan with clear designation of authority and accountability to address issues of domestic economic justice and report back to the 77th General Convention; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention urge each Episcopal Congregation to build relationships with and among the marginalized of their community as well as form local partnerships with agencies that work with low-income people; and be it further

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Motion carried

Resolution adopted with amendment

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #81)

The House of Bishops Committee on Social and Urban Affairs presented its Report #19 on Resolution D063 (Pandemic Preparedness) and moved to refer the resolution to the Standing Commission on Health.

Original Text of Resolution:

(D063)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church direct each diocese and province of The Episcopal Church to have in place such pastoral and health guidelines and protocols for an effective and appropriate faith community response and management of pandemic influenza outbreaks by 1 October 2009; and be it further

Resolved, That it direct that the Episcopal Church Center and its regional offices and Standing Liturgical Commission shall have in place by 1 October, information and
policy needed regarding pastoral direction for gatherings, pastoral care and health guidelines and protocols for effective and appropriate responses to and the management of pandemic influenza.

The Bishop of California moved an amendment.

**Proposed Amendment:**
In the first resolve clause, substitute “2009” with “2010.”

Motion defeated
Amendment defeated

A vote was taken on Resolution D063.

Motion carried
Resolution referred to a Standing Commission
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #82)

The Bishop of Michigan moved to reconsider Resolution D063.

Motion defeated
Reconsideration defeated

**Personal Privilege**
The Bishop Suffragan of Olympia and Provisional Bishop of Eastern Oregon reported the death of Phyllis Edwards, the first woman deacon ordained in The Episcopal Church by Bishop Pike.

**RECESS**

Following announcements by the Secretary, the House of Bishops Committee on Dispatch of Business moved that the House stand in recess until 3:00 p.m. on the Fifth Legislative Day.

Motion carried

The House recessed at 5:54 p.m. with prayer led by Chaplain Wade.
FIFTH DAY

Sunday
July 12, 2009

AFTERNOON SESSION

Reconvene
The House reconvened at 3:39 p.m. with the Presiding Bishop in the Chair.

Personal Privilege
Bishop Ohl addressed the House regarding Title IV revisions.

Special Order of Business
The Bishop of Arizona moved to reconsider Resolution B006 (Immigration: Economic Justice Implications).

Motion defeated
Reconsideration defeated

Agenda of the Day
The House of Bishops Committee on Dispatch of Business moved to adopt the agenda of the day.

Motion carried
Agenda adopted

Previous Day’s Minutes
The House of Bishops Committee on Dispatch of Business moved to dispense with the reading of the previous day’s minutes.

Motion carried

Special Order of Business
The Presiding Bishop recognized the Bishops serving on Program, Budget and Finance.

The Bishop of West Virginia delivered the following remarks:

“An Update to Our Brothers and Sisters in Christ from the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance.

“We are taking the extraordinary step of communicating to the House of Deputies and the House of Bishops in order to achieve a more transparent process for producing the budget for the next Triennium of The Episcopal Church. We want you to know that we began our deliberations with an approximately 24 million dollar gap between
projected income and projected expenses, and we are currently looking at an approximate shortfall of 14 million dollars.

“In order to help dioceses meet local expenses, we plan to propose a reduction in the diocesan asking for the next Triennium.

“In addition, we are preparing to make innovative proposals in regard to reducing the cost of General Convention.

“We appreciate your on-going prayers for us and we view this as an opportunity for creative and positive change in our church.”

CONSENT CALENDAR

Structure
The House of Bishops Committee on Structure presented its Report #23 on HD Message #49 on Resolution A060 (Regarding Canon I.1.5) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #85)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A060)
Resolved, That the Standing Commission on the Structure of the Church be directed to study the role and qualifications of the Registrar of the General Convention in the maintenance of records of the ordinations and consecrations of the bishops of the church and report back to the 77th General Convention.

The House of Bishops Committee on Structure presented its Report #25 on HD Message #47 on Resolution C060 (Statistics for Overseas Congregations) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #87)

Final Text of Resolution:
(C060)
Resolved, That the House of Deputies Committee on the State of the Church be directed to include in their report to the 77th General Convention, and all subsequent General Conventions, all statistics pertaining to the life of the congregations in all oversea Dioceses and the Convocation of American Churches in Europe.

The Secretary laid the Consent Calendar for the Sixth Legislative Day on the table.

END OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR
Messages from the House of Deputies

The Secretary announced that the following messages had been received from the House of Deputies:

**HD Message #84:** A083 (Directive for Dioceses to Formulate at Strategy for Lifelong Christian Formation in the Next Triennium) 
Adopted with amendment.

**HD Message #85:** A068 (Reconciliation Training) Adopted with amendment.

**HD Message #86:** A020 (Amend HDRO 41) Adopted with amendment.

**HD Message #87:** D045 (Committee Member Transparency) Adopted with amendment.

**HD Message #88:** E011 (Election of Vice-President of House of Deputies) 
Adopted.

**HD Message #89:** A009 (Study the Process of Nominations and Election of the Presiding Bishop) Referred to the Standing Commission on Structure.

**HD Message #90:** A016 (Amend HDRO 20) Adopted.

**HD Message #91:** A157 (Climate Change and the Millennium Development Goals) Referred to the Standing Commission on Science, Technology and Faith.

**HD Message #92:** C073 (Re-evaluation of Care for Mentally Ill) Referred to the Standing Commission on Health.

**HD Message #93:** A043 (Relief for Victims of International Criminal Gangs) 
Adopted with amendment.

**HD Message #94:** A152 (Preservation of Burial Sites) Adopted.

**HD Message #95:** C071 (Health Care Coverage for All) Adopted with amendment.

Ministry

The House of Bishops Committee on Ministry presented its Report #18 on Resolution A007 (House of Bishops Budget Appropriation for Next Triennium) and moved adoption.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(A007)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That there be appropriated from the budget of the General Convention the sum of $51,000 for the expenses of the House of Bishops Committee on Pastoral Development for the 2010-2012 triennium; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $51,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

**Motion carried**

**Resolution adopted**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #88)
The House of Bishops Committee on Ministry presented its Report #19 on Resolution A103 (Development of a Web Site on Continuing Education) and moved adoption.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(A103) Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 76th General Convention, in recognition of Title III.4.2(b), III.7.5, III.9.1 and III.12.2, authorize the development of a web site for the purposes of providing examples of best practices in continuing education, providing links to suitable continuing education opportunities and providing examples of how to record the continuing education of licensed ministers, deacons, priests and bishops; and be it further Resolved, That the administration of the web site reside at the Episcopal Church Center, with suitable staffing provided; and be it further Resolved, That the General Convention requests the Joint Standing Commission on Program, Budget and Finance to consider an annual budget allocation of up to $20,000 to implement this resolution.

**Motion carried**

**Resolution adopted**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #89)

The House of Bishops Committee on Ministry presented its Report #20 on Resolution C080 (Lay Leadership and Ministry Development) and moved adoption.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(C080) Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 76th General Convention call upon the Executive Council, provinces, dioceses and congregations to promote and develop the discernment that all of daily life and work is ministry, calling for the intentional exercise of the Baptismal Covenant promises in all sectors of public as well as private life; and be it further Resolved, That, as mandated in Canons III.1 and 2, Executive Council urge and assist diocesan Commissions on Ministry to promote and develop programs that will engage baptized persons in ministry discernment and support congregations in providing processes for such discernment in community; and be it further Resolved, That the Office of Lay Leadership and Ministry Development and the Standing Commission on Ministry Development be directed to assist provinces and dioceses in concrete ways that support the full realization of the ministries of the baptized, both on Sunday and beyond, so that parishes may serve as ministry development “base camps” for all who seek to live their faith in every part of daily life.

**Motion carried**

**Resolution adopted**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #90)

The House of Bishops Committee on Ministry presented its Report #21 on Resolution A169 (Annual Data Gathering About Episcopal Elections; Clergy Compensation) and moved adoption with amendment.
Original Text of Resolution:

(A169) Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church directs the Office of Pastoral Development to maintain annual statistics about numbers of women and men in elections to the episcopate and to report them annually to the Church; and be it further Resolved, That the Convention directs the Office of Research to gather data annually about 1) clergy compensation by gender, and 2) numbers of all male and female clergy, and to report them annually to the Church.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church directs the Office of Pastoral Development to maintain annual statistics about numbers of women and men in elections to the episcopate and to report them annually to the Church; and be it further Resolved, That the Convention directs the Office of Research Office for Transition Ministry in consultation with the Church Pension Fund, diocese and other appropriate agencies to gather data annually about 1) clergy compensation by gender, and 2) numbers of all male and female clergy, and to report them annually to the Church broadly disseminate the report by electronic and other means on an annual basis.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #91)

The House of Bishops Committee on Ministry presented its Report #22 on Resolution C013 (Support for Those Studying for Ordained Ministry) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:

(C013) Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church direct the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to provide funding in the coming triennium in the amount of $100,000 in year one, $150,000 in year two and $200,000 in year three for the purpose of providing needs-based scholarships for Episcopal Seminarians; and be it further Resolved, That said funds be administered and distributed to needy seminarians through the existing Scholarship Program of the Society for the Increase of the Ministry (SIM), said Society having an established record of 151 years experience in administering scholarship grants to Episcopal seminarians; and be it further Resolved, That the General Convention direct SIM to report annually to the Executive Council on this work and its effectiveness in meeting the needs of the future ordained leaders of this Church and that the Executive Council, in turn, provide a full report to the 77th General Convention; and be it further Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $450,000 for the implementation of this resolution.
Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church direct request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to provide funding in the coming triennium in the amount of $100,000 in year one, $150,000 in year two and $200,000 in year three for the purpose of providing needs-based scholarships for Episcopal Seminarians postulants and candidates for ordination; and be it further

Resolved, That said funds be administered and distributed to needy seminarians students through the existing Scholarship Program of the Society for the Increase of the Ministry (SIM), said Society having an established record of 151 years experience in administering scholarship grants to Episcopal seminarians postulants and candidates for ordination; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $450,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

Motion carried

Resolution adopted with amendment

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #92)

The House of Bishops Committee on Ministry presented its Report #23 on Resolution A191 (Ministry Formation) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A191)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 76th General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Ministry Development to convene a task force to revise and develop guidelines for the formation, education and evaluation of ordained ministers; and be it further

Resolved, That the Standing Commission on Ministry Development report their recommendations to the House of Bishops in the second year of the triennium, gain their input and recommend to the 77th General Convention guidelines and canonical changes; and be it further

Resolved, That the Standing Commission on Ministry Development consider for inclusion on the task force members of the Commission, the Council of Seminary Deans, the House of Bishops Theological Education Committee, the General Board of Examining Chaplains and representatives of various ministry models; and be it further

Resolved, That a staff member from the Episcopal Church Center whose responsibility is the oversight of theological education be appointed to and serve as a resource to the task force; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $45,000 to implement this resolution.
Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 76th General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Ministry Development to convene a task force to revise and develop guidelines and identify best practices for the formation, education and evaluation of ordained ministers; and be it further

Resolved, That the Standing Commission on Ministry Development report their recommendations to the House of Bishops in the second year of the triennium, gain their input and recommend to the 77th General Convention guidelines and canonical changes; and be it further

Resolved, That the Standing Commission on Ministry Development consider for inclusion on the task force members of the Commission, the Council of Seminary Deans, deans of other seminaries, the House of Bishops Theological Education Committee, the General Board of Examining Chaplains and representatives of various ministry models, other formation programs, and be it further

Resolved, That a staff member from the Episcopal Church Center whose responsibility is the oversight of theological education be appointed to and serve as a resource to the task force; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $45,000 to implement this resolution.

Motion carried

Resolution adopted with amendment

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #93)

The House of Bishops Committee on Ministry presented its Report #24 on Resolution A104 (Multicultural Leadership Development) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A104)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 76th General Convention recognize the importance of cultural diversity in the dioceses; and be it further

Resolved, That the 76th General Convention affirm the importance of cultural diversity and multicultural leadership development; and be it further

Resolved, That the 76th General Convention request that dioceses of The Episcopal Church consider a specific yearly budget allocation for the implementation of multicultural leadership development to support a diocesan strategic plan designed for the creation and sustaining of multicultural ministry, utilizing “Meeting on New Ground;” and be it further

Resolved, That the 76th General Convention create a task force on multicultural ministry to study the dioceses involved in such ministry, gather resources for developing and sustaining multicultural ministry and to report on the progress to the 77th General Convention; and be it further

Resolved, That the 76th General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $10,000 for the implementation of this resolution.
Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 76th General Convention recognize the importance of cultural diversity in the dioceses; and be it further
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention affirm the importance of cultural diversity and multicultural leadership development; and be it further
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention request that dioceses of The Episcopal Church consider a specific yearly budget allocation for the implementation of multicultural leadership development to support a diocesan strategic plan designed for the creation and sustaining of multicultural ministry, utilizing “Meeting on New Ground;” and be it further
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention request that dioceses of The Episcopal Church consider a specific yearly budget allocation for the implementation of multicultural leadership development to support a diocesan strategic plan designed for the creation and sustaining of multicultural ministry, utilizing “Meeting on New Ground;” and be it further
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $10,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #94)

The House of Bishops Committee on Ministry presented its Report #25 on Resolution C018 (Supporting Theological Education Costs) and moved that the Committee be discharged as the matter is already acted on in Resolution C013.

Original Text of Resolution:
(C018)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance provide funding for the next triennium to underwrite the mounting costs of theological education in the amounts of $100,000 in year one, $150,000 in year two and $200,000 in year three; and be it further
Resolved, That these funds be joined with those already provided by the Society for the Increase of the Ministry (SIM) for the purpose of underwriting the mounting costs of theological education and that an annual report of the use of these funds and their effectiveness be made to the Executive Council.

Motion carried
Committee discharged
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #95)

The House of Bishops Committee on Ministry presented its Report #26 on Resolution C032 (Financial Support for Seminarians) and moved that the Committee be discharged as the matter is already acted on in Resolution C013.

Original Text of Resolution:
(C032)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 76th General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance provide funding for the
next triennium to underwrite the mounting costs of theological education by providing needs-based scholarships for Episcopal Seminarians; and be it further
Resolved, That said funds be administered and distributed to needy seminarians through the existing Scholarship Program of the Society for the Increase of the Ministry (SIM), said Society having an established record of 151 years of experience in administering scholarship grants to Episcopal seminarians; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention direct SIM to report annually to the Executive Council on this work and its effectiveness in meeting the needs of the future ordained leaders of this Church and that the Executive Council, in turn, provide a full report to the 77th General Convention; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation in the amounts of $100,000 in year one, $150,000 in year two and $200,000 in year three for the implementation of this resolution.

Motion carried
Committee discharged

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #96)

The House of Bishops Committee on Ministry presented its Report #27 on Resolution D028 (Lay Leadership and Ministry Development) and moved that the Committee be discharged as the matter is already acted on in Resolution C080.

Original Text of Resolution:
(D028)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 76th General Convention call upon the Executive Council, provinces, dioceses and congregations to promote and develop the discernment that all of daily life and work is ministry, calling for the intentional exercise of the Baptismal Covenant promises in all sectors of public as well as private life; and be it further
Resolved, That, as mandated in Canons III.1 and III.2, the Executive Council urge and assist diocesan Commissions on Ministry to promote and develop programs that will engage baptized persons in ministry discernment and support congregations in providing processes for such discernment in community; and be it further
Resolved, That the Office of Lay Leadership and Ministry Development and the Standing Commission on Ministry Development be directed to assist provinces and dioceses in concrete ways that support the full realization of the ministries of the baptized, both on Sunday and beyond, so that parishes may serve as ministry development “base camps” for all who seek to live their faith in every part of daily life.

Motion carried
Committee discharged

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #97)

Church Pension Fund
The House of Bishops Committee on Church Pension Fund presented its Report #8 on Resolution D053 (Strengthening Lay Employee CREDO as a Church Pension Plan Benefit) and moved adoption with amendment.
Original Text of Resolution:
(D053)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 76th General Convention affirm the Church Pension Group for its abiding vision and support of CREDO as a wellness benefit of the pension plans for clergy and lay employees of The Episcopal Church; and be it further
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention recognize that during the past 12 years, CREDO eight-day conferences have instilled and encouraged the commitment to wellness in the workplace, home and church in 4,500 clergy, 120 bishops and nearly 300 lay employees; and be it further
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention encourage the Church Pension Group to expand its support for Lay Employee CREDO so that all God’s ministers are better able to understand their work as a vocational call, to more deeply embrace their lives as a faithful response to that call, and to work and live in the embrace of God’s care and deep desire for human wellness; and be it further
Resolved, That employers and supervisors of lay employees of The Episcopal Church encourage and support the participation of lay employees who are invited to participate in a CREDO eight-day conference as an extension and deepening of their professional lives and consider the time away as work time rather than vacation days.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 76th General Convention affirm the Church Pension Group for its abiding vision and support of CREDO as a wellness benefit of the pension plans for clergy and lay employees of The Episcopal Church; and be it further
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention recognize that during the past 12 years, CREDO eight-day conferences have instilled and encouraged the commitment to wellness in the workplace, home and church in 4,500 clergy, Deacons and Priests, 120 bishops and nearly 300 lay employees; and be it further
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention encourage the Church Pension Group to explore ways to expand its support for Lay Employee CREDO so that all God’s ministers are better able to understand their work as a vocational call, to more deeply embrace their lives as a faithful response to that call and to work and live in the embrace of God’s care and deep desire for human wellness; and be it further
Resolved, That employers and supervisors of lay employees of The Episcopal Church encourage and support the participation of eligible lay employees who are invited to participate in a CREDO eight-day conference as an extension and deepening of their professional lives and consider the time away as work time rather than vacation days.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #98)
Canons
The House of Bishops Committee on Canons presented its Report #8 on HD Message #75 on Resolution A172 (Amendments to the Canons Affecting Data Collection and Records in Electronic Format) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #99)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A172)
Resolved, That Canon I.6.5(a) [Of the Mode of Securing an Accurate View of the State of This Church] be amended as follows:

Sec. 5. (a) It shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Convention of every jurisdiction to forward to the Secretary of the House of Deputies, immediately upon publication, two copies of the Journals of the Convention of the jurisdiction, together with episcopal charges, statements and such other records in paper or electronic format as may show the state of the Church in that jurisdiction, and two copies to the Archives of the Church in a common format as prescribed by the Archivist of the Church.

And be it further
Resolved, That Canon I.1.5(f) [Of the General Convention] be amended as follows:

Sec. 5. (f) It shall be the duty of the secretaries of both Houses to deliver to the Registrar, the minutes of both Houses, together with the Journals, files, papers, reports, electronic records and all other records of either House in a manner prescribed by the Archivist. The minutes of both Houses shall remain filed until after the adjournment of the first General Convention following that at which such minutes shall have been taken; Provided, however, that any part of such minutes, for any reason unpublished in the Journal, shall remain filed in the Archives. The Secretary of the House of Deputies shall also deliver to the Registrar as prescribed by the Archivist, when not otherwise expressly directed, all the Journals, files, papers, reports and other published, unpublished or electronic documents specified in Canon I.6. The Secretaries shall require the Registrar to give them receipts for the Journals and other records. The Registrar shall transmit the records of the secretaries of both Houses to the Archivist of the Church.

The House of Bishops Committee on Canons presented its Report #9 on HD Message #74 on Resolution A173 (Amend Canon I.5.3(a) Board of Archives Membership) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #100)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A173)
Resolved, That Canon I.5.3(a) be amended to read as follows:
Sec. 3. (a) There shall be a Board of the Archives which shall consist of the Archivist (*ex officio*, with vote) and twelve (12) appointed persons, three (3) of whom shall be Bishops, three (3) of whom shall be Clergy and six (6) of whom shall be Lay Persons. All appointed Members of the Board shall serve terms beginning with the close of the General Convention at which their appointments are confirmed and ending with the close of the second regular Convention thereafter.

Social and Urban Affairs
The House of Bishops Committee on Social and Urban Affairs presented its Report #21 on Resolution A109 (Model Prisoner Ministry) and moved to refer the resolution to the Standing Commission on National Concerns.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A109)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 76th General Convention commit to the Biblical call to “proclaim release to the captives” and to “set the prisoners free;” and be it further
Resolved, That justice must be done for victims and offenders alike; and be it further
Resolved, That The Episcopal Church be firmly committed to a system of justice that seeks to provide prisoners with assistance both before and after their release, including alternatives to prison where appropriate, and programs in prison that offer offenders the chance to learn job skills and complete education; and be it further
Resolved, That The Episcopal Church seek to address the concern of prisons built in remote areas resulting in further separation of families thus making the situation for juvenile offenders particularly difficult; and be it further
Resolved, That The Episcopal Church commit the sum of $100,000 to develop and implement a model program based on the above action called for in this resolution, in partnership with interested others, at an appropriate penal facility in the United States; and be it further
Resolved, That The Episcopal Church recognize and express its gratitude to the many ministries of the church, including those of prison chaplains and volunteers, parishes and dioceses that work to support prisoners and their families; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $100,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

Motion carried
Resolution referred to a Standing Commission
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #101)

Stewardship and Development
The House of Bishops Committee on Stewardship and Development presented its Report #22 on Resolution A107 (Financial Support for Those Studying Ordained Ministry) recommending discharge, and the re-referral of the resolution to the Committee on Ministry.
Original Text of Resolution:

(A107)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 76th General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance consider an initial budget allocation in the amount of $450,000 from the Canonical Budget of the General Convention to the Society for the Increase of the Ministry (SIM) during the next triennium to be used solely for the financial support of persons studying for ordained ministry and as a supplement to the financial support of those persons already provided by SIM; and it is requested that the budget allocation be paid in the amount of $100,000 in 2010; $150,000 in 2011; and $200,000 in 2012; and be it further
Resolved, That SIM be requested to report annually to the SCMD and the Executive Council on its work in support of persons studying for ordained ministry and its use of the funds provided from the canonical budget to supplement SIM's work; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $450,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

Motion carried
Resolution re-referred to a Legislative Committee
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #103)

The House of Bishops Committee on Stewardship and Development presented its Report #23 on Resolution C072 (Support for Seminarians) recommending discharge, and the re-referral of the resolution to the Committee on Ministry.

Original Text of Resolution:

(C072)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 76th General Convention fund needs-based scholarships for Episcopal seminarians in the coming Triennium; and be it further
Resolved, That funding be in the amount of $100,000 in year one, $150,000 in year two and $200,000 in year three; and be it further
Resolved, That these funds be administered and distributed to seminarians through the existing Scholarship Program of the Society for the Increase of the Ministry (SIM); and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention direct SIM to report annually to the Executive Council on this work and its effectiveness in meeting the needs of the future ordained leaders of this Church and that the Executive Council, in turn, provide a full report to 77th General Convention; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation for the triennium totaling $450,000.00 for the implementation of this resolution.

Motion carried
Resolution re-referred to a Legislative Committee
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #103)
Church Pension Fund

The House of Bishops Committee on Church Pension Fund presented its Report #7 on Resolution A177 (Denominational Health Plan) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A177)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That this church establish the Denominational Health Plan of this church for all domestic dioceses, parishes, missions and other ecclesiastical organizations or bodies subject to the authority of this church, for clergy and lay employees who are scheduled to work a minimum of 1,500 hours annually, in accordance with the following principles:

1. The Denominational Health Plan shall be designed and administered by the Trustees and officers of the Church Pension Fund, following best industry practices for comparable plans;
2. The Denominational Health Plan shall provide that, subject to the rules of the plan administrator, each diocese has the right to make decisions as to plan design options offered by the plan administrator, minimum cost-sharing guidelines for parity between clergy and lay employees, domestic partner benefits in accordance with General Convention Resolution 1997-C024 and the participation of schools, day care facilities and other diocesan institutions (that is, other than the diocese itself and its parishes and missions) in the Denominational Health Plan;
3. The Denominational Health Plan shall provide benefits that are comparable in coverage to those benefits currently provided by the domestic dioceses and parishes of this church;
4. The Denominational Health Plan shall provide equal access to health care benefits for eligible clergy and eligible lay employees;
5. The Denominational Health Plan shall provide benefits through the Episcopal Church Medical Trust, which shall be the sole plan sponsor for such benefits and continue to be operated on a financially sound basis;
6. The Denominational Health Plan shall have a church-wide advisory committee that is representative of the broader church and appointed by the Church Pension Fund, and such church-wide advisory committee shall receive an annual report about the status of the Denominational Health Plan;
7. For purposes of this resolution, the term “domestic” shall mean ecclesiastical organizations and bodies located in the United States, including the Dioceses of Puerto Rico and Virgin Islands;
8. The Church Pension Fund shall continue to work with the Dioceses of Colombia, Convocation of American Churches in Europe, Dominican Republic, Ecuador Central, Ecuador Litoral, Haiti, Honduras, Micronesia, Taiwan and Venezuela to make recommendations with respect to the provision and funding of healthcare benefits of such dioceses under the Denominational Health Plan; and
9. The implementation of the Denominational Health Plan shall be completed as soon as practicable, but in no event later than by the end of 2012; and be it further
Resolved, That Canon I.8 shall be amended as follows:
Sec. 1. The Church Pension Fund, a corporation created by Chapter 97 of the Laws of 1914 of the State of New York as subsequently amended, is hereby authorized to establish and administer the clergy pension system, including life, accident and health benefits, of this Church, substantially in accordance with the principles adopted by the General Convention of 1913 and approved thereafter by the several Dioceses, with the view to providing pensions and related benefits for the Clergy who reach normal age of retirement, for the Clergy disabled by age or infirmity and for the surviving spouses and minor children of deceased Clergy. The Church Pension Fund is also authorized to establish and administer the denominational health plan of this Church, substantially in accordance with the principles adopted by the General Convention of 2009, with the view to providing health care and related benefits for the eligible Clergy and eligible lay employees of this Church, as well as their eligible dependents.

Sec. 3. For the purpose of administering the pension system, the Church Pension Fund shall be entitled to receive and to use all net royalties from publications authorized by the General Convention, and to levy upon and to collect from all Parishes, Missions and other ecclesiastical organizations or bodies subject to the authority of this Church, and any other societies, organizations or bodies in the Church which under the regulations of the Church Pension Fund shall elect to come into the pension system, assessments based upon the salaries and other compensation paid to Clergy by such Parishes, Missions and other ecclesiastical organizations or bodies for services rendered currently or in the past, prior to their becoming beneficiaries of the Fund. For the purpose of administering the denominational health plan, the Church Pension Fund shall determine the eligibility of all Clergy and lay employees to participate in the denominational health plan through a formal benefits enrollment process, and the Church Pension Fund shall be entitled to levy upon and collect contributions for health care and related benefits under the denominational health plan from all Parishes, Missions and other ecclesiastical organizations or bodies subject to the authority of this Church with respect to their Clergy and lay employees.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That this church establish the Denominational Health Plan of this church for all domestic dioceses, parishes, missions and other ecclesiastical organizations or bodies subject to the authority of this church, for clergy and lay employees who are scheduled to work a minimum of 1,500 hours annually, in accordance with the following principles:

1. The Denominational Health Plan shall be designed and administered by the Trustees and officers of the Church Pension Fund, following best industry practices for comparable plans;

2. The Denominational Health Plan shall provide that, subject to the rules of the plan administrator, each diocese has the right to make decisions as to plan design options offered by the plan administrator, minimum cost-sharing guidelines for parity between clergy and lay employees, domestic partner benefits in accordance with General Convention Resolution 1997-C024 and the participation of schools, day care facilities and other diocesan institutions (that is, other than the diocese itself and its parishes and missions) in the Denominational Health Plan;
3. The Denominational Health Plan shall provide benefits that are comparable in coverage to those benefits currently provided by the domestic dioceses and parishes of this church;

4. The Denominational Health Plan shall provide equal access to health care benefits for eligible clergy and eligible lay employees;

5. The Denominational Health Plan shall provide benefits through the Episcopal Church Medical Trust, which shall be the sole plan sponsor for such benefits and continue to be operated on a financially sound basis;

6. The Denominational Health Plan shall have a church-wide advisory committee that is representative of the broader church and appointed by the Church Pension Fund, and such church-wide advisory committee shall receive an annual report about the status of the Denominational Health Plan;

7. For purposes of this resolution, the term “domestic” shall mean ecclesiastical organizations and bodies located in the United States, including the Dioceses of Puerto Rico and Virgin Islands;

8. The Church Pension Fund shall continue to work with the Dioceses of Colombia, Convocation of American Churches in Europe, Dominican Republic, Ecuador Central, Ecuador Litoral, Haiti, Honduras, Micronesia, Taiwan and Venezuela to make recommendations with respect to the provision and funding of healthcare benefits of such dioceses under the Denominational Health Plan; and

9. The implementation of the Denominational Health Plan shall be completed as soon as practicable, but in no event later than by the end of 2012; and be it further

Resolved, That Canon I.8 shall be amended as follows:

Sec. 1. The Church Pension Fund, a corporation created by Chapter 97 of the Laws of 1914 of the State of New York as subsequently amended, is hereby authorized to establish and administer the clergy pension system, including life, accident and health benefits, of this Church, substantially in accordance with the principles adopted by the General Convention of 1913 and approved thereafter by the several Dioceses, with the view to providing pensions and related benefits for the Clergy who reach normal age of retirement, for the Clergy disabled by age or infirmity and for the surviving spouses and minor children of deceased Clergy. The Church Pension Fund is also authorized to establish and administer the denominational health plan of this Church, substantially in accordance with the principles adopted by the General Convention of 2009 in Resolution A177, with the view to providing health care and related benefits for the eligible Clergy and eligible lay employees of this Church, as well as their eligible dependents.

Sec. 3. For the purpose of administering the pension system, the Church Pension Fund shall be entitled to receive and to use all net royalties from publications authorized by the General Convention, and to levy upon and to collect from all Parishes, Missions and other ecclesiastical organizations or bodies subject to the authority of this Church, and any other societies, organizations or bodies in the Church which under the regulations of the Church Pension Fund shall elect to come into the pension system, assessments based upon the salaries and other compensation paid to Clergy by such Parishes, Missions and other ecclesiastical organizations or bodies for services rendered currently or in the past, prior to their
becoming beneficiaries of the Fund. For the purpose of administering the denominational health plan, the Church Pension Fund shall determine the eligibility of all Clergy and lay employees to participate in the denominational health plan through a formal benefits enrollment process, and the Church Pension Fund shall be entitled to levy upon and collect contributions for health care and related benefits under the denominational health plan from all Parishes, Missions and other ecclesiastical organizations or bodies subject to the authority of this Church with respect to their Clergy and lay employees.

The question was called.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on Resolution A177 as amended.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #104)

Structure
The House of Bishops Committee on Structure presented its Report #24 on HD Message #48 on Resolution A003 (78th General Convention Site) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #86)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A003)
Resolved, That the following sites be considered for the 78th General Convention: Atlanta, Georgia; Las Vegas, Nevada; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; and Salt Lake City, Utah.

The House recessed for fifteen minutes and resumed at 4:49 p.m.

Introduction of Visiting Bishops
The Presiding Bishop introduced Bishop John White, Ecumenical Officer for the African Methodist Episcopal Church, and Bishop Armando Guerra, Diocese of Guatemala.

Special Order of Business
Bishop Donovan addressed the House on international bishops and other visitors.

Structure
The House of Bishops Committee on Structure presented its Report #22 on HD Message #50 on Resolution A122 (Amend Canon I.9: Provincial Leadership Conference) and moved concurrence.
The question was called.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on Resolution A122.

Motion defeated
Resolution rejected
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #105)

The House of Bishops Committee on Structure presented its Report #26 on Resolution D045 (Committee Member Transparency) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #106)

Final Text of Resolution:
(D045)
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention direct that the membership of all committees, subcommittees, task forces, panels or other bodies elected or appointed by any body or leader throughout The Episcopal Church including, but not limited to, the House of Deputies, the House of Bishops, the Executive Council, Standing Commissions, Committees, Agencies and Boards of The Episcopal Church and their respective Presiding Officers and Chairs be publicly available within 30 days after election or appointment.

World Mission
The House of Bishops Committee on World Mission presented its Report #25 on HD Message #51 on Resolution A129 (Mission Orientation in the New Bishop’s Conference) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #107)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A129)
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church, thankful for the relationship building between bishops of this Church and bishops of other Anglican Churches at the 2008 Lambeth Conference, and mindful of the hope that these relationships might be deepened by visitation, one to another, strongly encourage the inclusion of world mission orientation in the New Bishop’s Conference and other programs offered by the College of Bishops to develop deeper cross cultural relations with bishops of other Churches in the Anglican Communion.
The House of Bishops Committee on World Mission presented its Report #26 on HD Message #69 on Resolution A189 (Mission Cooperation in the Americas) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #108)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A189)
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention expresses its gratitude to the leadership of the Provinces of the Anglican Church of Brazil, the Anglican Church of Canada, the Anglican Church of the Central Region of America (IARCA), The Episcopal Church, the Anglican Church of Mexico, the dioceses of Uruguay, Peru and Cuba in gathering to extend our common participation in God’s mission through the Mutual Responsibility in Mission Consultation (MRMC) in Costa Rica from February 22 to 27, 2009; and be it further
Resolved, That this Convention commends the communication from the Mutual Responsibility in Mission Consultation, entitled “Amazing Together” as a vision to inform The Episcopal Church’s cooperation in mission with sisters and brothers in the Americas; and be it further
Resolved, That this Convention urge the Joint Standing Committee of the Anglican Consultative Council and the Primates Meeting to support and encourage ongoing regional gatherings of Anglican churches in the Americas for greater cooperation and coordination in God’s mission; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention charge Executive Council through the International Concerns Committee to pursue the possibilities of additional consultations of Anglican churches in the Americas as prayed for in “Amazing Together;” and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to include $7000 in the 2010-2012 Budget of The Episcopal Church towards the facilitation of the next mission consultation for Anglican Churches in the Americas.

The House of Bishops Committee on World Mission presented its Report #27 on HD Message #67 on Resolution A136 (EPGM Funding) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #109)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A136)
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church supports the work of the Episcopal Partnership for Global Mission (EPGM) as it strengthens, encourages and facilitates education for God’s mission as conducted by all the mission agencies of the Church; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $24,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

The House of Bishops Committee on World Mission presented its Report #28 on HD Message #66 on Resolution A190 (Commendation of The Episcopal Church in the Philippines) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #110)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A190)
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church commend The Episcopal Church in the Philippines, an autonomous Province of the Anglican Communion since 1988 and formerly a jurisdiction of The Episcopal Church (TEC), on the faithful and sacrificial accomplishment of financial and missional autonomy, having completed the covenant block grant cycle pledged by 1988 General Convention and its successors; and be it further
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention, pending agreement by the Provincial Synod of The Episcopal Church in the Philippines (ECP), direct the Executive Council of The Episcopal Church to work with the Joint Committee on the Philippine Covenant, a committee of the Executive Councils of both Churches formed for the purpose of envisioning shared ministries between The Episcopal Church and The Episcopal Church in the Philippines under, to develop a charter for future cooperation that may include but not be limited to:
• the formation of a Joint Consultation on Philippine Companionships under a bi-lateral agreement to promote partnership in mission between the two fully autonomous Provinces of the Anglican Communion (The Episcopal Church and The Episcopal Church in the Philippines) for the sake of their common heritage and history and the building up of the Reign of God; and
• the declaration that the work of Joint Committee on the Philippine Covenant is complete; and be it further
Resolved, That this charter be delivered to the 2011 Provincial Synod of the ECP and the 2012 General Convention of TEC for their consideration and affirmation.

The House of Bishops Committee on World Mission presented its Report #29 on HD Message #65 on Resolution A130 (Covenant with Brazil) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #111)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A130)
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church endorse the “Commitment to be Companions in Christ” between the Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil and The Episcopal Church, as expressed in the text below,
and by this affirmation authorize the signature of The Episcopal Church on this Covenant:

THE COMMITMENT TO BE COMPANIONS IN CHRIST - BETWEEN THE IGREJA EPISCOPAL ANGLICANA DO BRASIL AND THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

Preamble: The Episcopal Church and Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil share a missionary history in Brazil of over 100 years. The work in Brazil was initiated in 1890 by missionaries Lucien Lee Kinsolving and James Watson Morris, from the Virginia Theological Seminary. In 1907 the missionary efforts in Brazil resulted in the establishment of a missionary district of The Episcopal Church under the leadership of Bishop Lucien Lee Kinsolving. In 1965 this missionary district became the autonomous Province of Brazil, and The Episcopal Church concluded ongoing financial obligations in 1975. In 1990, at the celebration of the centennial of the Church of Brazil, the Presiding Bishops of The Episcopal Church and Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil agreed to establish a Bilateral Committee to reconnect and reconcile dynamics of distance that occurred during and after the establishment of Brazil’s autonomy. The experience of the Bilateral Committee has been one of reacquainting the Churches, re-establishing friendship, sharing vision for ministry mission and encouraging diocesan companionships. The Bilateral Committee believes the endorsement of the following Commitment to be Companions in Christ will be good for the souls of both provinces. The Bilateral Committee also believes it is wise and appropriate to solidify and make public and structurally accountable this ongoing commitment to one another.

The General Convention of The Episcopal Church and the Synod of Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil commit to mutual support and encouragement for ministry and mission development within both provinces. The Episcopal Church and Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil hereby establish a Bilateral Standing Committee to provide vision and planning to sustain and enhance the Committee relationship. The Bilateral Standing Committee will sustain the two provinces in their commitment to: 1) pray for each other’s life and faith; 2) commit to develop and support diocesan companion relationships; and 3) discern and support other initiatives that will mutually enrich the ministry and mission of both provinces. The Bilateral Standing Committee will establish and maintain a list of triennial initiatives consistent with the priorities of both provinces, such as theological education, missionary expansion, stewardship, sustainability and social ministry. The Bilateral Standing Committee will be composed of one bishop, appointed by each of the Presiding Bishops, and one priest, deacon or lay person from each province, appointed by the President of the House of Deputies (TEC) and the Presiding Bishop (IEAB), respectively. Terms for these four members shall be six years, rotated so that one of the two from each province shall be appointed at the start of every triennium. There shall also be two (to four) additional members from each province. For The Episcopal Church, this shall be one member from the Standing Commission on World Mission and one liaison from the Executive Council, selected from those bodies for three-year terms. The Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil shall appoint its additional members in a manner of its
choice. No member shall serve more than six consecutive years. The Bilateral Standing Committee will be accountable to the Presiding Bishop and the Executive Council of each province. In The Episcopal Church a report will be submitted after each meeting of the Bilateral Standing Committee to the Standing Commission on World Mission and to the Executive Council. In the Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil a report to the Executive Council and to the Provincial Synod will be provided after each meeting of the Bilateral Standing Committee. The Bilateral Standing Committee will typically meet every 18 months. Meeting places will alternate between provinces. Evaluation of this commitment will be undertaken at least every three years. The evaluation and recommendations will be furnished to the Executive Council of The Episcopal Church and the Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil and to both Presiding Bishops. The Commitment takes effect upon endorsement by the General Convention of The Episcopal Church and the Provincial Synod of the Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil.

The House of Bishops Committee on World Mission presented its Report #32 on HD Message #53 on Resolution A124 (Foreign Lands Task Force) and moved concurrence with a referral to the Standing Commission on World Mission.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(A124)

**Resolved,** the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention establish, pursuant to Joint Rule IX, a Task Force on Congregations in Foreign Lands to consider and make recommendations to the 77th General Convention on The Episcopal Church’s theology of mission, ecclesiology and the need for a coordinated Anglican approach to missionary work in areas outside existing Provinces of the Anglican Communion; and to propose to the 78th General Convention, the constitutional, canonical or structural changes that may be necessary to respond to these recommendations; and be it further

**Resolved,** That the Task Force shall consist of 12 members (4 bishops, 4 clergy and 4 lay persons) including, as far as practical, persons with expertise in missiology, ecclesiology, Constitution and Canons, structure, the Anglican Communion and persons representing areas currently covered by Canon I.15; and be it further

**Resolved,** That the Task Force may, subject to its budget, request the assistance of members of the Presiding Bishop’s staff and other experts as consultants, and should include in its deliberations consultations with representatives of other Provinces of the Anglican Communion who have undertaken or may be planning missionary work in the same areas as The Episcopal Church; and be it further

**Resolved,** That the Task Force shall have a budget of $100,000 for the next triennium; and be it further

**Resolved,** That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $100,000 for the implementation of this resolution.
The question was called.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on Resolution A124.

Motion defeated
Resolution rejected

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #112)

The House of Bishops Committee on World Mission presented its Report #33 on HD Message #52 on Resolution A125 (Anglican Communion Task Force) and moved concurrence with a referral to the House of Bishops Committee on Theology.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A125)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention establish, pursuant to Joint Rule IX, a Task Force on Anglican Communion Relations to consider and make recommendations to the 77th General Convention on requests from any of the Instruments of Communion which require a response from The Episcopal Church; and be it further
Resolved, That the Task Force shall consist of the Presiding Bishop, the President of the House of Deputies and twelve other members (4 bishops, 4 clergy and 4 lay persons), which shall include persons with expertise in the Constitution and Canons of The Episcopal Church and the ministries and structures of the Anglican Communion; and be it further
Resolved, That the Task Force may, subject to its budget, request the assistance of members of the Presiding Bishop’s staff and other experts as consultants; and be it further
Resolved, That the Task Force shall have a budget of $100,000 for the next triennium; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $100,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

The question was called.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on Resolution A125.

Motion defeated
Resolution rejected

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #113)

The House of Bishops Committee on World Mission presented its Report #34 on HD Message #68 on Resolution A128 (Funding Missionaries) and moved concurrence.
The Bishop of Vermont moved to postpone consideration to a time certain on the Sixth Legislative Day.

Motion carried
Debate postponed

RECESS

Following announcements by the Secretary, the House of Bishops Committee on Dispatch of Business moved that the House stand in recess until 9:30 a.m. on the Sixth Legislative Day.

Motion carried

The House recessed at 5:25 p.m. with prayer led by Chaplain Br. Geoffrey.
SIXTH DAY

Monday
July 13, 2009

MORNING SESSION

Prayers
Prayers were led by Chaplain Wade.

Reconvene
The House reconvened at 9:37 a.m. with the Presiding Bishop in the Chair.

Agenda of the Day
The House of Bishops Committee on Dispatch of Business moved to adopt the agenda of the day.

Motion carried
Agenda adopted

Previous Day’s Minutes
The House of Bishops Committee on Dispatch of Business moved to dispense with the reading of the previous day’s minutes.

Motion carried

Messages from the House of Deputies
The Secretary announced that the following messages had been received from the House of Deputies:

*HD Message #96:* X009 (Special Order of Debate with respect to Report of Comm. No. 8 on Resolution D025) Adopted with amendment.

*HD Message #97:* X010 (Special Order of Debate on Comm. No. 7 Report on B023) Adopted with amendment.


*HD Message #99:* A132 (Covenant Committee Reporting) Adopted with amendment.

*HD Message #100:* A131 (Covenant Committee Gathering) Adopted.

*HD Message #101:* B009 (Regulation and the Financial Crisis) Adopted.

*HD Message #102:* B010 (Crisis of the Global Economy) Referred to a Standing Commission.
HD Message #103: A062 (Measuring Attendance and Mission) Adopted with amendment.
HD Message #104: D016 (Ecumenical Shared Ministries) Concurred.
HD Message #105: A076 (Establish Dialogue with the Church in Sweden) Concurred.
HD Message #106: B017 (Translating Website in Spanish and French) Adopted substitute.
HD Message #107: D019 (Recommit to MDG’s as a Mission Priority) Concurred.

World Mission
The House of Bishops Committee on World Mission presented its Report #34 on HD Message #68 on Resolution A128 (Funding Missionaries) and moved concurrence.

The question was called.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on Resolution A128.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #114)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A128)
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church maintain level of commitment to sending persons of this Church as mission partners throughout the world be maintained at current levels of approximately 75 persons, and that all mission partners be provided adequate health insurance, participation in the pension plans of The Episcopal Church, outgoing orientation, in field pastoral care and reentry briefing; and be it further
Resolved, That the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society reaffirm its continuing mandate to engage this Church in the restoration of all people to unity with God and each other in Christ and that it carries out this mission by engaging its members in ministries with others throughout the world; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $1,681,229 for the year 2010; $1,795,722 for the year 2011; and $1,915,475 for the year 2012, for the support of Mission Personnel; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $5,392,426 for the implementation of this resolution.
The House of Bishops Committee on World Mission presented its Report #35 on HD Message #64 on Resolution A133 (Amend Canon I.1.2(n)(11)) and moved to concur with a re-referral of the resolution to the Committee on Structure.

Final Text of Resolution:
(A133)
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church amends Canon 1.1.2(n) (11):
A Standing Commission on World Mission, whose members shall include persons broadly representative of jurisdictions outside the United States of America, as well as persons having direct engagement with and experience in world mission. It shall be the duty of the Commission, as to all The Episcopal Church’s global mission relationships and responsibilities, to review and evaluate existing policies, priorities and strategies, and to promote partnership for global mission among the various groups within the Church, to plan and propose policy on said mission, and to make recommendations pertaining to the Executive Council and the General Convention.

Resolution re-referred to a Legislative Committee
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #130)

The House of Bishops Committee on World Mission presented its Report #36 on HD Message #63 on Resolution A039 (Wall Around Palestine) and moved to concur with a re-referral of the resolution to the Committee on National and International Concerns.

Final Text of Resolution:
(A039)
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention, urge the Presiding Bishop and the leadership of The Episcopal Church to use the authority and power of this Church and of their offices to actively lobby to enforce Resolution A-149 and to influence and change the policies and behavior of the Israeli, Palestinian and United States governments so as to end the oppression and the ghetto-ization and to bring the Wall down.

Resolution re-referred to a Legislative Committee
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #131)

The House of Bishops Committee on World Mission presented its Report #37 on HD Message #62 on Resolution C053 (Continuing Support for MDG’s) and moved to concur with a re-referral of the resolution to the Committee on Stewardship and Development.

Final Text of Resolution:
(C053)
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church
1. Establish the work toward the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals as a mission priority for the coming triennium,
2. Direct the General Convention Treasurer and the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to create a line item in the Budget for The Episcopal Church containing no less than 0.7% of that budget for work that supports the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals,

3. Designate September 11 a special day of prayer, fasting and giving in The Episcopal Church toward global reconciliation and the Millennium Development Goals,

4. Request that all dioceses establish a diocesan global reconciliation commission dedicated to mobilizing Episcopalians toward the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals.

Motion carried

Resolution re-referred to a Legislative Committee
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #132)

Social and Urban Affairs
The House of Bishops Committee on Social and Urban Affairs presented its Report #22 on Resolution A155 (To Establish a Program for the Alleviation of Domestic Poverty) and moved adoption of a substitute.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A155)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 76th General Convention commend the Presiding Bishop’s Summit on Domestic Poverty that met in May 2008, recognizing with gratitude the witness and ministry of all those who work to address domestic poverty and stand with the poor and marginalized; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church recognize the pressing challenges to those living in poverty and the working poor throughout this nation and call for new and innovative strategies to address issues related to nutrition, employment, childcare, education, healthcare, environment, housing, as well as equal protection under law and cultural affirmation; and be it further

Resolved, That the Church, as a special focus in the new triennium, recognizing that many of the poorest counties in the United States are among Native Peoples living on reservations, gives priority to our sisters and brothers of this land whose population has increased while disparities in income, economic security, health and health care and quality of life continue unabated; and be it further

Resolved, That a program be developed at the Church Center, reporting to Executive Council, with measurable goals for an advocacy program to federal, state and local governments to reduce poverty in these counties, and measurable goals to build capacity and sustainable communities through development initiatives, working with local dioceses and tribal governments, and that a minimum funding level of $400,000 be made available from the General Convention for these initiatives; and be it further

Resolved, That primary coordination be in the Advocacy Center, particularly the Office of Jubilee Ministries and Domestic Justice, the Office of Native American Ministries and the Office of Government Relations, working with the Executive Council Committee on Indigenous Ministries and in partnership with other appropriate offices from the
mission centers and other bodies as may be identified, such as the Episcopal Church Foundation; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $400,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

Committee Substitute:

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That The Episcopal Church recognize the pressing challenges to those living in poverty and the working poor throughout this nation and call for new and innovative strategies to address issues related to nutrition, employment, childcare, education, healthcare, environment and housing, as well as equal protection under law and cultural affirmations; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church establish a community development initiative in Native People’s communities in the new triennium, recognizing that Native People live in some of the poorest counties in the United States experiencing increasing disparities in income, economic security, health and healthcare and quality of life; and be it further

Resolved, That this community development initiative emerge from the visions and voices of the local Native People’s communities, address community development opportunities using asset-based community development models, identify key federal, state and local advocacy issues and access the abundant human and financial resources of The Episcopal Church; and be it further

Resolved, That the Executive Council, working closely with the Advocacy Center, evaluate the community development initiative in Native People’s communities; and be it further

Resolved, That the Advocacy Center sponsor asset based community development training held regionally throughout The Episcopal Church to hear the voices of people living in poverty and the working poor who are members of our Episcopal congregations and institutions; and be it further

Resolved, That the Executive Council report to the 77th General Convention a strategic plan for establishing domestic development programs for The Episcopal Church in the 2013-2015 triennium and beyond; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention authorize a budget allocation of $400,000 per annum in the 2010-2012 triennium for the implementation of this resolution.

The Bishop of Texas moved an amendment.

Proposed Amendment:

In the final resolve clause, replace the word “authorize” with the words “request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider.”

Motion carried

Amendment adopted

A vote was taken on substitute Resolution A155 as amended.

Motion carried

Substitute resolution adopted with amendment

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #115)
Ecumenical Relations
The House of Bishops Committee on Ecumenical Relations presented its Report #7 on Resolution A074 (Endorse Theological Statement on Interreligious Relations) and moved adoption of a substitute.

The Bishop of Arizona moved to set aside the resolution to a time certain on the Seventh Legislative Day.

Motion carried
Resolution withdrawn

Structure
The House of Bishops Committee on Structure presented its Report #27 on HD Message #89 on Resolution A009 (Study the Process of Nominations and Election of the Presiding Bishop) and moved the resolution, recommending rejection.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A009)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention authorize the College for Bishops, in consultation with the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies, to study the process of nomination and election of the Presiding Bishop, together with comparable processes in other provinces of the Anglican Communion and our full communion partners, i.e. the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and report their finding to the 77th General Convention together with recommended changes in our canons and rules of orders as may be deemed appropriate.

Motion defeated
Resolution rejected
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #116)

The House of Bishops Committee on Structure presented its Report #28 on HD Message #98 on Resolution A120 (Amend Canon I.1.2: Standing Commission Practices) and moved concurrence.

Motion defeated
Resolution rejected
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #117)

National and International Concerns
The House of Bishops Committee on National and International Concerns presented its Report #25 on HD Message #95 on Resolution C071 (Health Care Coverage for All) and moved concurrence.

The question was called.

Motion carried
Debate terminated
A vote was taken on Resolution C071.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #118)

Final Text of Resolution:
(C071)
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention call on its congregations to undertake discussions within the parish of the issue of health care coverage in the United States, including:

a) recognition that health is multi-dimensional, with spiritual, social, environmental and mental elements as well as physical
b) reminder of personal responsibility for healthy life choices and concern for maintaining one’s own health
c) proclaiming the Gospel message of concern for others which extends to concern for their physical health as well as spiritual well-being
d) responsibility as a parish to attend to the needs (including health-related needs) of others, both other members of the parish family and those of the wider community, the nation and the world
e) recognition that there are limits to what the healthcare system can and should provide and thus that some uncomfortable and difficult choices may have to be made if we are to limit healthcare costs; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church urge its members to contact elected federal, state and territorial officials encouraging them to:

a) create, with the assistance of experts in related fields, a comprehensive definition of “basic healthcare” to which our nation’s citizens have a right
b) establish a system to provide basic healthcare to all
c) create an oversight mechanism, separate from the immediate political arena, to audit the delivery of that “basic healthcare”
d) educate our citizens in the need for limitations on what each person can be expected to receive in the way of medical care under a universal coverage program in order to make the program sustainable financially
e) educate our citizens in the role of personal responsibility in promoting good health; and be it further

Resolved, That this resolution be distributed to all Provinces and dioceses of The Episcopal Church for their consideration and support.

The House of Bishops Committee on National and International Concerns presented its Report #26 on HD Message #94 on Resolution A152 (Preservation of Burial Sites) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #119)
Final Text of Resolution:
(A152)  
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention direct the Executive Council Committee on Indigenous Ministries to study and assess the preservation of burial sites and other sacred places of Indigenous Peoples in the countries that comprise The Episcopal Church and to report its findings to the Executive Council and the 77th General Convention.

The House of Bishops Committee on National and International Concerns presented its Report #27 on HD Message #93 on Resolution A043 (Relief for Victims of International Criminal Gangs) and moved concurrence.  

The House concurred  
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #120)

Final Text of Resolution:  
(A043)  
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church urge the dioceses of The Episcopal Church to stand in solidarity with and support of those dioceses in the Anglican Communion struggling with the ravages of gang activities, particularly in helping those dioceses provide more youth ministries and education; and be it further  
Resolved, That the Convention urge the United States Government and the United Nations to extend international refugee conventions and national immigration norms to provide relief to victims of criminal gangs; and be it further  
Resolved, That the Convention support the Presiding Bishop and the Office of Government Relations in their work with the U.S. government and other governments to increase their focus on and commitment to eliminate the scourge of gangs, both local and international.

The House of Bishops Committee on National and International Concerns presented its Report #28 on HD Message #92 on Resolution C073 (Re-evaluation of Care for Mentally Ill) and moved to concur with a referral to the Standing Commission on Health.  

The House concurred  
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #121)

Final Text of Resolution:  
(C073)  
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention recognize the urgent need to find a way to effect a re-evaluation by the appropriate federal, state and local agencies of the care and long-term treatment of the chronically mentally ill members of our communities; and be it further  
Resolved, That this resolution be the beginning of a mission for our country led by The Episcopal Church to develop an action plan with the help of mental health
professionals, government officials and church leaders, and other appropriate partners to find ways for communities to move forward with concrete steps to deal with these issues without moving backward into the abuses of the past.

The House of Bishops Committee on National and International Concerns presented its Report #29 on HD Message #91 on Resolution A157 (Climate Change and the Millennium Development Goals) and moved to concur with a referral to the Standing Commission on Science, Technology and Faith.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #122)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A157)
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church reaffirms Resolutions 2006-B002 (Acknowledge and Reduce Global Warming) and 2006-D022 (Establish the Millennium Development Goals); and be it further
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention acknowledges the effects that climate change can have on the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and encourages all Episcopal Church organizations to consider the hardships induced by climate change for all projects that they undertake in meeting the MDGs, including plans that would ameliorate the hardships.

The House recessed for ten minutes and resumed business at 10:42 a.m.

World Mission
The House of Bishops Committee on World Mission presented its Report #38 on HD Message #99 on Resolution A132 (Covenant Committee Reporting) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #123)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A132)
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church direct its representatives to Covenant Committees to designate a secretary, whose role it shall be to take full account of the meeting, and write a report for the Covenant Committees to approve and submit to the Standing Commission on World Mission and the Executive Council Standing Committee on International Concerns within sixty days following each meeting; and be it further
Resolved, That the Episcopal Church Center orient the representatives to the Covenant Committee, by providing them with past Covenant Committee reports and any other information that might be helpful.
The House of Bishops Committee on World Mission presented its Report #39 on HD Message #100 on Resolution A131 (Covenant Committee Gathering) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #124)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A131)
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church endorse an event hosted by the Standing Commission on World Mission for all Covenant Committees and the Bi-Lateral Committee to be held early in 2011; and be it further
Resolved, That representatives of Episcopal Church agencies (Church Pension Fund, United Thank Offering, Episcopal Relief and Development, Mission Personnel Officers, Episcopal Church Women) and other resource people, including the Treasurer, will attend to provide services and information to the Covenant Committee partners, assisting the Committees in redeveloping their covenants and financial plans.

Social and Urban Affairs
The House of Bishops Committee on Social and Urban Affairs presented its Report #23 on Resolution A166 (Parental Leave) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A166)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church recognizes the importance of family in the life of clergy and laity employed by the Church, and enacts the following policy for employee parental leave for both clergy and laity:

a) An employee of the Church for a full year is entitled to leave for the birth or adoption of a child for a minimum of twelve weeks with pay. In addition, up to four weeks may be taken without pay. Vacation leave or sick leave may be used during this latter period.

b) An employee who has not worked for a full year is entitled to the same number of weeks of leave, with pay, if any, being negotiated between the employer and the employee.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church recognizes the importance of family in the life of clergy and laity employed by the Church, and enacts the following policy for employee parental leave for both clergy and laity:

a) An employee of the Church for a full year is entitled to leave for the birth or adoption of a child for a minimum of twelve weeks with pay. In addition, up to four weeks may be taken without pay. Vacation leave or sick leave may be used during this latter period.
b) An employee who has not worked for a full year is entitled to the same number of weeks of leave, with pay, if any, being negotiated between the employer and the employee.

and urges all dioceses and congregations to establish policies for employee parental leave equally for parent(s) — clergy and laity, both in cases of birth and adoption — consistent with local employment laws and generous industry standards.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #125)

Evangelism
The House of Bishops Committee on Evangelism presented its Report #1 on HD Message #108 on Resolution D038 (Strategic Vision for Reaching Latinos/Hispanics) and moved concurrence.

The question was called.
Motion carried
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on Resolution D038.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #126)

Final Text of Resolution:
(D038)
Resolved, That in the spirit of the 20/20 Vision (GC2000 Resolution A033), the 76th General Convention affirm the Executive Council’s and the House of Bishop’s commitment to implement The Episcopal Church’s Strategic Vision for Reaching Latinos/Hispanics in the United States for the 2010-2012 triennial and for The Episcopal Church’s long-term mission; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention commend The Strategic Vision for Reaching Latinos/Hispanics as a model for planning mission strategy, in light of the high priority of planting new churches and reaching new people with the good news of Jesus Christ; and be it further
Resolved, That the Office of Latino/Hispanic Ministries in the Episcopal Church Center be directed to distribute The Strategic Vision for Reaching Latinos/Hispanics widely so that every lay person, bishop, priest and deacon in areas experiencing a high degree of Latino/Hispanic population growth may become familiar with its content and search out opportunities that exist for its implementation in their parishes and communities; and be it further
Resolved, That our church commit to increase the number of active and viable Latino/Hispanic Episcopal congregations from 308 to 354 (a 15% increase) in the next Triennium (2010-2012) by providing partial funding to dioceses who are willing to make financial commitments to this ministry, especially by reaching out to Latinos/Hispanics who are second and third generation; and be it further
Resolved, That the Office of Latino/Hispanic Ministries be directed to identify 100 primarily small non-Latino/Hispanic congregations located in areas with high Latino/Hispanic populations, and provide detailed demographic reports, leadership training, training in cross-cultural awareness and marketing and advertising resources to help these congregations grow by 30% over the next triennium by reaching out to the Latino/Hispanic community; and be it further

Resolved, That the Office of Latino/Hispanic Ministries, in collaboration with the Office of Lifelong Christian Formation, create leadership development programs to serve the spiritual and acculturation needs of the Latino/Hispanic community, including a reception curriculum specifically focused on lay leaders coming from other faith traditions to help them learn about the theology, polity and stewardship of The Episcopal Church; and be it further

Resolved, That the Office of Latino/Hispanic Ministries develop and share tools and resources to support sustainable Latino/Hispanic ministry for dioceses and churches working in areas with growing Latino/Hispanic populations, including a step-by-step curriculum on how to initiate new congregations for dioceses who want to plant new churches; an intensive program for seminarians and clergy to gain language and cultural skills for ministry; and marketing tools and media resources that will be easily accessible to use in local settings; and be it further

Resolved, That the Office of Latino/Hispanic Ministries be directed to create a ministry team comprised of a Council of Advice and Church Center staff to give the direction for the implementation, monitoring and evaluation of The Strategic Vision for Reaching Latinos/Hispanics; and be it further

Resolved, That the Office of Latino/Hispanic Ministries, in collaboration with the Office of Research and Statistics, be directed to create a set of measurement criteria to assess success; and be it further

Resolved, That the Office of Mission Funding be directed to seek funding opportunities for this initiative within its Fund for Congregational Development; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $3,565,000 for the implementation of this resolution regarding Strategic Vision for the 2010-2012 triennium; and that this budget is composed of the following elements:

- Funding for 46 new congregations at $40,000 each over the triennium: $1,840,000
- Providing resources to 100 existing congregations: $1,000,000
- Lay Leadership Development: $200,000
- Tools and Training, Marketing Resources: $450,000
- Evaluation: $75,000
- Total: $3,565,000

Ministry

The House of Bishops Committee on Ministry presented its Report #28 on Resolution D003 (Amend Canons III.6.5(j) and III.8.5(j)) and moved adoption with amendment.
Original Text of Resolution:

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That Canon III.6.5(j) be amended as follows:

(j) Within thirty-six months prior to ordination as a Deacon, the following must be accomplished
(1) a background check, according to criteria established by the Bishop and Standing Committee.
(2) medical and psychological evaluation by professionals approved by the Bishop, using forms prepared for the purpose by The Church Pension Fund, and if desired or necessary, psychiatric referral; and be it further

Resolved, That Canon III.8.5(k) be amended as follows:

(k) Within thirty-six months prior to ordination as a Deacon under this Canon, the following must be accomplished:
(1) a background check, according to criteria established by the Bishop and Standing Committee.
(2) medical and psychological evaluation by professionals approved by the Bishop, using forms prepared for the purpose by The Church Pension Fund, and if desired or necessary, psychiatric referral

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That Canon III.6.5(j) be amended as follows:

(j) Within thirty-six twelve months prior to ordination as a Deacon, the following must be accomplished
(1) a background check, according to criteria established by the Bishop and Standing Committee.
(2) a medical and psychological evaluation by professionals approved by the Bishop, using forms prepared for the purpose by The Church Pension Fund, and if desired or necessary, psychiatric referral; and be it further

(k) Within sixty months prior to ordination as a Deacon, the following must be accomplished:
(1) a psychological evaluation by a professional approved by the Bishop, using forms prepared for the purpose by The Church Pension Fund, and if desired or necessary, psychiatric referral.
(2) Nothing precludes a bishop from asking for additional such evaluations at any time; and be it further

Resolved, That Canon III.8.5(k) be amended as follows:

(k) Within thirty-six twelve months prior to ordination as a Deacon under this Canon, the following must be accomplished:
(1) a background check, according to criteria established by the Bishop and Standing Committee.
(2) a medical and psychological evaluation by professionals approved by the Bishop, using forms prepared for the purpose by The Church Pension Fund, and if desired or necessary, psychiatric referral

(l) Within sixty months prior to ordination as a Deacon, the following must be accomplished:
(1) a psychological evaluation by a professional approved by the Bishop, using forms prepared for the purpose by The Church Pension Fund, and if desired or necessary, psychiatric referral.
(2) Nothing precludes a bishop from asking for additional such evaluations at any time.
The question was called.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on Resolution D003 as amended.

Motion defeated
Resolution rejected

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #127)

The House of Bishops Committee on Ministry presented its Report #29 on Resolution A145 (Racism in the Discernment, Seminary, Ordination and Deployment Process) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A145)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That there should be a study conducted to research and analyze diocesan processes to recruit persons of color to pursue Holy Orders and analyze how persons of color are deployed to parishes; and be it further
Resolved, That the Office of Anti-Racism and Gender Equality design a methodology for collecting data from persons of color who have been in the discernment, seminary, ordination processes within the previous eight years after the passage of this resolution to determine what their experiences have been, including barriers and facilitating factors; and be it further
Resolved, That this data be gathered and that a report generated along with appropriate resolutions to the 77th General Convention of The Episcopal Church, which will recommend necessary remedies to alleviate the present situation.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That there should be a study be conducted to research and analyze diocesan processes to recruit persons of color to pursue Holy Orders, ordination and analyze how persons of color are deployed to parishes; and be it further
Resolved, That the Office of Anti-Racism and Gender Equality design a methodology for collecting data from persons of color who have been in the discernment, seminary, ordination processes within the previous eight years after the passage of this resolution to determine what their experiences have been, including barriers and facilitating factors; and be it further
Resolved, That this data be gathered and that a report generated along with appropriate resolutions to the 77th General Convention of The Episcopal Church, which will recommend necessary remedies to alleviate the present situation.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #128)

The House of Bishops Committee on Ministry presented its Report #30 on Resolution A179 (Budget Appropriation for the GBEC) and moved adoption with amendment.
Original Text of Resolution:

(A179)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the following amount be appropriated from the General Convention budget for the General Board of Examining Chaplains: $187,407 in 2010; $194,323 in 2011; and $201,877 in 2012; for a total of $583,607 for the triennium; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $583,607 for the implementation of this resolution.

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the following amount be appropriated from the General Convention budget for the General Board of Examining Chaplains: $187,407 in 2010; $194,323 in 2011; and $201,877 in 2012; for a total of $583,607 for the triennium; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention commend the General Board of Examining Chaplains for their increasing use of secure, electronic tools over the last triennium, and encourage further study and application of secure online collaborative technology with the intent to reduce costs; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $583,607 (total proposed before recovery of exam fees) for the implementation of this resolution.

Motion carried

Resolution adopted with amendment

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #129)

Church Pension Fund

Dispatch of Business announced that consideration of the House of Bishops Committee on Church Pension Fund Report #9 on D061 (Establishing Equitable Benefits with Credit for Earlier Service Overseas) recommending adoption of a substitute will be moved to the Consent Calendar.

RECESS

Following announcements by the Secretary, the House of Bishops Committee on Dispatch of Business moved that the House stand in recess until 2:00 p.m. on the Sixth Legislative Day.

Motion carried

The House recessed at 11:16 a.m.
Reconvene
The House reconvened at 2:43 p.m. with the Presiding Bishop in the Chair.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Structure
The House of Bishops Committee on Structure presented its Report #21 on HD Message #58 on Resolution A115 (Amend Canon I.4.3(g): Committees of Executive Council) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #150)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A115)
Resolved, That Canon I.4.3(g) is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 3. (g) The Executive Council shall establish by its By-laws such Standing Committees of the Executive Council, consisting of its own members, as shall be deemed appropriate and necessary by the Executive Council for the discharge of its duties, the members of which are to be nominated jointly by the Chair and Vice-Chair and appointed by the Council. The Council may also establish by its By-laws such other Committees, which may include or consist of non-members, to be nominated jointly by the Chair and Vice-Chair and appointed by the Council, as may be necessary to fulfill its fiduciary responsibility to The Episcopal Church.

The Secretary laid the Consent Calendar for the Seventh Legislative Day on the table.

END OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR

Agenda of the Day
The House of Bishops Committee on Dispatch of Business moved to adopt the agenda of the day.

Motion carried
Agenda adopted

Messages from the House of Deputies
The Secretary announced that the following messages had been received from the House of Deputies:
HD Message #110: D025 (Commitment and Witness to Anglican Communion) Adopted with amendment.

HD Message #112: A071 (Evangelistic Opportunities of General Convention) Adopted with amendment.

HD Message #113: C069 (Affirm Christ in Multi-faith Society) Discharged.

Special Order of Business
The Bishop of Olympia moved to reconsider Resolution A157 (Climate Change and the Millennium Development Goals).

Motion defeated
Reconsideration defeated

Social and Urban Affairs
The House of Bishops Committee on Social and Urban Affairs presented its Report #24 on Resolution A110 (Bridging the Education Gap) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A110)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 76th General Convention commend Resolution 2006-B018 (Endorse the National Council of Churches Policy on Rights of Children) for bold and immediate action; and be it further
Resolved, That the Standing Commission on National Concerns (SCNC) in its next triennium further study the voucher system and its impact on reducing the educational achievement gap within poor communities; and be it further
Resolved, That the National Association of Episcopal Schools (NAES) be commended for the initiatives it has taken on justice and equity, its statement on Social, Economic and Racial Mix in Episcopal schools and its Episcopal Schools Urban Alliance; and be it further
Resolved, That, in collaboration with the SCNC, further new and bold educational models be explored and developed by Episcopal schools in cooperation with NAES with underserved and economically challenged communities, focusing on systems, capacity and resources, and the story of those initiatives and efforts to be included in the SCNC Blue Book report to the 77th General Convention in 2012; and be it further
Resolved, That the Episcopal Schools, working through the NAES collaboration with the SCNC, be encouraged to further strengthen their leadership in addressing economic disparities, by finding new and bold ways to increase the availability of scholarships and sliding fee scales for elementary schools, high schools and colleges and report such findings to the SCNC for inclusion in the Blue Book report to the 77th General Convention in 2012; and be it further
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church endorse continued support of funding for the historic black Episcopal colleges.
Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 76th General Convention commend Resolution 2006-B018 (Endorse the National Council of Churches Policy on Rights of Children) for bold and immediate action; and be it further
Resolved, That the Standing Commission on National Concerns (SCNC) in its next triennium further study the voucher system and its impact on reducing the educational achievement gap within poor communities; and be it further
Resolved, That the National Association of Episcopal Schools (NAES) be commended for the initiatives it has taken on justice and equity, its statement on Social, Economic and Racial Mix in Episcopal schools and its Episcopal Schools Urban Alliance; and be it further
Resolved, That, in collaboration with the SCNC, further new and bold educational models be explored and developed by Episcopal schools in cooperation with NAES, the Standing Committee on National Concerns encourage Episcopal Schools to cooperate with the NAES to explore and develop further new and bold educational models with underserved and economically challenged communities, focusing on systems, capacity and resources, and the story of those initiatives and efforts to be included in the SCNC Blue Book report to the 77th General Convention in 2012; and be it further
Resolved, That the Episcopal Schools, working through the NAES collaboration with the SCNC, be encouraged to further strengthen their leadership in addressing economic disparities, by finding new and bold ways to increase the availability of scholarships and sliding fee scales for elementary schools, high schools and colleges and report such findings to the SCNC for inclusion in the Blue Book report to the 77th General Convention in 2012; and be it further
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church endorse continued support of funding for the historic black Episcopal colleges.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #135)

Church in Small Communities
The House of Bishops Committee on Church in Small Communities presented its Report #4 on Resolution B030 (Domestic Mission Resolution) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:
(B030)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 76th General Convention direct the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society to facilitate and encourage companion domestic mission relationships among dioceses and congregations within The Episcopal Church, and especially with the member dioceses of the Domestic Missionary Partnership (DMP); and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention direct the Executive Council in collaboration with the DMP to study the needs of and recommend ways to expand domestic mission and to report to the 77th General Convention.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #136)
Evangelism
The House of Bishops Committee on Evangelism presented its Report #2 on HD Message #103 on Resolution A062 (Measuring Attendance and Mission) moved concurrence.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #137)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A062)
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention request the Committee on the State of the Church to consider means by which data can be gathered so as to account for the regularly scheduled primary weekly worship services of missional, co-located or emergent congregations that occur on days other than Sundays or Saturdays; and be it further
Resolved, That the House of Deputies Committee on the State of the Church consider adding a quantifiable measure of mission to count the number of people served including, but not limited to, schools, soup kitchens, food pantries, campus ministries and other ministries through which the congregation lives out its mission.

Consecration of Bishops
The Presiding Bishop read HD Message #122 on Resolution B023 regarding consent for the consecration of the Rev. Luis Fernando Ruiz Restrepo, Bishop Diocesan-elect of the Diocese of Ecuador Central.

Ballot #3 taken

RECESS

The House took a ten-minute recess to collect consents from Bishops with jurisdiction. The House resumed at 3:08 p.m.

Special Order of Business
The Young at Arts Choir from the Diocese of New York performed for the House.

Education
The House of Bishops Committee on Education presented its Report #1 on HD Message #19 on Resolution B003 (Camping Ministries) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #138)

Final Text of Resolution:
(B003)
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention direct the Youth Formation Area of the Evangelism and Congregational Life Center to assist dioceses with their
camping ministries through the development and dissemination of curricula, resources and training events, both in English and in Spanish, during the next triennium; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $60,000 during this triennium for the implementation of this resolution.

The House of Bishops Committee on Education presented its Report #2 on HD Message #83 on Resolution A082 (Charter for Lifelong Christian Formation) and moved concurrence.

The Bishop of Albany moved an amendment.

Proposed Amendment:
Delete the word “all” after the words “invites,” “inspires” and “transforms.”

The question was called.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on the proposed amendment.

Motion defeated
Amendment defeated

A vote was taken on Resolution A082.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #139)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A082)

Resolved, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church adopt the following text as The Charter for Lifelong Christian Formation:

Lifelong Christian Faith Formation in The Episcopal Church is lifelong growth in the knowledge, service and love of God as followers of Christ and is informed by Scripture, Tradition and Reason.

I have called you friends…

John 15:14-16

Through The Episcopal Church, God INVITES all people:

• To enter into a prayerful life of worship, continuous learning, intentional outreach, advocacy and service.
• To hear the Word of God through Scripture, to honor church teachings and continually to embrace the joy of Baptism and Eucharist, spreading the Good News of the risen Christ and ministering to all.
• To respond to the needs of our constantly changing communities, as Jesus calls us, in ways that reflect our diversity and cultures as we seek, wonder and discover together.
• To hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people, placing ourselves in the stories of our faith, thereby empowering us to proclaim the Gospel message.

...You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit...  John 15:14-16

Through The Episcopal Church, God INSPIRES all people:
• To experience Anglican liturgy, which draws us closer to God, helps us discern God’s will and encourages us to share our faith journeys.
• To study Scripture, mindful of the context of our societies and cultures, calling us to seek truth anew while remaining fully present in the community of faith.
• To develop new learning experiences, equipping disciples for life in a world of secular challenges and carefully listening for the words of modern sages who embody the teachings of Christ.
• To prepare for a sustainable future by calling the community to become guardians of God’s creation.

...I am giving you these commands that you may love one another...  John 15:17

Through The Episcopal Church, God TRANSFORMS all people:
• By doing the work Jesus Christ calls us to do, living into the reality that we are all created in the image of God and carrying out God’s work of reconciliation, love, forgiveness, healing, justice and peace.
• By striving to be a loving and witnessing community, which faithfully confronts the tensions in the church and the world as we struggle to live God’s will.
• By seeking out diverse and expansive ways to empower prophetic action, evangelism, advocacy and collaboration in our contemporary global context.
• By holding all accountable to lift every voice in order to reconcile oppressed and oppressor to the love of God in Jesus Christ our Lord.

And be it further

Resolved, That we affirm that Christian Faith Formation in The Episcopal Church is a lifelong journey with Christ, in Christ and to Christ; and be it further

Resolved, That

1. We urge each diocese to read and study the Charter for Lifelong Christian Formation and to live it out locally.
2. We urge the seminaries and other institutions concerned with formation and education and leadership in The Episcopal Church, to engage the charter as a tool to advance their support for persons in their Christian Formation.
3. We urge The Episcopal Church’s Evangelism and Congregational Life Center to commit staff during this triennium to communicate, advocate and implement the charter, and report progress to the Standing
Commission on Lifelong Christian Formation and Education before the
77th General Convention.

And be it further
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention request that the Joint Standing
Committee on Program, Budget and Finance consider a budget allocation of
$30,000 for the implementation of this resolution during the 2010-2012 triennium.

The House of Bishops Committee on Education presented its Report #3 on HD
Message #15 on Resolution A182 (Continue Forward Movement) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #140)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A182)
Resolved, That the Presiding Bishop be authorized to continue Forward Movement
Publications under her supervision and to appoint a Board of Directors as may
be required to maintain its work.

The House of Bishops Committee on Education presented its Report #4 on HD
Message #18 on Resolution A084 (Continued Development of Province IX Curriculum
Project) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #141)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A084)
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention commend Province IX for their
creative and collaborative work in creating curricula for use in their province that
is created from the grassroots and speaks in the language and idioms of the
people that will use those curricula; and be it further
Resolved, That the Evangelism and Congregational Life Center of the Episcopal
Church Center be directed to complete the Province IX curriculum project,
continuing the face-to-face process of development that has begun creating
these resources, and that this process be further developed as a model for the
creation of formation and educational materials that are to be used in non-Anglo
contexts; and be it further
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention request that the Joint Standing
Committee on Program, Budget and Finance consider a budget allocation of
$120,000 for the implementation of this resolution during the 2010-2012 triennium.
Consecration of Bishops
The Presiding Bishop read the results of Ballot #3 on the consent to the consecration of Bishop Diocesan-elect Ruiz of the Diocese of Ecuador Central. Of 103 bishops with jurisdiction, 96 have given consent.

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #142)

Welcome of Newly-Elected Bishops
The House welcomed:

Education
The House of Bishops Committee on Education presented its Report #5 on HD Message #20 on Resolution A086 (Continued Development and Maintenance of the Theological Education for All (TEforALL) Web Site, Internet and Electronic Resources) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #143)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A086)
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention commends the Council of Seminary Deans and the Office of Ministry Development for the creation of the Theological Education for All Internet Resource; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention urges the Presiding Bishop and Chief Operating Officer to allocate Episcopal Church Center staff resources to the continued development and maintenance of that web site; and be it further
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention request that the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance consider a budget allocation of $15,000 for the implementation of this resolution during the 2010-2012 triennium.

The House of Bishops Committee on Education presented its Report #6 on HD Message #84 on Resolution A083 (Directive for Dioceses to Formulate a Strategy for Lifelong Christian Formation in the Next Triennium) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #144)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A083)
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention strongly encourage all dioceses to formulate a strategy for Lifelong Christian Formation in the next triennium; and be it further
Resolved, That such strategies should encompass and be suitable for all persons (e.g. various ages, languages and abilities). These strategies should be responsive to diocesan and societal contexts and accurately depict the current
education and formation status. Because formation is not limited to a cognitive experience (classroom), formation should be holistic (encompasses learning, action and reflection); and be it further

Resolved, That the Congregational Life Center design an instrument and system of collection that will document currently available and successful programs, activities and resources. The instrument will pay special attention to resolutions adopted and resources highlighted at the 76th and each successive General Convention. In addition, such an endeavor will seek to gather the aspirations for diocesan future programs/activities concerning Christian formation; and be it further

Resolved, That the Congregational Life Center design an instrument and system of collection that will document currently available and successful programs, activities and resources. The instrument will pay special attention to resolutions adopted and resources highlighted at the 76th and each successive General Convention. In addition, such an endeavor will seek to gather the aspirations for diocesan future programs/activities concerning Christian formation; and be it further

Resolved, That the information and data collected be forwarded to the SCLEF by January 31, 2011.

The House of Bishops Committee on Education presented its Report #7 on HD Message #85 on Resolution A068 (Reconciliation Training) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #145)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A068)

Resolved, That the 76th General Convention direct the Mission Leadership Center to continue the process of identifying and evaluating curricular materials for formal faith-based reconciliation training appropriate for all ages, and to continue promoting the use of these materials in congregations, dioceses, provinces, the House of Bishops and Executive Council; and be it further

Resolved, That General Convention urge the House of Bishops to continue participating in formal reconciliation training in order to further prepare all bishops to use the skills and tools of faith-based reconciliation in their dioceses; and be it further

Resolved, That the Standing Commission on Domestic Mission and Evangelism report on the participation in faith-based reconciliation training by congregations, dioceses, provinces, the House of Bishops and Executive Council to the 77th General Convention.

Resolution Number: 2006-A039
Title: Identify and Evaluate Curricula for Faith-Based Reconciliation Training
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred as Amended

Final Text:

Resolved, That the 76th General Convention direct the Mission Leadership Center to continue the process of identifying and evaluating curricular materials for formal faith-based reconciliation training appropriate for all ages, and to continue promoting the use of these materials in congregations, dioceses, provinces, the House of Bishops and Executive Council; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention urge the House of Bishops to continue participating in formal reconciliation training in order to further prepare all bishops to use the skills and tools of faith-based reconciliation in their dioceses; and be it further

Resolved, That the Standing Commission on Domestic Mission and Evangelism report on the participation in faith-based reconciliation training by congregations, dioceses, provinces, the House of Bishops and Executive Council to the 77th General Convention.
bishops to carry the skills and tools of faith-based reconciliation home to their dioceses; and be it further

Resolved, That the Standing Commission on Domestic Mission and Evangelism report on the participation in faith-based reconciliation training by congregations, dioceses, provinces, the House of Bishops and Executive Council to the 76th General Convention.

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of The Episcopal Church, Columbus*, 2006 (New York: General Convention, 2007), pp. 691-692.

The House of Bishops Committee on Education presented its Report #8 on HD Message #16 on Resolution A161 (AIDS Education and Resources) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #146)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A161)

Resolved, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church urges provinces, dioceses, congregations and worshiping communities to include accurate and comprehensive HIV and AIDS prevention in youth education programs; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church encourage its congregations and worshiping communities to offer educational programming to interested parents and grandparents on how to discuss sex with their children; and be it further

Resolved, That the National Episcopal AIDS Coalition (NEAC) and National Episcopal Health Ministries (NEHM) be requested to compile appropriate secular and theological resources for this programming, including but not limited to: abstinence, resisting peer pressure and methods for preventing HIV, other STDs and pregnancy; and be it further

Resolved, That NEHM and NEAC further be requested to make these materials available to clergy, parishes, parish nurses, Christian educators and Episcopal schools.

The House of Bishops Committee on Education presented its Report #9 on HD Message #70 on Resolution D014 (Environmental Justice) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #147)

Final Text of Resolution:

(D014)

Resolved, That the 76th General Convention support an environmentally just treatment of all in God's Creation; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention through the Executive Council direct Diocesan Environmental Commissions or Committees to educate our congregations about public environmental decisions that adversely affect the lives and health of the most vulnerable in our society, especially children, indigenous peoples and communities of people of color; and be it further

Resolved, That Diocesan Commissions or Committees encourage each congregation to refer this resolution to their outreach committee or other such venue in order to ensure the education of their members and to encourage environmentally just actions.

Stewardship and Development
The House of Bishops Committee on Stewardship and Development presented its Report #24 on Resolution D069 (Amend Canon I.4.6(d)) and moved the resolution, recommending rejection.

Original Text of Resolution:
(D069)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That Canon I.4.6(d) be amended as follows:
(d) Revenue to support the Budget for The Episcopal Church shall be generated primarily by a single asking of the Dioceses of the church based on a formula which the General Convention shall adopt as part of its Program, Budget and Finance process. If in any year the total anticipated income for budget support is less than the amount required to support the budget approved by the General Convention, the canonical portion of the Budget for The Episcopal Church shall have funding priority over any other budget areas subject to any decreases necessary to maintain a balanced budget; the budget shall be adjusted in accordance with the Constitution, Canons and the Rules of Order to achieve a balanced budget that permits the effective functioning of the Corporate, the Canonical and the Program portions of the budget.

Motion defeated
Resolution rejected
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #148)

Program, Budget and Finance
The Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance presented its Report #25 on Resolution D067 (Mission and Missionary Budget of The Episcopal Church) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:
(D067)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the Budget for The Episcopal Church for the next triennium be adopted as set forth:

1.0 The Budget for The Episcopal Church for the period January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2012, which shall be a unified budget including Canonical, Corporate and Program (mission) portions, is adopted at a total of $141,271,984.00.
1.1 The Canonical portion, providing for the contingent expenses of the General Convention, the stipend of the Presiding Bishop and the expenses of that office, the expenses of the President of the House of Deputies, and Church Pension Fund assessments is adopted at a total of $23,224,447.00 as follows:
For the year 2010 $ 6,984,630.00
For the year 2011 $ 7,110,068.00
For the year 2012 $ 9,129,748.00

1.2 The Corporate portion, providing for the requirements for the administrative support of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society offices, is adopted at a total of $30,824,297.00 as follows:
For the year 2010 $ 10,360,457.00
For the year 2011 $ 10,129,112.00
For the year 2012 $ 10,334,729.00

1.3 The Program (Mission) portion, providing for support for the mission and ministry (restricted and unrestricted) of the Church, is adopted at a total of $86,807,787.00 as follows:
For the year 2010 $ 28,787,593.00
For the year 2011 $ 28,736,457.00
For the year 2012 $ 29,283,736.00

The Bishop of San Diego moved to postpone Resolution D067 to the Eighth Legislative Day.

Motion carried
Debate postponed

World Mission
The House of Bishops Committee on World Mission presented its Report #42 on HD Message #110 on Resolution D025 (Commitment and Witness to Anglican Communion) and moved the resolution, recommending rejection.

The House held table discussions for thirty minutes. The House resumed at 4:05 p.m.

The Bishop of Upper South Carolina moved an amendment.

Proposed Amendment:
In the sixth resolve clause, after the words “affirm that” delete the words “God has called and may call such individuals to any ordained ministry in The Episcopal Church, which call is tested” and replace with the words “God’s call to the ordained ministry in The Episcopal Church is a mystery which the Church attempts to discern for all people.”

The question was called.

Motion defeated

The Bishop of Ohio moved an amendment to the amendment.
Proposed Amendment:
In the sixth resolve clause, after the words “affirm that” reinsert the words “God has called and may call such individuals to any ordained ministry in The Episcopal Church” and add the words “; and that” after the reinserted words. Continue with the Bishop of South Carolina amendment of adding the words “God’s call to the ordained ministry in The Episcopal Church is a mystery which the Church attempts to discern for all people.”

The question was called.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on the Bishop of Ohio amendment.

Motion carried
Amendment adopted

A vote was taken on the Bishop of Upper South Carolina amendment.

Motion carried
Amendment adopted

A roll call vote was requested.

The Bishop of East Carolina moved an amendment.

Proposed Amendment:
In the first resolve clause, after the first occurrence of the words “The Episcopal Church” add the words “as a constituent member of” and delete the word “in.”

Motion carried
Amendment adopted

The Bishop of Oklahoma moved to postpone further debate.

Motion defeated

The question was called.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

Chaplain Br. Geoffrey led the House in prayer.

A roll call vote was taken on Resolution D025 as amended.

Motion carried
The House concurred with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #149)
Personal Privilege
The Bishop of Ecuador Central invited all to attend the consecration of the Bishop Diocesan Elect on August 1, 2009, at 10:00 a.m. in Quito, Ecuador.

RECESS
Following announcements by the Secretary, the House of Bishops Committee on Dispatch of Business moved that the House stand in recess until 9:30 a.m. on the Seventh Legislative Day.

Motion carried

The House recessed at 6:11 p.m. with prayer led by Chaplain Br. Geoffrey.
MORNING SESSION

Prayers
Prayers were led by Chaplain Br. Geoffrey.

Reconvene
The House reconvened at 9:35 a.m. with the Presiding Bishop in the Chair.

Agenda of the Day
The House of Bishops Committee on Dispatch of Business moved to adopt the agenda of the day.

Motion carried
Agenda adopted

Previous Day’s Minutes
The House of Bishops Committee on Dispatch of Business moved to dispense with the reading of the previous day’s minutes.

Motion carried

Special Order of Business
The Presiding Bishop introduced and welcomed Ms. Kay Meyer, the President of Episcopal Church Women. Ms. Meyer addressed the House.

Communications from the Presiding Bishop
The Presiding Bishop publically apologized to the House of Bishops regarding Episcopal Life “The Daily Edition 7.”

Messages from the House of Deputies
The Secretary announced that the following messages had been received from the House of Deputies:

- **HD Message #110:** D025 (Commitment and Witness to Anglican Communion) Adopted with amendment.
- **HD Message #111:** E015 (Election of Members of Trial Court of a Bishop) Adopted.
- **HD Message #114:** C051 (Wounded Soldiers and Veterans) Concurred.
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HD Message #142: C011 (Governmental Policies for Environmental Stewardship) Adopted with amendment.

HD Message #143: D017 (Cancellation of Third World Debt) Adopted with amendment.

HD Message #144: C038 (Pension of Spouses of Deceased Clergy) Concurred.


HD Message #146: D023 (Amend Joint Rule 15) Rejected.

HD Message #147: A126 (Amend Canon I.4.6(A) and (b) and Joint Rule of Order 10(d): Budgeting) Rejected.

HD Message #148: A054 (Add Canon I.4.6(j)) Adopted with amendment.

Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music
The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music presented its Report #7 on Resolution C056 (Liturgies for Blessings) and moved adoption of a substitute.

Original Text of Resolution:
(C056)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 76th General Convention charge the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music with development of liturgies of blessing for same-gender commitments to be presented to the next triennial General Convention in 2012 for inclusion in Book of Occasional Services; and be it further
Resolved, That in the meantime the Ecclesiastical Authority of each diocese may authorize for use in the diocese liturgies for blessing same-gender committed relationships of enduring love, mutuality and fidelity; and be it further
Resolved, That, with respect to such blessings, no bishop or clergy of this Church or any other person acting on behalf of this Church shall be required or expected to perform an act contrary to a deeply-held position of conscience.

Committee Substitute:
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music, in consultation with the House of Bishops Theology Committee, collect and develop theological resources and liturgies of blessing for same-gender holy unions, to be presented to the 77th General Convention for formal consideration; and be it further
Resolved, That the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music, in consultation with the House of Bishops Theology Committee, devise an open process for the conduct of its work in this matter, inviting participation from dioceses, congregations and individuals who are or have already engaged in the study or design of such rites throughout the Anglican Communion; and be it further
Resolved, That all bishops, noting particularly those in dioceses within civil jurisdictions where same-gender marriage, civil unions or domestic partnerships are legal, may provide generous pastoral response to meet the needs of members of this Church; and be it further
Resolved, That honoring the theological diversity of this Church, no bishop or other member of the clergy shall be compelled to authorize or officiate at such liturgies; and be it further

Resolved, That the Anglican Consultative Council be invited to conversation regarding this resolution and the work that proceeds from it, together with other churches in the Anglican Communion engaged in similar processes.

The Suffragan Bishop in Charge of the Convocation of American Churches in Europe moved to postpone consideration to a time certain.

Motion defeated

The Bishop Suffragan of Maryland moved an amendment.

Proposed Amendment:
In the third resolve clause, replace the current text with “Resolved, That in dioceses within civil jurisdictions where same-gender marriage or civil unions are legal, the bishop may provide a generous pastoral response to meet the needs of the members of this Church.”

The question was called.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on the amendment.

Motion defeated
Amendment defeated

The Suffragan Bishop in charge of the Convocation of American Churches in Europe moved an amendment.

Proposed Amendment:
In the first resolve clause, delete the words “and develop” and the word “formal.”

The question was called.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on the amendment.

Motion defeated
Amendment defeated

The Bishop of Iowa moved an amendment.

Proposed Amendment:
In the third resolve clause, replace the current text with “Resolved, That clergy, under the direction of their bishop, may provide generous pastoral response to meet the needs of members of this Church who seek the Church’s support and God’s blessing in their
marriages and other committed relationships ‘characterized by fidelity, monogamy, mutual affection and respect, careful honesty, communication and the holy love that enables them in such relationships to see in each other the image of God.’”

The Bishop of Western North Carolina moved to postpone debate on the proposed amendment until the House obtained a copy of the proposed amendment.

**Motion carried**  
**Debate postponed**

The Bishop of Springfield requested a roll call vote at the appropriate time.

The Bishop of Oklahoma moved to postpone debate to a time certain during the afternoon session.

**Motion carried**  
**Debate postponed**

**World Mission**

The House of Bishops Committee on World Mission presented its Report #41 on HD Message #21 on Resolution D027 (Five Marks of Mission) and moved concurrence.

The Bishop of East Carolina moved an amendment.

**Proposed Amendment:**

In the first resolve clause, after the word “by” add the words “the Anglican Consultative Council and addressed to.”

**Motion carried**  
**Amendment adopted**

The Suffragan Bishop of Olympia and Provisional Bishop of Eastern Oregon moved to reconsider the amendment.

**Motion carried**  
**Amendment reconsidered**

The Chair ruled on an editorial change in the resolution. In the third resolve clause, delete the words “13th meeting of the.” Replace the word “Nottingham” with the words “ACC13-.”

The Bishop of Northwestern Pennsylvania appealed the ruling of the Chair.

A vote was taken to sustain the ruling of the Chair.

**Motion carried**  
**Chair upheld**
A vote was taken on Resolution D027 as amended.

The House concurred with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #151)

Social and Urban Affairs
The House of Bishops Committee on Social and Urban Affairs presented its Report #25 on Resolution A142 (To Recommit to Being Anti-Racists for the Next Three Triennia (Until 2018)) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A142)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That The Episcopal Church recommit and declare itself to be dedicated to continuing to work against the sin of racism for the next three triennia; and be it further
Resolved, That the Office of Anti-Racism and Gender Equality continue to design and deliver anti-racism training that examines factors and circumstances which maintain racism and oppression in the Church and in civil society; and be it further
Resolved, That all dioceses and provinces be urged to receive anti-racism training if they have not already done so or renew training that has been previously taken; and be it further
Resolved, That dioceses and provinces be urged to develop programs and ministries that demonstrate internally and externally that they have fully embraced the anti-racism learning they have acquired and incorporated them into their ongoing life.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That The Episcopal Church recommit and declare itself to be dedicated to continuing to work against the sin of racism for the next three triennia; and be it further
Resolved, That the Office of Anti-Racism and Gender Equality continue to design and deliver anti-racism training that examines factors and circumstances which maintain racism and oppression in the Church and in civil society; and be it further
Resolved, That all dioceses and provinces be urged to receive anti-racism training if they have not already done so or renew training that has been previously taken; and be it further
Resolved, That dioceses and provinces be urged to develop programs and ministries that demonstrate to dismantle and eradicate structures of racism, both internally and externally, that they have fully embraced the anti-racism learning they have acquired and incorporated them integrate the practices of anti-racism into their ongoing life; and be it further
Resolved, That the Anti-Racism Committee of Executive Council develop a monitoring and reporting process for the dioceses, and that dioceses make annual reports to the Anti-Racism Committee of Executive Council.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #153)
The House of Bishops Committee on Social and Urban Affairs presented its Report #26 on Resolution A143 (Extension of General Convention Resolution A123 to General Convention 2012) and moved adoption with amendment.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(A143)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church agree to extend Resolution A123, which was passed at the 75th General Convention.

**Committee Amendment:**

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church agree to extend Resolution A123, which was passed at the 75th General Convention, through the 2013-2015 triennium; and be it further

Resolved, That, as directed by Resolution 2006-A123, the General Convention encourage each diocese to continue over the next six years a process to gather information in its community on (1) the complicity of The Episcopal Church in the institution of slavery and in the subsequent history of segregation and discrimination, (2) examples of resistance to slavery and discrimination and (3) the economic benefits derived by The Episcopal Church from the transatlantic slave trade and the institution of slavery; and be it further

Resolved, That dioceses consult with the anti-racism officer of The Episcopal Church for resources to aid them in doing this work; and be it further

Resolved, That the information gathering be used as the foundation for truth-telling, confession, apology, forgiveness, repentance and reconciliation; and be it further

Resolved, That each diocese, as requested by Resolution 2006-A123, name a Day of Repentance and on that day hold a Service of Repentance; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention require all participating groups to report their results to the 77th and 78th General Conventions.

The Bishop of Arkansas moved an amendment.

**Proposed Amendment:**

In the last resolve clause, replace the words “participating groups” with the word “dioceses.”

**Motion carried**

Amendment adopted

A vote was taken on Resolution A143 as amended.

**Motion carried**

Resolution adopted with amendment

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #152)

**Special Order of Business**

The Bishop of Puerto Rico moved to reconsider Resolution A142 (To Recommit to Being Anti-Racists for the Next Three Triennia (Until 2018)).

**Motion carried**

Resolution reconsidered
The Bishop of Puerto Rico moved an amendment.

**Proposed Amendment:**
In the second resolve clause, after the second occurrence of the word “anti-racism,” add the words “, classism and ethnic discrimination.” After the word “racism,” add the words “, classism and ethnic discrimination.”

Motion carried
Amendment adopted

A vote was taken on Resolution A142 as amended.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #153)

**Social and Urban Affairs**
The House of Bishops Committee on Social and Urban Affairs presented its Report #27 on Resolution B025 (Equitable Education for All Our Children) and moved adoption with amendment.

**Original Text of Resolution:**
(B025)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church meeting in Anaheim, California urges dioceses to encourage every congregation to develop a partnership with a local public school; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention urge every Episcopalian to give 40 hours a year in support of public education through direct service, advocacy and/or teacher support; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention call upon the United States government to support policies and funding priorities that support equity in public education for all young people; and be it further
Resolved, That the results of these efforts be communicated to the 77th General Convention.

**Committee Amendment:**
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church meeting in Anaheim, California urge dioceses to encourage every congregation to develop a partnership with a local public school; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention urge every Episcopalian to give 40 hours a year in support of public education through direct service, *participation in community based educational enrichment opportunities, advocacy and/or teacher support; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention call upon the United States government to support policies and funding priorities that support equity in public education for all young people; and be it further
Resolved, That the results of these efforts be communicated to the 77th General Convention.

The question was called.

Motion carried
Debate terminated
A vote was taken on Resolution B025 as amended.          Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #154)

RECESS

Following announcements by the Secretary, the House of Bishops Committee on Dispatch of Business moved that the House stand in recess until 2:00 p.m. on the Seventh Legislative Day.        Motion carried

AFTERNOON SESSION

Reconvene
The House resumed at 2:54 p.m. with the Presiding Bishop in the Chair.

Ecumenical and Inter-religious Guests
The Ecumenical Officer introduced the Ecumenical and Inter-religious Guests.
Representing The Episcopal Church
The Rt. Rev. Christopher Epting
Dr. Tom Ferguson
The Rev. Dr. Gwynne Guibord
Representing the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
The Rev. Donald J. McCoid
Bishop Dean W. Nelson
Bishop Murray Finck
Representing The United Methodist Church
Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr.
Representing The National Council of Churches of Christ, USA
Ms. Clare Chapman
Representing the Moravian College and Theological Seminary
The Rt. Rev. C. Hopeton Clennon
Representing The World Council of Churches, USA
The Rev. Deborah DeWinter
Representing the International Council of Community Churches
The Rev. Herman Harmelink III
Representing the Armenian Apostolic Church
The Very Rev. Aren Jebejian
The Very Rev. Daja Yardemian
Deacon Matthew Ash
Representing the African Methodist Episcopal Church
Bishop John F. White
Representing the Greek Orthodox Church
The Very Rev. John Bakas

Representing Iglesia Filipina Independiente
The Rt. Rev. Felixberto L. Calang
The Rt. Rev. Delfin M. Callao, Jr.
The Rt. Rev. Denny D. Dapitan
The Rt. Rev. Rhee M. Timbang
The Rt. Rev. Raul Tobias

Representing the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
The Rev. Donald Dewey

Representing the United Church of Christ
The Rev. Dr. Jane Fisler-Hoffman

Representing the Presbyterian Church, USA
The Rev. Dr. Dennis Hughes

Representing the Roman Catholic Church
The Rt. Rev. Alexei Smith

Representing the Interfaith Youth Core
Ms. Zeenat Rahman

Representing the American Jewish Committee
Mr. Seth Brysk

Representing The Board of Rabbis of Southern California
Mr. Jonathan Freund

Representing the World Sikh Council American Region
Mr. Nirinjan Singh Khalsa

Representing The Council for a Parliament of the World’s Religions
The Rev. Dr. William Lesher

Representing the Vedanta Society of Southern California
Mr. Swami Sarvadevananda
Mr. Pravrajika Saradeshapranan

Representing the Jewish Community Relations Council/Jewish Federation of Greater Los Angeles
Mr. Andrew Cushnir

Inter-religious Cantors
Representing Congregation Kol Ami, Los Angeles
Mr. Mark Saltzman

Representing the Islamic Center of Southern California
Mu’athin Ben Youcef

Representing Holy Nativity Episcopal Church, Diocese of Los Angeles
The Rev. Peter Rood

A three-fold Abrahamic blessing was sung by representatives of Judaism, Islam and Christianity.

The Rev. Dr. Gwynne Guibord spoke on behalf of the inter-religious guests.
Bishop Nelson spoke on behalf of the ecumenical community.
CONSENT CALENDAR

National and International Concerns
The House of Bishops Committee on National and International Concerns presented its Report #30 on HD Message #101 on Resolution B009 (Regulation and the Financial Crisis) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #155)

Final Text of Resolution:
(B009)
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention support comprehensive government regulations over economic transactions in the financial and banking sectors, particularly to prevent practices that negatively impact moderate and low-income people.

The House of Bishops Committee on National and International Concerns presented its Report #31 on HD Message #102 on Resolution B010 (Crisis of the Global Economy) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #156)

Final Text of Resolution:
(B010)
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention support the creation of a new regulatory agency at the international level, possibly within the structure of the United Nations, with the authority to promote and enforce agreed-upon principles of fair trade and regulations governing international trade, commerce and the environment.

Church Pension Fund
The House of Bishop Committee on Church Pension Fund presented its Report #9 on Resolution D061 (Establish Equitable Benefits with Credit for Earlier Service Overseas) and moved adoption of a substitute.

Original Text of Resolution:
(D061)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 76th General Convention request that the CPF establish this formula to give our clergy credit for their early years of service in other Episcopal or Anglican jurisdictions:
• Clergy who have served 10 to 14 years in The Episcopal Church, every four (4) years of service in another overseas Province would be credited as one (1) year of service.

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• Clergy who have served 15 to 19 years in The Episcopal Church, every two (2) years of service in another overseas Province would be credited as one (1) year of service.
• Clergy who have served 20 years or more in The Episcopal Church, each year of service in another overseas Province would be credited as one (1) year of service; and be it further

Resolved, That “clergy” as used in this formula be restricted to include only those who
• Started their ministry or served for some period of time in provinces with no viable pension system;
• Are canonically resident in a diocese of The Episcopal Church;
• Are citizens or permanent residents of the United States of America; and
• Will have served in The Episcopal Church, and paid into the Church Pension Group, for 10 years or more at the time of their retirement.

Committee Substitute:
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 76th General Convention commends the Church Pension Group for its ongoing study of retirement benefits for clergy originally ordained in another Anglican Jurisdiction who have become participants of the Clergy Pension Plan and for its response to Resolution D075 of the 75th General Convention in 2006.

Motion carried
Substitute resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #157)

Communications
The House of Bishops Committee on Communications presented its Report #1 on HD Message #54 on Resolution A047 (Extension of the A048 Task Force) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #158)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A047)
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church extend the term of the A048-2006 Task Force through the next Triennium in order to make specific recommendations to the Church Center and other Church bodies to adopt industry appropriate “best-practices” when adopting new technology and in making communication decisions; and be it further

Resolved, That the amount of $5,000 be allocated to continue the work of this task force that was not completed in the previous Triennium.
The House of Bishops Committee on Communications presented its Report #3 on HD Message #56 on Resolution A050 (Church Center Technology Audit) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #159)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A050)
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church direct the Church Center to conduct an immediate, independent, comprehensive technology audit of the Church Center, and report its findings to the Executive Council and the A048-2006 Task Force; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $45,000 for the implementation of this audit; and be it further
Resolved, That the Church Center subsequently conduct a regular independent audit of its communication resources, policies and practices, including specifically hardware, software and licenses.

The House of Bishops Committee on Communications presented its Report #4 on HD Message #57 on Resolution D010 (An International Church) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #160)

Final Text of Resolution:

(D010)
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention request that all documents, communications, legislation and publications that refer to The Episcopal Church use terminology that consistently reflects our international character, rather than using inaccurate and non-inclusive terms and names such as “the National Church,” “the American Church,” “the National Church Center,” “the National Executive Council,” “National Staff Officer,” etc.; and be it further
Resolved, That the Office of Communication work with the Standing Commission on Episcopal Church Communications, the Episcopal Communicators and other bodies to develop and publish alternatives to these and other inaccurate terms and names.

The House of Bishops Committee on Communications presented its Report #5 on HD Message #106 on Resolution B017 (Translating Website in Spanish and French) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #161)
Final Text of Resolution:
(B017)
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention, in accordance with Resolution 2003 C029, which directed that “all official documents, publications and digital publications produced by the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society be issued in Spanish and French no later than 2006...,” commend the efforts to date, and strongly urge that select pages of the Web site of The Episcopal Church, www.episcopalchurch.org, be translated and posted into Spanish and French; and be it further
Resolved, That where additional resources are necessary, the translation work be directed to translators in the appropriate region, for example Province IX, where these funds might serve to support the Church’s ministry in these areas.

The Secretary laid the Consent Calendar for the Eighth Legislative Day on the table.

END OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR

Message from the House of Deputies
The Secretary announced that the following message had been received from the House of Deputies:

HD Message #149: C061 (Amend Title III.1.2) Adopted with amendment.

Ecumenical Relations
The House of Bishop Committee on Ecumenical Relations presented its Report #7 on Resolution A074 (Endorse Theological Statement on Interreligious Relations) and moved adoption of a substitute.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A074)
[Editor’s Note: See The Blue Book Report of the Standing Commission on Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations, pp. 154-163.]

Committee Substitute:
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church adopt the following statement as a foundation upon which it engages in interreligious dialogue; and be it further
Resolved, That this statement be commended to dioceses and congregations and shared with our ecumenical and interreligious partners.

I. Introduction
1. We affirm the foundational Gospel proclamation that “Jesus is Lord” (I Corinthians 12:3 NRSV here and hereafter), and therefore Jesus’ Summary of God’s Law: “love the Lord your God with all your hearts, with all your souls, and with all your minds, and to love your neighbor as yourself” (Mark 12:29-31; BCP, Catechism, page 851). For this
reason we reach out in love and genuine openness to know and to understand those of other religions.

Therefore, we commend to all our members: dialogue for building relationships, the sharing of information, religious education and celebration with people of other religions as part of Christian life,

1. dialogue begins when people meet each other
2. dialogue depends upon mutual understanding, mutual respect and mutual trust
3. dialogue makes it possible to share in service to the community
4. dialogue is a medium of authentic witness by all parties and not an opportunity for proselytizing.

We believe that such dialogue may be a contribution toward helping people of different religions grow in mutual understanding and making common cause in peacemaking, social justice and religious liberty. We further encourage dioceses, congregations and other organizations of The Episcopal Church to initiate such dialogue in partnership with other Christian Churches and in consultation with other provinces of the Communion, where appropriate.

2. As we engage other religious traditions, our work must be grounded in thoughtful exploration of and reflection on the appropriate ways to profess Christianity in the context of other religious traditions. This document is an initial reflection on why we are participating in multi-religious relationships. It explores the contexts for doing so and seeks to discern the unique contribution of The Episcopal Church to such relationships. As Christians we celebrate and affirm our witness to the gospel of Jesus Christ. “He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation” (Colossians 1:15). We rejoice in our call to spread the good news of God’s love and reconciliation through engaging in life-enhancing relationships with all of God’s people.

II. Historical Context

3. The Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion have had a long interest and involvement in interreligious matters, which have historically been addressed in the context of mission. Prominent Episcopalians were involved in the first World Parliament of Religions in 1893. The Episcopal Church and Anglican Communion were well represented at the 1910 Edinburgh Missionary Conference, which was called to discuss cooperation in the global mission field and gave birth to the modern ecumenical movement. In the decades that followed, the Anglican Communion and The Episcopal Church were influenced by the important theologies of mission developed by John V. Taylor (Bishop of Winchester and General Secretary of the Church Mission Society) and Lesslie Newbigin (a minister of the Church of Scotland and later a Bishop in the Church of South India). In The Episcopal Church, thoughtful engagement with Native American culture has resulted in the establishment of significant missionary presence in certain areas.

4. The groundbreaking 1965 document from Vatican Council II, Nostra Aetate (In Our Time), helped to inaugurate a new era of dialogue between Christians and those of other religions. In the Anglican Communion, the 1988 Lambeth Conference issued a major report commending dialogue with people of other faiths as part of Christian discipleship.
and mission. It also produced the first Anglican Communion document on dialogue with Abrahamic traditions, “Jews, Christians and Muslims: The Way of Dialogue.” This document was recommended for study; and the Provinces were asked to initiate talks wherever possible on a tripartite basis with both Jews and Muslims. Other important resources we have used here include “Generous Love: the Truth of the Gospel and the Call to Dialogue,” issued in 2008 by the Network for Interfaith Concerns (NIFCON) of the Anglican Communion; the Archbishop of Canterbury’s 2007 reply to “A Common Word,” an overture from Muslim scholars for dialogue with Christians; and “Relations with Other World Religions,” Section F of the 2008 Lambeth Conference Indaba Reflections.

5. The Episcopal Church’s primary participation in interreligious dialogue has taken several forms:

• Ecumenical efforts with other Christians, through the Interfaith Relations Commission of the National Council of Churches of Christ. The 1999 Assembly of the National Council of Churches unanimously approved a policy statement giving a theological rationale for participating in interreligious dialogue.
• International efforts through the Anglican Communion Office, including the Network for Interfaith Concerns.
• Particular initiatives taken by the Presiding Bishop as primate and chief pastor of the church.
• Task force initiatives, first the Presiding Bishop’s Advisory Committee on Interfaith Relations (through 1997) and then the Standing Commission on Ecumenical Relations (from 1997-2003).
• Diocesan, congregational and individual efforts in peace making and interreligious dialogue.

6. In addition, in response to the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, Episcopal Relief and Development funded the Interfaith Education Initiative, a three-year program in conjunction with the Office of Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations that surveyed the interfaith work of The Episcopal Church and developed educational resources for interreligious dialogue. This project culminated in a conference held at Washington National Cathedral in 2004, and in the publication of the “IEI Manual on Interfaith Dialogue.”

7. In 2003, the General Convention officially located oversight of the church’s interreligious work with the Standing Commission on Ecumenical Relations, which was renamed the Standing Commission on Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations (SCEIR).

III. Current Context
8. As the Indaba Reflections from Lambeth note, “The contexts within which the Church ministers around the world vary widely and the potential for interfaith dialogue will vary accordingly” (¶ 93). The following paragraphs are an attempt to note some of the ways in which our context informs our approach to interreligious relations.
9. Today the picture of the world we have to carry is of the earth seen from space. Borders and boundaries are fluid, easily fractured and unstable. The peoples of the earth will either survive together or perish together. Paradoxically our entire world is, at the same time, housed inside the flat screens of computers that provide immediate access to almost anyone or anything at anytime, anywhere on the planet. Crises and conflicts that were once local matters and seemed to be none of our concern are now global. Social strife, political upheaval and violence—predominantly fueled by greed and/or religious fanaticism—are not distant from us.

10. In the United States, the naïve image of the world as a safe and stable place was shattered on September 11, 2001. Those killed in the attacks on the World Trade Center in New York came from many lands, prayed in many languages, called God by many names. They are a true microcosm of the shifting reality of who lives in the United States today, citizens and foreign nationals alike. For the first time in decades, people in the United States experienced what other people in other lands have experienced for generations: fear, grief and loss following from an assault on their homeland, the devastation of their people and the shattering of a sense of well being. While grief and loss are certainly appropriate, fear is the opposite of truth and fear has led some people of all religions to collude with, participate in and justify political acts of violence and oppression which dishonor all concepts of the Sacred.

11. As Episcopalians, we recognize that our neighbors come from a variety of different beliefs and backgrounds, and we are unfamiliar with many of if not most of them. Christians continue to struggle to find common ground and mutual respect with Jews and Muslims who are fellow children of Abraham. Whether we intend to or not, we impact and are impacted in return—powerfully and profoundly—by each other’s lives, cultures and beliefs. For each of us, the neighbor often seems to be the Other rather than the one whom Christ calls us to receive as a gift and to love as we would be loved ourselves.

12. In contemporary local and global contexts, The Episcopal Church faces crucial opportunities and challenges for developing new creative relationships with people of other religious heritages. Throughout the world, people of different religions can be seen searching for compatible if not common ways toward justice, peace and sustainable life. Our theological and ecclesial heritage offers significant resources for participating in this global quest.

IV. Scripture, Reason and Tradition as Resources in Interreligious Dialogue

13. As part of the Anglican Communion, The Episcopal Church seeks to be a community living in obedience to the Word of God revealed through Scripture, and to identify the contemporary message of that Word through bringing the insights of tradition and reason, to theological reflection on interreligious relations.

Scripture and Reason

14. We understand the Holy Scriptures to be inspired by the Holy Spirit of God and at the same time the work of human authors, editors and compilers. “All scripture is
inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction and for training in righteousness” (2 Timothy 3:16). The Scriptures “contain all things necessary for salvation” (BCP, 513). In the Scriptures we discover the nature of God, by their witness to Jesus Christ, in their record of his teaching, and through their proclamation of the Good News of God’s Reign for all people. We believe the Holy Spirit continues to guide us in our growing understanding of the Scriptures, which are always to be interpreted in the widest possible context of God’s redeeming love for all people. Throughout our history, Episcopalians have wrestled with varying interpretations of the Scriptures. Such differences are to be expected and appreciated as a direct consequence of our dynamic relationship with the Word of God and our experience of faith over time.

15. Christianity’s Holy Scriptures reveal to us both the invitation and the direction to engage with people of other religions. In Genesis 1:26 we meet the loving God who created all people and all nations, and the awesome majesty of creation bids us humbly acknowledge that the fullness of God’s intention is beyond the scope of our limited understanding; God’s gracious love is not confined to the Christian community alone. Because of our faith in the incarnation of God in Jesus Christ, we expect to meet God in our neighbor, whom God commands us to love as we love ourselves (Mark 12:29-31).

16. The sixteenth-century Anglican theologian Richard Hooker helped form our tradition of Scriptural interpretation. In his major work, Of the Laws of Ecclesiastical Polity, Hooker argued that the Holy Spirit requires the church to use Reason to interpret scripture. For Hooker, the Scriptures reveal to us essential truths about God and ourselves that we cannot learn by any other means. In other matters of human life, God expects us to use our minds in order to reason together and thus discover, through conversation, debate and argument, the right way forward. This requires respect for the opinions of other people of good will.

17. This Biblically-based respect for the diversity of understandings that authentic, truth-seeking human beings have is essential for communal reasoning and faithful living. The revelation of God in Christ calls us therefore to participate in our relationship with God and one another in a manner that is at once faithful, loving, lively and reasonable. This understanding continues to call Episcopalians to find our way as one body through various conflicts. It is not a unity of opinion or a sameness of vision that holds us together. Rather, it is the belief that we are called to walk together in Jesus’ path of reconciliation not only through our love for the other, but also through our respect for the legitimacy of the reasoning of the other. Respect for reason empowers us to meet God’s unfolding world as active participants in the building of the Kingdom and to greet God’s diverse people with appropriate welcome and gracious hospitality.

Tradition
18. Tradition is also an important aspect of Anglican theological understanding. As Anglicans we have always understood ourselves to be in continuity with the Catholic faith reaching back to the ancient, patristic church; we therefore hold the church’s tradition in high regard. Anglicans have used tradition to inform our common reasoning
as the church responds to new challenges and developments, using accumulated wisdom to show how similar challenges have been met in the past. For example, the English Reformers allowed tradition to shape the reformation of the Christianity they had received. Similarly, the founders of The Episcopal Church also placed great emphasis in tradition by continuing important beliefs and practices of the Church of England, such as its liturgy and ministry, and adapting them to the new context of the American republic, as in the American revival of the ancient practice of electing bishops. Tradition informed and shaped how Anglicans in these contexts responded to new situations.

19. Historically The Episcopal Church encountered religious pluralism and engaged in interreligious relations in the context of the foreign mission field. In many cases this work was the product of dedicated missionaries called to spread the Gospel in faithfulness to the Great Commission. We are also aware that in many cases this work went hand in hand with American expansionism in a combination of mission and empire. We need no better example than the ship sent to the newly-conquered Philippines that carried William Howard Taft as appointed governor and Charles Henry Brent as missionary bishop. We are shaped by these traditions: we are inspired by the energy, engagement and faithfulness to the Gospel exhibited in the Anglican missionary engagement. Yet we recognize the need to be aware of the socio-religious implications of mission.

20. In turn, we hope that these examples from our history will help to shape future interreligious relationships. We pray for the same energy, engagement and faithfulness to the Gospel that the Anglican missionary traditions display. We hope that these traditions will in turn shape our future relationships as missional ones of dialogue and companionship. “Companions in Transformation,” the official Global Mission vision statement adopted at the 2003 General Convention, emphasizes the importance of dialogue and companionship in engagement with other religious traditions. We believe the theological principles articulated there are also part of creating new traditions in interreligious relations, informed in classic Anglican fashion by our past.

21. We believe that interreligious work will carry forth God’s intention for God’s creation. It will provide us the opportunity to reflect the love of God we know through our redemption through the Incarnation of Christ; and it will provide us with the opportunity to build faithful communities that live out the majesty of God’s will for the earth with more depth and in more forms than we currently experience within the limitations of our own rich religious community. And we believe that Episcopalians find our best resources in our historic understandings of Scripture, reason and tradition to engage in this work of transformation.

V. **Salvation in Christ and Interreligious Relations**

22. The most sensitive aspect of interreligious relations concerns any religion’s claims to unique or exclusive authority or revelation, including Christian traditions and teachings such as the incarnation, cross and the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Christians affirm that God “has created all men and women in his image, and he wishes all to enjoy that fullness of life in his presence which we know as salvation” (*Generous Love*, Section 1).
We also recognize that our efforts toward this goal are futile without the assistance of God in Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit. We are dependent on the grace of God—God’s unconditional, undeserved love for those God has made. The source of salvation is God alone; Christians believe salvation comes through Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

23. As Christians “we are saved by grace through faith, and this is not our own doing, but the gift of God, not the result of works so that no one may boast. For we are what God has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God has prepared beforehand to be our way of life” (Ephesians 2: 8-10). In various ways, language of salvation refers to a form of deliverance from sin and the finiteness of this life as we experience it, with all its hardships and joys. Our hope of salvation expresses our expectation that we shall share in the life of God, and do so not only after death, but now.

24. The Christian scriptures proclaim that Jesus is “the Word made flesh” (John 1:14) and as such he is “the Way and the Truth and the Life” (John 14:6). As stated in our creeds (Apostles’ and Nicene) and liturgy, Jesus Christ is the full revelation of God. Since God has chosen to share our life, we affirm that God is intensely concerned about every human life. Among Christians, Episcopalians have a particular appreciation of this teaching, in that we believe that the coming of God in Christ has already begun to transform all of creation.

25. The human response to God’s incarnate love was “to crucify the Lord of Glory” (1 Corinthians 2:8). The cross is the Christian symbol and act of self-emptying, humility, redemptive suffering, sacrificial self-giving and unvanquished love. We believe that we have been reconciled to God through the cross.

26. In the resurrection we believe “Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death and giving life to those in the tomb” (BCP, p. 483). By our baptism into Christ’s death and resurrection we enjoy new life as members of the Body of Christ, called therefore to become ourselves ambassadors of reconciliation (Romans 6:4; 2 Corinthians 5:14-20).

27. Professing salvation in Christ is not a matter of competing with other religious traditions with the imperative of converting one another. Each tradition brings its own understanding of the goal of human life to the interreligious conversation. Christians bring their particular profession of confidence in God’s intentions as they are seen in and through the incarnation, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. As the bishops at Lambeth 2008 noted, “The purpose of dialogue is not compromise, but growth in trust and understanding of each other’s faith and traditions. Effective and meaningful dialogue will only take place where there is gentleness, honesty and integrity. In all of this, we affirm that Christianity needs to be lived and presented as ‘a way of life,’ rather than a static set of beliefs (¶ 89).”
28. Claiming Jesus as the Way, therefore, requires us to “respect the dignity of every human being” (BCP, p. 305). This grounds our expectation that we shall discover new insights and develop new relationships through interreligious dialogue. In mutual encounters and shared ascetic, devotional, ethical and prophetic witness, we dare to hope that God will reveal new and enriching glimpses of a reconciled humanity.

VI. Mission and Evangelism

29. Another sensitive and important aspect of interreligious relations concerns how we as Christians are called to offer life abundant (John 10:10) and to “make disciples of all nations” (Matthew 28:16-20). Christianity (including Anglicanism) is an actively evangelical religion. As we consider mission and evangelism in a pluralistic, globalized world, we are mindful of our particular cultural contexts. We are aware that The Episcopal Church is an international church, with congregations in over sixteen different nations. We are also part of the larger Anglican Communion. We should always be mindful of how encounters with people of other religions in the United States may have differences as well as similarities with encounters in different contexts outside the U.S. We seek to be informed by the experience and reflection of our sisters and brothers living among men and women of many religious traditions in many nations. We stand in solidarity with each other, each seeking in our own circumstances to be faithful to the Gospel.

30. We have spoken in this statement of the need to love one’s neighbor. We see that love taking a variety of forms. Commitment to justice and mutual respect is the paramount consideration for some, for whom the practice of Christian love is the most powerful witness to the truth of the Gospel. Others, while not denying the witness of faithful lives, believe that love demands the verbal proclamation of the Gospel and an open invitation to all people to be reconciled to God in Christ. Still others understand evangelization as our participation in God’s transformation of human society. The love of God that Jesus expressed in presence, compassion, healing and justice: this we are called to live in mission. The reconciliation that God offers a sinful and broken world in Jesus’ death and resurrection: this is the hope we offer the world in mission. As we seek to respond to God’s call to love our neighbor, we all must seek to avoid ways of interaction which do violence to the integrity of human persons and communities.

31. We look for a way forward in the theology of companionship, as articulated in Companions in Transformation. This statement, produced by the Standing Commission on World Mission, reflects important developments in The Episcopal Church’s understanding of how we participate in global mission; it is currently in a process of reception and review by the Church. Companions in Transformation outlines different ways in which Episcopalians are called to engage in mission and witness, and we believe these ways are also important in the service of interreligious dialogue. Companions states that a church participating in God’s mission may not be able to solve the anguish, violence and injustice suffered by companion churches. Even so, simply being present in the place of fear, loss and isolation expresses the love of Christ. We seek to be in companionship with our interreligious partners as we present ourselves in a variety of ways:
**Witness**: “You are witnesses of these things,” said Jesus to his disciples (Luke 24:48). Witness in word means sharing the story of what God has done with us in light of the story of what God has done in Christ Jesus. Such witness is a natural and inevitable fruit of life in Christ, and it is the heart of evangelism as a mission imperative. Sharing the story with those who have never heard it is a crucial gift. Sharing our story with others must be part of a dialogue in which we listen to the stories others share with us, whether from places of little faith or from other religious paths. The religious diversity of the 21st century, like that of the early centuries of Christianity, calls us to hold together the multiple tasks of listening, learning and bearing witness to Christ.

**Pilgrim**: Pilgrims grow in their knowledge of God, learning as much as they share, receiving as much as they give. The humility of this orientation and the eagerness to learn from companions nurtures deep and lasting relationships. The pilgrim motif opens the door to true mutuality, where, as the 1966 Anglican Congress said about partnership, “all are givers and all are receivers.”

**Servant**: Servanthood means that we listen to the stated needs of our companions and look for signs of God’s work in them. It means that we seek to meet Christ in all situations. For Episcopalians, authentic servanthood is a crucial counter to the assumptions we develop on the basis of our extraordinary access to the power of information, technology and money. Servanthood is a key mark for our church as a whole, though it is sometimes perceived as a domineering church in a superpower nation.

**Prophet**: In companionship we often find our views of political, racial and economic relationships in the world challenged and transformed. Episcopalians in the 21st century are called to prophesy both to our own church and to the world church that the Body of Christ may be a mustard seed of God’s Jubilee in the world, working justice for the whole human family from all faiths.

**Ambassador**: In addition to witnessing in word and deed as ambassadors of Christ, in companionship with interfaith partners we are ambassadors of our own church. As Episcopalians in dialogue, we must be aware always that companions are experiencing the vision, faithfulness and integrity of The Episcopal Church through our conversation, conduct and life. The role of ambassador also entails a commitment to represent fairly the life of The Episcopal Church. We should not be hesitant in being Episcopal Christian, just as our interreligious partners are not hesitant in being faithful Muslims, Jews, Buddhists, Hindus, Jains, Sikhs, Bahai or other faiths, as we are in dialogue with each other.

**Host**: “Let a little water be brought and wash your feet,” said Abraham to the three strangers who appeared at Mamre (Genesis 18:4). “Let it be to me according to your word,” said Mary to the angel Gabriel (Luke 1:38). God is not forcible but invites a response of hospitality. As we engage in interreligious dialogue, hospitality must be central in our response. Hospitality means that we listen to what our companions say, offer them opportunities to experience the breadth of our church and care for one another. We are likewise called to be generous and hospitable with those whom God brings to us, always respecting the practices and customs of our partners.

**Sacrament**: As the body of Christ, the church is a sacrament of Christ, an outward and visible sign of Christ’s inward and spiritual grace. We are called to be
signs of God’s mission to reconcile all people with one another and with God in Christ. The people and communities we meet are likewise sacramental signs of God’s global presence. This sacramental emphasis helps us to retain an incarnational focus on people, relationships and community, where God truly lives and where the most lasting impacts are made.

32. We are called and committed to be in companionship and partnership in interreligious dialogue in these different ways. We believe that religions must stand together in solidarity with all who are suffering and witness to the dignity of every human being. In these ways, presence in mission becomes a courageous mode of peace-making in a violent world. With ecumenical and interreligious groups, initiatives to encourage contact and dialogue and to advocate for religious freedom are imperative for reconciliation amid today’s heightened tensions among religions. God is calling us to join hands with all and to speak out when religious freedom is curtailed and when the social, environmental, economic or political welfare of communities is damaged. We believe that authentic Christian witness and evangelism that serve God’s mission are compatible with authentic interreligious dialogue.

33. At the outset of this statement, we recalled that one hundred and twenty years ago in the Chicago Quadrilateral, The Episcopal Church formulated a definition of what it considered essential to engage in ecumenical relations. Today Christianity lives and serves in a global setting in which all of God’s human creation is challenged to find common ground for our mutual flourishing. Interreligious relations are vital to this. In seeking to articulate for this century the principles to be considered for authentic interreligious relations and dialogue, we offer three gifts from The Episcopal Church and the Anglican way:

• Our comprehensive way of thinking by which we balance Scripture, reason and tradition in relationship building;
• Our belief system that centers on the incarnation of God in Christ and on the Crucified One who leads us to self-emptying, forgiveness and reconciliation; and
• Our practice of focusing mission in terms of service, companionship and partnership between people as demonstrative of God’s embrace of human life.

34. These gifts are especially suited for our time. The late Martin Luther King, Jr., celebrated in Lesser Feasts and Fasts, foresaw a time when as one all human beings of every religion would have to learn to choose “a non-violent coexistence” over a “violent co-annihilation,” and to seek community over chaos. Interreligious relations are no longer about competing religions but about mutual demonstrations of Love Incarnate. We close this statement encouraged by Dr. King’s word: “Love is the key that unlocks the door which leads to ultimate reality. This Hindu-Muslim-Christian-Jewish-Buddhist belief about human reality is beautifully summed up in the first Epistle of St. John: ‘Let us love one another; for love is of God; and everyone that loves is born of God and knows God. The one who loves not does not know God, for God is love… If we love one another God dwells in us, and God’s love is perfected in us.’”

The Bishop of North Dakota moved an amendment.
Proposed Amendment:
In section 3 under Historical Context, delete the word “thoughtful” in the last sentence.

Motion carried
Amendment adopted

The question was called.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on substitute Resolution A074 as amended.

Motion carried
Substitute resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #162)

Program, Budget and Finance
The House of Bishops Committee on Program, Budget and Finance presented its Report #1 on HD Message #17 on Resolution D052 (Mission Budget Priorities) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #163)

Final Text of Resolution:
(D052)
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention adopt the following budget priorities in developing the 2010-2012 Budget for The Episcopal Church.

Budget Priorities:
• Networking the members of the Body of Christ
  a. Establishing and supporting collaborative efforts within and among dioceses and congregations to promote vibrant ministry in service to God’s mission
  b. Structuring healthy relationships with overseas dioceses of The Episcopal Church and those Anglican provinces historically related to The Episcopal Church, clarifying commitments with firm timelines and establishing necessary accountability
  c. Promoting partnerships with other dioceses and churches of the Anglican Communion, encouraging multi-diocese mission efforts that reduce redundancy and enhance relationships both domestic and foreign
  d. Advancing ecumenical relationships and collaborations
• Alleviating Poverty and Injustice
  a. Inspiring and modeling a genuine commitment to the United Nations’ Millennium Development Goals
  b. Addressing, domestically and abroad, the challenges and consequences of a failing global economy
c. Advocating for and working to provide education, healthcare, employment, housing and equal rights for all of God’s beloved
d. Promoting environmental sustainability and stewardship of creation

• Claiming our Identity
  a. Exploring and discovering who we are as The Episcopal Church, within the comprehensive reality of our complex culture and in relationship to others
  b. Educating about Episcopal Church governance and polity, forming at all ages our Christian, Episcopal and Anglican identity
  c. Telling Christ’s story and our story, utilizing current technology and a vibrant contemporary communications network

• Growing Congregations and the Next Generations of Faith
  a. Establishing lifelong Christian formation throughout the Church, with specific support of youth and young adults
  b. Making evangelists of all communicants
  c. Teaching and developing the spiritual discipline of giving
  d. Providing discernment and formation of lay and ordained ministries
  e. Supporting congregational vitality and development, with particular attention to immigrant, indigenous and underserved populations

• Strengthening Governance and Foundations for Ministry
  a. Inspiring and developing sound leadership at all levels of the Church
  b. Moving from programmatic structures to ministry networks
  c. Collaborating with seminaries and dioceses to restructure and retool theological education for a changing church
  d. Reviewing provincial and diocesan configurations and composition
  e. Assuring standards of accountability and measurement of outcome
  f. Providing legal and operational support for dioceses in transition or litigation

Social and Urban Affairs
The House of Bishops Committee on Social and Urban Affairs presented its Report #28 on Resolution D095 (Prison Ministry Sunday) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(D095)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 76th General Convention urge all dioceses and parishes to set aside a day for Prison Ministry Sunday annually to focus on ways to minister to God’s children behind bars, those returning to the community and their families and victims.
Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 76th General Convention urge all dioceses and parishes to set aside a day for Prison Ministry Sunday annually, congregations to focus on ways to minister to God’s children behind bars, those returning to the community and their families and victims.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #164)

The House of Bishops Committee on Social and Urban Affairs presented its Report #29 on Resolution D090 (Inclusive Church Paper Work) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(D090)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church recommends and encourages all bodies of The Episcopal Church to adapt forms to be fully inclusive of all people: by including lines not only for one’s legal name, but also for one’s preferred name as well as one’s gender identity and pronoun preference.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church recommends and encourages all bodies of The Episcopal Church to utilize all available resources to revise and adapt forms to be fully inclusive of all people: by including lines not only for one’s legal name, but also for one’s preferred name as well as one’s gender identity and pronoun preference.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #165)

The House of Bishops Committee on Social and Urban Affairs presented its Report #30 on Resolution D032 (Non-Discrimination in Lay Employment) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(D032)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 76th General Convention commit The Episcopal Church itself not to discriminate in employment of lay employees based on race, color, sex, national origin, age, familial status, disability, sexual orientation or gender identity.
Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 76th General Convention commit
The Episcopal Church itself not to discriminate in employment of lay employees based
on race, color, sex, national origin, age, familial status, disability, sexual orientation, or
gender identity or gender expression.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #166)

The House of Bishops Committee on Social and Urban Affairs presented its Report
#34 on Resolution D071 (Establish a Program for the Homeless Respite) and moved
that the Committee be discharged because the resolution was withdrawn by the
proposer.

Original Text of Resolution:
(D071)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That The Episcopal Church recognize the
pressing challenges to those living in poverty and the working poor throughout this
nation and call for new and innovative strategies to address issues related to healthcare
and housing, for the homeless sick; and be it further
Resolved, That the Church as a special focus in the new triennium, recognizing that one
of the poorest counties in the United States with the second highest home foreclosure
market and combined with an approximate 20% unemployment rate contributing to an
extremely high number of homeless, a population whose health is poor and with little
resources to help in the healing process, and who, when discharged as medically stable
have no home or family to go to for respite and convalescence, are discharged back
onto the streets without care; and be it further
Resolved, That a program be developed through the Episcopal Diocese of San Joaquin,
and Church Center, reporting to Executive Council, with measurable goals for an
advocacy program to reduce the numbers of those discharged onto the streets from
hospitals, through a respite home in Merced County, California; and be it further
Resolved, That primary coordination be in the Advocacy Center, particularly the Office of
Jubilee Ministries and Domestic Justice, with an Executive Council Committee and in
partnership with other appropriate offices from the mission centers and other bodies as
may be identified, such as the Episcopal Church Foundation; and be it further
Resolved, That $36,000 per year be funded to establish a Respite Home in Merced
County, for a period of three years, beginning Fiscal Year 2010, and ending after Fiscal
Year 2012.

Motion carried
Committee discharged
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #167)

Canons
The House of Bishops Committee on Canons presented its Report #10 on Resolution
A185 (Proposed Title IV Revisions) and moved concurrence.
The Chair invited the chancellor of Utah, Deputy to the Convention, to come to the platform to be available for questions.

The Bishop of Albany moved an amendment.

**Proposed Amendment:**
In Canon 16 (a) By a Bishop, Sec. 2, in the last sentence insert the words “two-thirds” in front of the word “majority.”

The question was called.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on the amendment.

Motion defeated
Amendment defeated

A vote was taken on Resolution A185.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #168)

**Final Text of Resolution:**
(A185)
Resolved, That the whole of Title IV of the Constitution and Canons for the Government of The Episcopal Church be amended to read as follows:

**TITLE IV: ECCLESIASTICAL DISCIPLINE**

**CANON 1: Of Accountability and Ecclesiastical Discipline**
By virtue of Baptism, all members of the Church are called to holiness of life and accountability to one another. The Church and each Diocese shall support their members in their life in Christ and seek to resolve conflicts by promoting healing, repentance, forgiveness, restitution, justice, amendment of life and reconciliation among all involved or affected. This Title applies to Members of the Clergy, who have by their vows at ordination accepted additional responsibilities and accountabilities for doctrine, discipline, worship and obedience.

**CANON 2: Of Terminology Used in this Title**
Except as otherwise expressly provided or unless the context otherwise requires, as used in this Title the following terms and phrases shall have the following meanings:
Accord shall mean a written resolution, which is negotiated and agreed among the parties resulting from an agreement for discipline under Canon IV.9, conciliation under Canon IV.10 or a Conference Panel proceeding under Canon IV.12. All Accords shall meet the requirements of Canon IV.14.
Administrative Leave shall mean a restriction on ministry in which the exercise of the Respondent’s ministry is suspended in its entirety during the period of the Administrative Leave and may include suspension from any ecclesiastical and related secular office.

Advisor shall mean a person designated to support, assist, consult with and advise a Complainant or Respondent in any matter of discipline under this Title as provided in Canon IV.19.10.

Church Attorney shall mean one or more attorneys selected pursuant to Diocesan Canons to represent the Church in proceedings as provided in this Title. The Diocesan Canons may provide a process for the removal of a Church Attorney for cause. A Church Attorney shall perform all functions on behalf of the Church necessary to advance proceedings under this Title and shall have the following powers, in addition to the powers and duties otherwise provided in this Title: (a) to receive and review the Intake Officer’s report; (b) to conduct investigations and oversee the Investigator and, in connection with such investigations; to have access to the personnel, books and records of the Diocese and its constituent parts; and to receive and review the reports of the Investigator; (c) to determine, in the exercise of the Church Attorney’s discretion, whether the reported information, if true, would be grounds for discipline; and (d) to exercise discretion consistent with this Title and the interests of the Church by declining to advance proceedings or by referring any matter back to the Intake Officer or the Bishop Diocesan for pastoral response in lieu of disciplinary action. In representing the Church, a Church Attorney may consult with the Conference Panel.

Clear and Convincing shall mean proof sufficient to convince ordinarily prudent people that there is a high probability that what is claimed actually happened. More than a preponderance of the evidence is required but not proof beyond a reasonable doubt.

Community shall mean that part of the Church in which a Member of the Clergy performs his or her ministry, such as a Diocese, Parish, Mission, school, seminary, hospital, camp or any similar institution.

Complainant shall mean (a) the person or persons from whom the Intake Officer receives information concerning an Offense or (b) any Injured Person designated by the Bishop Diocesan who, in the Bishop Diocesan’s discretion, should be afforded the status of a Complainant, provided, however, that any Injured Person so designated may decline such designation.

Conciliator shall mean a person appointed to seek the resolution of a matter under Canon IV.10.

Conduct Unbecoming a Member of the Clergy shall mean any disorder or neglect that prejudices the reputation, good order and discipline of the Church, or any conduct of a nature to bring material discredit upon the Church or the Holy Orders conferred by the Church.

Conference Panel shall mean a panel of one, two or three members of the Disciplinary Board selected by the president of the board, unless some other manner of selection is provided by Diocesan Canon, to serve as the body before which an informal conference is held as provided in Canon IV.12, provided,
however, that no such member may serve as a member of the Hearing Panel in the same case.

Disciplinary Board shall mean the body provided for in Canon IV.5.1.

Discipline of the Church shall be found in the Constitution, the Canons and the Rubrics and the Ordinal of the Book of Common Prayer.

Doctrine shall mean the basic and essential teachings of the Church and is to be found in the Canon of Holy Scripture as understood in the Apostles and Nicene Creeds and in the sacramental rites, the Ordinal and Catechism of the Book of Common Prayer.

Hearing Panel shall mean a panel of three members of the Disciplinary Board selected by the president of the Board, unless some other manner of selection is provided by Diocesan Canon, to serve as the body before which a hearing is held as provided in Canon IV.13, provided, however, that no such member may serve as a member of the Conference Panel in the same case.

Injured Person shall mean a person, group or Community who has been, is or may be affected by an Offense.

Intake Officer shall mean one or more persons designated by the Bishop Diocesan after consultation with the Disciplinary Board, unless otherwise selected pursuant to diocesan canons, to whom information regarding Offenses is reported.

Investigator shall mean a person having (a) sufficient knowledge, skill, experience and training to conduct investigations under this Title and (b) familiarity with the provisions and objectives of this Title. Investigators shall be appointed by the Bishop Diocesan in consultation with the president of the Disciplinary Board.

Member of the Clergy shall mean Bishops, Priests and Deacons of the Church.

Offense shall mean any act or omission for which a Member of the Clergy may be held accountable under Canons IV.3 or IV.4.

Order shall mean a written decision of a Conference Panel or a Hearing Panel which is issued with or without the Respondent’s consent. All Orders shall meet the requirements of Canon IV.14.

Pastoral Direction shall mean a written direction given by a Bishop to a Member of the Clergy which meets the requirements of Canon IV.7.

Pastoral Relationship shall mean any relationship between a Member of the Clergy and any person to whom the Member of the Clergy provides or has provided counseling, pastoral care, spiritual direction or spiritual guidance, or from whom such Member of the Clergy has received information within the Rite of Reconciliation of a Penitent.

Privileged Communication shall mean any communication or disclosure made in confidence and with an expectation of privacy (a) within the Rite of Reconciliation of a Penitent; (b) between a client and the client's attorney; (c) between a Respondent and an Advisor or a Complainant and an Advisor; (d) between persons in a relationship in which communications are protected by secular law or Diocesan Canons; or (e) between and among a Conciliator and participants in a conciliation under Canon IV.10.
Provincial Court of Review shall mean a court organized and existing as provided in Canon IV.5.4 to serve as the body which performs the duties prescribed in Canon IV.15.

Reference Panel shall mean a panel composed of the Intake Officer, the Bishop Diocesan and the president of the Disciplinary Board to serve as the body which performs the duties prescribed in Canons IV.6 and IV.11.

Respondent shall mean any Member of the Clergy (a) who is the subject of a matter referred for conciliation or to the Conference Panel or to the Hearing Panel; (b) whose ministry has been restricted; (c) who has been placed on Administrative Leave; (d) who is the subject of an investigation and is asked by an investigator or the Bishop Diocesan to provide information or to make a statement; or (e) who agreed with the Bishop Diocesan regarding terms of discipline pursuant to Canon IV.9.

Sentence shall mean the pronouncement of discipline of a Member of the Clergy pursuant to an Accord or Order in the form of (a) admonition, in which the conduct of such Member of the Clergy is publicly and formally censured or reprimanded, or (b) suspension, in which such Member of the Clergy is required to refrain temporarily from the exercise of the gifts of ministry conferred by ordination, or (c) deposition, in which such Member of the Clergy is deprived of the right to exercise the gifts and spiritual authority of God’s word and sacraments conferred at ordination.

Sexual Abuse shall mean any Sexual Behavior at the request of, acquiesced to or by a person eighteen years of age or older and a person under eighteen years of age, in high school or legally incompetent.

Sexual Behavior shall mean any physical contact, bodily movement, speech, communication or other activity sexual in nature or that is intended to arouse or gratify erotic interest or sexual desires.

Sexual Misconduct shall mean (a) Sexual Abuse or (b) Sexual Behavior at the request of, acquiesced to or by a Member of the Clergy with an employee, volunteer, student or counselee of that Member of the Clergy or in the same congregation as the Member of the Clergy, or a person with whom the Member of the Clergy has a Pastoral Relationship.

CANON 3: Of Accountability

Sec. 1. A Member of the Clergy shall be subject to proceedings under this Title for:

(a) knowingly violating or attempting to violate, directly or through the acts of another person, the Constitution or Canons of the Church or of any Diocese;
(b) failing without good cause to cooperate with any investigation or proceeding conducted under authority of this Title; or
(c) intentionally and maliciously bringing a false accusation or knowingly providing false testimony or false evidence in any investigation or proceeding under this Title.

Sec. 2. A Member of the Clergy shall be accountable for any breach of the Standards of Conduct set forth in Canon IV.4.
Sec. 3. In order for any conduct or condition to be the subject of the provisions of this Title, the Offense complained of must violate applicable provisions of Canon IV.3 or IV.4 and must be material and substantial or of clear and weighty importance to the ministry of the Church.

CANON 4: Of Standards of Conduct

Sec. 1. In exercising his or her ministry, a Member of the Clergy shall:

(a) respect and preserve confidences of others except that pastoral, legal or moral obligations of ministry may require disclosure of those confidences other than Privileged Communications;
(b) conform to the Rubrics of the Book of Common Prayer;
(c) abide by the promises and vows made when ordained;
(d) abide by the requirements of any applicable Accord or Order, or any applicable Pastoral Direction, restriction on ministry, or placement on Administrative Leave issued under Canon IV.7;
(e) safeguard the property and funds of the Church and Community;
(f) report to the Intake Officer all matters which may constitute an Offense as defined in Canon IV.2 meeting the standards of Canon IV.3.3, except for matters disclosed to the Member of Clergy as confessor within the Rite of Reconciliation of a Penitent;
(g) exercise his or her ministry in accordance with applicable provisions of the Constitution and Canons of the Church and of the Diocese, ecclesiastical licensure or commission and Community rule or bylaws;
(h) refrain from:

(1) any act of Sexual Misconduct;
(2) holding and teaching publicly or privately, and advisedly, any Doctrine contrary to that held by the Church;
(3) engaging in any secular employment, calling or business without the consent of the Bishop of the Diocese in which the Member of the Clergy is canonically resident;
(4) being absent from the Diocese in which the Member of the Clergy is canonically resident, except as provided in Canon III. 9.3(e) for more than two years without the consent of the Bishop Diocesan;
(5) any criminal act that reflects adversely on the Member of the Clergy's honesty, trustworthiness or fitness as a minister of the Church;
(6) conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation; or
(7) habitual neglect of the exercise of the ministerial office without cause; or habitual neglect of public worship, and of the Holy Communion, according to the order and use of the Church; and
(8) any Conduct Unbecoming a Member of the Clergy.

CANON 5: Of Disciplinary Structures

Sec. 1. Each Diocese shall, by Canon, create a court to be known as the Disciplinary Board as described in this Canon. Each such Board shall
consist of not fewer than seven persons to be selected as determined by Diocesan Canon. The membership of each Board shall include lay persons and Priests or Deacons, and the majority of the Board members shall be Priests or Deacons, but by no more than one. Within sixty days following each Diocesan convention, the Board shall convene to elect a president for the following year, unless another method for selection of the president is provided by Diocesan Canon.

Sec. 2. The provisions of Canon IV.19 shall apply to all Disciplinary Boards.

Sec. 3. The following rules shall govern the operations of all Disciplinary Boards:

(a) In the event of any Board member’s death, resignation or declination to serve, or disability rendering the member unable to act, the president shall declare a vacancy on the Board.

(b) Notices of resignation or declination to serve shall be communicated in writing to the president.

(c) No person serving in a Diocese as Chancellor, Vice-Chancellor, Advisor, Conciliator, Church Attorney, Intake Officer or Investigator may serve on the Disciplinary Board of that Diocese, and no member of a Disciplinary Board may be selected to serve in one of those positions in the same Diocese. A member of the Standing Committee of a Diocese may serve on the Disciplinary Board if the Canons of the Diocese so provide. If any Priest elected to the Board is elected a Bishop, or any lay member is ordained prior to the commencement of a proceeding under this Title, that person shall immediately cease to be a member of the Board. If a proceeding has been commenced, that person may continue to serve on the Board for all proceedings in that matter through final disposition. A lay person ceasing to be a member under this subsection by reason of ordination may be appointed to fill a vacancy in the clergy members of the Board.

(d) Each Diocese shall provide by Canon for the filling of vacancies on the Board. In the event there be no such canonical provision by the Diocese, any vacancy occurring on the Board shall be filled by appointment of the Bishop Diocesan and the appointee shall be of the same order as the Board member being replaced.

(e) Proceedings of the Panels of the Disciplinary Board shall be conducted within the rules provided in this Title. The Board may adopt, alter or rescind supplemental rules of procedure not inconsistent with the Constitution and Canons of the Church.

(f) The rules of evidence for proceedings are as provided in Canon IV.13.6.

(g) The Disciplinary Board shall appoint a clerk who may be a member of the Board, who shall be custodian of all records and files of the Disciplinary Board and who shall provide administrative services as needed for the functioning of the Board.

(h) The Disciplinary Board shall keep a record of all proceedings before its Hearing Panels in a format that can be reduced to a transcript if necessary. The record of each proceeding shall be certified by the
president of the Panel. If the record cannot be certified by the president by reason of the president’s death, disability or absence, the record shall be certified by another member of the Panel selected by a majority of the remaining members of the Panel.

(i) Any Diocese may agree with one or more other Dioceses to develop and share resources necessary to implement this Title, including members of Disciplinary Boards, Church Attorneys, Intake Officers, Advisors, Investigators, Conciliators and administrative and financial support for proceedings under this Title.

(j) Church Attorneys, Intake Officers, Advisors, Investigators and Conciliators need not reside in or be members of the Diocese proceeding under this Title. Members of Disciplinary Boards shall be members of the Diocese in which they serve unless such Diocese has entered into an agreement for the sharing of resources as provided in Canon IV.5.3(i).

Sec. 4. In each Province there shall be a court to be known as the Provincial Court of Review, with jurisdiction to receive and determine appeals from Hearing Panels of Dioceses within the Province as provided in Canon IV.15 and to determine venue issues as provided in Canon IV.19.5.

(a) The Provincial Court of Review shall consist of: (i) one Bishop of the Province; two Priests, or one Priest and one Deacon; and two lay persons; and (ii) one Bishop, one Priest or Deacon, and one lay person to serve as alternates as hereinafter provided. Each Priest or Deacon, whether a member or alternate, shall be canonically resident in a Diocese of the Province different from any other Priest or Deacon, and each lay person, whether a member or alternate, shall reside in a Diocese of the Province different from any other lay person. The Priests, Deacons and lay persons shall be members of the Disciplinary Boards of their respective Dioceses.

(b) The members and alternates of the Provincial Court of Review shall be appointed annually by the president of the Province. The Provincial Court of Review shall select a president from among its members.

(c) The persons appointed to the Provincial Court of Review shall continue to serve until their respective successors have been appointed, except in case of death, resignation or declination to serve.

(d) No member of the Provincial Court of Review may serve in any matter originating from the Diocese in which such member serves on the Disciplinary Board. In such event, the alternate shall serve.

(e) In the event that any member of the Provincial Court of Review is excused pursuant to the provisions of Canon IV.5.3(e), or, upon objection made by either party to the appeal is deemed by the other members of the Provincial Court of Review to be disqualified, such member's alternate shall serve.

(f) In the event of any Provincial Court of Review member's death, resignation or declination to serve, or disability rendering the member unable to act or is ineligible to serve under Canons IV.5.4(d) or (e), and in the further event that there is no alternate available to serve, the
(g) Vacancies on the Provincial Court of Review shall be filled by appointment by the president of the Province of persons qualified as provided in Canon IV.5.4(a).

(h) The Provincial Court of Review shall appoint a clerk who may be a member of the Court, who shall be custodian of all records and files of the Provincial Court of Review and who shall provide administrative services as needed for the functioning of the Court.

(i) The rules of procedure for appeals to the Provincial Court of Review are as provided in Canon IV.15, but the Provincial Court of Review may adopt, alter or rescind supplemental rules of procedure not inconsistent with the Constitution and Canons of the Church.

CANON 6: Of Intake and Referral of Information Concerning Offenses

Sec. 1. Each Diocese shall provide for and publicize methods and means of reporting information concerning Offenses.

Sec. 2. Information concerning Offenses may be submitted to the Intake Officer in any manner and in any form.

Sec. 3. Any person other than the Intake Officer who receives information regarding an Offense shall promptly forward the information to the Intake Officer. A Bishop Diocesan may forward information to the Intake Officer whenever the Bishop Diocesan believes that the information may indicate conduct constituting one or more Offenses.

Sec. 4. Upon receipt of such information, the Intake Officer may make such preliminary investigation as he or she deems necessary, and shall incorporate the information into a written intake report, including as much specificity as possible. The Intake Officer shall provide copies of the intake report to the other members of the Reference Panel and to the Church Attorney.

Sec. 5. If the Intake Officer determines that the information, if true, would not constitute an Offense, the Intake Officer shall inform the Bishop Diocesan of an intention to dismiss the matter. If the Bishop Diocesan does not object, the Intake Officer shall dismiss the matter. The Intake Officer shall provide written notice to the Complainant and the Bishop Diocesan of the decision of dismissal, the reasons therefore, and the Complainant’s right to appeal the decision within thirty days of the date of the notice and shall send a copy of that notice and the written intake report to the president of the Disciplinary Board. If the Complainant wishes to appeal the dismissal, the Intake Officer shall assist the Complainant in preparing and signing a written statement of the acts complained of, which statement shall be sent to the president of the Disciplinary Board along with a statement that the Complainant appeals the dismissal. The intake report and any related information, in the case of a dismissal, may be retained by the Intake Officer and considered in connection with any additional information that may
come to the Intake Officer thereafter concerning the subject Member of the Clergy.

Sec. 6. In the event of an appeal of a dismissal, the president of the Disciplinary Board shall, within thirty days of the receipt of the appeal, review the intake report and either affirm or overrule the dismissal. The president shall promptly notify the Complainant, the Intake Officer and the Bishop Diocesan of the decision. If the decision is to overrule the dismissal, the president shall refer the intake report to the Reference Panel.

Sec. 7. If the Intake Officer determines that the information, if true, would constitute an Offense, the Intake Officer shall promptly forward the intake report to the Reference Panel. The president shall promptly select from the Disciplinary Board, by lot or by other random means, a Conference Panel and a Hearing Panel, and shall designate a president of each Panel. A Conference Panel may consist of one or more persons. A Hearing Panel shall consist of not less than three persons and shall include both clergy and lay members. The president shall be ineligible to serve on either Panel.

Sec. 8. The Reference Panel shall meet as soon as possible after receiving the intake report to determine how to refer the report. Referral options are (a) no action required other than appropriate pastoral response pursuant to Canon IV.8; (b) conciliation pursuant to Canon IV.10; (c) investigation pursuant to Canon IV.11 or (d) referral for possible agreement with the Bishop Diocesan regarding terms of discipline pursuant to Canon IV.9. Referral decisions shall require the approval of a majority of the Reference Panel.

Sec. 9. If the determination of the Reference Panel is to take no action other than an appropriate pastoral response, the Panel shall notify the Complainant and the subject Member of the Clergy of the determination and the basis for the determination to take no action other than an appropriate pastoral response. If the referral is to conciliation, the provisions of Canon IV.10 shall apply. If the referral is to investigation, the provisions of Canon IV.11 shall apply.

Sec. 10. All communications and deliberations during the intake and referral stages shall be confidential except as the Bishop Diocesan deems to be pastorally appropriate or as required by law.

CANON 7: Of Pastoral Direction, Restricted Ministry and Administrative Leave

Sec. 1. At any time the Bishop Diocesan may issue a Pastoral Direction to a Member of the Clergy, canonically resident, actually resident or licensed in the Diocese.

Sec. 2. A Pastoral Direction must (a) be made in writing; (b) set forth clearly the reasons for the Pastoral Direction; (c) set forth clearly what is required of the Member of the Clergy; (d) be issued in the Bishop Diocesan’s capacity as the pastor, teacher and overseer of the Member of the Clergy; (e) be neither capricious nor arbitrary in nature nor in any way contrary to the Constitution and Canons of the General Convention or the Diocese; and (f) be directed to some matter which concerns the Doctrine, Discipline or Worship of the Church or the manner of life and behavior of the Member of
the Clergy concerned; and (g) be promptly served upon the Member of the Clergy.

Sec. 3. If at any time the Bishop Diocesan determines that a Member of the Clergy may have committed any Offense, or that the good order, welfare or safety of the Church or any person or Community may be threatened by that member of the Clergy, the Bishop Diocesan may, without prior notice or hearing, (a) place restrictions upon the exercise of the ministry of such Member of the Clergy or (b) place such Member of the Clergy on Administrative Leave.

Sec. 4. Any restriction on ministry imposed pursuant to Canon IV.7.3(a) or placement on Administrative Leave pursuant to Canon IV.7.3(b) must (a) be made in writing; (b) set forth clearly the reasons for which it is issued; (c) set forth clearly the limitations and conditions imposed and the duration thereof; (d) be neither capricious nor arbitrary in nature nor in any way contrary to the Constitution and Canons of the General Convention or the Diocese; (e) be promptly served upon the Member of the Clergy; and (f) advise the Member of the Clergy of his or her right to be heard in the matter as provided in this Canon. A copy of such writing shall be promptly provided to the Church Attorney.

Sec. 5. The duration of restriction on ministry or Administrative Leave may be for a stated period or to continue until the occurrence of a specified event or the satisfaction of a specified condition.

Sec. 6. Pastoral Directions, restrictions on ministry and Administrative Leaves (a) may be issued and imposed in any chronological order; (b) may be issued and imposed concurrently; and (c) may be modified at any time by the issuing Bishop or that Bishop's successor, provided that the Pastoral Direction, restriction on ministry or Administrative leave, as modified, meets the requirements of this Canon.

Sec. 7. Any Pastoral Direction, restriction on ministry or Administrative Leave under this Canon shall be effective upon service of the writing setting forth on the subject Member of the Clergy as provided in Canon IV.19.20.

Sec. 8. If imposition of restriction on ministry or placement on Administrative Leave occurs prior to the receipt of information by the Intake Officer, as provided in Canon IV.6, then the Bishop may forward a copy of the writing setting forth the restriction or Administrative Leave to the Intake Officer, who shall receive such information as a report of an Offense and proceed as provided in Canon IV.6.

Sec. 9. The Bishop Diocesan may disclose such information concerning any Pastoral Direction, restriction on ministry or Administrative Leave as the Bishop Diocesan deems pastorally appropriate or as necessary to seek or obtain Diocesan authority for resolution of the matter or any part thereof.

Sec. 10. Every imposition of restriction on ministry or placement on Administrative Leave shall be subject to review upon the request of the Member of the Clergy at any time in the duration thereof. A request for review must be in writing and addressed to the president of the Disciplinary Board and the Church Attorney, with a copy to the Bishop Diocesan. A Member of the Clergy who requests review shall become a Respondent
under this Title. Reviews shall be conducted within fifteen days of the
delivery of the request for review to the president of the Disciplinary Board,
unless extended by consent of the Respondent. If a restriction on ministry or
placement on Administrative Leave has been reviewed once, a second
request for review may be made only if there has been a substantial change
of circumstances from the time of the first request or if there has been a
modification of the restriction on ministry or placement on Administrative
Leave.

Sec. 11. If a request for review of restriction on ministry or Administrative
Leave is made prior to referral to the Conference Panel, then the review shall
be conducted by the Conference Panel. If a request for review of restriction
on ministry or Administrative Leave is made subsequent to referral to the
Conference Panel but prior to referral to the Hearing Panel, the review shall
be conducted by the Conference Panel. If a request for review of restriction
on ministry or Administrative Leave is made subsequent to referral to the
Hearing Panel, the review shall be conducted by the Hearing Panel. The
question before a Panel reviewing a restriction on ministry or Administrative
Leave is whether, at the time of the review and based upon information then
available to the Panel, the restrictions on ministry or Administrative Leave
and the terms and conditions thereof are warranted. The review may be
carried out either personally or telephonically. The Intake Officer, the
Respondent or the Respondent's Advisor or both, the Bishop Diocesan, the
Chancellor and the Church Attorney shall each be afforded the opportunity
to be present, either personally or telephonically, at the review, and any such
person present shall be heard by the Panel if such person desires to be
heard. The Panel may hear from other persons at the Panel's discretion.

Sec. 12. After conducting the review and hearing from the persons
designated in Canon IV.7.11 who desire to be heard, the Panel shall confer
privately and make a determination to (a) dissolve the restriction on ministry
or Administrative Leave; (b) affirm the restriction on ministry or
Administrative Leave and the terms and conditions thereof; or (c) affirm the
restriction on ministry or Administrative Leave, but with modification of the
terms and conditions thereof. The Panel's determination shall be in writing
and shall be delivered to the Respondent, the Church Attorney, the Bishop
Diocesan and the Intake Officer, and shall be binding in the same manner
as provided in Canon IV.7.7. In the event of the dissolution of the restriction
on ministry or Administrative Leave, the Bishop Diocesan may give notice
thereof to such persons and Communities having notice of the restriction on
ministry or Administrative Leave as the Bishop Diocesan deems
appropriate.

Sec. 13. Any Accord or Order resulting from Canons IV.9, IV.10, IV.12 or
IV.13, unless otherwise specified, shall supersede any restriction on ministry
or Administrative Leave then in effect.

CANON 8: Of Pastoral Response

Sec. 1. The Bishop Diocesan shall provide for appropriate pastoral response
whenever any report is made to the Intake Officer. Such pastoral response
shall embody respect, care and concern for affected persons and Communities. The response shall be designed so as to promote healing, repentance, forgiveness, restitution, justice, amendment of life and reconciliation among all involved or affected.

Sec. 2. In each pastoral response the Bishop Diocesan shall consider offering pastoral care to all those affected by the Offense or allegations thereof. Pastoral care shall be considered for the Complainant, the Complainant’s family, the Respondent, the Respondent’s family, Injured Persons, Injured Persons’ families, any affected Community, witnesses and the Disciplinary Board.

Sec. 3. In every case, and notwithstanding any other provision of this Title to the contrary, the Bishop Diocesan may disclose such information concerning any Offense or allegations thereof or concerning any Accord or Order as the Bishop Diocesan deems pastorally appropriate.

Sec. 4. The Bishop Diocesan shall give consideration to the respective privacy interests and pastoral needs of all affected persons.

Sec. 5. The Bishop Diocesan may designate a person to be responsible for the implementation of the pastoral response. Such person may be the Intake Officer. The duties of such person may include coordination of pastoral care and coordination of communications between the Bishop Diocesan and Advisors.

CANON 9: Of Agreements Between Bishops Diocesan and Respondents for Discipline

Sec. 1. At any time before an Order becomes effective, the Respondent or any Member of the Clergy who has not yet become a Respondent but who is alleged to have committed an Offense may propose terms of discipline to the Bishop Diocesan, or the Bishop Diocesan may propose terms of discipline to the Respondent or such Member of the Clergy. Before reaching agreement, the Bishop Diocesan shall consult with the Injured Persons, if any, the President of the Disciplinary Board and the Church Attorney with respect to the proposed terms of discipline. If the Respondent or such Member of the Clergy and the Bishop Diocesan reach agreement regarding terms of discipline, such terms shall be set forth in a proposed Accord. A Member of the Clergy becomes a Respondent by reaching agreement with the Bishop Diocesan regarding terms of discipline.

Sec. 2. An Accord under this Canon may be entered into if (a) the Respondent is aware of the discipline to be imposed and the effect thereof; (b) the Respondent has had adequate opportunity to consult and seek advice from, or has in fact consulted and received advice from, counsel of the Respondent’s choosing; and (c) the Accord adequately considers and, where possible, provides for healing, repentance, forgiveness, restitution, justice, amendment of life and reconciliation among the Complainant, Respondent, affected Community and other persons and is otherwise an appropriate resolution of the matter.
Sec. 3. An Accord under this Canon may be withdrawn by the Priest or Deacon within three days of execution thereof by the Priest or Deacon and if not withdrawn shall be effective and irrevocable thereafter.

CANON 10: Of Conciliation
Sec. 1. Conciliation shall seek a resolution which promotes healing, repentance, forgiveness, restitution, justice, amendment of life and reconciliation among the Complainant, Respondent, affected Community, other persons and the Church.
Sec. 2. Where a matter is referred for conciliation, the Bishop Diocesan shall appoint a Conciliator to assist the Complainant, Respondent, other affected persons and the Church in reconciling. The Bishop Diocesan or a representative appointed by the Bishop Diocesan may participate in the conciliation.
Sec. 3. If the conciliation is successful in reaching agreement among the parties on a suitable resolution of all issues, an Accord will be prepared as provided in Canon IV.14. If conciliation cannot be achieved within a reasonable time, the Conciliator will report such to the Bishop Diocesan, and the matter will be referred back to the Reference Panel.
Sec. 4. A Conciliator shall be a person skilled in dispute resolution techniques and without conflict of interest in the matter. All communications between the Complainant and the Conciliator, the Respondent and the Conciliator and other participants in the conciliation and the Conciliator shall be confidential except as the Conciliator may have the permission of the respective person to disclose the information to the other participants in the conciliation in order to promote efforts towards conciliation.

CANON 11: Of Investigations
Sec. 1. In each Diocese there shall be one or more Investigators.
Sec. 2. Upon referral of an intake report, the Investigator shall investigate all facts pertinent to the factual claims of the intake report. The Investigator shall use appropriate investigative means, with due consideration to pastoral sensitivities, and shall complete the investigation as expeditiously as possible.
Sec. 3. The Investigator shall present the findings of the investigation in writing to the Reference Panel. The Reference Panel may meet with the Investigator and shall consider the report to determine whether to (a) take no action other than appropriate pastoral responses pursuant to Canon IV.8; (b) refer the matter to the Bishop Diocesan for consideration of proceedings under Canon IV.9; (c) refer the matter to conciliation pursuant to Canon IV.10; (d) require further investigation; or (e) refer the matter to the Conference Panel pursuant to Canon IV.12. The determination shall be approved by a majority vote of the Reference Panel.
Sec. 4. If the determination is to refer for further investigation, the Investigator shall make such further investigation as the Reference Panel directs and shall submit a supplemental report of findings to the Reference
Panel. The Reference Panel shall then reconvene and proceed as provided in Canon IV.11.3.

Sec. 5. All investigations shall be confidential except as may be utilized by the Church Attorney, the Bishop Diocesan or the Panels upon the consent of the person interviewed or as the Bishop Diocesan deems pastorally necessary, and all persons interviewed by the Investigator shall be advised of the confidential nature of the investigation.

CANON 12: Of Conference Panels

Sec. 1. Upon referral of a matter to a Conference Panel, the president of the Disciplinary Board shall forward to the Church Attorney the intake report, all of the Investigator’s reports and any other writings or other file materials created or collected by the Disciplinary Board or any panel thereof during the intake, investigative or referral process. From this material the Church Attorney shall prepare a written statement, describing each alleged Offense separately, with reasonable particularity sufficient to apprise the Respondent of the acts, omissions or conditions which are the subject of the proceedings. The Church Attorney shall then forward the materials received from the president of the Disciplinary Board, together with the written statement, to the Conference Panel.

Sec. 2. The Conference Panel shall review the materials provided to determine who, in addition to those listed in Canon IV.12.3, should be directed to participate in the proceeding before the Conference Panel in order to promote the purposes of this Title. Such may include, for example, the Investigator, family members, representatives of the affected Community or other affected persons.

Sec. 3. The Conference Panel shall issue a notice to the Respondent, the Respondent’s Advisor, the Complainant, the Complainant’s Advisor, the Investigator and such other persons, if any, as the Conference Panel in its discretion may determine. The notice shall describe the nature and purpose of the proceeding, contain a copy of the written statement prepared by the Church Attorney, shall disclose the names of all persons to whom the notice is sent, and shall establish a date, time and place for a conference at which the Respondent is to appear before the Conference Panel.

Sec. 4. The Respondent shall attend the conference.

Sec. 5. The Church Attorney shall attend the conference, shall represent the Church and shall be heard by the Conference Panel.

Sec. 6. The Complainant may attend the conference but may not be required to do so. The Complainant’s Advisor may attend the conference regardless of whether the Complainant attends.

Sec. 7. The proceedings of the Conference Panel shall be informal and conversational. The Conference Panel shall describe the alleged Offense to the Respondent. The Conference Panel shall hear from the Complainant or the Complainant’s Advisor or both, if either or both are present, and from the Respondent or the Respondent’s Advisor or both. At its discretion, the Conference Panel may hear from the Investigator or any other persons present, and may direct the Investigator to conduct additional investigation
and suspend its proceedings to allow such investigation to be completed. At its discretion, the Conference Panel may confer with any participants outside the presence of the other participants.

Sec. 8. No witnesses shall be called to testify at the proceedings before the Conference Panel. No record of the proceedings of the Conference Panel shall be made. The conference shall be closed to all except the members of the Conference Panel, and invited participants. Proceedings before the Conference Panel shall be confidential except as may be provided in an Order or Accord or as provided elsewhere in this Title.

Sec. 9. An Accord may be entered into at a proceeding before the Conference Panel. If an Accord is not entered into, the Conference Panel shall confer privately to reach a determination of the matter, which may include (a) dismissal of the matter; (b) referral for conciliation; (c) referral to the Hearing Panel; or (d) issuance of an Order.

Sec. 10. If the determination is to dismiss the matter, the Conference Panel shall issue an Order which shall include the reasons for dismissal and which may contain findings exonerating the Respondent. A copy of the Order shall be provided to the Bishop Diocesan, the Respondent, the Respondent's Advisor, the Complainant, the Complainant's Advisor and the Church Attorney.

Sec. 11. If the resolution is the entry of an Accord or the issuance of an Order other than an Order of dismissal, the provisions of Canon IV.14 shall apply.

Sec. 12. The Respondent or the Church Attorney may refuse an Order issued by the Conference Panel by giving written notice of the refusal to the president of the Conference Panel within fifteen days following the effective date of the Order as defined in Canon IV.14.10. Upon receipt of the notice of refusal, the president of the Conference Panel shall notify the president of the Disciplinary Board of the refusal and the matter will proceed as provided in IV.14.11.

CANON 13: Of Hearing Panels

Sec. 1. If a matter is referred to the Hearing Panel, the president of the Conference Panel shall promptly notify the president of the Disciplinary Board of the referral.

Sec. 2. Upon receipt of a referral for Hearing Panel proceedings, the Church Attorney shall review all information acquired as of the time of such referral and, if necessary, shall revise or update the written statement of the Offense and shall provide the same to the Hearing Panel. The Hearing Panel shall issue a notice to the Respondent, to the Respondent's Advisor and to the Church Attorney.

(a) The notice shall describe the nature and purpose of the proceeding, contain a copy of the written statement prepared by the Church Attorney, disclose the names of all persons to whom the notice is sent, advise the Respondent that a written response to the notice must be filed by the Respondent with the Hearing Panel within thirty days of the mailing date of the notice and advise the Respondent that failure to
attend or participate in a scheduled or noticed hearing may result in a finding of default.

(b) A copy of the notice shall be sent to the Complainant and to the Complainant’s Advisor.

(c) Unless additional time is approved by the Hearing Panel, the Respondent shall file with the Hearing Panel a written response signed by the Respondent within thirty days of the mailing date of the notice. The president of the Hearing Panel shall forward a copy of the response to the Church Attorney.

Sec. 3. In all proceedings before the Hearing Panel, the Church Attorney shall appear on behalf of the Diocese, which shall then be considered the party on one side and the Respondent the party on the other. Each Complainant shall be entitled to be present throughout and observe the Hearing and each may be accompanied by another person of his or her own choosing in addition to his or her Advisor.

Sec. 4. All proceedings before the Hearing Panel, except its private deliberations, shall be public, provided, however, that the Hearing Panel may close any part of the proceedings at its discretion to protect the privacy of any person. A record of the hearing shall be made by such means as to enable the creation of a written transcript of the hearing.

Sec. 5. The Church Attorney and the Respondent shall each be afforded reasonable time and opportunity to prepare evidence for the hearing as follows:

(a) Within thirty days after the filing of the response by the Respondent, the Church Attorney and the Respondent’s counsel shall meet and confer regarding the nature and basis of the allegations against the Respondent and the defenses thereto and to make or arrange for initial disclosures as described in Canon IV.13.5(b), and to develop a proposed plan of discovery forms and schedule for approval by the Hearing Panel. A report of the proposed plan shall be filed with the president of the Hearing Panel within fifteen days after the conference.

(b) Within fifteen days after the conference described in Canon IV.13.5(a), the Church Attorney and the Respondent’s counsel shall each provide to the other initial disclosure of (1) the name and, if known, the address and telephone number of each individual likely to have direct knowledge of information which may be used to support the allegations against the Respondent or the defenses thereto, together with a detailed summary of the expected testimony of the person, if called to testify; and (2) a copy of, or a description by category and location of, all documents and tangible things that may be used to support the allegations against the Respondent or the defenses thereto, except as such disclosure would involve Privileged Communications.

(c) If the discovery plan has been mutually agreed upon by the Church Attorney and counsel for the Respondent, the president of the Hearing Panel may approve the plan and incorporate it in a discovery order and scheduling order governing all discovery procedures and establishing a date for hearing of the matter. If the Church Attorney and Respondent’s
counsel do not agree on all elements of the discovery plan, the president of the Hearing Panel shall allow each to be heard with respect to the elements in dispute, make a determination of appropriate discovery procedures and issue a discovery order and scheduling order within thirty days of the receipt of the discovery planning report.

(d) Discovery procedures may include oral or written deposition testimony of any person having knowledge pertaining to the Offense or any defenses thereto, requests for production of documents or tangible objects and requests for admissions of fact.

(e) In addition to the disclosures required by this section and the discovery obtained pursuant to the discovery plan, the Church Attorney and Respondent's counsel shall each provide to the other and to the Hearing Panel at least thirty days before the hearing final pre-hearing disclosures including (1) the name, address and telephone number of each witness expected to be called to testify at the hearing; (2) identification of each document or other tangible object expected to be used as an exhibit in the hearing; and (3) requests, if any, to have all or portions of the hearing closed to the public.

(f) Notwithstanding any provision of this section, in approving or determining the discovery plan, the president of the Hearing Panel shall take reasonable steps to assure that the discovery process will not unduly burden any person from whom information is sought or unduly adversely affect any pastoral response being offered to any such person.

The Hearing Panel may impose, after reasonable notice and opportunity to be heard, reasonable sanctions on any party for failure to comply with any discovery or scheduling order.

Sec. 6. In all proceedings of the Hearing Panel the testimony of witnesses shall be taken orally and personally or by such other means as provided by order of the Hearing Panel. All testimony shall be given under oath or solemn affirmation and be subject to cross-examination. The Hearing Panel shall determine the credibility, reliability and weight to be given to all testimony and other evidence. The proceedings shall be conducted as follows:

(a) The president shall regulate the course of the hearing so as to promote full disclosure of relevant facts.

(b) The president:

1. may exclude evidence that is irrelevant, immaterial or unduly repetitious;
2. shall exclude privileged evidence;
3. may receive documentary evidence in the form of a copy or excerpt if the copy or excerpt contains all pertinent portions of the original document;
4. may take official notice of any facts that could be judicially noticed, including records of other proceedings and of technical or scientific facts within the Hearing Panel's specialized knowledge;
5. may not exclude evidence solely because it is hearsay;
6. shall afford to the Church Attorney and to the Respondent reasonable opportunity to present evidence, argue and respond to
argument, conduct cross-examination and submit rebuttal evidence; and
(7) may, at the discretion of the Hearing Panel, give persons other
than the Church Attorney and the Respondent opportunity to
present oral or written statements at the hearing.
(c) Nothing in this section shall preclude the exercise of discretion by
the president in taking measures appropriate to preserve the integrity of
the hearing.
Sec. 7. Following the conclusion of the hearing, the Hearing Panel shall
confer privately to reach a determination of the matter by (a) dismissal of the
matter or (b) issuance of an Order.
Sec. 8. If the determination is to dismiss the matter, the Hearing Panel shall
issue an Order which shall include the reasons for dismissal and which may
contain findings exonerating the Respondent. A copy of the Order shall be
provided to the Bishop Diocesan, the Respondent, the Respondent’s
Advisor, the Complainant, the Complainant’s Advisor and the Church
Attorney.
Sec. 9. If the resolution is the issuance of an Order other than an Order of
dismissal, the provisions of Canon IV.14 shall apply.

CANON 14: Of Accords and Orders
Sec. 1. An Accord may (a) provide any terms which promote healing,
repentance, forgiveness, restitution, justice, amendment of life and
reconciliation among the Complainant, Respondent, affected Community
and other persons; (b) place restrictions on the Respondent’s exercise of
ministry; (c) place the Respondent on probation; (d) recommend to the
Bishop Diocesan that the Respondent be admonished, suspended or
deposed from ministry; (e) limit the involvement, attendance or
participation of the Respondent in the Community; or (f) any combination
of the foregoing. An Accord may be conditioned on the Bishop Diocesan
imposing any recommended admonition, suspension, deposition or
conditions for restoration to ministry. An Accord providing for suspension
from ministry shall specify on what terms or conditions and at what time the
suspension shall cease. Any Accord providing for limitation upon the
involvement, attendance or participation of the Respondent in the
Community shall also provide conditions for restoration.
Sec. 2. If an Accord results from a Conciliation, the Accord shall be signed
by the Complainant, the Respondent and the Conciliator, provided that the
Conciliator shall sign last.
Sec. 3. If an Accord results from proceedings before a Conference Panel, the
Complainant and the Complainant’s Advisor shall have first been afforded
an opportunity to be heard by the Panel regarding the proposed terms of the
Accord. The Accord shall be signed by the Respondent, the Church Attorney
and the president of the Panel, provided that the president shall sign last.
Sec. 4. A copy of the Accord shall be sent to the Complainant, the
Complainant’s Advisor, the Respondent, the Respondent’s Advisor, the
Church Attorney and the Bishop Diocesan by the Conciliator or the
Sec. 5. The Bishop Diocesan shall have thirty days from the date on which the Accord is sent to the Bishop Diocesan in which to advise in writing the Respondent, the Respondent’s Advisor, the Complainant, the Complainant’s Advisor, the Church Attorney and the Conciliator or the president of the Conference Panel or Hearing Panel whether the Bishop Diocesan will pronounce the Sentence or accept the other terms of the Accord as recommended. The Bishop Diocesan shall advise that he or she will (a) pronounce the Sentence as recommended or (b) pronounce a lesser Sentence than that recommended and/or (c) reduce the burden on the Respondent of any of the other terms of the Accord. The Bishop Diocesan shall pronounce Sentence not sooner than forty days following the date on which the Accord is sent to the Bishop Diocesan and not later than sixty days following such date. The Bishop Diocesan’s pronouncement of a lesser Sentence than that recommended or other modification shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the remainder of the Accord.

Sec. 6. An Order issued by a Conference Panel or Hearing Panel may (a) provide any terms which promote healing, repentance, forgiveness, restitution, justice, amendment of life and reconciliation among the Complainant, Respondent, affected Community and other persons; (b) place restrictions on the Respondent’s exercise of ministry; (c) recommend to the Bishop Diocesan that the Respondent be admonished, suspended or deposed from ministry; (d) limit the involvement, attendance or participation of the Respondent in the Community; or (e) any combination of the foregoing. An Order providing for suspension from Ministry shall specify on what terms or conditions and at what time the suspension shall cease. Any Order providing for limitation upon the involvement, attendance or participation of the Respondent in the Community shall also provide conditions for restoration.

Sec. 7. Prior to the issuance of an Order by a Conference Panel or a Hearing Panel, the issuing Panel shall afford the Bishop Diocesan and the Complainant each with an opportunity to be heard on the proposed terms of the Order.

Sec. 8. The Bishop Diocesan shall have thirty days from the date of the issuance of the Order in which to advise in writing the Respondent, the Respondent’s Advisor, the Complainant, the Complainant’s Advisor, the Church Attorney and the president of the Conference Panel or Hearing Panel (whichever Panel issued the Order) whether the Bishop Diocesan will pronounce the Sentence or accept the other terms of the Order as recommended. The Bishop Diocesan shall advise that he or she will (a) pronounce the Sentence as recommended or (b) pronounce a lesser Sentence than that recommended and/or (c) reduce the burden on the Respondent of any of the other terms of the Order. The Bishop Diocesan shall pronounce Sentence not sooner than forty days following the issuance of the Order and not later than sixty days following the issuance of the
Order. Notwithstanding anything in this section to the contrary, no Sentence shall be pronounced while an appeal of the matter is pending. However, the Bishop Diocesan may, while an appeal is pending, place restrictions upon the exercise of the Respondent's ministry, or place the Respondent on Administrative Leave, or continue any such restriction or Administrative Leave as was in effect at the time of the issuance of the Order. The Bishop Diocesan's pronouncement of a lesser Sentence than that recommended or other modification shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the remainder of the Order.

Sec. 9. An Accord or Order shall include, in addition to such terms and provisions as are consistent with Canons IV.14.1 and IV.14.6, (a) the name of the Respondent; (b) a reference to the Canon(s), section(s) and subsection(s) specifying the Offense; and (c) general information regarding the Offense sufficient to afford protection from proceedings which are barred under Canon IV.19.13.

Sec. 10. An Accord under Canon IV.9 shall be effective as provided in Canon IV.9.3. An Accord under Canon IV.10 or IV.12 shall be effective thirty days following the date on which the Accord is signed by the Conciliator or the president of the Panel. An Order is effective thirty days following the date on which the Order is issued.

Sec. 11. If the Order is issued by a Conference Panel, the Respondent may refuse the Order as provided in Canon IV.12.12 and the matter shall be referred to a Hearing Panel for hearing as provided in Canon IV.13.

Sec. 12. Notice of Accords and Orders which shall have become effective and are not subject to refusal by the Respondent shall be given without delay as follows:

(a) In the case of any Accord or Order pertaining to a Priest or Deacon, the Bishop Diocesan shall give notice of the Accord or Order to every Member of the Clergy in the Diocese, each Vestry in the Diocese, the Secretary of Convention and the Standing Committee of the Diocese, which shall be added to the official records of the Diocese; to the Presiding Bishop, to all other Bishops of the Church, and where there is no Bishop, to the Ecclesiastical Authority of each Diocese of the Church; to the Recorder of ordinations; to the Church Deployment Office; and to the Secretary of the House of Bishops and the Secretary of the House of Deputies.

(b) In the case of any Accord or Order pertaining to a Bishop, the Presiding Bishop shall give notice of the Accord or Order to the Ecclesiastical Authority of every Diocese of the Church, to the Recorder of ordinations, to the Church Deployment Office, and to the Secretary of the House of Bishops, and to all Archbishops and Metropolitans, and to all Presiding Bishops of Churches in communion with the Church.

(c) All notices given pursuant to this Canon shall reference the Canon(s), section(s) and subsection(s) specifying the Offense which is the subject of the Accord or Order.
CANON 15: Of Review

Sec. 1. In the event that proceedings before the Hearing Panel are unreasonably delayed or suspended, and are not resumed within sixty days following a written request for resumption of proceedings from the Church Attorney or the Respondent, the Church Attorney or the Respondent may file a written request with the Provincial Court of Review for an order directing the Hearing Panel to resume the proceedings. The Court of Review shall consider the request as follows:

(a) The person filing the request shall provide copies of the request to the presidents of the Hearing Panel and of the Disciplinary Board. The request shall include a statement of the status of the proceedings and the reason, if known, for the delay or suspension of proceedings, and a description of all actions taken by the person filing the request or by any other person to resolve any impediment to the proceedings or other cause for the delay.

(b) Within fifteen days of receipt of the copy of the request, the president of the Hearing Panel shall file a response to the request with the Provincial Court of Review, with a copy to the Church Attorney, the Respondent and the president of the Board.

(c) The Provincial Court of Review shall convene, either personally or telephonically, to consider the request and the response, if any, from the Hearing Panel. The Court shall then either issue an order directing resumption of the proceedings or an order declining to direct resumption with an explanation of the reasons therefore. The order issued by the Provincial Court of Review shall be binding upon the Hearing Panel.

(d) In the event a Hearing Panel, having been ordered to resume proceedings, either refuses to do so or is unable to do so, the Church Attorney or the Respondent may request that the Provincial Court of Review order the transfer of the proceedings to a Hearing Panel of another Diocese within the same Province, including an order to the Board of the originating Diocese to transmit the complete record of the proceedings to the successor Hearing Panel.

Sec. 2. Within forty days after issuance of an Order by a Hearing Panel, the Respondent or the Church Attorney may appeal to the Provincial Court of Review, by serving written notice of the appeal upon the Bishop Diocesan, with copies of the notice to the presidents of the Hearing Panel and the Province. The notice of appeal shall be signed by the Respondent’s counsel or the Church Attorney and shall include a copy of the Order from which the appeal is taken and shall state the grounds of the appeal.

Sec. 3. Any Order from a Hearing Panel finding that a Respondent did not commit an Offense involving a question of the Doctrine, Faith or Worship of the Church may be appealed by the Bishop Diocesan upon the written
request of at least two Bishops Diocesan of other Dioceses within the Province who are not members of the Provincial Court of Review. Such an appeal shall be taken on the question of the Church’s Doctrine, Faith and Worship only, and may not seek to reverse the finding of the Hearing Panel of non-commission of other Offenses. An appeal under this section may be taken by service of a notice of appeal by the Bishop Diocesan upon the Respondent, the Church Attorney and the presidents of the Hearing Panel and the Province within forty days after the Order of the Hearing Panel is received by the Bishop Diocesan.

Sec. 4. If an appeal is taken from a Hearing Panel of a Diocese which is non-provincial, the appeal shall be taken before the Provincial Court of Review geographically closest to that Diocese.

Sec. 5. An appeal shall be heard on the record of the Hearing Panel. The record on appeal may be corrected, if defective, but no new evidence shall be taken by the Provincial Court of Review.

Sec. 6. The standards for and conditions of appeal to the Provincial Court of Review shall be as follows:

(a) Where an Order is issued against a Respondent who fails to appear before the Hearing Panel or who otherwise fails to participate in proceedings before the Hearing Panel, such Order shall be upheld unless a review of the record on appeal shows the Hearing Panel made a clear error in issuing such Order. The Provincial Court of Review shall review the facts and record in the light most favorable to the Respondent.

(b) In all other appeals, the Provincial Court of Review shall grant relief to the appealing party only if, on the basis of the record on appeal, it determines that the party seeking review has been substantially prejudiced by any of the following:

(1) The action taken below violates the Constitution and Canons of the Church or the Diocese;
(2) The Hearing Panel has exceeded the jurisdiction conferred by this Title;
(3) The Hearing Panel has not decided all of the issues requiring resolution;
(4) The Hearing Panel has erroneously interpreted or applied the Constitutions or Canons of the Church;
(5) The Hearing Panel has committed a procedural error or engaged in a decision-making process contrary to this Title; and/or
(6) The factual determinations of the Hearing Panel are not supported by substantial evidence when viewed in the whole light of the record on appeal.

Sec. 7. It shall be the duty of the Hearing Panel to produce the record on appeal, consisting of a transcript of the proceedings before the Hearing Panel together with documentary and tangible evidence received by the Hearing Panel. The record shall be printed or otherwise reproduced as authorized by the president of the Provincial Court of Review. Within thirty days after receiving the record on appeal from the Hearing Panel, the party
appealing shall serve two copies of the record on appeal, the notice of appeal and the appealing party’s brief, if any, upon the opposite party and shall deliver five copies to the president of the Provincial Court of Review. Within thirty days after receiving a copy of the record on appeal, the party opposing the appeal shall serve the brief in opposition, if any, upon the appealing party, with five copies to the president of the Provincial Court of Review. Any reply brief of the appealing party shall be served likewise within fifteen days following service of the brief in opposition.

Sec. 8. All members and alternates of the Provincial Court of Review serving for an appeal shall be present for any oral proceedings of the appeal.

Sec. 9. The Provincial Court of Review shall keep a record of all proceedings. The Provincial Court of Review shall appoint a reporter who shall provide for the recording of the proceedings and who shall serve at the pleasure of the Provincial Court of Review.

Sec. 10. At the hearing of the appeal, the Provincial Court of Review shall afford the Respondent and the Church Attorney the opportunity to be heard. The Provincial Court of Review may regulate the number of counsel to be heard.

Sec. 11. No Order or determination of a Hearing Panel shall be overturned solely for technical or harmless error.

Sec. 12. If, after a notice of appeal has been filed, the appealing party fails to pursue the appeal as provided in this Canon, the Provincial Court of Review may dismiss the appeal.

Sec. 13. Following a hearing of the appeal and private deliberation, the Provincial Court of Review may (a) dismiss the appeal; (b) reverse or affirm in whole or in part the Order of the Hearing Panel; or (c) grant a new hearing before the Hearing Panel.

Sec. 14. The concurrence of a majority of the Provincial Court of Review shall be required to decide an appeal. The Provincial Court of Review shall issue its decision in writing, signed by the members concurring therein, stating its decision and the reasons for the decision. The decision shall be attached to the record. If there is not a concurrence by a majority of the Provincial Court of Review, the Order of the Hearing Panel shall stand as affirmed except for any part of the Order for which there is concurrence.

Sec. 15. Upon determination of the appeal, the president of the Provincial Court of Review shall give notice of the determination in writing to the appealing party, the party in opposition and to the Bishop Diocesan and Church Attorney. The appeal record shall be certified by the clerk of the Provincial Court of Review and the president, and shall be delivered to the Bishop Diocesan along with a copy of the record on appeal from the Hearing Panel.

CANON 16: Of Abandonment of The Episcopal Church

(A) By a Bishop

Sec. 1. If a Bishop abandons The Episcopal Church (i) by an open renunciation of the Doctrine, Discipline or Worship of the Church; or (ii) by formal admission into any religious body not in communion with the same;
or (iii) by exercising Episcopal acts in and for a religious body other than the Church or another church in communion with the Church, so as to extend to such body Holy Orders as the Church holds them, or to administer on behalf of such religious body Confirmation without the express consent and commission of the proper authority in the Church, it shall be the duty of the Disciplinary Board for Bishops, by a majority vote of all of its members, to certify the fact to the Presiding Bishop and with the certificate to send a statement of the acts or declarations which show such abandonment, which certificate and statement shall be recorded by the Presiding Bishop. The Presiding Bishop shall then place a restriction on the exercise of ministry of said Bishop until such time as the House of Bishops shall investigate the matter and act thereon. During the period of such restriction, the Bishop shall not perform any Episcopal, ministerial or canonical acts.

Sec. 2. The Presiding Bishop, or the presiding officer, shall forthwith give notice to the Bishop of the certification and restriction on ministry. Unless the restricted Bishop, within sixty days, makes declaration by a verified written statement to the Presiding Bishop, that the facts alleged in the certificate are false or utilizes the provisions of Canon III.12.7, the Bishop will be liable to Deposition. If the Presiding Bishop is reasonably satisfied that the statement constitutes (i) a good faith retraction of the declarations or acts relied upon in the certification to the Presiding Bishop or (ii) a good faith denial that the Bishop made the declarations or committed the acts relied upon in the certificate, the Presiding Bishop, with the advice and consent of the Disciplinary Board for Bishops, shall terminate the restriction. Otherwise, it shall be the duty of the Presiding Bishop to present the matter to the House of Bishops at the next regular or special meeting of the House. If the House, by a majority of the whole number of Bishops entitled to vote, shall give its consent, the Presiding Bishop shall depose the Bishop from the ministry, and pronounce and record in the presence of two or more Bishops that the Bishop has been so deposed.

(B) By a Priest or Deacon

Sec. 3. If it is reported to the Standing Committee of the Diocese in which a Priest or Deacon is canonically resident that the Priest or Deacon, without using the provisions of Canon III.7.8-10 or III.9.8-11, has abandoned The Episcopal Church, then the Standing Committee shall ascertain and consider the facts, and if it shall determine by a vote of three-fourths of all the members that the Priest or Deacon has abandoned The Episcopal Church by an open renunciation of the Doctrine, Discipline or worship of the Church, or by the formal admission into any religious body not in communion with the Church, or in any other way, it shall be the duty of the Standing Committee of the Diocese to transmit in writing to the Bishop Diocesan, or if there be no such Bishop, to the Bishop Diocesan of an adjacent Diocese, its determination, together with a statement setting out in reasonable detail the acts or declarations relied upon in making its determination. If the Bishop Diocesan affirms the determination, the Bishop Diocesan shall place a restriction on the exercise of ministry by that Priest or Deacon for sixty days and shall send to the Priest or Deacon a copy of the
determination and statement, together with a notice that the Priest or Deacon has the rights specified in Section 2 and at the end of the sixty day period the Bishop Diocesan will consider deposing the Priest or Deacon in accordance with the provisions of Section 4.

Sec. 4. Prior to the expiration of the sixty day period of restriction, the Bishop Diocesan may permit the Priest or Deacon to utilize the provisions of Canon III.7.8-10 or III.9.8-11, as applicable. If within such sixty day period the Priest or Deacon shall transmit to the Bishop Diocesan a statement in writing signed by the Priest or Deacon, which the Bishop Diocesan is reasonably satisfied constitutes a good faith retraction of such declarations or acts relied upon in the determination or a good faith denial that the Priest or Deacon committed the acts or made the declarations relied upon in the determination, the Bishop Diocesan shall withdraw the notice and the restriction on ministry shall expire. If, however, within the sixty day period, the Bishop Diocesan does not pronounce acceptance of the renunciation of the Priest or Deacon in accordance with Canon III.7.8-10 and III.9.8-11, as applicable, or the Priest or Deacon does not make retraction or denial as provided above, then it shall be the duty of the Bishop Diocesan either (i) to depose the Priest or Deacon or (ii) if the Bishop Diocesan is satisfied that no previous irregularity or misconduct is involved, with the advice and consent of the Standing Committee, to pronounce and record in the presence of two or more Priests that the Priest or Deacon is released from the obligations of Priest or Deacon and (for causes which do not affect the person's moral character) is deprived of the right to exercise the gifts and spiritual authority conferred in Ordination.

CANON 17: Of Proceedings for Bishops

Sec. 1. Except as otherwise provided in this Canon, the provisions of this Title shall apply to all matters in which a Member of the Clergy who is subject to proceedings is a Bishop.

Sec. 2. In all matters in which the Member of the Clergy who is subject to proceedings is a Bishop, the following terms used in Canons IV.5 through IV.16 and Canons IV.18 and IV.19 shall have the following respective meanings:

(a) Disciplinary Board shall mean the Disciplinary Board for Bishops as provided in Canon IV.17.3.
(b) Intake Officer shall mean a person appointed by the Presiding Bishop.
(c) Bishop Diocesan shall mean the Presiding Bishop, unless the Member of the Clergy who is subject to proceedings is the Presiding Bishop, in which case Bishop shall mean the Bishop authorized by Canon IV 19.24.
(d) Church Attorney shall mean a person appointed by the Disciplinary Board for Bishops to serve as the Church Attorney.
(e) Investigator shall mean any person who is qualified to serve as an Investigator under this Title, selected by the Disciplinary Board for Bishops.
(f) Provincial Court of Review shall mean the Court of Review for Bishops as provided in Canon IV.17.8.

Sec. 3. The Disciplinary Board for Bishops is hereby established as a court of the Church to have original jurisdiction over matters of discipline of Bishops, to hear Bishops’ appeals from imposition of restriction on ministry or placement on Administrative Leave and to determine venue issues as provided in Canon IV.19.5. The Disciplinary Board for Bishops shall consist of ten Bishops elected at any regularly scheduled meeting of the House of Bishops, and four Priests or Deacons and four lay persons initially appointed by the President of the House of Deputies with the advice and consent of the lay and clergy members of the Executive Council and thereafter elected by the House of Deputies. All lay persons appointed to serve shall be confirmed adult communicants in good standing. Members of the Board shall serve staggered terms of six years, with terms of one half of the Bishops and one half of the lay persons, Priests and Deacons collectively expiring every three years, with the first expirations occurring at the end of the year 2012.

Sec. 4. Within sixty days following each General Convention, the Board shall convene to elect a president for the following triennium. The president shall be a Bishop. If there is no president, the Bishop who is senior by consecration shall perform the duties of the president.

Sec. 5. The Conference Panel shall consist of three Bishops, one Priest or Deacon and one lay person. The Hearing Panel shall consist of three Bishops, one Priest or Deacon and one lay person, except that the Hearing Panel for the Offense specified in Canon IV.4.1(h)(2) pertaining to Doctrine Offenses shall consist of five Bishops only.

Sec. 6. The provisions of Canons IV.14.1(d) and IV.14.6(c) pertaining to recommendations that a Respondent be suspended or deposed from ministry shall not apply where the Respondent is a Bishop. Where the Respondent is a Bishop, an Accord or Order may provide for the suspension or deposition of the Respondent. In such event, the Sentence of suspension or deposition shall be pronounced by the president of the Disciplinary Board for Bishops. The president shall have no discretion to decline to pronounce the Sentence or to pronounce a lesser Sentence. Where an Accord provides for the suspension or deposition of a Respondent who is a Bishop, the president shall pronounce Sentence within thirty days after the date on which the Conciliator or the president signs the Accord. Where an Order provides for the suspension or deposition of a Respondent who is a Bishop, the president shall pronounce Sentence not sooner than forty days following the issuance of the Order and not later than sixty days following the issuance of the Order. Notwithstanding anything in this section to the contrary, no Sentence shall be pronounced while an appeal of the matter is pending. However, the president may, while an appeal is pending, place restrictions upon the exercise of the Respondent’s ministry, or place the Respondent on Administrative Leave, or continue any such restriction or Administrative Leave as was in effect at the time of the issuance of the Order.
Sec. 7. Notwithstanding any provision of this Title to the contrary, no proceeding shall be brought under this Title against a Bishop in which the Offense alleged is violation of Canon IV.4.1(h)(2) for holding and teaching, or having held and taught, publicly or privately, and advisedly, any Doctrine contrary to that held by the Church unless a statement of disassociation shall have first been issued by the House of Bishops as provided in Canon IV.17.7 (a) and thereafter the consent of one-third of the Bishops qualified to vote in the House of Bishops has been received to initiate proceedings under this Title as provided in Canon IV.17.7 (b).

(a) Any ten Bishops Diocesan in the Church may file with the Presiding Bishop a written request, signed by such Bishops, that the House of Bishops issue a statement of disassociation. Such request shall include a statement of the Doctrine alleged to be contrary to that held by the Church, the name or names of the Bishop or Bishops alleged to have held and taught publicly or privately, and advisedly, such Doctrine, and a concise statement of the facts upon which the request for the statement of disassociation is based. Contemporaneously with the filing of the request, there shall be filed with the Presiding Bishop a proposed statement of disassociation and a brief in support thereof. The Presiding Bishop shall thereupon serve a copy of the request for a statement of disassociation upon each Bishop who is the subject thereof, together with the proposed statement of disassociation and a copy of the supporting brief. The Presiding Bishop shall fix a date for the filing of a response and brief in support thereof, which date shall be not less than ninety days from the date of service, and may extend the time for responding for not more than sixty additional days. Upon the filing of a response and supporting brief, if any, or upon the expiration of the time fixed for a response, if none be filed, the Presiding Bishop shall forthwith transmit copies of the request for a statement of disassociation, proposed statement of disassociation, response, and briefs to each member of the House of Bishops. The request for a statement of disassociation shall be considered by the House of Bishops at its first regularly scheduled meeting held at least one month after copies of the request for a statement of disassociation, proposed statement of disassociation, response and briefs are transmitted to each member of the House of Bishops. The House of Bishops may amend the proposed statement of disassociation. If a statement of disassociation is not issued by the conclusion of the meeting, there shall be no further proceedings under this Title against any Bishop who is the subject thereof for holding and teaching the Doctrine alleged in the request for a statement of disassociation.

(b) Not later than ninety days following the issuance of a statement of disassociation by the House of Bishops as provided in Canon IV.17.7(a), any ten Bishops Diocesan may file with the Presiding Bishop a written request, signed by such Bishops, that the House of Bishops initiate proceedings under this Title against any Bishop who is the subject of such statement of disassociation for violation of Canon IV.4.1(h)(2) with
regard to the same Doctrine as was alleged in the request for the statement of disassociation. Such request for initiation of proceedings under this Title shall include an explanation why the issuance of the statement of disassociation was not a sufficient response to the matters alleged in the request for statement of disassociation and shall be accompanied by a brief in support of the request for initiation of proceedings. The Presiding Bishop shall fix a date for the filing of a response, which shall include an explanation why the issuance of the statement of disassociation was a sufficient response to the matters alleged in the request for statement of disassociation, and brief in support thereof, which date shall be not less than ninety days from the date of service, and may extend the time for responding for not more than sixty additional days. Upon the filing of a response and supporting brief, if any, or upon the expiration of the time fixed for a response, if none be filed, the Presiding Bishop shall forthwith transmit copies of the request for initiation of proceedings under this Title, response and briefs to each member of the House of Bishops. No proceeding under this Title for violation of Canon IV.4.1(h)(2) shall be initiated unless the written consent of one-third of the Bishops qualified to vote in the House of Bishops shall be received by the Presiding Bishop within sixty days of the date on which the copies of the request for initiation of proceedings under this Title, response, and briefs were sent to them. In case the Presiding Bishop does not receive the written consent of one-third of all the Bishops eligible to vote within sixty days of such date, the Presiding Bishop shall declare the matter dismissed and no further proceedings may be had thereon. If the Presiding Bishop receives the necessary written consents within sixty days as specified above, the Presiding Bishop shall forthwith notify the President of the Disciplinary Board for Bishops. The President shall promptly select from the Disciplinary Board for Bishops, by lot or by other random means, a Hearing Panel consisting of nine Bishops and shall designate a president of the Hearing Panel. The President of the Disciplinary Board for Bishops shall promptly forward to the president of the Hearing Panel and to the National Church Attorney copies of the request for initiation of proceedings under this Title, response and briefs, and the matter shall proceed under this Title as a matter which has been referred to a Hearing Panel.

Sec. 8. The Court of Review for Bishops is hereby established as a court of the Church to have jurisdiction to hear appeals from Hearing Panels of the Disciplinary Board for Bishops.

(a) The Court of Review for Bishops shall consist of nine members, all of whom shall be Bishops. Three Bishops shall be elected by the House of Bishops at any regularly scheduled meeting of the House of Bishops, to serve until the adjournment of the third succeeding regular meeting of General Convention and until their successors are elected and qualify; however, there shall be no change in the composition of the Court with
respect to a particular Respondent following any hearing in the matter and while it is pending unresolved before the Court.

(b) From among their number, the members of the Court of Review for Bishops shall elect a president.

(c) The reasonable and necessary expenses of the Court of Review for Bishops, including fees, costs, disbursements and expenses of the members, clerks, reporters and Church Attorneys shall be charged upon the General Convention and paid by the Treasurer of the General Convention upon Order of the president of the Court of Review. The Court of Review for Bishops shall have the authority to contract for and bind the General Convention to payment of these expenses.

Sec. 9. An Accord between the Presiding Bishop and a Bishop resulting from an agreement for discipline pursuant to Canon IV.9 shall be (a) subject to the right of withdrawal provided in Canon IV.9.3 and (b) submitted by the Presiding Bishop to the Disciplinary Board for Bishops for approval promptly after it is signed by the Presiding Bishop and the respondent. Unless withdrawn under IV.9.3, it shall be effective upon approval of the Disciplinary Board for Bishops and not subject to appeal.

CANON 18: Of Modification and Remission of Orders

Sec. 1. Any Member of the Clergy who is the subject of an Order which has become effective may apply to the Bishop Diocesan of the Diocese from which the Order issued, or the Presiding Bishop in the case of a Bishop, for modification or remission of the Order. If the Bishop is satisfied that sufficient reasons exist for granting the modification or remission sought, in whole or in part, the procedures provided in this Canon for modification or remission shall apply.

Sec. 2. In the case of an Order pertaining to a Priest or Deacon, any provision of any Order other than a provision recommending deposition of the Priest or Deacon may be modified or remitted by the Bishop Diocesan of the Diocese from which the Order issued with the advice and consent of two-thirds of the members of the Disciplinary Board.

Sec. 3. In the case of a deposition of a Priest or Deacon pursuant to an Order, such deposition may be remitted and terminated by the Bishop Diocesan of the Diocese from which the Order issued only upon the following conditions: (a) the remission shall be done with the advice and consent of two-thirds of the members of the Disciplinary Board of the Diocese from which the Order issued; (b) the proposed remission, with the reasons therefore, shall be submitted to the judgment of five of the Bishops Diocesan whose Dioceses are nearest to the Diocese from which the Order issued, and the Bishop Diocesan shall receive in writing from at least four of those Bishops their approval of the remission and their consent thereto; (c) if the person deposed maintains legal residence or canonical residence in a Diocese other than the Diocese from which the Order issued, the proposed remission, with the reasons therefore, shall be submitted to the judgment of the Bishop(s) Diocesan of the Diocese(s) of legal and canonical residence and such Bishop(s) shall give his or her (or their) written approval of the
remission and consent thereto; and (d) before such remission, the Bishop Diocesan shall require the person deposed, who desires to be restored to the ordained ministry, to subscribe to the declaration required in Article VIII of the Constitution.

Sec. 4. In the case of an Order pertaining to a Bishop, any provision of the Order may be modified or remitted by the president of the Disciplinary Board for Bishops with the advice and consent of a majority of the members of the Board and the Bishops who are then serving on any Provincial Court of Review.

Sec. 5. In the case of any Order deposing a Member of the Clergy for abandoning the Church, no application for remission shall be received by the Bishop Diocesan until the deposed person has lived in lay communion with the Church for not less than one year next preceding application for the remission.

Sec. 6. No Order may be modified or remitted unless the Member of the Clergy, the Church Attorney and each Complainant have been afforded sufficient opportunity to be heard by the Disciplinary Board, or the Disciplinary Board together with the Bishops who are then serving on any Provincial Court of review, as the case may be, as to why the proposed modification or remission should or should not be permitted.

CANON 19: Of General Provisions

Sec. 1. Proceedings under this Title are neither civil nor criminal but ecclesiastical in nature. These proceedings represent the responsibility of the Church to determine who shall serve as Members of the Clergy of the Church, reflecting the polity and order of this hierarchical church. Members of the Clergy have voluntarily sought and accepted positions in the Church and have thereby given their consent to subject themselves to the Discipline of the Church. They may not claim in proceedings under this Title constitutional guarantees otherwise associated with secular court proceedings.

Sec. 2. No member of the Church, whether lay or ordained, may seek to have the Constitution and Canons of the Church interpreted by a secular court, or resort to a secular court to address a dispute arising under the Constitution and Canons, or for any purpose of delay, hindrance, review or otherwise affecting any proceeding under this Title.

Sec. 3. No secular court shall have authority to review, annul, reverse, restrain or otherwise delay any proceeding under this Title. No action shall be brought in any secular court to enforce the terms or provisions of any Accord or Order unless otherwise expressly provided therein.

Sec. 4.

(a) A Member of the Clergy shall not be subject to proceedings under this Title for acts committed more than ten years before the initiation of proceedings except:

(1) if a Member of the Clergy is convicted in a criminal Court of Record or a judgment in a civil Court of Record in a cause involving
immorality, proceedings may be initiated at any time within three years after the conviction or judgment becomes final;
(2) if an alleged Injured Person was under the age of twenty-one years at the time of the alleged acts, proceedings may be initiated at any time prior to the alleged Injured Person’s attaining the age of twenty-five years; or
(3) if an alleged Injured Person is otherwise under disability at the time of the alleged acts, or if the acts alleged were not discovered, or the effects thereof were not realized, during the ten years immediately following the date of the acts alleged, the time within which proceedings may be initiated shall be extended to two years after the disability ceases or the alleged Injured Person discovers or realizes the effects of the acts alleged; provided, however, the time within which proceedings may be initiated shall not be extended beyond fifteen years from the date the acts are alleged to have been committed.

(b) The time limits of Subsection (a) above shall not apply with respect to persons whose acts include physical violence, sexual abuse or sexual exploitation, if the acts occurred when the alleged Injured Person was under the age of twenty-one years; in any such case, proceedings under this Title may be initiated at any time.

(c) Except as provided in Subsection (b) above, the time limitations for initiation of proceedings in this Section shall be retroactive only to January 1, 1996.

(d) No proceedings under this Title shall be initiated for acts which are alleged to violate Canon IV.3.1(a) or to constitute a breach of Canon IV.4.1(b), (c), (e) or (h)(2) unless the acts were committed within or continued up to two years immediately preceding the time the proceedings are initiated.

(e) For purposes of this Section 4, proceedings are initiated under this Title with respect to a particular Offense when specific allegations of the commission of that Offense are made to the Intake Officer.

Sec. 5. Jurisdiction and venue for proceedings under this Title shall be as follows:

(a) A Member of the clergy shall be subject to proceedings under this Title for the alleged commission of an Offense in the Diocese in which the Member of the Clergy is canonically resident or in any Diocese in which an Offense is alleged to have occurred.

(b) Whenever a referral of a matter is to be made by an Intake Officer regarding a Member of the Clergy who is not canonically resident in the Intake Officer's Diocese, the Bishop Diocesan of the Intake Officer's Diocese shall promptly notify the Bishop Diocesan of the Diocese where the Member of the Clergy is canonically resident that the Intake Officer's Diocese intends to conduct proceedings under this Title regarding the matter. The Bishop Diocesan of the Diocese of canonical residence shall have thirty days following the receipt of such notice within which to object to assumption of jurisdiction over the matter by
the Intake Officer’s Diocese. Such objection shall be made in writing to the Bishop Diocesan of the Intake Officer’s Diocese. If the Bishop Diocesan of the Diocese of canonical residence fails to so object within the time provided, it shall be deemed that the Bishop Diocesan of the Diocese of canonical residence has agreed to assumption of jurisdiction over the matter by the Intake Officer’s Diocese.

(c) If objection is made by the Bishop Diocesan of the Diocese of canonical residence as provided in Canon IV.19.5(b), the Bishop Diocesan of the Diocese of canonical residence and the Bishop Diocesan of the Intake Officer’s Diocese shall promptly agree as to which Diocese will assume jurisdiction over the matter and conduct proceedings. If the two Bishops cannot promptly agree, the disagreement will be resolved as follows:

(1) If they are in the same Province, either may promptly request the president of the Provincial Court of Review to decide which Diocese shall conduct the proceedings. If they are in different Provinces, either may promptly request the president of the Disciplinary Board for Bishops to decide which Diocese shall conduct the proceedings.

(2) The requesting Bishop shall provide a copy of the request to the other Bishop. A reply to the request may be made by the non-requesting Bishop within fifteen days of service of the request.

(3) The president shall have the discretion to hear from the Bishops Diocesan or the Church Attorneys for the respective Dioceses, either personally or telephonically, concerning the request and any reply. The president shall have the discretion to request additional submissions from the Bishops Diocesan or the Church Attorneys.

(4) The president shall decide which Diocese shall conduct the proceedings within thirty days of service of the request.

Sec. 6. In any proceeding under this Title in which the Respondent fails to appear before the Conference Panel as required by Canon IV.12.4 or to timely file with the Hearing Panel the written response required by Canon IV.13.2(c), such Panel may proceed in the absence of the Respondent and may accept as true the matters described in the notice issued to the Respondent pursuant to Canons IV.12.3 or IV.13.2.

Sec. 7. Unless otherwise expressly provided in writing in the restriction on ministry or Sentence of suspension, a Member of the Clergy under a restriction on Ministry or Sentence of suspension shall not exercise any authority of his or her office over the real or personal property or temporal affairs of the Church except such matters as may not be exercised by a person other than the holder of the office, and may exercise authority in those matters only with the advice and consent of the Vestry or Standing Committee, in the case of congregational property or affairs, or of the Vestry or Standing Committee, in the case of Diocesan property or affairs. The Sentence of suspension of a Rector shall terminate the pastoral relation between the Rector and the Vestry or Congregation unless (i) the Vestry by two-thirds vote requests of the Ecclesiastical Authority within thirty days that the relation continue and (ii) the Ecclesiastical Authority approves such request.
If the pastoral relation has not been terminated, religious services and sacramental ministrations shall be provided for that Parish as though a vacancy exists in the office of the Rector. This Section shall not prohibit the application of Canon III.9.13-21.

Sec. 8. In computing any period of time for proceedings described in this Title, the day of the act or event from which the designated time period begins to run shall not be included. The last day of the time period shall be included, unless it is a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday in that jurisdiction, in which event the period runs until the end of the next day which is not a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday in that jurisdiction. Whenever a party has the right or is required to do an act within a prescribed period after the service of notice or other paper, if the service is by mail, five days shall be added to the prescribed period. Whenever it is provided in this Title that an act be done promptly or without delay, such act shall be done as quickly as is reasonably possible under the circumstances.

Sec. 9. In all cases in this Title where an action is performed or power exercised by a canonical body consisting of several members, including Reference Panels, Conference Panels, Hearing Panels and Courts of Review, and the full membership has been notified to convene, a majority of the members of the body shall be a quorum; and a majority of the members present when a quorum exists shall be competent to act.

Sec. 10. Each Diocese shall make provision for Advisors to be available to Respondents and Complainants as provided in this Canon for the purposes of support, assistance, consultation and advice regarding the process provided in this Title and the rights, responsibilities, consequences and alternatives pertaining thereto.

(a) The Bishop Diocesan shall make an Advisor available to the Respondent not later than the earliest of (1) reference for conciliation, to the Conference Panel or to the Hearing Panel, (2) the imposition of restriction on ministry or placement on Administrative Leave or (3) any interrogation or request for a statement or other information from the Respondent.

(b) The Bishop Diocesan shall make an Advisor available to the Complainant not later than the earliest of (1) the forwarding of the intake report to the Reference Panel, (2) the Complainant's appeal of a dismissal under Canon IV.6.5 or (3) the Bishop's designation of an Injured Person as a Complainant.

(c) The following shall be disqualified from serving as an Advisor: the Bishop Diocesan, the Church Attorney, any member of the Disciplinary Board, the Intake Officer, any Investigator, any person who is likely to be a witness in any pertinent proceeding and the Chancellor or any Vice-chancellor of the Diocese.

(d) No Respondent or Complainant shall be required to accept the services of any Advisor made available by the Bishop Diocesan. Any Respondent or Complainant may use the services of any Advisor of his or her choice after designating that person as Advisor in writing to the Intake Officer.
(e) All communications between the Respondent and his or her Advisor or attorney and between the Complainant and his or her Advisor or attorney shall be privileged.

(f) The reasonable costs and expenses of providing Advisors made available by the Bishop Diocesan shall be the obligation of the Diocese in which the matter of Discipline is proceeding unless otherwise provided in an Accord or Order. The reasonable costs and expenses of providing Advisors chosen by the Respondent or Complainant and not made available by the Bishop Diocesan shall be the obligation of such Respondent or Complainant unless otherwise provided in an Accord or Order.

(g) In all proceedings under this Title at which the Respondent or the Complainant has the right to be present, their Advisors shall also have the right to be present.

Sec. 11. No person subject to the authority of the Church may attempt to coerce or improperly influence, directly or indirectly, the actions of any body performing functions under this Title, or any member of such body or any other person involved in such proceedings.

Sec. 12. In all proceedings under this Title whenever a Respondent or a Complainant is required or permitted to appear or to participate or to be heard or to be present, they each shall have the right to be accompanied by and to be represented by counsel of their choice. Whenever any notice or other document is provided to or served upon a Respondent or a Complainant under this Title, such shall also simultaneously be provided to or served upon their respective counsel, if Respondent or Complainant, as the case may be, has notified the Bishop of the identity and contact information for such counsel. Nothing in this Title shall be construed as requiring any Respondent to be represented by counsel. Anything in this Title required or permitted to be done by the Respondent’s counsel may be done by the Respondent personally.

Sec. 13. Proceedings under this Title, other than pastoral responses, shall be barred to the extent that the specific Offense has been the subject of any prior proceeding under this Title against the same Member of the Clergy which resulted in an Order or Accord. Additionally, in the case of a Member of the Clergy who has been the subject of proceedings under any predecessor to this Title, proceedings under this Title, other than pastoral responses, shall be barred to the extent that the specific Offense was previously included in a presentment against the Member of the Clergy or was expressly set forth in the Member of the Clergy’s waiver and voluntary submission to discipline upon which a Sentence was been pronounced or in the report of a conciliator.

Sec. 14. Impartiality of officials and bodies described in this Title shall be addressed as follows:

(a) Any Bishop Diocesan exercising authority under this Title shall disqualify herself or himself in any proceeding in which the Bishop’s impartiality may reasonably be questioned. The Bishop shall also disqualify himself or herself when the Bishop, the Bishop’s spouse or a
person within the third degree of relationship to either of them, or the spouse of such person, is the Respondent, Complainant or an Injured Person.

(b) Any member of any Panel provided for in this Title shall disqualify himself or herself in any proceeding in which the member's impartiality may reasonably be questioned. The member shall also disqualify himself or herself when the member, the member's spouse, any person within the third degree of relationship to either of them or the spouse of such person, (1) is the Respondent, Complainant or an Injured Person, (2) is likely to be a witness in the proceeding, (3) has a personal bias or prejudice concerning the Respondent, Complainant or any Injured Person, (4) has personal knowledge of disputed evidentiary facts concerning the proceeding, (5) has a personal financial interest in the outcome of the proceeding or in the Respondent, Complainant, any Injured Person or any other interest that could be substantially affected by the outcome or (6) is a member of the same congregation or otherwise has a close personal or professional relationship with the Respondent, the Complainant, any Injured Person or any witness in the matter.

(c) Any member of any Panel provided for in this Title who has not disqualified himself or herself as provided in this section may be subject to challenge by the Church Attorney or the Respondent on grounds described in this section. The Complainant or the Complainant's Advisor may inform the Church Attorney of any such grounds. The challenge shall be investigated by the remaining members of the Panel who shall determine whether the challenged member of the Panel should be disqualified and replaced according to the procedures of this Title for filling vacancies.

(d) No Bishop Diocesan or Panel shall accept from the Church Attorney or from the Respondent any waiver of any ground for disqualification enumerated in this section unless preceded by full disclosure of the basis for the disqualification, on the record.

Sec. 15. In addition to any challenge permitted under Canon IV.19.14, the integrity of the Disciplinary Board shall be preserved by a system of challenge as to the membership of any Panel of the Board appointed for a proceeding. Each Diocese shall provide by Canon for a system of challenge. If the Canons of the Diocese make no provision for challenging a member of the Board, any member of a Panel appointed for a proceeding may be challenged by the Church Attorney or the Respondent on grounds of conflict of interest or undue bias. The remaining members of the Board shall determine whether the challenge is relevant and factually supported and shall determine whether the challenged member shall be excused from that proceeding. If the member is excused, another member of the Board shall be appointed to the Panel to fill the vacancy created by the challenge, maintaining the appropriate balance of lay and ordained members.
Sec. 16. There shall be a presumption that the Respondent did not commit the Offense. The standard of proof required for a Hearing Panel to find an Offense by a Respondent shall be that of clear and convincing evidence.

Sec. 17. In all matters under this Title, it shall be the burden of the Church through the Church Attorney to establish an Offense by any Respondent.

Sec. 18. Except as otherwise provided in this Title, or except for good cause shown as determined by the Hearing Panel, it shall be the duty of all members of the Church to appear and testify or respond when duly served with a notice to do so from any Panel in any matter arising under this Title.

Sec. 19. No Chancellor or Vice-Chancellor of a Diocese shall serve as Church Attorney in that Diocese. No Chancellor or Vice-Chancellor of any Province shall serve as Church Attorney in any Diocese of that Province or any provincial proceeding. Neither the Presiding Bishop’s Chancellor nor the Chancellor to the President of the House of Deputies shall serve as Church Attorney in any proceeding. The Church Attorney in any proceeding shall not be from the same law firm as any Chancellor or Vice-Chancellor otherwise disqualified under this section.

Sec. 20. Notices or other papers to be served according to procedures of this Title shall be deemed to have been duly served if a copy is delivered to the person to be served, is left with an adult resident of the abode of the person to be served or is mailed by certified mail to the person’s usual place of abode. Notice by publication shall be made in a newspaper of general circulation in the jurisdiction of the person’s usual place of abode. Acceptance of service renders unnecessary any further process.

Sec. 21. A reference in this Title to a Bishop Diocesan shall include a Bishop Coadjutor if specific jurisdiction for matters contemplated by this Title has been assigned to the Bishop Coadjutor pursuant to Canon III.11.10(a)(2), and a Bishop Suffragan or Assistant Bishop if specific responsibilities for matters contemplated by this Title have been expressly assigned to the Bishop Suffragan or Assistant Bishop by the Bishop Diocesan.

Sec. 22. A Hearing Panel or Court of Review may in its discretion obtain legal counsel to give it opinions on any questions of law, procedure or evidence. Such legal counsel, if any, shall have no vote in any proceeding before the Hearing Panel or Court of Review.

Sec. 23. Except as expressly provided in this Title, applicable Diocesan Canon, or in any Accord or Order, all costs, expenses and fees, if any, shall be the obligation of the party, person or entity incurring them.

(a) The necessary costs, expenses and fees of the Investigator, the Church Attorney, the Conference Panel, the Hearing Panel and any pastoral response shall be the expense of the Diocese.

(b) The necessary costs and expenses of the Provincial Court of Review shall be the expense of the Province.

(c) The necessary costs and expenses of the Disciplinary Board for Bishops and the Court of Review for Bishops shall be the expense of the General Convention.
(d) Nothing in this Title precludes the voluntary payment of a Respondent’s costs, expenses and fees by any other party or person, including a Diocese.

Sec. 24. If the Presiding Bishop is unavailable to act by virtue of absence, disability or other disqualification, actions to be performed by the Presiding Bishop in this Title shall be performed by that Bishop who would be the Presiding Officer of the House of Bishops as provided by Article I, Section 3, of the Constitution in the event of the resignation, infirmity, disability or death of the Presiding Bishop.

Sec. 25. If there is neither a Bishop Diocesan nor a Bishop Coadjutor nor a Bishop Suffragan nor an Assistant Bishop expressly assigned the administration of clergy discipline in a Diocese and not under a restriction on ministry or Sentence of suspension, the Diocese shall, by agreement pursuant to Canon III.13.2, arrange for a Bishop to perform the duties of the Bishop Diocesan under this Title before commencing or continuing with any proceedings under this Title.

Sec. 26. Wherever in this Title it is provided that any communication, deliberation, investigation or proceeding shall be confidential, no person having knowledge or possession of confidential information derived from any such communication, deliberation, investigation or proceeding shall disclose the same except as provided in this Title, in any Accord or Order, or as required by any applicable law.

Sec. 27. Privileged Communication shall not be disclosed, nor shall any negative inference be drawn respecting the claim of the privilege, unless the privilege is waived by the person to whom the privilege belongs. Waiver of a privilege may occur by (a) voluntary disclosure; (b) failure to timely object to use of a Privileged Communication; or (c) placing the Privileged Communication at issue. Notwithstanding any provision of this section to the contrary, no waiver by a penitent of the privilege which attaches to communications or disclosures made within the Rite of Reconciliation of a Penitent shall work to require any confessor to divulge anything pertaining to any such communications or disclosures, the secrecy of the confession being morally absolute as provided in the Book of Common Prayer.

Sec. 28. Noncompliance with any procedural requirements set forth in this Title shall not be grounds for the dismissal of any proceeding unless the non-compliance shall cause material and substantial injustice to be done or seriously prejudice the rights of a Respondent as determined by the Panel or Court before which the proceeding is pending on motion and hearing.

Sec. 29. Solely for the purposes of the application of these Canons to persons who have received the pronouncement of the former Sentence of removal, the former Sentence of removal shall be deemed to have been a Sentence of deposition.

Sec. 30. Records of proceedings shall be preserved as follows:

(a) Each Hearing Panel and Provincial Court of Review shall keep a complete and accurate record of its proceedings by any means from which a written transcript can be produced. When all proceedings have been concluded, the president of the Panel or Court shall certify the
record. If the president did not participate in the proceeding for any reason, the Panel or Court shall elect another member of the Panel or Court to certify the record.

(b) The Panel or Court shall make provision for the preservation and storage of a copy of the record of each proceeding in the Diocese in which the proceeding originated.

(c) The Panel or Court shall promptly deliver the original certified record of its proceedings to the Archives of The Episcopal Church.

(d) The Bishop Diocesan shall (i) promptly deliver to the Archives of The Episcopal Church a copy of any Accord or Order which has become effective and a record of any action of remission or modification of any Order and (ii) provide for the permanent preservation of copies of all Accords and Orders by means which permit the identification and location of each such copy by the name of the Member of the Clergy who is the subject thereof.

Sec. 31. Any Member of the Clergy canonically resident in the Diocese who deems himself or herself to be under imputation, by rumor or otherwise, of any Offense for which proceedings could be had under this Title, may on his or her own behalf request the Bishop Diocesan to conduct an inquiry with regard to such imputation. Upon receipt of such request by a Member of the Clergy, it shall be the duty of the Bishop Diocesan to cause the matter to be investigated and to report the result to the Member of the Clergy.

Sec. 32. No Member of the Clergy shall be accountable for any Offense if the act or omission constituting the Offense shall have occurred only prior to the effective date of this Title, unless such act or omission would have constituted an offense under the predecessor to this Title.

**CANON 20: Of Transitional Provisions and Conforming Amendments to Other Canons**

Sec. 1. Capitalized terms used in this Canon and which are not otherwise defined in this Title shall have the meanings provided in the predecessor to this Title.

Sec. 2. The effective date of this Title shall be July 1, 2011. Except as otherwise provided in this Canon, the predecessor to this Title shall stand repealed on the effective date of this Title.

Sec. 3. Matters which are pending under the predecessor to this Title on the effective date of this Title shall proceed as follows:

(a) A Temporary Inhibition shall continue in accordance with its terms until it expires in accordance with Canon 1.2(f) of the predecessor to this Title. A Temporary Inhibition which is effective prior to the effective date of this Title and which expires by reason of the lapse of time as provided in Canon 1.2(f)(vi) of the predecessor to this Title may be extended and reviewed (1) as provided in the predecessor to this Title in the case of any matter proceeding in accordance with the predecessor to this Title as provided in this section or (2) in the case of any other matter, through the issuance of a restriction on ministry or the
placement of the subject Member of the Clergy on Administrative Leave or both in accordance with the provisions of this Title.

(b) A Charge against a Priest or Deacon which is pending on the effective date of this Title, and upon which the Diocesan Review Committee has neither issued a Presentment nor voted not to issue a Presentment, shall be referred to the Reference Panel and the matter shall proceed in accordance with the provisions of this Title.

(c) A Charge against a Bishop, which is pending on the effective date of this Title, and upon which the Review Committee has neither issued a Presentment nor voted not to issue a Presentment, shall be referred to the Reference Panel and the matter shall proceed in accordance with the provisions of this Title.

(d) A request for a Statement of Disassociation which is pending on the effective date of this Title shall proceed in accordance with Canon IV.17.7 (a), and the matter shall thereafter further proceed, if at all, in accordance with the provisions of this Title.

(e) A Presentment against a Bishop under Canon 3.21(c) of the predecessor to this Title which is pending on the effective date of this Title shall proceed in accordance with Canon IV.17.7, and the matter shall thereafter further proceed, if at all, in accordance with the provisions of this Title.

(f) A case in which a Presentment against any Member of the Clergy is issued prior to the effective date of this Title, and in which the Respondent’s answer or other response is not made or does not become due until after the effective date of this Title, shall be referred to the Conference Panel and the matter shall proceed in accordance with the provisions of this Title.

(g) A case which is pending before any Ecclesiastical Trial Court of any Diocese, and in which the Respondent's answer or other response is made or becomes due prior to the effective date of this Title, and in which no Trial has been had, shall proceed in accordance with the provisions of the predecessor to this Title unless the Church Attorney, the Respondent and the president of the Disciplinary Board shall agree in writing that the case shall proceed under the provisions of this Title, in which event the matter shall be referred to the Hearing Panel and the matter shall proceed in accordance with the provisions of this Title.

(h) An appeal from any Judgment rendered by any Ecclesiastical Trial Court of any Diocese after the effective date of this Title shall proceed in accordance with the provisions of this Title.

(i) A case which is pending before any Court of Review of the Trial of a Priest or Deacon shall proceed in accordance with the predecessor to this Title unless the Church Attorney, the Respondent and the president of the Provincial Court of Review shall agree in writing that the case shall proceed under the provisions of this Title, in which event the matter shall be referred to the Provincial Court of Review and the matter, including any grant of a new hearing, shall proceed in accordance with the provisions of this Title.
(j) A case which is pending before the Court for the Trial of a Bishop, and in which the Respondent’s answer or other response is made or becomes due prior to the effective date of this Title, and in which no Trial has been had, shall proceed in accordance with the provisions of the predecessor to this Title unless the Church Attorney, the Respondent and the president of the Disciplinary Board for Bishops shall agree in writing that the case shall proceed under the provisions of this Title, in which event the matter shall be referred to the Hearing Panel and the matter shall proceed in accordance with the provisions of this Title.

(k) A case which is pending before the Court of Review of the Trial of a Bishop shall proceed in accordance with the predecessor to this Title unless the Church Attorney, the Respondent and the president of the Court of Review for Bishops shall agree in writing that the case shall proceed under the provisions of this Title, in which event the matter shall be referred to the Court of Review for Bishops and the matter, including any grant of a new hearing, shall proceed in accordance with the provisions of this Title.

And be it further
Resolved, That Canon I.1.6(c) be amended as follows, effective as of the effective date of this Title:

(c) It shall be the duty of the Recorder to furnish, upon proper authority and at the expense of the applicant, such information as may be in the possession of the Recorder, based upon the reports required under Clause (b) hereof.

The House recessed for ten minutes and resumed business at 4:29 p.m.

The Bishop of New York moved to postpone further consideration of Resolution C056 until the Eighth Legislative Day during the afternoon session.

Motion carried
Debate postponed

Canons
The House of Bishops Committee on Canons presented its Report #11 on HD Message #133 on Resolution A187 (Amendments to Title III and Title V to Conform to Changes to Title IV) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #169)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A187)
Resolved, That the following provisions of Titles III and V of the Constitution and Canons for the Governance of The Episcopal Church are amended to read as indicated:
Canon III.7.8:
Sec. 8. If any Deacon of this Church shall declare, in writing, to the Bishop of the Diocese in which such Deacon is canonically resident, a renunciation of the ordained Ministry of this Church, and a desire to be removed there from, it shall be the duty of the Bishop to record the declaration and request so made. The Bishop, being satisfied that the person so declaring is acting voluntarily and for causes, assigned or known, which do not affect the Deacon’s moral character, shall lay the matter before the clerical members of the Standing Committee, and with the advice and consent of a majority of such members the Bishop may pronounce that such renunciation is accepted, and that the Deacon is released from the obligations of the Ministerial office, and is deprived of the right to exercise the gifts and spiritual authority as a Minister of God’s Word and Sacraments conferred in Ordination. The Bishop shall also declare in pronouncing and recording such action that it was for causes which do not affect the person’s moral character, and shall, if desired, give a certificate to this effect to the person so removed from the ordained Ministry.

Canon III.9.3(e)(3):
(3) If the Priest fails to comply with the provision of this Canon, such failure may be considered a breach of Canon IV.4.1(h)(3) occurring in the Diocese in which the Priest is canonically resident.

Canon III.9.8:
Sec. 8. If any Priest of this Church shall declare, in writing, to the Bishop of the Diocese in which such Priest is canonically resident, a renunciation of the ordained Ministry of this Church, and a desire to be removed there from, it shall be the duty of the Bishop to record the declaration and request so made. The Bishop, being satisfied that the person so declaring is acting voluntarily and for causes, assigned or known, which do not affect the Priest’s moral character, shall lay the matter before the clerical members of the Standing Committee, and with the advice and consent of a majority of such members the Bishop may pronounce that such renunciation is accepted, and that the Priest is released from the obligations of the Ministerial office, and is deprived of the right to exercise the gifts and spiritual authority as a Minister of God’s Word and Sacraments conferred in Ordination. The Bishop shall also declare in pronouncing and recording such action that it was for causes which do not affect the person’s moral character, and shall, if desired, give a certificate to this effect to the person so removed from the ordained Ministry.

Canon III.9.20(b):
(b) In the course of proceedings under this Canon, if allegations of misconduct are made by the Vestry against the Rector that could constitute an Offense under Title IV, all proceedings under this Canon
with respect to such *allegations* shall be suspended until the *allegations have* been resolved or withdrawn.

Canon III.12.7(a):

(a) If any Bishop of this Church shall declare, in writing, to the Presiding Bishop a renunciation of the ordained Ministry of this Church, and a desire to be removed there from, it shall be the duty of the Presiding Bishop to record the declaration and request so made. The Presiding Bishop, being satisfied that the person so declaring is acting voluntarily and for causes, assigned or known, which do not affect the person’s moral character, shall lay the matter before the Advisory Council to the Presiding Bishop, and with the advice and consent of a majority of the members of the Advisory Council the Presiding Bishop may pronounce that such renunciation is accepted, and that the Bishop is released from the obligations of all Ministerial offices, and is deprived of the right to exercise the gifts and spiritual authority as a Minister of God’s Word and Sacraments conferred in Ordinations. The Presiding Bishop shall also declare in pronouncing and recording such action that it was for causes which do not affect the person’s moral character, and shall, if desired, give a certificate to this effect to the person so removed.

Canon V.4.1(a)(4):

(4) upon the certification to the Presiding Bishop by the *Disciplinary Board for Bishops* as to the abandonment of the Church by a Bishop pursuant to Canon IV.16;

Canon V.4.1(a)(5):

(5) upon the certification by the Standing Committee as to the abandonment of the Church by a Priest or Deacon pursuant to Canon IV.16; or

The House of Bishops Committee on Canons presented its Report #12 on HD Message #134 on Resolution A188 (Budget for the Title IV Task Force II on Disciplinary Policies and Procedures) and moved concurrence.

**The House concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #170)

**Final Text of Resolution:**

(A188)

**Resolved,** That the 76th General Convention authorize and direct the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies to jointly appoint a task force of not more than nine persons knowledgeable about clergy discipline and the requirements of the newly adopted revisions to Title IV of the Canons of The Episcopal Church to prepare and present materials for and to conduct the education and training of diocesan personnel in the requirements of the same in
such time and fashion as to enable the several dioceses to complete necessary canonical changes prior to the effective date of the revised Title IV; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention requests the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget application of $15,000.00 for the implementation of the education efforts required by the adoption of the revised Title IV; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $15,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

Evangelism
The House of Bishops Committee on Evangelism presented its Report #3 on HD Message #112 on Resolution A071 (Evangelistic Opportunities of General Convention) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #171)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A071)

Resolved, That the 76th General Convention direct the Joint Standing Committee on Planning and Arrangements to schedule for the 77th General Convention programmatic and worship opportunities for service and evangelism in the host city as a part of our witness; and be it further

Resolved, That the Joint Standing Committee on Planning and Arrangements create opportunities for electronic connections to allow individuals not on site to participate in the missional work of General Convention.

Ministry
The House of Bishops Committee on Ministry presented its Report #31 on Resolution D006 (Amend Canon III.9.12-21) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:

(D006)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That Canon III.9.12-21 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 12. Reconciliation of Disagreements Affecting the Pastoral Relation

When the pastoral relationship in a parish between a Rector and the Vestry or Congregation is imperiled by disagreement or dissension, and the issues are deemed serious by a majority vote of the Vestry or the Rector, either party may petition the Ecclesiastical Authority, in writing, to intervene and assist the parties in their efforts to resolve the disagreement. The written petition shall include sufficient information to inform the Ecclesiastical Authority and the parties involved of the nature, causes and specifics of the disagreements or dissension imperiling the pastoral relationship. The Ecclesiastical Authority shall initiate such proceedings as are deemed appropriate under the circumstances for that purpose by the Ecclesiastical Authority, which may include the
appointment of a qualified consultant or trained mediator. The parties to the
disagreement, following the recommendations of the Ecclesiastical Authority, shall
labor in good faith that the parties may be reconciled. Whenever the Standing
Committee is the Ecclesiastical Authority, it shall request the Bishop of a
neighboring Diocese to perform the duties of the Ecclesiastical Authority under
this Canon.
Sec. 13. Dissolution of the Pastoral Relation
A) Except upon mandatory resignation by reason of age, a Rector may not
resign as Rector of a parish without the consent of its Vestry, nor may any
Rector canonically or lawfully elected and in charge of a Parish be removed
there from by the Vestry against the Rector's will, except as hereinafter
provided.
Sec. 14. B) If for any urgent reason a Rector or Vestry desires a dissolution of
the pastoral relation, and the parties cannot agree, either party may give notice
in writing to the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese with a copy available to
the Rector or Vestry. Such notice shall include sufficient information to inform the
Ecclesiastical Authority and all parties involved of the nature, causes and specifics requiring
the dissolution of the pastoral relationship. If the parties have participated in mediation or
consultation processes under III.9.12, a separate report from the mediator or consultant will
be submitted to the Ecclesiastical Authority with copies available to the Rector and Vestry.
Whenever the Standing Committee is the Ecclesiastical Authority of the
Diocese, it shall request the Bishop of another Diocese to perform the duties
of the Bishop under this Canon.
Sec. 15. C) Within sixty days of receipt of the written notice the Bishop, as
chief pastor of the Diocese, the Bishop Diocesan or the Bishop exercising
authority under this canon shall may initiate further mediation the differences and
reconciliation processes between Rector and Vestry in every informal way which
the Bishop deems proper. The Bishop may appoint a committee of at least
one Presbyter and one Lay Person, none of whom may be members of or
related to the Parish involved, to interview the Rector and Vestry and report to the
Bishop on the cooperation and responsiveness of the parties involved in the processes required
by the Bishop. A copy of this report shall be available to the Vestry and Rector.
Sec. 16. D) If the differences between the parties are not resolved after
completion of the mediation or other reconciliation efforts or actions prescribed by the
Bishop, the Bishop shall proceed as follows:
(1) The Bishop shall give written notice to the Rector and Vestry that a
godly judgment will be rendered in the matter after consultation with the
Standing Committee and that either party has the right within ten days to
request in writing an opportunity to confer with the Standing Committee
before it consults with the Bishop. The Bishop's written notification shall include
sufficient information to inform the Standing Committee and the parties involved of the
nature, causes, and specifics of the unresolved disagreements or dissension imperiling the
pastoral relationship.
(2) If a timely request is made, the President of the Standing
Committee shall set a date for the conference, which shall be held within
thirty days.
At the conference, each party shall be attend and be entitled to representation and to present its position fully and completely.

Within thirty days after the conference or after the Bishop’s notice if no conference is requested, the Bishop shall confer with and receive the recommendation of the Standing Committee; thereafter the Bishop, as final arbiter and judge, shall render a written godly judgment.

Upon the request of either party, the Bishop shall explain the reasons for the judgment. If the explanation is in writing, copies shall be delivered to both parties. Either party may request the explanation be in writing.

If the pastoral relation is to be continued, the Bishop shall require the parties to agree on definitions of responsibility and accountability for the Rector and the Vestry.

If the relation is to be dissolved:

- The Bishop shall direct the Secretary of the Convention to record the dissolution.
- The judgment shall include such terms and conditions including financial settlements as shall seem to the Bishop just and compassionate.

In either event, the Bishop shall offer appropriate supportive services to the Priest and the Parish.

In the event of the failure or refusal of either party to comply with the terms of the judgment, the Bishop may impose such penalties as may be set forth in the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese; and in default of any provisions for such penalties therein, the Bishop may act as follows:

- In the case of a Rector, suspend the Rector from the exercise of the priestly office until the Priest shall comply with the judgment.
- In the case of a Vestry, invoke any available sanctions including recommending to the Convention of the Diocese that the Parish be placed under the supervision of the Bishop as a Mission until it has complied with the judgment.

For cause, the Bishop may extend the time periods specified in this Canon, provided that all be done to expedite these proceedings. All parties shall be notified in writing of the length of any extension.

Sections 12 or 13-20 of this Canon shall not apply in any Diocese which has made a provision on this subject in its Canons which is consistent...
with this Canon and provides proper procedural and due process safeguards as required by this Canon.

Note: All subsequent Canons in Title III would be renumbered.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That Canon III.9.12-21 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 12. Reconciliation of Disagreements Affecting the Pastoral Relation
When the pastoral relationship in a parish between a Rector and the Vestry or Congregation is imperiled by disagreement or disension, and the issues are deemed serious by a majority vote of the Vestry or the Rector, either party may petition the Ecclesiastical Authority, in writing, to intervene and assist the parties in their efforts to resolve the disagreement. The written petition shall include sufficient information to inform the Ecclesiastical Authority and the parties involved of the nature, causes, and specifics of the disagreements or disension imperiling the pastoral relationship. The Ecclesiastical Authority shall initiate such proceedings as are deemed appropriate under the circumstances for that purpose by the Ecclesiastical Authority, which may include the appointment of a qualified consultant or trained licensed mediator. The parties to the disagreement, following the recommendations of the Ecclesiastical Authority, shall labor in good faith that the parties may be reconciled. Whenever the Standing Committee is the Ecclesiastical Authority, it shall request the Bishop of a neighboring Diocese to perform the duties of the Ecclesiastical Authority under this Canon.

Sec. 13. Dissolution of the Pastoral Relation
A) Except upon mandatory resignation by reason of age, a Rector may not resign as Rector of a parish without the consent of its Vestry, nor may any Rector canonically or lawfully elected and in charge of a Parish be removed there from by the Vestry against the Rector’s will, except as hereinafter provided.

Sec. 14. B) If for any urgent reason a Rector or majority of Vestry based on a vote in a duly-called meeting, desires a dissolution of the pastoral relation, and the parties cannot agree, either party may give notice in writing to the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese with a copy available to the Rector or Vestry. Such notice shall include sufficient information to inform the Ecclesiastical Authority and all parties involved of the nature, causes, and specifics requiring the dissolution of the pastoral relationship. If the parties have participated in mediation or consultation processes under III.9.12, a separate report from the mediator or consultant will be submitted to the Ecclesiastical Authority with copies available to the Rector and Vestry. Whenever the Standing Committee is the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese, it shall request the Bishop of another Diocese to perform the duties of the Bishop under this Canon.

Sec. 15. C) Within sixty days of receipt of the written notice the Bishop, as chief pastor of the Diocese, shall may initiate further mediation between Rector and Vestry in every informal way which the Bishop deems proper. and The Bishop may appoint a committee of at least
one Presbyter and one Lay Person, none of whom may be members of or related to the Parish involved, to interview the Rector and Vestry and report to the Bishop on the cooperation and responsiveness of the parties involved in the processes required by the Bishop. A copy of this report shall be available to the Vestry and Rector.

See. 16. D) If the differences between the parties are not resolved after completion of the mediation or other reconciliation efforts or actions prescribed by the Bishop, the Bishop shall proceed as follows:

(1) The Bishop shall give written notice to the Rector and Vestry that a godly judgment will be rendered in the matter after consultation with the Standing Committee and that either party has the right within ten days to request in writing an opportunity to confer with the Standing Committee before it consults with the Bishop. The Bishop's written notification shall include sufficient information to inform the Standing Committee and the parties involved of the nature, causes and specifics of the unresolved disagreements or dissension imperiling the pastoral relationship.

(2) If a timely request is made, the President of the Standing Committee shall set a date for the conference, which shall be held within thirty days.

(3) At the conference, each party shall be entitled to representation, be entitled to attend, be represented, and to present its position fully and completely.

(4) Within thirty days after the conference or after the Bishop’s notice if no conference is requested, the Bishop shall confer with and receive the recommendation of the Standing Committee; thereafter the Bishop, as final arbiter and judge, shall render a written godly judgment.

(5) Upon the request of either party, the Bishop shall explain the reasons for the judgment. If the explanation is in writing, copies shall be delivered to both parties. Either party may request the explanation be in writing.

(6) If the pastoral relation is to be continued, the Bishop shall require the parties to agree on definitions of responsibility and accountability for the Rector and the Vestry.

(7) If the relation is to be dissolved:

(a) The Bishop shall direct the Secretary of the Convention to record the dissolution.

(b) The judgment shall include such terms and conditions including financial settlements as shall seem to the Bishop just and compassionate.

See. 17. (8) In either event, the Bishop shall offer appropriate supportive services to the Priest and the Parish.

See. 18. E) In the event of the failure or refusal of either party to comply with the terms of the judgment, the Bishop may impose such penalties as may be set forth in the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese; and in default of any provisions for such penalties therein, the Bishop may act as follows:

(1) In the case of a Rector, suspend the Rector from the exercise of the priestly office until the Priest shall comply with the judgment.

(2) In the case of a Vestry, invoke any available sanctions including recommending to the Convention of the Diocese that the Parish be
placed under the supervision of the Bishop as a Mission until it has
complied with the judgment.

Sec. 19. F) For cause, the Bishop may extend the time periods specified in this
Canon, provided that all be done to expedite these proceedings. All parties
shall be notified in writing of the length of any extension.

Sec. 20. G)
(a) (1) Statements made during the course of proceedings under this
Canon are not discoverable nor admissible in any proceedings under Title
IV provided that this does not require the exclusion of evidence in any
proceeding under the Canons which is otherwise discoverable and
admissible.
(b) (2) In the course of proceedings under this Canon, if a charge is made
by the Vestry against the Rector that could give rise to a disciplinary
proceeding under Canon Title IV.1, all proceedings under this Canon with
respect to such charge shall be suspended until the charge has been
resolved or withdrawn.

Sec. 21. H) Sections 12 or 13–20 of this Canon shall not apply in any Diocese
which has made a provision on this subject in its Canons which is consistent
with this Canon and provides proper procedural and due process safeguards as required by
this Canon whose Canons are otherwise consistent with Canon III.9.

Note: All subsequent Canons in Title III would be renumbered.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #172)

Church Pension Fund
The House of Bishops Committee on church Pension Fund presented its Report #10
on Resolution B024 (Cuban Annuity) and moved adoption of a substitute.

Original Text of Resolution:
(B024)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 76th General Convention of The
Episcopal Church request the Church Pension Fund and the Joint Standing Committee
on Program, Budget and Finance to work towards the establishment of a benevolent
fund that will provide the clergy of The Episcopal Church in Cuba with a small annuity
in lieu of a pension; and be it further
Resolved, That the Church Pension Fund will administer such benevolent fund; and be it
further
Resolved, That to reaffirm resolution 2003-D050 “to release pension payments, restricted
endowment and trust income held by ECUSA for the Diocese of Cuba” and direct the
Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church to, in a concerted effort with concerned
cumeral partners, to seek from the appropriate government agency the necessary
variances to the present regulations and to count for this effort the assistance of legal
counsel from the Church Pension Fund.
Committee Substitute:
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, that the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church encourages the establishment of a benevolent fund that will provide the clergy of The Episcopal Church in Cuba with an annuity upon retirement and requests the Presiding Bishop to take all such actions as the Presiding Bishop deems necessary or desirable to carry out the intent of this resolution.

The question was called.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on substitute Resolution B024.

Motion carried
Substitute resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #173)

Structure
The House of Bishops Committee on Structure presented its Report #29 on HD Message #136 on Resolution A119 (Amend Canon I.1.2(n) Standing Commission Mandates) and moved concurrence.

The Bishop of Michigan moved an amendment.

Proposed Amendment:
In Section 2(n)(8), replace the words “United States” with the words “nations represented in The Episcopal Church.”

Motion defeated
Amendment defeated

For clarification, the Presiding Bishop noted that the concurrence on Resolution A119 (Amend Canon I.1.2(n) Standing Commission Mandates) is to be understood within the context of an ellipsis with regard to the pertinent canonical change.

The question was called.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on Resolution A119.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #174)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A119)
Resolved, That Canon I.1.2(n) be amended to read as follows:
(n) There shall be the following Standing Commissions:

... (2) A Standing Commission for Small Congregations. It shall be the duty of the Commission to identify and recommend to General Convention policies, priorities and opportunities to affirm and strengthen the health and development of small congregations.

... (4) A Standing Commission on the Mission and Evangelism of The Episcopal Church. It shall be the duty of the Commission to identify, study and consider policies, priorities and concerns as to the effectiveness of The Episcopal Church in advancing, within this Church’s jurisdictions, God’s mission to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ, including patterns and directions for evangelism, Church planting, leadership development and ministries that engage the diversity of the Church’s membership and the communities it serves, and to make recommendations to General Convention.

(5) A Standing Commission on Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations. It shall be the duty of the Commission to recommend to the General Convention a comprehensive and coordinated policy and strategy on relations between this Church and other Churches, and this Church and other religions, and to make recommendations to General Convention concerning interChurch cooperation and unity, and interreligious dialogue and action.

... (7) A Standing Commission on Ministry Development. It shall be the duty of the Commission to:

(i) recommend policies and strategies to the General Convention for the affirmation, development and exercise of ministry by all baptized persons (lay persons, bishops, priests and deacons).

(ii) recommend strategies to General Convention for the development and support of networks of individuals, diocesan Committees and commissions, agencies and institutions engaged in recruitment, gifts discernment, education and training for ministry, leadership development and deployment.

(iii) study the needs and trends of theological education for all baptized persons, including seminary education and life-long learning, and recommend strategies to General Convention to strengthen theological education for all baptized persons.

(8) A Standing Commission on Social Justice and Public Policy. It shall be the duty of the Commission to identify, study and theologically interpret social justice issues facing the United States and their impact on other nations, and to develop and recommend policies and strategies to the General Convention.

(9) A Standing Commission on Stewardship and Development. It shall be the duty of the Commission to recommend policies that foster within The Episcopal Church a broad understanding of Christian stewardship, both individual and corporate. The Commission shall recommend strategies
to General Convention for stewardship, including education, development and planned giving, with special sensitivity to the cultural and linguistic diversity of the Church.

(10) A Standing Commission on the Structure of the Church. It shall be the duty of the Commission to study and make recommendations concerning the structure of the General Convention and of The Episcopal Church. It shall, from time to time, review the operation of the several Committees, Commissions and Boards to determine the necessity for their continuance and the effectiveness of their functions and to bring about a coordination of their efforts. Whenever a proposal is made for the creation of a new Committee, Commission, Board or Agency, it shall, wherever feasible, be referred to the Standing Commission on the Structure of the Church for its consideration and advice.

(11) A Standing Commission on World Mission, whose members shall include persons broadly representative of jurisdictions outside the United States of America, as well as persons having direct engagement with and experience in world mission. It shall be the duty of the Commission to review and evaluate policies, priorities and strategies for global mission, and to make recommendations regarding global mission to General Convention.

(12) A Standing Commission on Communication and Information Technology. It shall be the duty of the Commission to identify, study and recommend to General Convention communication strategies, policies, priorities and technologies to strengthen the Church’s communication of the Gospel and the mission of the Church to the world at large and to improve information management and exchange within The Episcopal Church.

(13) A Standing Commission on Health. It shall be the duty of the Commission to identify and study national and international healthcare issues, practices and policies and the Church’s healthcare ministries, and to make recommendations to General Convention.

(14) A Standing Commission on Lifelong Christian Formation and Education. It shall be the duty of the Commission to develop and recommend to the General Convention comprehensive and coordinated policies for children, youth, adults and seniors for lifelong Christian formation.

Social and Urban Affairs
The House of Bishops Committee on Social and Urban Affairs presented its Report #33 on Resolution A112 (Episcopal Network for Economic Justice) and moved the resolution, recommending rejection.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A112)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 76th General Convention fund the Episcopal Network for Economic Justice (ENEJ) at a level of $100,000 per year for the
coming triennium, so that it can continue and increase its mission of supporting and assisting economic justice work at every level of The Episcopal Church; and be it further

Resolved, That ENEJ collaborate with and report to the Advocacy Center; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $100,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

Motion defeated
Resolution rejected
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #175)

The House of Bishops Committee on Social and Urban Affairs presented its Report #35 on Resolution D004 (Task Force on Older Adult Ministries) and moved adoption of a substitute.

Original Text of Resolution:

(D004)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 76th General Convention continue a Task Force on Older Adult Ministries to determine programs currently being offered by congregations, dioceses and provinces, to establish a method of sharing this information; and to explore ways that the church can expand ministries by, with and for older adults and to explore how we might connect with one another in intergenerational opportunities; and be it further

Resolved, That the task force will be comprised of individuals with a background in this ministry area and will represent a cross section of our church; and be it further

Resolved, That The task force will work collaboratively with the Evangelism and Congregational Life Center and report annually to the Executive Council and provide a complete written report to the 77th General Convention; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $75,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

Committee Substitute:

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 76th General Convention authorize the creation of a 12 member Task Force on Older Adult Ministries to determine programs currently being offered by congregations, dioceses and provinces, to establish a method of sharing this information, and to explore ways the church can expand this ministry to connect with one another in intergenerational opportunities; and be it further

Resolved, That the Task Force would formulate a comprehensive plan to raise awareness and address the emerging crisis in health, caregiving and faith issues which cross generational and economic lines with emphasis on support of Congregational, Diocesan and Provincial programs for older adult ministry; and be it further

Resolved, That the Task Force will be comprised of individuals with a background in this ministry area and will represent a cross section of our church; and be it further
Resolved, That the Task Force will work collaboratively with the Evangelism and Congregational Life Center and report annually to the Executive Council and provide a complete written report to the 77th General Convention; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $35,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

Motion carried  
Substitute resolution adopted  
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #176)

Evangelism
The House of Bishops Committee on Evangelism presented its Report #4 on HD Message #124 on Resolution A063 (Affirming Mainline Evangelism Together) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred  
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #177)

Final Text of Resolution:  
(A063)  
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention respond to the persistent and alarming numeric decline of Christianity in the United States and the corresponding decline in The Episcopal Church by directing the Evangelism and Congregational Life Center of the Episcopal Church Center to actively initiate and participate in conversations on mainline mission and evangelism; and be it further

Resolved, That these conversations are to be with representatives of covenant partners of The Episcopal Church who are wrestling with similar challenges; and be it further

Resolved, That the Evangelism and Congregational Life Center report on the status of these conversations to the Standing Commission on Domestic Mission and Evangelism by the end of the first year of the 2010-2012 triennium and annually thereafter; and be it further

Resolved, That the Standing Commission on Domestic Mission and Evangelism report on the outcome of these conversations to the 77th General Convention; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $20,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

The House of Bishop Committee on Evangelism presented its Report #5 on HD Message #126 on Resolution A065 (Convening and Supporting Evangelists) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred  
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #178)
Final Text of Resolution:

(A065)
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention affirm the Church’s teaching that all Christians are called to bear witness to Christ wherever they may be and to proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ, and that this Convention equally affirm with Saint Paul that Christ has given to the Church evangelists to build up the Body of Christ; and be it further
Resolved, That this Convention direct the Center for Evangelism and Congregational Life to gather the voices and wisdom of evangelists, and encourage the sharing of information and deepening of relationships among them through all available ways, such as social networking sites, conference calls and meetings at conferences; and be it further
Resolved, That all dioceses are urged, through their Commissions on Ministry or other appropriate bodies, to identify and call forth evangelists, and to ensure that there are adequate training programs and materials available for evangelism, including web-based resources, appropriate to the demographic, cultural and theological diversities of their geographic area; and be it further
Resolved, That this Convention direct the Center for Evangelism and Congregational Life to support dioceses in the training of evangelists by developing training materials and programs; by creating and making widely available resources in different languages, for example Spanish, French, etc., to identify and develop the gifts and skills of effective evangelists; and by establishing mechanisms for sharing locally developed best practices, experiences and resources; and be it further
Resolved, That the Center for Evangelism and Congregational Life solicit from Commissions on Ministry or other appropriate diocesan bodies information on local programs utilized for the identification and development of evangelists, so that such resources can be widely shared among dioceses; and be it further
Resolved, That the Center for Evangelism and Congregational Life report on the gatherings, diocesan programs, training materials and resources and on their effectiveness in developing skills of evangelism to the 77th General Convention.

The House of Bishops Committee on Evangelism presented its Report #6 on HD Message #123 on Resolution A066 (Evangelism Toolkit for the 21st Century) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #179)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A066)
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention direct the Center for Evangelism and Congregational Life to create a comprehensive toolkit to equip congregations and dioceses to engage in culturally-appropriate evangelism and mission; and be it further
Resolved, That the toolkit support congregations and dioceses in their work to fulfill Christ’s Great Commission with special attention to provide resources to
evangelize people historically underserved by the Church, for example, people of color, immigrants and refugees, youth, young adults, people who are gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgendered, people living in poverty, people with disabilities and/or all others who are alienated from the Church; and be it further Resolved, That the toolkit be presented to the House of Bishops and the Executive Council in their first meetings in 2011 for their comment and review and then be distributed throughout the Church.

The House of Bishops Committee on Evangelism presented its Report #7 on HD Message #125 on Resolution A067 (Strategy for Establishing New Congregations) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #180)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A067)
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention recognize that new church development is a high missional priority and an effective tool to present the Gospel, to incorporate the seeker and to welcome the lost home; and be it further Resolved, That the Program officer, Church Planting and Ministry Re-Development of The Episcopal Church’s Evangelism and Congregational Life Center to collaborate with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and others to develop resources for starting new congregations; and be it further Resolved, That these resources include case studies, best practices, approaches to be avoided and effective action plans for starting and sustaining new faith communities; and be it further Resolved, That this resource be published and presented to the Executive Council and to the House of Bishops at their first meeting in 2011.

RECESS

Following announcements by the Secretary, the House of Bishops Committee on Dispatch of Business moved that the House stand in recess until 9:30 a.m. on the Eighth Legislative Day.

Motion carried

The House recessed at 5:29 p.m. with prayer led by Chaplain Wade.
Reconvene
The House reconvened at 9:37 a.m. with the Presiding Bishop in the Chair.

Prayers
Prayers were led by Chaplain Br. Geoffrey.

Personal Privilege
The Bishop serving in Alaska addressed the House regarding the T-shirts from Alaska.

Personal Privilege
The Vice-Chair noted the birthday of the Bishop Suffragan (Curry) of Connecticut.

Agenda of the Day
The House of Bishops Committee on Dispatch of Business moved to adopt the agenda of the day.

Motion carried
Agenda adopted

Previous Day’s Minutes
The House of Bishops Committee on Dispatch of Business moved to dispense with the reading of the previous day’s minutes.

Motion carried

Messages from the House of Deputies
The Secretary announced that the following messages had been received from the House of Deputies:

- **HD Message #150:** A098 (Holy Women, Holy Men Revision Principles) Concurred.
- **HD Message #151:** A096 (Additional Calendar Commemorations) Concurred.
- **HD Message #152:** A095 (Approve Liturgical Calendar Commemorations) Concurred.
- **HD Message #153:** A140 (Domestic Poverty) Concurred.
- **HD Message #154:** C049 (Renew and Strengthen Economic Justice Ministry) Concurred.
Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music
The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music presented its Report #6 on Resolution A102 (Authorize Enriching Our Worship 1, 2, 3 and 4) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A102)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 76th General Convention authorize continuing use of Enriching Our Worship 1: The Daily Office, Great Litany, and Eucharist; Enriching Our Worship 2: Ministry with the Sick and Dying and Burial of a Child; Enriching Our Worship 3: Burial Rites for Adults together with a Rite for the Burial of a Child; and Enriching Our Worship 4: The Renewal of Ministry and the Welcoming of a New Rector or other Pastor, during the 2010-2012 Triennium, under the direction of the diocesan bishop or ecclesiastical authority.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 76th General Convention authorize continuing use of Enriching Our Worship 1: The Daily Office, Great Litany, and Eucharist; Enriching Our Worship 2: Ministry with the Sick and Dying and Burial of a Child; Enriching Our Worship 3: Burial Rites for Adults together with a Rite for the Burial of a Child; and Enriching Our Worship 4: The Renewal of Ministry and the Welcoming of a New Rector or other Pastor, during the 2010-2012 Triennium, under the direction of the diocesan bishop or ecclesiastical authority; and be it further
Resolved, That these liturgical texts be freely available in electronic format on the internet.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #181)
Ministry

The House of Bishops Committee on Ministry presented its Report #33 on Resolution B029 (Consent to Episcopal Elections) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:

(B029)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 76th General Convention amend Article II, Section 2 of the Constitution of The Episcopal Church as follows:

Sec. 2. No one shall be ordained and consecrated Bishop until the attainment of thirty years of age; nor without the consent of a majority of the Standing Committees of all the Dioceses, and the consent of a majority of the Bishops of this Church exercising jurisdiction. But if the election shall have taken place within one hundred twenty days before the meeting of General Convention, the consent of the House of Deputies shall be required in place of that of a majority of the Standing Committees. No one shall be ordained and consecrated Bishop by fewer than three Bishops.

The Bishop serving in Oregon moved an amendment.

Proposed Amendment:
In Section 2, delete the words “exercising jurisdiction,” and insert the words “Suffragans, Assistant Bishops.”

The Bishop of Southwestern Virginia moved an amendment to the amendment.

Proposed Amendment:
In Section 2, delete the word “exercising jurisdiction,” and insert the words “Diocesan, Coadjutor, Suffragan, Assistant and Provisional.”

A vote was taken on the amendment to the amendment.

Motion defeated
Amendment defeated

A vote was taken on the amendment.

Motion defeated
Amendment defeated

The question was called.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on Resolution B029.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #182)

The House of Bishops Committee on Ministry presented its Report #34 on Resolution D065 (Youth Seat, Voice and Vote on Vestry) and moved adoption of a substitute.
Original Text of Resolution:
(D065)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That each congregation create at least one youth seat on their Vestry or Bishop’s Committee. This seat(s) would include voice and vote for a one-year term for a youth between the ages of sixteen and eighteen.

Committee Substitute:
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 76th General Convention encourage congregations to consider including on their vestries or bishop’s committees a seat for youth ages sixteen to eighteen with voice and with vote except as prohibited by civil law.

Motion carried
Substitute resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #183)

The House of Bishops Committee on Ministry presented its Report #35 on Resolution A079 (Addiction Education for Ordained Ministry) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A079)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That every course of study for the ordained ministry of the Church, in seminaries and elsewhere, include education in the nature of addiction, in the identification, practices of intervention and treatment of addiction and in Twelve-Step programs for recovery from addiction; and be it further
Resolved, That each diocese commit to continue to address the issues of education, prevention, intervention and treatment in support of its congregations, clergy, laity and employees.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That every course of study for the ordained ministry of the Church, in seminaries and elsewhere, include education in the nature of addiction, in the identification, practices of intervention and treatment of addiction and in Twelve-Step programs for recovery from addiction; and be it further
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Ministry Development to consider changes to the ordination canons to further promote such study; and be it further
Resolved, That each diocese commit to continue to address the issues of education, prevention, intervention and treatment in support of its congregations, clergy, laity and employees.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #184)
Education

The House of Bishops Committee on Education presented its Report #10 on HD Message #121 on Resolution B013 (Equipping the Baptized for Ministry in TEC) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #185)

Final Text of Resolution:
(B013)

Resolved, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church commend the Presiding Bishop for convening, with Associated Parishes for Liturgy and Mission, a consultation on baptismal theology in October 2007, representative of bishops, theologians, liturgists, Christian educators, parish priests and justice advocates and inclusive of the diversity of this Church; and be it further

Resolved, That the 76th General Convention further commend the baptismal theology consultation for identifying areas and resources needed to implement fully the baptismal theology of the Book of Common Prayer in the life of the Church; and be it further

Resolved, That the 76th General Convention commend the Theology Committee of the House of Bishops and the Colloquium of North American Anglican Liturgists for their meeting in January 2008, for identifying together the needs of the Church in ongoing baptismal formation and ministry and formation in Episcopal identity; and be it further

Resolved, That the 76th General Convention urge the (above noted) consultation on baptismal theology to continue its work in the next triennium in collaboration with the Standing Commission on Life-Long Christian Education and Formation and provide to the next General Convention educational resources for formation in Episcopal identity and rites to celebrate that identity, educational resources for training the baptized for leadership positions in the Church and rites for entering leadership positions, and any proposed revisions to the canons to conform them to the baptismal theology of the Book of Common Prayer.

The House of Bishops Committee on Education presented its Report #11 on HD Message #127 on Resolution D062 (Implementation of Sexual Abuse Misconduct Prevention Training) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #186)

Final Text of Resolution:
(D062)

Resolved, That the 76th General Convention direct the Center for Evangelism and Congregational Life to continue the work of developing clear and firm policies and procedures for the well-being of all and commit this church to being and becoming a place where children, youth and adults are safe, especially from abuse, neglect and exploitation particularly in dioceses that have been unable to
implement the call to provide sexual misconduct prevention training; and be it further

Resolved, That the 76th General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $20,000 for the implementation of the resolution during the 2010-2012 triennium; and be it further

Resolved, That the 76th General Convention request the Center for Evangelism and Congregational Life report to the Standing Commission on Lifelong Christian Formation and Education before the 77th General Convention on the status of diocesan training and implementation.

Communications
The House of Bishops Committee on Communications presented its Report #2 on HD Message #55 on Resolution A046 (Creation of Position of Information Officer) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #187)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A046)

Resolved, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church calls upon the Standing Commission on Episcopal Church Communications to work in the coming Triennium with the Office of the Presiding Bishop, the Office of General Convention, the Information Technology department, the A048-2006 Task Force, the Archives of The Episcopal Church and the Office of Communication to conduct a comprehensive, integrated examination of the technologies, policies and practices that support all modes of communication, both internal and external; and be it further

Resolved, That the Standing Commission on Episcopal Church Communications propose to the 77th General Convention a strategic communication plan for the next Triennium, maximizing the use of all communication resources for the mission of the Church, including the consideration of naming a Chief Information Officer for The Episcopal Church, and a budget for implementation; and be it further

Resolved, That the Executive Council work with the Church Center to establish clear, strategic governance of information technology in support of the mission of The Episcopal Church.

Canons
The House of Bishops Committee on Canons presented its report #13 on HD Message #148 on Resolution A054 (Add Canon I.4.6(j)) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #188)
Final Text of Resolution:

(A054)

Resolved, That Canon I.4.6(j) is hereby added to read as follows:

(j) Each Diocese shall report annually to the Executive Council the name and address of each new congregation, and of each congregation closed or removed by reason of any of the following:
   a. dissolution of the congregation;
   b. removal of the congregation to another Diocese due to cession or retrocession of geographic territory in which the congregation is located, pursuant to Articles V.6 or VI.2 of the Constitution;
   c. removal of the congregation to a new physical location or address, identifying both the location or address from which the congregation has removed, and the successor location or address; and
   d. merger of the congregation into one or more other congregations, in which case the Diocese shall include in its report the names of all congregations involved in the merger, and the physical location and address at which the merged congregations shall be located.

The House of Bishops Committee on Canons presented its Report #14 on HD Message #135 on Resolution A058 (Continue Lesser Feasts and Fasts Revision) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #189)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A058)

Resolved, That the following sections of Title IV are hereby amended to read as follows:

Canon IV.6.2. The Court of Review of the Trial of a Bishop is vested with jurisdiction to hear and determine appeals from determinations of the Court for the Trial of a Bishop and the Court for the Trial of a Bishop for an Offense of Doctrine.

Canon IV.6.17. An appeal shall be heard upon the Record on Appeal of the Court for the Trial of a Bishop or the Court for the Trial of a Bishop for an Offense of Doctrine. Except for the purpose of correcting the Record on Appeal, if defective, no new evidence shall be taken by the Court of Review.

Canon IV.14.23. Expenses of Parties and Costs of Proceedings. Except as expressly provided in this Title, or applicable Diocesan canon, all costs, expenses and fees of the several parties shall be the obligation of the party incurring them. The record of proceedings of a Diocesan Ecclesiastical Trial Court shall be the expense of the diocese. The record of proceedings of a Court of Review of a Trial of a Priest or Deacon shall be the expense of the province. The record of Proceedings of a Review Committee, the Court for the Trial of a Bishop, the Court for the Trial of a Bishop for an Offense of Doctrine and the Court of Review of a Trial of a Bishop shall be the expense of the General
Convention. Nothing in this Title precludes the voluntary payment of a Respondent’s costs, expenses and fees by any other party or person, including a diocese.

Canon IV.15 (definition of Ecclesiastical Trial Court)
Ecclesiastical Trial Court shall mean a Diocesan Court for the Trial of a Priest or Deacon established pursuant to Canon IV.4(a) and the Court for the Trial of a Bishop and the Court for the Trial of a Bishop for an Offense of Doctrine pursuant to Canon IV.5.1.
The title of Appendix A to read as follows: Rules of Procedure of the Ecclesiastical Trial Courts.

The House of Bishops Committee on Canons presented its Report #15 on HD Message #131 on Resolution A055 (Amend Canon I.12) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #190)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A055)
Resolved, That Canon I.12 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 1. In every Diocese the Standing Committee shall elect from their own body a President and a Secretary. They may meet in conformity with their own rules from time to time, and shall keep a record of their proceedings; and they may be summoned to a special meeting whenever the President may deem it necessary. They may be summoned on the requisition of the Bishop, whenever the Bishop shall desire their advice; and they may meet of their own accord and agreeably to their own rules when they may be disposed to advise the Bishop.

Sec. 2. In all cases in which a Canon of the General Convention directs a duty to be performed, or a power to be exercised, by a Standing Committee, or by the Clerical members thereof, or by any other body consisting of several members, a majority of said members, the whole having been duly cited to meet, shall be a quorum; and a majority of the quorum so convened shall be competent to act, unless the contrary is expressly required by the Canon.

Sec. 3. Any document required to be signed by members of the Standing Committee or by the Clerical members thereof, or by any other body consisting of several members may be signed in counterparts each of which shall be deemed an original.

The House of Bishops Committee on Canons presented its Report #16 on HD Message #130 on Resolution A171 (On Records and Archives of the Provinces of The Episcopal Church) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #191)
Final Text of Resolution:

(A171)

Resolved, That Canon I.9 [Of Provinces] be amended with the addition of new section 10 to read as follows:

Sec. 11. Each Provincial Synod shall keep minutes, journals or other records of its meetings, and shall transmit one copy of the records to the Secretary of the House of Deputies, and one copy to the Archives of The Episcopal Church. The Synod shall also transmit copies of any unpublished inactive records to the Archives.

Ministry

The House of Bishops Committee on Ministry presented its Report #6 on HD Message #133 on Resolution A064 (Amend Canon III.4.1(a) and Add Canon III.4.9) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A064)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That Canon III.4.1(a) is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 1. (a) A confirmed communicant in good standing or, in extraordinary circumstances, subject to guidelines established by the Bishop, a communicant in good standing, may be licensed by the Ecclesiastical Authority to serve as Pastoral Leader, Worship Leader, Preacher, Eucharistic Minister, Eucharistic Visitor, Evangelist or Catechist. Requirements and guidelines for the selection, training, continuing education and deployment of such persons, and the duration of licenses shall be established by the Bishop in consultation with the Commission on Ministry;

And be it further

Resolved, That Canon III.4.9 is hereby added as follows:

Sec. 9. An Evangelist is a lay person with an extraordinary gift for presenting the good news of Jesus Christ in such a way that people decide to follow him, join the body of Christ and share his mission. An Evangelist assists with the community's ministry of evangelism in partnership with the Presbyter or other leader exercising oversight of the congregation, or as directed by the Bishop.

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That Canon III.4.1(a) is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 1. (a) A confirmed communicant in good standing or, in extraordinary circumstances, subject to guidelines established by the Bishop, a communicant in good standing, may be licensed by the Ecclesiastical Authority to serve as Pastoral Leader, Worship Leader, Preacher, Eucharistic Minister, Eucharistic Visitor, Evangelist or Catechist. Requirements and guidelines for the selection, training, continuing education and deployment of such persons, and the duration of licenses shall be established by the Bishop in consultation with the Commission on Ministry;

And be it further

Resolved, That Canon III.4.9 is hereby added as follows:
Sec. 9. An Evangelist is a lay person with an extraordinary gift for presenting the good news of Jesus Christ in such a way that people decide to follow him, join the body of Christ and share his mission. An Evangelist assists with the community’s ministry of evangelism in partnership with the Presbyter or other leader exercising oversight of the congregation, or as directed by the Bishop.

The Bishop Suffragan (Ahrens) of Connecticut moved an amendment.

**Proposed Amendment:**
In the second resolve clause, delete the word “him” and replace with the word “Christ” and delete the word “his” and replace with the word “Christ’s.”

Motion carried
Amendment adopted

The Bishop of North Dakota moved an amendment.

**Proposed Amendment:**
In the second resolve clause, delete the words “decide to follow Christ, join the body of Christ and share Christ’s mission” and replace with the words “are led to receive Christ as Savior and follow Christ as Lord in the fellowship of the Church.”

The question was called.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on the amendment.

Motion carried
Amendment adopted

The question was called.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on Resolution A064 as amended.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #192)

The House of Bishops Committee on Ministry presented its Report #36 on Resolution C068 (Congregational Wellness: Supply Clergy for Ethnic Ministries) and moved the resolution, recommending rejection.

**Original Text of Resolution:**
(C068)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church affirms the need for both clergy and lay wellness and charges the Ethnic Congregational Development office (ECD) to:
(1) expand existing “Clergy Wellness” policies to reflect the needs of ethnic congregations,
(2) work with the Church Deployment Office (CDO) to create a national pool of supply clergy with appropriate language skills for non-English speaking congregations, and
(3) provide funding for items #1 and #2 over the next triennium; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention urges diocesan bishops to develop similar programs and policies.

Motion defeated
Resolution rejected
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #193)

Education
The House of Bishops Committee on Education presented its Report #12 on HD Message #128 on Resolution A163 (Mandate on NEAC AIDS Tutorial) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #194)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A163)
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church mandate that CCABs, Episcopal Church Center staff and strongly encourage diocesan staff and leaders and all active clergy take the web-based, self-directed tutorial on HIV/AIDS prepared by the National Episcopal AIDS Coalition (NEAC) during this last triennium. This was directed by General Convention Resolution 2006 A-134, and is readily available at www.neac.org; and be it further
Resolved, That the number of completed tutorials be electronically monitored and reported in the aggregate by NEAC to the 77th General Convention.

World Mission
The House of Bishops Committee on World Mission presented its Report #43 on HD Message #138 on Resolution D049 (Continued Support for the Anglican Church of the Region of Central America) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #195)

Final Text of Resolution:
(D049)
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention give thanks for the continuing ministry of la Iglesia Anglicana de la Región de Central de América and her five dioceses; and be it further
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention continue this historic relationship; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $2,233,488 for the implementation of this resolution.

The House of Bishops Committee on World Mission presented its Report #44 on HD Message #137 on Resolution D007 (Sudan Peace and TEC Partnership) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #196)

Final Text of Resolution:
(D007)
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention adopt the following objectives to guide our church’s advocacy for peace in Sudan: (a) support for the full and timely implementation of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA) of 2005, settling the prior civil war between the north and south, (b) support for increased private investment for economic development in southern Sudan, as now permitted by U.S. law, (c) continued and increased U.S. government development assistance in southern Sudan and other areas affected by war in Sudan, and (d) an early end to hostilities in Darfur and elsewhere in Sudan, and assuring full access by humanitarian organizations to assist refugees; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention urge each diocese in The Episcopal Church (TEC) to consider, after careful consultation, entry into a Companion Diocesan Relationship or other covenant-based link relationship with a diocese in The Episcopal Church of Sudan (ECS) or with an ECS-approved Bible translation project, as a means (a) to strengthen the proclamation of the Gospel in both the TEC and ECS, and (b) to further the cause of peace in Sudan. Each TEC diocese is requested to report the results of such consideration by July 1, 2010 to the Executive Council for posting on appropriate TEC websites after review by Executive Council; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request our Presiding Bishop to designate, after consultation with other interested denominations, a period of several weeks in 2010 as a Season of Prayer for peace in Sudan, where our churches are urged to include prayer for peace in Sudan in each public liturgy, and that such Season of Prayer culminate in a National Day of Prayer for peace in Sudan, including the celebration of relationships by TEC dioceses and churches with the ECS.

The House of Bishops Committee on World Mission presented its Report #45 on HD Message #149 on Resolution C061 (Amend Title III.1.2) and moved concurrence.

The Bishop of Southwest Florida moved an amendment.

Proposed Amendment:
Delete the words “or have his or her discernment process terminated.”
The Bishop Suffragan of New York moved an amendment to the amendment.

**Proposed Amendment:**
Delete the entire sentence: “No person shall be denied access or have his or her discernment process terminated because of race, color, ethnic origin, national origin, sex, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disabilities or age, except as otherwise provided by these Canons.”

**Motion carried**
**Amendment adopted**

The Bishop of North Carolina moved to refer the resolution to the Standing Commission on Ministry Development.

**Motion defeated**
**Referral defeated**

A vote was taken on Resolution C061 as amended.

**Motion carried**
**The House concurred with amendment**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #197)

**Social and Urban Affairs**
The House of Bishops Committee on Social and Urban Affairs presented its Report #37 on Resolution D018 (Address the Global Economic Crisis) and moved adoption with amendment.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(D018)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 76th General Convention recognizes the reality of the global economic crisis that has left the human community both in the United States and around the world in dire economic circumstances; and that we in The Episcopal Church are complicit in the crisis in that we have too often embraced an unrestrained free-market form of capitalism that results in predatory practices of lending and income generation divorced from systems of accountability; and be it further

Resolved, That this Convention thanks the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Rev. Rowan Williams, for his leadership and teaching offering a Christian response to the global economic crisis including his contributions at this Convention in the Presiding Officer's Forum; and be it further

Resolved, That this Convention urges the House of Bishops and the House of Bishops Theology Committee to extend their teaching in their March 2009 “Pastoral Letter” by developing a “Pastoral Teaching Resource” on God’s mission and the global economic crisis as soon as possible in the next triennium; and be it further

Resolved, That this Convention invite dioceses and parishes in The Episcopal Church to focus the season of Lent 2010 as a time of penitential reflection on the brokenness of the global economic order and its reformation in light of the Gospel using resources developed by such agencies and organizations as: The House of Bishops Theology
Committee, Episcopalians for Global Reconciliation, the 2010 Trinity Institute “Building an Ethical Economy” and the Episcopal Network of Economic Justice; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention direct diocesan deputations address the global economic crisis in their own contexts utilizing the lessons and methods of the “Public Narrative Project” introduced at this Convention, and/or other community organizing principles consistent with the “Public Narrative Project.”

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 76th General Convention recognizes the reality of the global economic crisis that has left the human community both in the United States and around the world in dire economic circumstances; and that we in The Episcopal Church are complicit in the crisis in that we have too often embraced an unrestrained free-market form of capitalism that results in predatory practices of lending and income generation divorced from systems of accountability; and be it further

Resolved, That this Convention thanks the Archbishop of Canterbury, The Most Rev. Rowan Williams, for his leadership and teaching offering a Christian response to the global economic crisis including his contributions at this Convention in the Presiding Officer’s Forum; and be it further

Resolved, That this Convention urges the House of Bishops and the House of Bishops Theology Committee to extend their teaching in their March 2009 “Pastoral Letter” by developing a “Pastoral Teaching Resource” on God’s mission and the global economic crisis as soon as possible in the next triennium; and be it further

Resolved, That this Convention invite dioceses and parishes in The Episcopal Church to focus the season of Lent 2010 as a time of penitential reflection on the brokenness of the global economic order and its reformation in light of the Gospel using resources developed by such agencies and organizations as: The House of Bishops Theology Committee, Episcopalians for Global Reconciliation, the 2010 Trinity Institute “Building an Ethical Economy” and the Episcopal Network of Economic Justice; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention direct diocesan deputations address the global economic crisis in their own contexts utilizing the lessons and methods of the “Public Narrative Project” introduced at this Convention, and/or other community organizing principles consistent with the “Public Narrative Project.”

The Bishop of the Convocation of American Churches in Europe moved an amendment.

Proposed Amendment:

In the last resolve clause, replace the word “direct” with the words “suggest that” and delete the word “to.”

Motion carried
Amendment adopted
A vote was taken on Resolution D018 as amended.

**Resolution adopted with amendment**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #198)

**Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music**

The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music presented its Report #13 on Resolution A088 (*Enriching Our Worship*) and moved adoption with amendment.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(A088)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 76th General Convention receives *Rachel's Tears, Hannah's Hopes* (found on page 205 of this Blue Book Report) as the response of the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to Resolution D047, *Post-Abortion Healing Services*, of the 74th General Convention; and be it further

Resolved, That the 76th General Convention authorize the use of *Rachel's Tears, Hannah's Hopes* to be added to the *Enriching Our Worship* series for the 2010-2012 triennium, under the direction of the diocesan bishop or ecclesiastical authority.

**Committee Amendment:**

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 76th General Convention receives *Rachel's Tears, Hannah's Hopes* (found on page 205 of this Blue Book Report) as the response of the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to Resolution D047, *Post-Abortion Healing Services*, of the 74th General Convention; and be it further

Resolved, That the 76th General Convention authorize the use of *Rachel's Tears, Hannah's Hopes* to be added to the *Enriching Our Worship* series for the 2010-2012 triennium, under the direction of the diocesan bishop or ecclesiastical authority, with the following changes:

BB page 222: Delete “As long as we live, she too will live, for she is part of us, we remember her.”

BB page 223, Commendation, line 3: delete “saints” and insert “children”

BB page 223, Dismissal: add “Alleluia. Alleluia.” at end of each line.

BB page 224, paragraph 1: delete first sentence.

BB page 224, paragraph 1: insert at beginning of paragraph: Sometimes people feel themselves carrying unresolved guilt over an abortion, or mishaps of pregnancy and infertility. Relationships can also be damaged in these processes. We recognize that all of these situations have a tragic dimension and call for great pastoral sensitivity to the needs of the woman and others involved.

**Motion carried**

**Resolution adopted with amendment**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #199)

The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music presented its Report #14 on Resolution B020 (Add Thurgood Marshall to Liturgical Calendar) and moved adoption with amendment.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(B020)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 76th General Convention call upon the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to reverse its decision and to add
Supreme Justice Thurgood Marshall to the liturgical Calendar of this Church at this time.

**Committee Amendment:**
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 76th General Convention call upon the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to reverse its decision and to add Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall to the liturgical Calendar of this Church now.

The question was called.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on Resolution B020 as amended.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #200)

The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music presented its Report #15 on Resolution B004 (Hymnal Revision Study) and moved adoption.

**Original Text of Resolution:**
(B004)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 76th General Convention authorize Church Publishing Incorporated, working with the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music, to conduct a feasibility study on the need for revision of The Hymnal 1982 by speaking to congregations, dioceses and seminaries of this Church, and to report its findings to the 77th General Convention. All costs associated with said study will be borne by Church Publishing Incorporated.

The Bishop of Puerto Rico moved an amendment.

**Proposed Amendment:**
Insert the word “all” in between the words “and” and “seminaries.”

Motion carried
Amendment adopted

A vote was taken on Resolution B004 as amended.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #201)
RECESS

Following announcements by the Secretary, the House of Bishops Committee on Dispatch of Business moved that the House stand in recess until 2:30 p.m. for a Joint Session with the House of Deputies on the Eighth Legislative Day.

Motion carried

The House recessed at 11:15 a.m.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The House resumed at 4:45 p.m. with the Presiding Bishop in the Chair.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Social and Urban Affairs
The House of Bishops Committee on Social and Urban Affairs presented its Report #39 on Resolution C083 (Support for Day Laborers) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:
(C083)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 76th General Convention commend the actions of elected officials and community leaders who have established and are establishing sites at which day laborers are treated fairly and in a manner which befits their communities; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention call upon the dioceses of The Episcopal Church to recognize and support these efforts and those involved in endeavoring to create a just environment for day-labor employment.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #202)

The House of Bishops Committee on Social and Urban Affairs presented its Report #40 on Resolution A078 (Annual Recovery Sunday) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A078)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That every congregation in The Episcopal Church is to institute a Recovery Sunday to be celebrated annually on a date or dates to be determined by the Ordinary.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That every congregation in The Episcopal Church is to institute a Recovery Sunday to be celebrated annually on a date or dates to
be determined by the Ordinary. be encouraged to raise awareness of recovery issues in a way suited to the particular congregation.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #203)

The Secretary laid the Consent Calendar on the table for the Ninth Legislative Day.

END OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR

Messages from the House of Deputies
The Secretary announced that the following messages had been received from the House of Deputies:

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Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music
Debate resumed on Resolution C056.

The Bishop of Iowa withdrew his amendment which was on the floor.

The Presiding Bishop recognized the Bishop of Vermont who explained the work done by a small group of bishops using the Indaba process.

The Presiding Bishop recognized the Bishop Suffragan of Virginia who moved to substitute the resolution.

**Proposed Substitute:**
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 76th General Convention acknowledge the changing circumstances in the United States and in other nations, as legislation authorizing or forbidding marriage, civil unions or domestic partnerships for gay and lesbian persons is passed in various civil jurisdictions that call forth a renewed pastoral response from this Church, and for an open process for the consideration of theological resources and liturgies for the blessing of same-gender relationships; and be it further

Resolved, That the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music, in consultation with the house of Bishops, collect and develop theological resources and design liturgies, and report to the 77th General Convention for further action; and be it further

Resolved, That the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music, in consultation with the House of Bishops, devise an open process for the conduct of its work inviting participation from provinces, dioceses, congregations and individuals who are engaged in such theological work, and inviting theological reflection from throughout the Anglican Communion; and be it further

Resolved, That bishops, particularly those in dioceses within civil jurisdictions where same-gender marriage, civil unions or domestic partnerships are legal, may provide generous pastoral response to meet the needs of members of this Church; and be it further

Resolved, That this Convention continue to honor the theological diversity of this Church in regard to matters of human sexuality; and be it further

Resolved, That the members of this church be encouraged to engage in this effort.

The Presiding Bishop suggested 20 minutes of table conversation.

The Bishop of Minnesota moved an amendment to the substitute.
Proposed Amendment:
In the second resolve clause, replace the word “action” with the word “consideration.”

The Bishop Suffragan of Dallas moved to amend the amendment.

Proposed Amendment:
In the second resolve clause, delete the words “for further consideration.”

Motion carried
Amendment adopted

The Bishop of West Missouri moved an amendment to the substitute.

Proposed Amendment:
In the fifth resolve clause, after the word “sexuality” add the words “and recognizes that no bishop or other member of the clergy shall be compelled to authorize or officiate at such liturgies.”

Motion defeated
Amendment defeated

The Bishop of Ohio moved an amendment to the substitute.

Proposed Amendment:
In the second resolve clause, delete the words “and design liturgies.” After the word “theological,” add the words “and liturgical.”

The Bishop of Eastern Michigan moved to amend the amendment.

Proposed Amendment:
In the second resolve clause, delete the words “and develop.”

The question was called.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on the Bishop of Eastern Michigan amendment.

Motion defeated
Amendment defeated

The question was called on the Bishop of Ohio amendment.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on the Bishop of Ohio amendment.

Motion carried
Amendment adopted

The Bishop of Utah moved an amendment.
Proposed Amendment:
In the second resolve clause, delete the words “and report to the 77th General Convention” and replace with the words “and report to the House of Bishops.”

The question was called.  
Motion carried  
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on the amendment.  
Motion defeated  
Amendment defeated

Bishop Theuner moved an amendment.  

Proposed Amendment:  
In the fifth resolve clause, delete the words “continue to.”

Motion carried  
Amendment adopted

The Bishop of Central Florida moved an amendment.  

Proposed Amendment:  
Delete the sixth resolve clause.  

Motion defeated  
Amendment defeated

The Bishop of Northwestern Pennsylvania moved to discharge the resolution.  

The question was called.  
Motion carried  
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on the motion to discharge. The results of the vote were: Aye, 43; Nay, 93 and Abstain 1.  

Motion defeated

The Bishop of Atlanta moved an amendment.  

Proposed Amendment:  
In the first resolve clause, delete the words “and liturgies.” After the word “theological,” insert the words “and liturgical.”  

Motion carried  
Amendment adopted

The question was called.  
Motion carried  
Debate terminated
A vote was taken on substitute Resolution C056 as amended. The results of the vote were: Aye, 104; Nay, 30 and Abstain 2.

Motion carried
Substitute resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #204)

RECESS

Following announcements by the Secretary, the House of Bishops Committee on Dispatch of Business moved that the House stand in recess until 9:30 a.m. on the Ninth Legislative Day.

Motion carried

The House recessed at 6:30 p.m. with prayer led by Chaplain Wade.
Reconvene
The House reconvened at 9:37 a.m. with the Presiding Bishop in the Chair.

Prayers
Prayers were led by Chaplain Wade.

Agenda of the Day
The House of Bishops Committee on Dispatch of Business moved to adopt the agenda of the day.

Motion carried
Agenda adopted

Previous Day’s Minutes
The House of Bishops Committee on Dispatch of Business moved to dispense with the reading of the previous day’s minutes.

Motion carried

Communications from the Presiding Bishop
The Presiding Bishop asked the bishops to review their diocesan commitments in the proposed budget and report any inaccuracies. The Presiding Bishop stated that there is misinformation outside of Convention about diocesan commitments, and bishops are encouraged to make corrections when they get home.

Election of the Court of Review of the Trial of a Bishop
The Presiding Bishop nominated to the Court of Review of Trial of Bishops until 2012:
   The Rt. Rev. Laura Ahrens, Suffragan, Diocese of Connecticut
   The Rt. Rev. Robert Fitzpatrick, Diocese of Hawaii
   The Rt. Rev. Stephen Lane, Diocese of Maine

Election of the Court for the Trial of a Bishop for Doctrinal Matters
The Presiding Bishop nominated to the Court for the Trial of a Bishop for Doctrinal Matters until 2018:
   The Rt. Rev. Laura Ahrens, Suffragan, Diocese of Connecticut
   The Rt. Rev. Robert Fitzpatrick, Diocese of Hawaii
   The Rt. Rev. Stephen Lane, Diocese of Maine
The Rt. Rev. Gladstone Adams, Diocese of Central New York
The Rt. Rev. Lloyd Allen, Diocese of Honduras
The Rt. Rev. John Bauerschmidt, Diocese of Tennessee
The Rt. Rev. Mark Beckwith, Diocese of Newark

**Election of the Court of Review**
The Presiding Bishop nominated to the Court of Review until 2018:
The Rt. Rev. C. Franklin Brookhart, Jr., Diocese of Montana
The Rt. Rev. Mary Gray-Reeves, Diocese of El Camino Real
The Rt. Rev. John Howard, Diocese of Florida

**Appointment of the Title IV Review Committee**
In accordance with Canon IV.3.27, the following were appointed to this committee:
The Rt. Rev. Dorsey Henderson, Resigned, Diocese of Upper South Carolina
The Rt. Rev. David Jones, Suffragan, Diocese of Virginia
The Rt. Rev. Wallis Ohl, Resigned, Diocese of Northwest Texas and Provisional, Diocese of Fort Worth
The Rt. Rev. Bavi E. Rivera, Suffragan, Diocese of Olympia and Provisional, Diocese of Eastern Oregon
The Rt. Rev. James Waggoner, Diocese of Spokane

*Motions carried*
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Messages #252-255)

**Messages from the House of Deputies**
The Secretary announced that the following messages had been received from the House of Deputies:

- **HD Message #190:** D039 (Fix Our Broken Labor Laws) Adopted with amendment.
- **HD Message #191:** D012 (Support of Transgender Civil Rights) Adopted with amendment.
- **HD Message #192:** A167 (Trafficking) Adopted with amendment.
- **HD Message #193:** B027 (Peace between Israel and Palestine) Adopted substitute.
- **HD Message #195:** E016 (Election of Priest or Deacon and Lay Members of Executive Council) Adopted.
- **HD Message #196:** A158 (Continuing Resolution) Discharged, already acted on at this Convention in Resolution A117.
- **HD Message #197:** D035 (Repudiate the Doctrine of Discovery) Adopted substitute.
- **HD Message #198:** A123 (Amend Canon 1,15,10: Discipline Process Clarification) Referred to a Standing Commission.
Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music

The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music presented its Report #16 on Resolution A099 (Additional Commons) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A099)

[Editor’s Note: See The Blue Book Report of the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Church Music, pp. 195-200. The italicized text and strike-through text in the committee amendment are proposed changes to the original text of the resolution.]

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 76th General Convention authorized for inclusion in Holy Women, Holy Men: Celebrating the Saints (Lesser Feasts and Fasts 2009) commons for Artists and Writers, The Blessed Virgin Mary the God-bearer, Care of God’s Creation, Goodness of God’s Creation, On the Occasion or Anniversary of a Disaster, On the Anniversary of a Disaster, Prophetic Witness in the Church, Prophetic Witness in Society, Reconciliation and Forgiveness, and Scientists and Environmentalists, as follows:
Artists and Writers

I

Collect: Eternal God, light of the world, who art the Creator of all that is good and lovely: we praise thy name for inspiring [N. and] all those whose images and words have helped us to know and love thee; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Eternal God, light of the world and Creator of all that is good and lovely: We bless thy name for inspiring [N. and] all those who, with images and words, hath filled us with desire and love for thee; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

II

Collect: Eternal God, light of the world and Creator of all that is good and lovely: We bless your name for inspiring [N. and] all those who, with images and words, have filled us with desire and love for you; helped us to know and love you; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Psalm

90: 14-17

Lessons

1 Chronicles 29:14b-19
2 Corinthians 3:1-3
John 21:15-17, 24-25

I

Preface: Because thou hast called us to worship thee in the beauty of holiness and in the truth of thy Word and Wisdom; and to illuminate our prayer with sacred images and glorious language, thou hast provided faithful artists and writers in every generation. Because in the beauty of holiness thou hast called us to worship thee; and hast given faithful artists and writers to illumine our prayer from age to age.

II

Preface: Because in the beauty of holiness you call us to worship you, and you have given in the beauty of holiness and in the truth of your Word and Wisdom; and to illuminate our prayer with sacred images and glorious language, you give faithful artists and writers in every generation to illumine our prayer from age to age.

The Blessed Virgin Mary the Godbearer

I

Collect: Almighty God, by thy saving grace thou didst call the blessed Virgin Mary of Nazareth to be the mother of thine only Son: inspire us by the same grace to follow her example of courage and faithful witness to our Savior bearing God to the world. We pray through Jesus Christ, who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reignest, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

II

Collect: Almighty God, of your saving grace you called the blessed Virgin Mary of Nazareth to be the mother of your only begotten Son: inspire us by the same grace to follow her example of courage and faithful witness to our Savior bearing God to the
world. We pray through Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever her son our Savior. Amen.

or this

I
Holy God, we magnify thy Name for calling the blessed Virgin Mary to bear thy Word of hope to the poor, the hungry and those who have no voice: Give unto us thy grace and strength, that we might proclaim thy Good News in every age, with every tongue; through Jesus Christ our Savior, in the power of thy Holy Spirit. Amen.

II
Holy God, we magnify your Name for calling the blessed Virgin Mary to bear your Word of hope to the poor, the hungry and those who have no voice: Give us grace and strength to proclaim your Good News in every age, with every tongue; through Jesus Christ our Savior, in the power of your Holy Spirit. Amen.

Psalms

34:1-8

Lessons

Isaiah 43:9-13, 19a
1 Corinthians 1:26-31
Luke 1:42-55

Preface: Because even as our sister blessed Mary didst consent to become God-bearer for thy people the world, thou hast called us to bear thy Word of hope, healing and resurrection to a world in need of thy mercy and grace to all whom our lives touch.

Care of God’s Creation

I
Collect: Merciful Bountiful Creator, whose hand is open thou openest thy hand to satisfy the needs of every living creature: Make us always continually thankful for thy loving providence, and grant that we, remembering the account we must one day give, may be faithful stewards of thy bounty thine abundance, both for our the benefit and for the integrity of thy the whole creation; through Jesus Christ our Savior Lord, through whom all things are made, who livesth and reignesth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

II
Collect: Merciful Bountiful Creator, your hand is you open your hand to satisfy the needs of every living creature: Make us always thankful for your loving providence, and grant that we, remembering the account we must one day give, may be faithful stewards of your bounty abundance, both for our-the benefit and for the integrity of
your—the whole creation; through Jesus Christ our Savior Lord, through whom all things were made, and who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Psalm
145:1-7, 22

Lessons
1 Kings 4:29-30, 33-34
Acts 17:24-31
John 1:1-5, 9-14

I
Preface: Because thy whole creation sings thy praise for the abundance in which all thy creatures are blessed to share; when in our sinfulness we exploit and defile what thou hast brought into being and called good, thou biddest us to repent and care anew for the earth, reconciled in Christ to thee and all that thou hast made. Because even as blessed Mary didst consent to become God-bearer for the world, thou hast called us to bear thy Word to all whom our lives touch.

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Goodness of God’s Creation
I
Collect: God of Creation, who hast called the farthest star and the smallest atom into being: We offer thanks for all thou hast made; for the deep structures of the earth, the plants that replenish the air we breathe, the animals with whom we share thy abundant gifts of soil and wind and water. Grant that we may so participate in thy wisdom, justice and love, that we may rightly serve and conserve the earth, and by the grace of thy indwelling Spirit may live at peace with all thy creatures; through Jesus Christ our Savior, in whom thou art reconciling the whole creation to thyself, and who livest and reignest with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen. God of creation, we thank thee for all that thou hast made and called good: Grant that we may rightly serve and conserve the earth, and live at peace with all thy creatures; through Jesus Christ, the firstborn of all creation, in whom thou art reconciling the whole world unto thyself. Amen.

II
Collect: Creating God, you have called the farthest star and the smallest atom into being: We give you thanks for all that you have made; for the deep structures of the earth, the plants that replenish the air we breathe, the animals with whom we share your abundant gifts of soil and wind and water. Grant that we may so participate in your wisdom, justice and love, that we may rightly serve and conserve the earth, and by the grace of your indwelling Spirit may live at peace with all your creatures; through Jesus Christ our Savior, in whom you are reconciling the whole creation to
yourself, and who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

God of creation, we thank you for all that you have made and called good: Grant that we may rightly serve and conserve the earth, and live at peace with all your creatures; through Jesus Christ, the firstborn of all creation, in whom you are reconciling the whole world to yourself. Amen.

Psalm 104: 24-31

Lessons
Job 14:7-9
Romans 1:20-23
Mark 16:14-15

I
Preface: And so, filled with hope, we praise thee, Holy God, fountain of life and immortality, for in thy goodness thou givest to every creature under heaven, and although the whole creation groaneth now in its labor, we trust that thou drawest all things to their perfection through the One by whom thou hast made all things, Jesus Christ our Savior. Because in thy loving kindness, thou hast brought the whole creation into being and blessed its goodness.

II
Preface: And so, filled with hope, we praise you, Holy God, fountain of life and immortality, for in your goodness you have given breath to every creature under heaven, and although the whole creation is groaning now in its labor, we trust that you are drawing all things to their perfection through the One by whom you made all things, Jesus Christ our Savior. Instead of a preface, Prayer D is recommended for use with this proper.

On the Occasion or Anniversary of a Disaster
I
Collect: Compassionate God, whose Son Jesus wept at the grave of his friend Lazarus: Draw near to us in this time of sorrow and anguish, comfort those who mourn, strengthen those who are weary, encourage those in despair, and lead us all to fullness of life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Redeemer, who is alive liveth and reignest with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen.

II
Collect: Compassionate God, whose Son Jesus wept at the grave of his friend Lazarus: Draw near to us in this time of sorrow and anguish, comfort those who mourn, strengthen those who are weary, encourage those in despair, and lead us all to fullness of life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Redeemer, who is alive lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen.

or this
I
God of steadfast love, through Jesus thou hast promised abundant life for all: Heal our broken hearts, dry the tears of those who weep, and turn our sorrow into joy,
that we may run with endurance the race that is set before us and finally join the
saints and angels gathered around thy heavenly throne; where with Jesus Christ and
the Holy Spirit thou livest and reignest, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

II

God of steadfast love, through Jesus you have promised abundant life for all: Heal
our broken hearts, dry the tears of those who weep, and turn our sorrow into joy;
that we may run with endurance the race that is set before us and finally join the
saints and angels gathered around your heavenly throne; where with Jesus Christ
and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Psalm
60:1-5
or 130
or 80:1-7
or 23

Lessons
Job 14:7-13
or Jeremiah 31:15-20
or Revelation 21:1-7
or Romans 8:18-25
or Mark 13:14-27

Preface of God the Son or Preface of the Commemoration of the Dead

On the Anniversary of a Disaster

I

Collect: God of steadfast love, who didst lead thy people through the wilderness: Be with us as we
remember [and grieve]. By thy grace, lead us, we pray, in the path of new life, in the company of
thy saints and angels; through Jesus Christ, the Savior and Redeemer of the world. Amen.

Psalm
60:1-5
or 130
or 80:1-7
or 23

Lessons
Job 14:7-13
or Jeremiah 31:15-20
or Revelation 21:1-7
or Romans 8:18-25
or Mark 13:14-27

Preface of God the Son
or Preface of the Commemoration of the Dead
Prophetic Witness in the Church

I

Collect: Gracious Father, we pray for thy holy Catholic Church. Fill it with all truth, in all truth with all peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where in anything it is amiss, reform it. Where it is right, strengthen it; where it is in want, provide for it; where it is divided, reunite it; for the sake of Jesus Christ thy Son our Savior, who with thee and the Holy Spirit livest and reignest, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

II

Collect: Gracious Father, we pray for thy holy Catholic Church. Fill it with all truth, in all truth with all peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where in anything it is amiss, reform it. Where it is right, strengthen it; where it is in want, provide for it; where it is divided, reunite it; for the sake of Jesus Christ thy Son our Savior, who with thee and the Holy Spirit livest and reignest, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Lessons

Psalm 12:1-7
Ezekiel 34:1-6, 20-22
Acts 22:30-23:10
Matthew 21:12-16

Preface: For though all sin and fall short of thy glory, thou dost cleanse and renew thy Church by the witness of thy saints, calling thy people in every age to holiness of life through the indwelling of that same Holy Spirit that wast in Christ Jesus.

II

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Prophetic Witness in Society

I

Collect: Almighty God, who didst give thy Law on Sinai and who hast incarnated thy Word in our Savior Jesus Christ: Help us to proclaim thy justice in society not as a matter of principle but of life and death for the homeless, the unemployed, the hungry, and all who lack access to sufficient medical care, that by the guidance of thy Holy Spirit we may be eloquent witnesses to the power of thy love and mercy; through the same Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who with thee and the Holy Spirit livest and reignest, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen. Almighty God, whose prophets hath taught us righteousness in the care of thy poor: By the guidance of thy Holy Spirit, grant that we may do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly in thy sight; through Jesus Christ, our Judge and Redeemer, who liveth and reigneth, with thee and the same Spirit ever one God. Amen.
II

Collect: Almighty God, you gave your Law on Sinai and incarnated your Word in our Savior Jesus Christ: Help us to proclaim your justice in society not as a matter of principle but of life and death for the homeless, the unemployed, the hungry, and all who lack access to adequate medical care, that by the guidance of your Holy Spirit we may be eloquent witnesses to the power of your love and mercy; through the same Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen. Almighty God, whose prophets taught us righteousness in the care of your poor: By the guidance of your Holy Spirit, grant that we may do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly in your sight; through Jesus Christ, our Judge and Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you and the same Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Psalm

Lessons

2:1-2, 10-12

Isaiah 55:11-56:1

Acts 14:14-17, 21-23

Mark 4:21-29

I

Preface: Because in every generation thou hast ignited brave souls with the fire to proclaim thy Word for the transformation of the world, that all may glimpse the coming of thy holy reign, take heart, and participate in its labor, following Christ through whom the way of the cross becometh the path to life and peace. Because in every age thou hast called brave souls to proclaim righteousness for the transformation of the world, that all may welcome the coming of thy holy reign.

II

Preface: Because in every generation you set brave souls on fire to proclaim your Word for the transformation of the world, that all people may glimpse the coming of your holy reign, take heart, and take part in its labor, following Christ through whom the way of the cross becomes the path to life and peace. Because in every age you have called brave souls to proclaim righteousness for the transformation of the world, that all may welcome the coming of your holy reign.

Reconciliation and Forgiveness

I

Collect: God of compassion, who hast given us Jesus Christ who is peace: Enable us to put away enmity and live as Jesus lived, who broke down the wall of separation, uniting what was divided and bringing peace by reconciling in his person those who disagree. Help us to make peace with those who attack us from without, with those from whom we are divided within, and with our own divided natures, that, forgiven and forgiving, we may all be reconciled in Christ; who with thee and the Holy Spirit, reigneth for ever, one holy and undivided Trinity.

Reconciliation and Forgiveness

II

Collect: God of compassion, who hast given us Jesus Christ who is peace: Enable us to put away enmity and live as Jesus lived, who broke down the wall of separation, uniting what was divided and bringing peace by reconciling in his person those who disagree. Help us to make peace with those who attack us from without, with those from whom we are divided within, and with our own divided natures, that, forgiven and forgiving, we may all be reconciled in Christ; who with thee and the Holy Spirit, reigneth for ever, one holy and undivided Trinity.
**II**

*Collect:* God of compassion, you have given us Jesus Christ who is peace. Enable us to put away enmity and live as Jesus lived, who broke down the wall of separation, uniting what was divided and bringing peace by reconciling in his person those who disagree. Help us to make peace with those who attack us from without, with those from whom we are divided within, and with our own divided natures, that, forgiven and forgiving, we may all be reconciled in Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit, reigns for ever, one holy and undivided Trinity. You have reconciled us in Jesus Christ who is our peace: Enable us to live as Jesus lived, breaking down walls of hostility and healing enmity. Give us grace to make peace with those from whom we are divided, that, forgiven and forgiving, we may ever be one in Christ; who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns for ever, one holy and undivided Trinity. Amen.

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**I**

*Preface:* Because by the power of thy Holy Spirit thou reconcildest the whole cosmos to thyself, not counting our sin against us but renewing our hearts within us, thou hast called us to be ambassadors for Christ’s forgiveness. Because by the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ you have reconciled all things to yourself, not counting our sins against us and renewing our hearts to forgive as we have been forgiven.

*Preface:* Because by the power of your Holy Spirit you are reconciling the whole cosmos to yourself, not counting our sin against us but renewing our hearts within us, you call us to be ambassadors for Christ’s forgiveness. Because by the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ thou hast reconciled all things to thyself, not counting our sins against us and renewing our hearts to forgive as we have been forgiven.

**II**

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**Scientists and Environmentalists**

*I*

*Collect:* God of surpassing glory, who hast called into being the universe in its majesty and dost uphold its fabric in a marvellous order and beauty: We offer thanks for [N. and] all in whom thou didst plant the desire to know more of thy creation and to explore thy work and wisdom, that we may better understand the wonder of thy creation and the mystery of thy presence; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen. God of grace and glory, thou didst create and sustain the universe in majesty and beauty: We thank you for [N. and] all in whom thou hast planted the desire to know thy creation and to explore thy work and wisdom. Lead us, like them, to understand better the wonder and mystery of creation; through Christ thine eternal Word, through whom all things were made. Amen.

**II**
Collect: God of surpassing glory, you called into being the universe in its majesty and uphold its fabric in a marvelous order and beauty: We thank you for [N. and] all in whom you have planted the desire to know more of your creation and to explore your work and wisdom, that we may better understand the wonder of what you have created and the mystery of your presence; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

God of grace and glory, you create and sustain the universe in majesty and beauty: We thank you for [N. and] all in whom you have planted the desire to know your creation and to explore your work and wisdom. Lead us, like them, to understand better the wonder and mystery of creation; through Christ your eternal Word, through whom all things were made. Amen.

Psalms
34:8-14

Lessons
Genesis 2:9-20
2 Corinthians 13:1-6
John 20:24-27

I
Preface: Because thou dost inspire us to seek thy face in the wonders of thy creation. Because, Holy God, mysterious and manifest, thou hast inspired searchers to know thee through thy creation, and revealest thy work, that thy people may rejoice in thy many gifts.

II
Preface: Because you inspire us to seek your face in the wonders of your creation. Because, Holy God, mysterious and manifest, you inspire searchers to know you through your creation, and you reveal your work, so that your people may rejoice in your many gifts.

The Bishop of North Dakota moved an amendment.

Proposed Amendment:
In the first resolve clause, restore the word “the” before the word “Blessed” and the word “Virgin” before the word “Mary.” In the title before the Collects, restore the word “the” before the word “Blessed” and the word “Virgin” before the word “Mary.”

The Bishop of Missouri moved an amendment to the amendment.

Proposed Amendment:
In the title before the Collects for the “Blessed Mary,” add a comma after the word “Mary.” In the same title, delete the word “the” before the word “Godbearer.”

A vote was taken on the amendment to the amendment.

Motion carried
Amendment adopted

A vote was taken on the amendment.

Motion carried
Amendment adopted
A vote was taken on Resolution A099 as amended.  

**Motion carried**  
**Resolution adopted with amendment**  
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #205)

### Stewardship and Development

The House of Bishops Committee on Stewardship and Development presented its Report #26 on Resolution D080 (World Hunger Relief-Episcopal Relief and Development Fund) recommending discharge, and re-referral of the resolution to the Committee on Planning and Arrangements.  

**Motion carried**  
**Resolution re-referred to a Legislative Committee**  
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #206)

The House of Bishops Committee on Stewardship and Development presented its Report #27 on Resolution D055 (Reaffirm Tithe as Minimum Standard) and moved adoption.

### Original Text of Resolution: (D055)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 76th General Convention reaffirm the tithe as the minimum standard of giving for Episcopalians; and be it further  

Resolved, That the General Convention Secretariat is requested to make provisions for the members of each House conveniently to indicate that they either are tithing or are firmly committed to tithing within five years, by signing their name and clearly printing their name and diocese, or, if they feel it inappropriate to make such a private matter public, signing and clearly printing the word “Anonymous” and giving either their state of residence or the state or foreign country where they were born; and be it further  

Resolved, That the record of names and “Anonymous” signings be published in the Convention Journal and in such other Church publications as the Presiding Bishop may designate.

The Bishop serving in Oregon moved an amendment.

### Proposed Amendment:

In the first resolve clause, delete the word “minimum.”

The Bishop of Connecticut moved an amendment to the amendment.

### Proposed Amendment:

In the first resolve clause, delete the words “the minimum standard” and replace with the words “a benchmark.”

The question was called.  

**Motion carried**  
**Debate terminated**
A vote was taken on the amendment to the amendment.

Motion defeated
Amendment defeated

A vote was taken on the amendment.

Motion defeated
Amendment defeated

The question was called.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on Resolution D055.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #207)

The House of Bishops Committee on Stewardship and Development presented its Report #29 on D051 (“The 80-Cent Solution:” Support for World Missionaries) and moved adoption with amendment.

**Original Text of Resolution:**
(D051)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 76th General Convention commend the “80-Cent Solution’ For World Mission” effort to promote grassroots support for missionaries from The Episcopal Church serving around the world, by inviting contributions of eighty cents (or the equivalent in currencies other than U.S. dollars) per year for each year of the forthcoming triennium, from all baptized members of this Church who are also thereby members of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, with a goal of $1.6 million; and be it further
Resolved, That the funds received be placed in a trust fund of the DFMS to be used at the discretion of the Mission Personnel Office of The Episcopal Church for the support of such missionaries after consulting with the Presiding Bishop and the Treasurer.

**Committee Amendment:**
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 76th General Convention commend the “80-Cent Solution’ For World Mission” effort to promote grassroots support for missionaries from The Episcopal Church serving around the world, by inviting contributions of eighty cents (or the equivalent in currencies other than U.S. dollars) per year for each year of the forthcoming triennium, from all baptized members of this Church who are also thereby members of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, with a goal of $1.6 million doubling missionaries of The Episcopal Church; and be it further
Resolved, That the funds received be placed in a trust fund of the DFMS to be used at the discretion of the Mission Personnel Office of The Episcopal Church for the
support of such missionaries after consulting with the Presiding Bishop and the Treasurer.

The question was called.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on Resolution D051 as amended.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #208)

Constitution
The House of Bishops Committee on Constitution presented its Report #3 on HD Message #166 on Resolution A052 (Amend Article I, Section 2 of the Constitution) and moved concurrence.

The Bishop of Southwest Florida moved to refer the resolution to the Standing Commission on Constitution and Canons.

Motion carried
Resolution referred to a Standing Commission
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #209)

Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music
The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music presented its Report #17 on HD Message #155 on Resolution A097 (Authorize Trial Use of Commemorations) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #210)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A097)
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention authorize, for trial use until the 77th General Convention, propers for the revised and additional commemorations proposed by this Convention, as set forth in *Holy Women, Holy Men: Celebrating the Saints*; found on pages 285-557 of the *Blue Book* with the following revisions:

- Page 297, December 14, Henry Budd: move to December 22, date of his ordination
- Page 344, February 21, John Henry Newman: priest, not bishop
- Page 399, April 30, Sarah Josepha Buell Hale, not Josephine
- Page 447, July 14, Samson Occom: Occum (correct spelling)
- Page 460, July 30, Anthony Ashley Cooper: remove hyphen
Ecumenical Relations
The House of Bishops Committee on Ecumenical Relations presented its Report #8 on HD Message #161 on Resolution A075 (Approve Presbyterian-Episcopal Agreement) and moved concurrence.

The question was called.
Motion carried
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on Resolution A075.
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #211)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A075)
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention adopt the Agreement Between The Episcopal Church and the Presbyterian Church (USA), which has been approved by the 2008 General Assembly of the PCUSA and commend it to dioceses and congregations; and be it further
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention authorize a second round of dialogue to address the issues specified in this Agreement and report to the 77th General Convention on its progress.

Communications
The House of Bishops Committee on Communications presented its Report #6 on HD Message #162 on Resolution D037 (Survey on Church Communication) and moved concurrence.

The Bishop of West Virginia moved an amendment.

Proposed Amendment:
Delete the fourth and fifth resolve clauses.
Motion carried
Amendment adopted

The question was called.
Motion carried
Debate terminated
A vote was taken on Resolution D037 as amended.

**Motion defeated**

**Resolution rejected**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #212)

**Canons**

The House of Bishops Committee on Canons presented its Report #18 on HD Message #198 on Resolution A123 (Amend Canon 1,15,10: Discipline Process Clarification) and moved concurrence.

The Suffragan Bishop in Charge of the Convocation of American Churches in Europe moved to substitute the resolution.

**Proposed Substitute:**

*Resolved*, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 76th General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Constitution and Canons, in consultation with the Standing Commission on the Structure of the Church and the Standing Commission on World Mission, to consider the formation of a missionary diocese of The Episcopal Church in Europe (under Canon I.11.3) working in close collaboration with the leadership and people of the Convocation of American Churches in Europe.

The Presiding Bishop suggested that the House postpone discussion to a time certain pending the distribution of copies of the proposed substitute.

**Motion carried**

**Debate postponed**

The House of Bishops Committee on Canons presented its Report #19 on HD Message #199 on Resolution A057 (Canonical Implementation of Constitution Article II, Section 8 and Adjustments to the Wording of Testimonials and Consent Documents used in the Election and Consecration of Bishops) and moved to concur with a referral to the Standing Commission on Ministry Development.

**Final Text of Resolution:**

(A057)

*Resolved*, That Canon III.11 is hereby amended by adding a new section 5 and renumbering the remaining sections.

*Section 5.* If any body empowered to elect a Bishop shall elect a person who is already a member of that sacred order, the consent process shall proceed as provided in this canon, including the requirements of section 3(b) of this canon, with only the following variations:

(a) In lieu of the testimonial required in III.11.3(a) or III.11.4(a), the testimonial shall be in the following words:

We, whose names are hereunder written, fully aware of the sanctity of the Order and Office of a Bishop, and firmly persuaded that it is our duty to bear testimony on this solemn occasion without partiality, do, in the presence of Almighty God, testify that we know of no
impediment on account of which the Right Reverend A.B. ought not to be elected as Bishop/Bishop Coadjutor/Bishop Suffragan of the Diocese of _______. We do, moreover, jointly and severally declare that we believe the Right Reverend A.B. to have been duly and lawfully elected, which election process has affirmed that he/she is of such sufficiency in learning, of such soundness in the Faith, and of such godly character as to exercise the Office of a Bishop for this cure, to the honor of God, and the edifying of the Church, and to be a wholesome example to the flock of Christ.

(Date) __________ (Signed) _______________

(b) In lieu of the testimonial required by Canon III.11.4(b), the testimonial shall be in the following words:

We, being a majority of all the members of the Standing Committee of ____________, having been duly convened, being fully aware of the sanctity of the Order and Office of a Bishop, and firmly persuaded that it is our duty to bear testimony on this solemn occasion without partiality, do, in the presence of Almighty God, testify that we know of no impediment on account of which the Right Reverend A.B. ought not to serve as Bishop/Bishop Coadjutor/Bishop Suffragan of the Diocese of _______ and we hereby consent to the election of the Right Reverend A.B. as Bishop/Bishop Coadjutor/Bishop Suffragan of the Diocese of _______. In witness whereof, we have hereunto set our hands this _____ day of _______ in the year of our Lord _______.

(Signed) _______________

(c) In lieu of the Resolution required by Canon III.11.3(c), the Resolution shall be in the following words:

Resolved that the House of Deputies, fully aware of the sanctity of the Order and Office of a Bishop, and firmly persuaded that it is our duty to bear testimony on this solemn occasion without partiality, do, in the presence of Almighty God, testify that we know of no impediment on account of which the Right Reverend A.B. ought not to serve as Bishop/Bishop Coadjutor/Bishop Suffragan of the Diocese of _______ and we hereby consent to the election of the Right Reverend A.B. as the Bishop/Bishop Coadjutor/Bishop Suffragan of the Diocese of _______.

And be it further

Resolved, That Canon III.11.3(c) is hereby amended to read as follows:

(c) The Secretary of the House of Deputies shall present the testimonials to the House and shall introduce a resolution for the House's consideration in the following words:

Resolved that the House of Deputies, fully sensible how important it is that the Sacred Order and Office of a Bishop should not be unworthily conferred, and firmly persuaded that it is our duty to bear testimony on this solemn occasion without partiality, do, in the presence of Almighty God, testify that we know of no impediment on account of which the Reverend A.B. ought not to be ordained to that
Holy Order and we hereby consent to her/his consecration. If the House adopts the resolution, notice of its consent, certified by the President and the Secretary of the House, together with the testimonials, shall be sent to the House of Bishops.

And be it further

Resolved, That Canon III.11.4(b) is hereby amended to read as follows:

(b) Evidence of the consent of each Standing Committee shall be a testimonial in the following words, signed by a majority of all the members of the Committee:

We, being a majority of all the members of the Standing Committee of ____________, having been duly convened, being fully sensible how important it is that the Sacred Order and Office of a Bishop should not be unworthily conferred, and firmly persuaded that it is our duty to bear testimony on this solemn occasion without partiality, do, in the presence of Almighty God, testify that we know of no impediment on account of which the Reverend A.B. ought not to be ordained to that Holy Order and we hereby consent to her/his consecration. In witness whereof, we have hereunto set our hands this _____ day of ________ in the year of our Lord _________.

(Signed) ________________

Motion carried

Resolution referred to a Standing Commission

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #213)

Structure

The House of Bishops Committee on Structure presented its Report #30 on HD Message #200 on Resolution B014 (Study for a Dissolution Canon) and moved to concur with a referral to the Standing Commission on Ministry Development.

Final Text of Resolution:

(B014)

Resolved, That the 76th General Convention direct the formation of a Special Task Force for the study of reconciliation or dissolution of Pastoral Relations between dioceses and their bishops, including the constitutional, canonical and theological implications thereof, and to report its findings and any recommended amendments to the Constitution and/or Canons to the 77th General Convention; and be it further

Resolved, That the members of the Special Task Force include two members appointed by the Standing Commission on Constitution and Canons, two members appointed by the Standing Commission on Ministry Development and two members appointed by the House of Bishops Committee on Pastoral Development with the Bishop for the Office of Pastoral Development serving as the Consultant; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of not less than
fifteen thousand dollars ($15,000) for the necessary expenses incurred during the work of the Special Task Force.

A vote was taken on Resolution B014.  

Motion carried

Resolution referred to a Standing Commission
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #214)

RECESS

Following announcements by the Secretary, the House of Bishops Committee on Dispatch of Business moved that the House stand in recess until 2:00 p.m. on the Ninth Legislative Day.

Motion carried

The House recessed at 11:15 a.m.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The House reconvened at 2:40 p.m. with the Presiding Bishop in the Chair.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music

The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music presented its Report #18 on Resolution A178 (Establish the First Sunday in Lent as Episcopal Relief and Development Sunday) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A178)  
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church dedicate the first Sunday in Lent as Episcopal Relief and Development Sunday and that congregations and individuals be encouraged to support Episcopal Relief and Development's life-saving work through prayer and a special offering that will help heal a hurting world; and be it further

Resolved, That any costs incurred by the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society to implement this action shall be reimbursed by Episcopal Relief and Development, provided such costs are approved by Episcopal Relief and Development in advance.

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church dedicate the first Sunday in Lent as Episcopal Relief and Development Sunday and that congregations and individuals be encouraged to support Episcopal Relief and Development's life-saving work...
individuals to remember and support the life-saving work of Episcopal Relief and Development during Lent through prayer and a special offering that will help heal a hurting world; and be it further
Resolved, That any costs incurred by the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society to implement this action shall be reimbursed by Episcopal Relief and Development, provided such costs are approved by Episcopal Relief and Development in advance.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #216)

The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music presented its Report #19 on Resolution A100 (Liturgical Translation) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A100)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 76th General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music and the Standing Commission for Constitution and Canons to organize a meeting of Liturgists and Canonists to consider and review the language and intent of Title II, Canon 3, Sec. 5 and to report their findings to the 77th General Convention.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #217)

The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music presented its Report #20 on Resolution A094 (Recruiting Music Leaders) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A094)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 76th General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to consult with musicians from the variety of Episcopal music and educational organizations and devise an action plan for the recruitment and training of people, especially youth, to become Episcopal Church music leaders; and be it further
Resolved, That the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music evaluate the plan and report back to the 77th General Convention.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #218)

The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music presented its Report #22 on Resolution C002 (Commend the Rev. Dr. Pauli Murray to LFF) and moved to refer the resolution to the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music.
Original Text of Resolution:
(C002)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 76th General Convention commend the name of the Rev. Dr. Pauli Murray to the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music for its consideration of the possible addition of the Rev. Dr. Pauli Murray to the Calendar of The Episcopal Church recognizing July 1st, the date of her death, as the date of commemoration and request that it report on this matter to the 77th General Convention.

Motion carried
Resolution referred to a Standing Commission
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #219)

The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music presented its Report #23 on Resolution C003 (Commemoration of John Jay) and moved to refer the resolution to the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music.

Original Text of Resolution:
(C003)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 76th General Convention commend the name of John Jay to the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music for its consideration of the possible addition of Chief Justice Jay to the Calendar of The Episcopal Church for commemoration on May 17th, the day of his death, and request that it report on this matter to the 77th General Convention.

Motion carried
Resolution referred to a Standing Commission
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #220)

The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music presented its Report #24 on Resolution C006 (Commemoration of Brother William West Skiles) and moved to refer the resolution to the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music.

Original Text of Resolution:
(C006)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That The Episcopal Church Calendar be revised to include the Commemoration of Brother William West Skiles, Deacon, Monk and Missionary, on December 8.

Motion carried
Resolution referred to a Standing Commission
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #221)

The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music presented its Report #25 on Resolution C016 (Commemoration of the Rev. Frederick B. Howden, Jr.) and moved to refer the resolution to the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music.
Original Text of Resolution:
(C016)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That application be made to the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to designate December 11 as the annual commemoration of the life and work of the Rev. Frederick B. ‘Ted’ Howden in the liturgical calendar *Lesser Feasts and Fasts*.

Motion carried
Resolution referred to a Standing Commission
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #222)

The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music presented its Report #27 on Resolution D056 (Adding Gifford Pinchot to Holy Women, Holy Men) and moved to refer the resolution to the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music.

Original Text of Resolution:
(C021)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 76th General Convention commend the names of St. Andronicus and Junia to the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music for its consideration of the possible addition of St. Andronicus and Junia for commemoration on an appropriate date to the Calendar of The Episcopal Church and request that it report on this matter to the 77th General Convention.

Motion carried
Resolution referred to a Standing Commission
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #223)

The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music presented its Report #28 on Resolution D008 (Add Thecla to Calendar) and moved to refer the resolution to the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music.

Original Text of Resolution:
(D008)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 76th General Convention add Gifford Pinchot, Environmentalist, 1946, to the Calendar of *Lesser Feasts and Fasts* on April 22nd.

Motion carried
Resolution referred to a Standing Commission
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #224)

The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music presented its Report #28 on Resolution D008 (Add Thecla to Calendar) and moved to refer the resolution to the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music.
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 76th General Convention propose the commemoration of Thecla on September 23 in the Calendar of the Church Year and authorize trial use thereof for the triennium 2010-2012, with the following propers:

I God of liberating power, thou didst raise up thy servant Thecla, who allowed no obstacle or peril to inhibit her from bearing witness to new life in Jesus Christ: Empower courageous evangelists amongst us, that men and women everywhere may experience the freedom thou dost offer them in thy kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who livest and reignest with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

II God of liberating power, you raised up your servant Thecla, who allowed no obstacle or peril to inhibit her from bearing witness to new life in Jesus Christ: Empower courageous evangelists among us, that men and women everywhere may experience the freedom you offer to them in the realm of God; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Psalm 91:9-16
Exodus 1:15-21
2 Timothy 3:10-12
John 4:23-30, 39-42

Preface of Apostles and Ordinations

Motion carried
Resolution referred to a Standing Commission
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #225)

The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music presented its Report #29 on Resolution D001 (Creation Cycle of the Pentecost Season) and moved to refer the resolution to the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music.

Original Text of Resolution:

(D001)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 76th General Convention establish a liturgical Creation Cycle of the Pentecost Season from St. Francis’ Day to Advent, for the purpose of affirming the sacredness of God’s creation, of spreading hope about God’s reconciling work in creation and an understanding of environmental stewardship and ecological justice; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to develop prayers and other liturgical materials celebrating a Pentecost Season Creation Cycle for inclusion in the next edition of the Book of Occasional Services and that it report its work to the 77th General Convention.

Motion carried
Resolution referred to a Standing Commission
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #226)
The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music presented its Report #30 on Resolution C086 (Commend Dr. James Markham Ambler to LFF) and moved to refer the resolution to the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music.

Original Text of Resolution:

(C086)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 76th General Convention commend the name of Dr. James Markham Ambler to the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music for its consideration of the possible addition of Dr. James Markham Ambler to the Calendar of The Episcopal Church, recognizing October 30, the date of his death, as the date of commemoration, and request that it report on this matter to the 77th General Convention.

Motion carried
Resolution referred to a Standing Commission
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #227)

The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music presented its Report #31 on Resolution C066 (James Solomon Russell to LFF) and moved to refer the resolution to the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music.

Original Text of Resolution:

(C066)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 76th General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to undertake the revision of Lesser Feast and Fasts by including the Venerable Archdeacon James Solomon Russell, on March 28, the date of the end of his earthly life; and be it further
Resolved, That the following propers be considered for that feast day:

Traditional Collect
Almighty God, in thy wisdom thou gavest to thy servant James Solomon Russell the courage to establish a college in which the lives of many are enriched and the truth of thy word is heard: Help us, we pray, to know and trust the power of thy love and follow faithfully where thou dost lead; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who livest and reignest with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, for ever and ever. 
Amen.

Contemporary Collect
Almighty God, in your wisdom you gave your servant James Solomon Russell the courage to establish a college in which the lives of many are enriched and the truth of your word is heard: Help us, we pray, to know and trust the power of your love and follow faithfully where you lead; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. 
Amen.

Propers:
First Lesson: 1 Kings 5:1-12
Psalm 127
Gospel: John 14:8-14
The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music presented its Report #32 on Resolution C065 (Endorse Saint's Feast Day) and moved to refer the resolution to the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music.

**Original Text of Resolution:**
(C065)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 76th General Convention add to the calendar on a trial use basis a feast day for Saints Andronicus and Junia, Apostles, mentioned in Romans 16:7 and venerated for 1400 years in Eastern Orthodoxy and for over three decades in Anglican Churches in the U.S.A. and Canada on May 17th.

**Motion carried**
**Resolution referred to a Standing Commission**
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #228)

The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music presented its Report #33 on Resolution C062 (Addition of Feast Day for Saint Andronicus and Saint Junia) and moved to refer the resolution to the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music.

**Original Text of Resolution:**
(C062)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 76th General Convention add to the calendar on a trial use basis a feast day on May 17 for Saints Andronicus and Saint Junia, Apostles, mentioned in Romans 16:7, and venerated for 1400 years in Eastern Orthodoxy and for over three decades in some Anglican Churches in the U.S.A. and Canada.

**Motion carried**
**Resolution referred to a Standing Commission**
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #229)

The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music presented its Report #34 on Resolution C058 (Commend Manteo and Virginia Dare to LFF) and moved to refer the resolution to the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music.

**Original Text of Resolution:**
(C058)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 76th General Convention commend the names of Manteo and Virginia Dare to the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music for its consideration of the possible addition of Manteo and Virginia Dare to the Calendar of The Episcopal Church, recognizing August 18th, the date of
Virginia Dare's birth, as the date of commemoration, and request that it report on this matter to the 77th General Convention.

Motion carried
Resolution referred to a Standing Commission
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #231)

The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music presented its Report #35 on Resolution C057 (Commend the Rev. Dr. Pauli Murray to LFF) and moved to refer the resolution to the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music.

Original Text of Resolution:
(C057)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 76th General Convention commend the name of the Rev. Dr. Anna Pauline (Pauli) Murray to the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music for its consideration of the possible addition of the Rev. Dr. Pauli Murray to the Calendar of The Episcopal Church, recognizing July 1st, the date of her death, as the date of commemoration, and request that it report on this matter to the 77th General Convention.

Motion carried
Resolution referred to a Standing Commission
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #232)

Ministry
The House of Bishops Committee on Ministry presented its Report #37 on Resolution D081 (Bishop Voting Provisions) and moved adoption of a substitute.

Original Text of Resolution:
(D081)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the Standing Commission on Constitution and Canons
(a) Review all the provisions of the Constitution, Canons and Rules of Order of the House of Bishops in which voting by Bishops or in the House of Bishops is set forth, including but not limited to Constitution Art. I.3, Canon I.2.1(b), Canon I.2.1, Canon I.10.6, Canon IV.3.21(c), Canon IV.5.30(e), Canon IV.9.2, Canon V.1.1, and Canon V.4.1(a)(6) and Canon V.5.1 for clarity and consistency with respect to whether:

(1) bishops have to be present to be counted in the number of bishops considered eligible to vote;
(2) a majority of bishops eligible to vote means only bishops present and voting or also bishops who would be eligible to vote even though they are not present;
(3) the “entire membership of the House of Bishops” includes bishops not present;
(4) the “entire membership of the House of Bishops” includes bishops not otherwise entitled to vote;
And be it further Resolved, That the Standing Commission on Constitution and Canons propose any necessary amendments to the 77th General Convention; and be it further Resolved, That the Standing Commission on Constitution and Canons review the Constitution and Canons regarding bishops with jurisdiction, dioceses without bishops and other related provisions on the questions of whether Bishops having provisional charge of a Diocese:

(1) have jurisdiction;
(2) are entitled to vote on the consent to the election of bishops; and
(3) any other issues relating to the extent of their authority.

And be it further Resolved, That the Standing Commission on Constitution and Canons propose any necessary amendments to the 77th General Convention.

Committee Substitute:

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the Standing Commission on Constitution and Canons review all the provisions of the Constitution, Canons and Rules of Order of the House of Bishops in which voting by Bishops or in the House of Bishops is set forth for clarity and consistency.

Motion carried
Substitute resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #233)

The House of Bishops Committee on Ministry presented its Report #38 on Resolution D082 (Study Pastoral and Organizational Issues in Dioceses without a Bishop) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:

(D082)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the Pastoral Development Committee of the House of Bishops and the Standing Commission on Ministry Development study the short-term and long-term pastoral and organizational issues arising when a diocese is without a bishop and report their findings along with any recommended actions to the 77th General Convention of The Episcopal Church.
Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 76th General Convention encourage the Pastoral Development Committee of the House of Bishops and the Standing Commission on Ministry Development to study the short-term and long-term pastoral and organizational issues arising when a diocese is without a bishop within a diocese in a time of extra-ordinary and/or problematic Episcopal transitions and report their findings along with any recommended actions to the 77th General Convention of The Episcopal Church.

Motion carried

Resolution adopted with amendment

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #234)

The Secretary laid the Consent Calendar on the table for the Tenth Legislative Day.

END OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR

Communication from the Presiding Bishop

No other nominations were received for the Court of Review of the Trial of a Bishop. Nominations were closed.

Motion carried

The House cast their ballots.

Special Order of Business

Members of the House of Bishops Secretariat and those who served as Convention Pages were acknowledged, thanked and given pins by the Presiding Bishop.

Messages from the House of Deputies

The Secretary announced that the following messages had been received from the House of Deputies:

- **HD Message #212**: A074 (Endorse Theological Statement on Interreligious Relations) Concurred.
- **HD Message #215**: C014 (Theological Study of Christian Marriage) Adopted substitute.

Canons

Debate resumed on Resolution A123.

The Suffragan Bishop in Charge of the Convocation of American Churches in Europe moved to substitute the resolution.

Proposed Substitute:

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 76th General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Constitution and Canons, in consultation with the
Standing Commission on the Structure of the Church and the Standing Commission on World Mission, to consider the formation of a missionary diocese of The Episcopal Church in Europe (under Canon I.11.3) working in close collaboration with the leadership and people of the Convocation of American Churches in Europe.

The Bishop of San Diego moved to refer the original resolution and the proposed substitute to the Standing Commission on Constitution and Canons.  

Motion carried

Resolution referred to a Standing Commission

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #235)

Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music
The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music presented its Report #21 on Resolution A170 (Observance of First Ordination of Women to the Priesthood) and moved to refer the resolution to the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A170)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church direct the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to consider adding an observance to the Church calendar commemorating the first ordinations of women to the priesthood in The Episcopal Church.

Motion carried

Resolution referred to a Standing Commission

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #236)

The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music presented its Report #36 on Resolution C034 (Creation Cycle of the Pentecost Season) and moved to refer the resolution to the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music.

Original Text of Resolution:

(C034)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 76th General Convention establish a liturgical Creation Cycle of the Pentecost Season from St. Francis’ Day to Advent, for the purpose of affirming the sacredness of God’s creation, of spreading hope about God’s reconciling work in creation and an understanding of environmental stewardship and ecological justice; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to develop prayers and other liturgical materials celebrating a Pentecost Season Creation Cycle for inclusion in the next edition of the Book of Occasional Services and that it report its work to the 77th General Convention.

Motion carried

Resolution referred to a Standing Commission

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #237)
The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music presented its Report #37 on Resolution D005 (An Alternative Baptismal Covenant) and moved to refer the resolution to the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music.

Original Text of Resolution:
(D005)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 76th General Convention approve for study and occasional use, under the direction of the Diocesan Bishop or Ecclesiastical Authority, the following “An Alternative Baptismal Covenant;” and be it further
Resolved, That the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music be directed to request from bishops and dioceses written evaluations of said study and occasional use for the purpose of presenting to the 77th General Convention a resolution to include an “Alternative Baptismal Covenant” in the series *Enriching our Worship:*
　“An Alternative Baptismal Covenant”

Celebrant  Do you believe in God the Father?
People     I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Celebrant  Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
People     I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Celebrant  Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
People     I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Celebrant  How will you each remain faithful to these things you believe?
People     With God’s help, by continuing in the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers.

Celebrant  How will you each respond to temptation and sin in your own life?
With God’s help, by persevering in resisting evil, and whenever falling into sin, repenting and returning to the Lord.

How will you each share Christ with the world?
With God’s help, by proclaiming by word and example the Good News of God in Christ.

How will you each follow Christ in your daily life?
With God’s help, by seeking and serving Christ in all persons, loving my neighbor as myself.

How will you each participate in God’s redemptive work?
With God’s help, by striving for justice and peace among all people, and by respecting the dignity of every human being.

How will you each cultivate reconciliation between human beings and God’s created order?
With God’s help, by working for the just and proper stewardship of God’s creation, caring for all creatures and living things in this world.

The question was called.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on Resolution D005.

Motion defeated
Resolution rejected
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #238)

The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music presented its Report #38 on Resolution C078 (Liturgy for Loss of Companion Animal) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:

(C078)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 76th General Convention reaffirm that all animals are a part of All Creation, for which we are called to be stewards of God’s gifts; and be it further
Resolved, That The Episcopal Church embrace the opportunity for pastoral care for people who grieve the loss of a companion animal; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to develop a rite to observe the loss of a companion animal for inclusion in the next edition of the Book of Occasional Services and that it report its work to the 77th General Convention.
The Bishop of Atlanta moved an amendment.

**Proposed Amendment:**
In the third resolve clause, delete the words “for inclusion in the next edition of the *Book of Occasional Services*” and replace the words “a rite” with the words “liturgical resources.”

**Motion carried**
Amendment adopted

The question was called.

**Motion carried**
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on Resolution C078 as amended.

**Motion carried**
Resolution adopted with amendment

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #239)

**Dispatch of Business**
The Chair of Dispatch shared two resolutions from the Episcopal Church Women Triennial meeting. The House shared their appreciation for the Triennial delegates present.

**Ministry**
The House of Bishops Committee on Ministry presented its Report #39 on Resolution A105 (Fresh Start) and moved adoption.

**Original Text of Resolution:**
(A105)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 76th General Convention commend the Fresh Start program as a resource for clergy and congregations in transition in The Episcopal Church; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention affirm both the office of Ordained Ministry and CDO: the Office for Transitions Ministry within the Mission Leadership Center of the Episcopal Church Center, the Episcopal Church Foundation, CREDO Institute, Inc., and the fifty-nine dioceses currently engaged in Fresh Start programs as an outstanding model of collaborative partnerships within The Episcopal Church; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention affirm and commend the nationwide Fresh Start staff, coordinators and faculty for their contributions to the dioceses of The Episcopal Church in the form of exceptional facilitator training and curriculum; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention continue to fund the nationwide Fresh Start program in the next triennium in the amount of $225,000 ($75,000 per year); and be it further

Resolved, That the Fresh Start partners report back to the 77th General Convention regarding the program’s continued positive impact upon clergy, congregations and dioceses; and be it further...
Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $225,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #240)

The House of Bishops Committee on Ministry presented its Report #40 on Resolution D002 (Amend Canon III.10.2(a)(2)) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:
(D002)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That Canon III.10.2(a)(2) be hereby amended as follows:

(2) Before being permitted to take charge of any Congregation as Rector, or being received into any Diocese of this Church as a Member of its Clergy, the Ecclesiastical Authority shall receive Letters Dimissory or equivalent credentials under the hand and seal of the Bishop with whose Diocese the person has been last connected, which letters or credentials shall be delivered within six months from the date thereof. Before receiving the Member of the Clergy the Bishop shall require a promise in writing to submit in all things to the Discipline of this Church, without recourse to any foreign jurisdiction, civil or ecclesiastical; and shall further require the person to subscribe and make in the Bishop’s presence, and in the presence of two or more Presbyters, the declaration required in Article VIII of the Constitution. The Bishop and at least one Presbyter shall examine the person as to knowledge of the history of this Church, its worship and government. The Bishop also being satisfied of the person’s theological qualifications, may then receive the person into the Diocese as a Member of the Clergy of this Church.

Motion defeated
Resolution rejected
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #241)

World Mission
The House of Bishops Committee on World Mission presented its Report #46 on HD Message #214 on Resolution D020 (Provincial Acceptance of Anglican Covenant) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #242)

Final Text of Resolution:
(D020)
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church commend the Anglican Covenant proposed in the most recent text of the Covenant Design Group (the “Ridley Cambridge Draft”) and any successive drafts to the dioceses for study and comment during the coming triennium; and be it further
Resolved, That dioceses report on their study to the Executive Council in keeping with Resolution 2006-A166; and be it further

Resolved, That Executive Council prepare a report to the 77th General Convention of The Episcopal Church that includes draft legislation concerning this Church’s response to an Anglican Covenant; and be it further

Resolved, That dioceses and congregations be invited to consider the Anglican Covenant proposed draft as a document to inform their understanding of and commitment to our common life in the Anglican Communion.

Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music
The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music presented its Report #51 on Resolution D089 (Invitation to Receive Holy Communion) and moved the resolution, recommending rejection.

Original Text of Resolution:
(D089)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 76th General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Constitution and Canons to review and provide a recommendation to resolve the conflict between Article X of the Constitution, specifically, the invitation offered in the Book of Common Prayer “The Gifts of God for the People of God” and Canon 17 - Section 7, restricting communion to only the baptized; and be it further

Resolved, That the Standing Commission on Constitution and Canons consult with other appropriate Standing Commissions, as needed; and be it further

Resolved, That the Standing Commission report back to the 77th General Convention.

Motion defeated
Resolution rejected
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #243)

Education
The House of Bishops Committee on Education presented its Report #13 on HD Message #215 on Resolution C014 (Theological Study of Christian Marriage) and moved to concur with a referral to the Executive Council.

[Editor’s Note: The House of Deputies moved to withdraw the resolution on the Seventh Legislative Day after the Committee Substitute had already been adopted. The substitute text listed for Resolution C014 below is the result of work performed by the House of Deputies Committee on Education on the adopted resolution.]

Original Text of Resolution:
(C014)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention authorize a committee of both houses to examine the theological dimensions of Christian marriage, to develop a program for discussion in the dioceses, and to report to the 77th General Convention.
Committee Substitute:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention respectfully request that the Presiding Bishop and President of the House of Deputies jointly appoint a task force of not more than twelve (12) persons, consisting of theologians, pastors and educators, to identify and explore key theological dimensions of marriage; and be it further

Resolved, That the task force work with Executive Council, staff and other experts as consultants and coordinators; and be it further

Resolved, That the Task Force engage with the issues raised by changing social norms and legal structures in American society; and be it further

Resolved, That it consult with married couples, lesbian and gay couples living in commitment – or, where laws permit, in civil marriage – and single adults; and be it further

Resolved, That in these discussions it consider perspectives from a variety of cultures; and be it further

Resolved, That it consult with our partners both in and beyond the Anglican Communion; and be it further

Resolved, That it deeply engage with the rich resources of moral theology in our Anglican tradition; and be it further

Resolved, That it develop and design tools for theological reflection and norms for theological discussion at a local level; and be it further

Resolved, That the Joint Standing Committee of Program, Budget and Finance consider an allocation of $30,000.00 during the next triennium; and be it further

Resolved, That the Task Force report back to the 77th General Convention with annual reports to the Executive Council.

The Bishop of Puerto Rico moved an amendment.

Proposed Amendment:
In the third resolve clause, delete the word “society.” After the word “American,” add the words “and other societies.”

Motion carried
Amendment adopted

The Bishop of Newark moved an amendment.

Proposed Amendment:
In the first resolve clause, after the word “theological,” add the words “and historical.”

Motion carried
Amendment adopted

The Bishop of Oklahoma moved to refer the resolution to the Executive Council.

Motion carried
Resolution referred to the Executive Council
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #244)
The House of Bishops Committee on Education presented its Report #14 on HD Message #206 on Resolution D085 (Ministry of the Child) and moved concurrence.

**The House concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #245)

**Final Text of Resolution:**

(D085)

Resolved, That the 76th General Convention applaud the work of the Children’s Charter for the Church and calls for the next phase of the work of the Children’s Charter for the Church by requesting the Center for Evangelism and Congregational Life, lift up the stories of the ministry of the child in order to educate and transform the Church; and be it further

Resolved, That the 76th General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance consider a budget allocation of $40,000 for the implementation of the resolution during the 2010-2012 triennium; and be it further

Resolved, That the 76th General Convention request the Center for Evangelism and Congregational Life report to the Standing Commission on Lifelong Christian Formation and Education before the 77th General Convention on the status of the continued implementation of the Children’s Charter for the Church.

The House of Bishops Committee on Education presented its Report #15 on HD Message #174 on Resolution D077 (Commend Young Adult Ministry) and moved concurrence.

**The House concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #246)

**Final Text of Resolution:**

(D077)

Resolved, That the 76th General Convention, recognize, commend and encourage those engaged in young adult and campus ministry in their continued work, acknowledging that the 74th and 75th General Conventions set as a budget priority the support of higher education and young adult ministries; and be it further

Resolved, That the 76th General Convention, which has named Christian formation with special emphasis on young adults as a continued priority, give thanks for the work undertaken in fulfillment of the funding priorities of the 74th and 75th General Conventions, namely:

- Development of 12 new campus ministries,
- Camino: San Francisco: a young adult pilgrimage to explore the spiritual and practical implications of the UN Millennium Development Goals and alleviation of domestic poverty,
- Development of a church-wide network of diocesan young adult ministers,
- Church-wide consultations with diocesan young adult ministers and young adults to enable the Church and the Office of Young Adult and Campus Ministries to better respond with resources for young adult ministry,
Continued support and development of domestic and international young adult internships,
- Leadership training for young adults and young adult ministers,
- A Conference for young adult clergy to provide spiritual and vocational enrichment, and the Young Adult Festivals at the General Conventions of 2006 and 2009 to insure and facilitate young adult participation at General Convention.

Communications
The House of Bishops Committee on Communications presented its Report #9 on HD Message #177 on Resolution D034 (Continuing Episcopal Life and Diocesan Partnerships) and moved concurrence.

The question was called.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on Resolution D034.

Motion defeated
Resolution rejected
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #247)

Election of Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop
The Secretary announced the results of the ballot on Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop.

Province I
The Rt. Rev. Laura Ahrens, Suffragan Bishop of Connecticut

Province II
The Rt. Rev. Gladstone Adams, Bishop of Central New York

Province III
The Rt. Rev. Nathan Baxter, Bishop of Central Pennsylvania

Province IV
The Rt. Rev. Don Johnson, Bishop of West Tennessee

Province V
The Rt. Rev. Tom Breidenthal, Bishop of Southern Ohio

Province VI
The Rt. Rev. Frank Brookhart, Bishop of Montana

Province VII
The Rt. Rev. Edward Konieczny, Bishop of Oklahoma

Province VIII
The Rt. Rev. Greg Rickel, Bishop of Olympia

Province IX
The Rt. Rev. Julio Holguin, Bishop of Iglesia Episcopal Dominicana

The House recessed for 15 minutes and resumed at 4:09 p.m.
Program, Budget and Finance

The House of Bishops Committee on Program, Budget and Finance presented its Report #2 on HD Message #244 on Resolution D067 (Mission and Missionary Budget of The Episcopal Church) and moved concurrence.

The question was called.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on Resolution D067.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #248)

Final Text of Resolution:
(D067)
Resolved, That the Budget for The Episcopal Church for the next triennium be adopted as set forth:

1.0 The Budget for The Episcopal Church for the period January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2012, which shall be a unified budget including Canonical, Corporate and Program (mission) portions, is adopted at a total of $141,271,984.00.

1.1 The Canonical portion, providing for the contingent expenses of the General Convention, the stipend of the Presiding Bishop and the expenses of that office, the expenses of the President of the House of Deputies and Church Pension Fund assessments is adopted at a total of $23,224,447.00 as follows:
   For the year 2010 $  6,984,630.00
   For the year 2011 $  7,110,068.00
   For the year 2012 $  9,129,748.00

1.2 The Corporate portion, providing for the requirements for the administrative support of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society offices, is adopted at a total of $30,824,297.00 as follows:
   For the year 2010 $ 10,360,457.00
   For the year 2011 $ 10,129,112.00
   For the year 2012 $ 10,334,729.00

1.3 The Program (mission) portion, providing for support for the mission and ministry (restricted and unrestricted) of the Church, is adopted at a total of $86,807,787.00 as follows:
   For the year 2010 $ 28,787,593.00
   For the year 2011 $ 28,736,457.00
   For the year 2012 $ 29,283,736.00

2.0 The funding policy for the period January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2012 is adopted, based on a single asking of the dioceses. After a $120,000 exemption from total income, a single asking shall be applied at the rates of 21% for 2010, 20% for 2011 and 19% for 2012 of the balance of income to
the diocese, reported in the diocesan financial statements for the year two years prior to the year to which the pledge is applied [e.g.: 2010 Asking is to be based on 2008 actual income figures]. “Income” includes (1) all congregational giving to the diocese, (2) all unrestricted investment and endowment income to the diocese, (3) restricted investment and endowment income to the diocese which covers costs in the operating budget, and (4) other earnings from investments or enterprises. It is intended that income shall include revenues that fund normal operating and program expenses of the dioceses. It is not intended to include pass-through income that is used for expenses for programming that are simply administered by the dioceses, or that would not be otherwise funded by contributions from parishes or out of investment income.

2.1 We rejoice with dioceses that have moved toward, and those that give at and above 21%. Such giving creates a strong financial basis for vital mission and witness of The Episcopal Church. We encourage all our dioceses to adopt the full asking; then we could allocate an additional 6 million dollars each year toward fulfilling the mission priorities which we have embraced in the 76th General Convention.

2.2 For the budgetary period income from diocesan commitments, totaling $79,162,193.00 is anticipated as follows:
   - For the year 2010 $28,333,000.00
   - For the year 2011 $26,374,340.00
   - For the year 2012 $24,454,853.00

2.3 For the budgetary period 2010-2012, payment by the dioceses of the asking shall be made in twelve equal monthly payments.

2.4 All additional income, other than from the asking of the dioceses, totaling $62,109,791.00, is projected as follows:
   - For the year 2010 $20,952,373.00
   - For the year 2011 $20,467,048.00
   - For the year 2012 $20,691,370.00

2.5 A General Ordination fee is hereby authorized, which fees shall be added to the funding from dioceses and applied to the expenses of examination as appropriated in the budget. A candidate for Holy Orders eligible for examination and so certified by the diocesan bishop shall not be disqualified for examination because the fee has not been paid.

2.6 General Convention registration and exhibitors fees are hereby authorized, which fees shall be added to the funding from dioceses and applied to the expenses of the 2012 General Convention, and for no other purpose.

3.0 In the exercise of their respective authorities, the Executive Council of the General Convention and the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance shall be subject to the following policies:

3.1 Each year, the Executive Council, with the advice of the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance, shall adjust the budget to the assured income of the Executive Council so as to
carry out the Budget for The Episcopal Church for that year on a balanced budget basis.

3.2 The fiscal year shall begin January 1.

3.3 If, in any year, the total anticipated income for budget support is less than the amount required to support the budget approved by the General Convention, the Canonical portion of the Budget for The Episcopal Church shall have funding priority over all other budget areas.

3.4 Undesignated bequests and legacies received during the budgetary period shall be set aside in the general endowment fund of which only the income shall be used for the general purposes of the Society.

3.5 Designated bequests and legacies received during the budgetary period shall be set aside in specific funds of which only the income shall be used for the purposes so designated.

3.6.1 Each Committee, Commission, Agency and Board (CCAB) proposing to the General Convention any resolution with funding implications shall present to the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance a detailed budget in support of its plan(s), including cost estimates from contractors and suppliers for all goods and services, but not later than six months before the opening day of the General Convention.

3.6.2 Subsequent editions of the Report and Proposal of the Presiding Bishop and Executive Council to the General Convention contain the following information for each year of the preceding triennium:

- A description of the actual income and expenditures of the DFMS, relating the expenditures to the Church’s priorities with accompanying narrative
- Endowment balance and total investment return, with accompanying narrative
- Posting of this report on The Episcopal Church website when it is released to the Bishops and Deputies

Personal Privilege
Bishop Payne addressed the House regarding budget matters.

Structure
The House of Bishops Committee on Structure presented its Report #31 on HD Message #188 on Resolution D094 (Young Adult Representation on Legislative Committees) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #249)
Final Text of Resolution:
(D094)
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention encourage the President of the House of Deputies to make every effort to appoint willing deputies under the age of 30, regardless of prior experience, to legislative committees and CCAB’s of the General Convention.

Social and Urban Affairs
The House of Bishops Committee on Social and Urban Affairs presented its Report #5 on Resolution B012 (Pastoral Generosity in Addressing Civil Marriage) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(B012)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church acknowledge the pastoral concerns facing those dioceses in states where the civil marriage of same gender couples is legal; and be it further
Resolved, That in those dioceses, under the direction of the bishop, generous discretion is extended to clergy in the exercise of their pastoral ministry in order to permit the adaptation of the Pastoral Offices for The Celebration and Blessing of a Marriage and The Blessing of a Civil Marriage for use with all couples who seek the church’s support and God's blessing in their marriages; and be it further
Resolved, That in order to build a body of experience for the benefit of the church, each bishop in those dioceses where this pastoral practice is exercised provide an annual written report on their experience to the House of Bishops each March and to the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music for its report to the 77th General Convention.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church acknowledge the pastoral concerns facing those dioceses in states civil jurisdictions where the civil marriage of same gender couples is legal; and be it further
Resolved, That in those dioceses, under the direction of the bishop, generous discretion in interpretation of The Book of Common Prayer is extended to clergy in the exercise of their pastoral ministry in order to permit the adaptation of the Pastoral Offices for The Celebration and Blessing of a Marriage and The Blessing of a Civil Marriage for use with all couples who seek the church’s support and God's blessing in their marriages; and be it further
Resolved, That in order to build a body of experience for the benefit of the church, each bishop in those dioceses where this pastoral practice is exercised provide an annual written report on their experience to the House of Bishops each March and to the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music for its report to the 77th General Convention.
The Bishop of Maine moved to postpone the resolution indefinitely.

Motion carried
Resolution postponed
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #250)

Personal Privilege
The Suffragan Bishop in Charge of the Convocation of American Churches in Europe stated that if a case arose under disciplinary canons, he would follow Title IV to the letter not withstanding the conflict with other canons.

National and International Concerns
The House of Bishops Committee on National and International Concerns presented its Report #33 on Resolution B022 (Indigenous Artifacts) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:
(B022)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 76th General Convention endorse the commitment of the Diocese of Oregon to partner with the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, Oregon, in seeking return of Pacific Northwest Tribal artifacts, collectively known as “The Summers Collection,” now in the possession of the British Museum.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #251)

Special Order of Business
The House recognized the members of Program, Budget and Finance and thanked them for their work.

RECESS

Following announcements by the Secretary, the House of Bishops Committee on Dispatch of Business moved that the House stand in recess until 9:00 a.m. on the Tenth Legislative Day.

Motion carried

The House recessed at 4:34 p.m. with prayer led by Chaplain Br. Geoffrey.
TENTH DAY

Friday
July 17, 2009

MORNING SESSION

Prayers
Prayers were led by Chaplain Wade.

Reconvene
The House reconvened at 9:12 a.m. with the Vice-President in the Chair.

Special Order of Business
The Vice-President invited the House into public conversation regarding the budget adopted on the Ninth Legislative Day.

Agenda of the Day
The House of Bishops Committee on Dispatch of Business moved to adopt the agenda of the day.

Motion carried
Agenda adopted

Previous Day's Minutes
The House of Bishops Committee on Dispatch of Business moved to dispense with the reading of the previous day’s minutes.

Motion carried

Messages from the House of Deputies
The Secretary announced that the following messages had been received from the House of Deputies:

- **HD Message #217**: D026 (Five Marks of Mission as Strategic Priorities for TEC) Discharged.
- **HD Message #218**: D027 (Five Marks of Mission) Concurred.
- **HD Message #219**: C087 (Repeal B033) Discharged, already acted on at this Convention in Resolution D025.
- **HD Message #220**: D078 (Ban Cluster Bombs) Adopted.
- **HD Message #221**: C005 (Endorse the Clergy Letter Project) Discharged.
- **HD Message #222**: D076 (Support for Immigration Equality for Same-Sex Couples) Adopted with amendment.
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HD Message #283: D100 (Appreciation for the Work of our Presiding Bishop) Adopted.


HD Message #288: D105 (Recognition of Participants in Daily Eucharists) Adopted.

HD Message #289: D106 (Appreciation for General Convention Staff, Committee Members, Volunteers and Vendors) Adopted.


HD Message #292: Replaced by Message #296.

HD Message #293: B015 (Amend Constitution Article I.4 (First Reading)) Adopted with amendment.

HD Message #294: D075 (Mission, the Heartbeat of the Church) Adopted substitute.

HD Message #295: C023 (Defense of Marriage Statutes) Adopted with amendment.

Election of the Vice-President, Secretary and Registrar of the House of Bishops
The House of Bishops Committee on Nominations and Elections presented its Report #11 and placed the following nominations for the House of Bishops:

The Rt. Rev. Dean Wolfe, Bishop of Kansas, was nominated as Vice-President of the House of Bishops.

The Rt. Rev. Kenneth Price, Jr., Suffragan Bishop of Southern Ohio, was nominated as Secretary of the House of Bishops.

The Rev. Canon George Robinson was nominated as Registrar of the House of Bishops.

Nominations were closed. It was moved to cast a single vote. **Motion carried**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #256)
National and International Concerns
The House of Bishops Committee on National and International Concerns presented its Report #32 on HD Message #169 on Resolution A041 (War in Iraq) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #257)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A041)
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention commend new government strategies that seek to restore trust among nations and work to alleviate the conditions that lead to the War in Iraq; and be it further
Resolved, That we urge all Episcopalians to support independent international relief efforts such as those of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent to bring healing to this deeply broken nation; and be it further
Resolved, That we urge all Episcopalians to use Christian formation materials that stress nonviolent methods to conflict resolution and change; and be it further
Resolved, That we urge the President and Congress to abide by the demand of the Iraqi government to withdraw all U.S. combat forces from Iraq by December 31, 2011; and be it further
Resolved, That we urge the President and Congress to listen to and consider deeply the voices and concerns of the Iraqi people in determining our continuing relationship with that sovereign nation, including the establishment of permanent U.S. bases and the presence of military and non-military personnel; and be it further
Resolved, That we urge the President and Congress and our entire nation to seek wisdom from sin committed in Iraq and let that wisdom inform future relationships throughout the world; and be it further
Resolved, That we urge all Episcopalians to honor through their prayers and actions the men and women who conscientiously serve their country, those who have been killed and wounded in Iraq and those who conscientiously object to this war, all war or selected wars.

Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music
The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music presented its Report #46 on Resolution C076 (Prayers for the Life and Loss of a Companion Animal) and moved that the Committee be discharged.

Motion carried
Committee discharged
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #258)

The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music presented its Report #48 on Resolution C077 (Revised Eucharistic Prayer C for Trial Use) and moved the resolution, recommending rejection.
Original Text of Resolution:
(C077)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 76th General Convention approve the following text of Eucharistic Prayer C for Trial Use from January 1, 2010 until the publication and issuance of the next Proposed Book of Common Prayer, per Title II, Canon 3, Section 6; and be it further
Resolved, That the Custodian of the Standard Book of Common Prayer take the necessary steps to fulfill Title II, Canon 3, Section 6 (b) and (d) to enact the intention of the resolution.

Eucharistic Prayer C Trial Use

In this prayer, the lines in italics are spoken by the People.

The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Then facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.
Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.
By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.
Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent you only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.
By his blood, he reconciled us.
By his wounds, we are healed.
And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Celebrant and People

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The Celebrant Continues

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving, We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob;

Lord God of our ancestors; God of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebekah, Jacob and Rachel and Leah, [God of _________], God and Father of our Lord, Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name. Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. AMEN.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

Continue with the Lord’s Prayer on page 364.

The Bishop of Northern California moved to refer the resolution to a CCAB.

Motion defeated

The question was called.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on Resolution C077.

Motion defeated
Resolution rejected

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #259)

Privilege and Courtesy
The House of Bishops Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #2 on HD Message #270 on Resolution B026 (Commending Reforming Dioceses) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #260)

Final Text of Resolution:

(B026)

Resolved, That Episcopalians in the Dioceses of Fort Worth, Pittsburgh, Quincy and San Joaquin - lay and clergy - be commended for their unflagging efforts to continue to live as witnesses to the mission of The Episcopal Church during recent difficult times as they reorganize their continuing dioceses in that same spirit; and be it further

Resolved, That the leadership in each of those four continuing dioceses be commended for their similar efforts, including in particular the Rt. Rev. Edwin F. Gulick, Provisional Bishop of the Diocese of Fort Worth; the Rt. Rev. Robert H. Johnson, Assisting Bishop of the Diocese of Pittsburgh; the Rt. Rev. John C. Buchanan, Provisional Bishop of the Diocese of Quincy; the Rt. Rev. Jerry A. Lamb, Provisional Bishop of the Diocese of San Joaquin and especially the strong lay leadership of each diocese; and be it further

Resolved, That the deputations from those four continuing dioceses be extended a special welcome to the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church.
National and International Concerns
The House of Bishops Committee on National and International Concerns presented its Report #34 on HD Message #192 on Resolution A167 (Trafficking) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #261)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A167)
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church calls for the protection of all victims of human trafficking, particularly women and children, providing necessary attention to their physical, psychological and social needs, and using approaches that respect victims’ rights and integrity; and be it further
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention urges its members to support legislation and action oriented to the recovery and reintegration into society of victims of human trafficking. These efforts should provide a safe, dignified and sustainable way for victims of trafficking to reintegrate into society and lead a normalized life; and be it further
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention commends the work of the Executive Council Committee on the Status of Women, as well as the Roman Catholic Women Religious in addressing human trafficking as a national and international priority and recommends that all Episcopal dioceses collaborate with all faith groups and with the Anglican Communion through the International Anglican Women’s Network to provide extensive education to expose and eradicate this insidious undercover modern day slavery; and be it further
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention commend the work of the United States Department of State and the Department of Health and Human Services’ Office of Refugee Resettlement, in its mission to bring the issue of human trafficking to international attention and to support those vulnerable to economic exploitation, most especially women and children; and be it further
Resolved, That all congregations and dioceses are urged to observe an Human Trafficking Awareness Day, in their liturgical, congregational and diocesan lives.

The House of Bishops Committee on National and International Concerns presented its Report #35 on HD Message #191 on Resolution D012 (Support of Transgender Civil Rights) and moved concurrence.

The question was called.
Motion carried
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on Resolution D012.
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #262)
Final Text of Resolution:

(D012)
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church support the enactment of laws at the local, state and federal level that a) prohibit discrimination based on gender identity or the expression of one’s gender identity, and b) treat physical violence inflicted on the basis of a victim’s gender identity or expression as a hate crime; and be it further
Resolved, That the Secretary of Convention convey this resolution to appropriate congressional leadership, to the Chair of the National Governors Association, the President of the National Conference of State Legislatures and to the President of the U. S. Conference of Mayors.

The House of Bishops Committee on National and International Concerns presented its Report #36 on HD Message #170 on Resolution B021 (Call for Access to DNA Testing) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #263)

Final Text of Resolution:

(B021)
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention urge The Episcopal Church and all Episcopalians to call on their legislators and members of Congress to ensure that all those accused and convicted have broad access to DNA testing, not only to exonerate those who are innocent but also to identify the true perpetrators of crimes they have been accused or convicted of; and be it further
Resolved, That the Convention direct the Secretary of the General Convention to send copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, to appropriate members of the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives and to other appropriate officials and institutions.

The House of Bishops Committee on National and International Concerns presented its Report #37 on HD Message #171 on Resolution C012 (Scientific Integrity and Environmental Policy) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #264)

Final Text of Resolution:

(C012)
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church urges that policy decisions affecting the health and well-being of humans and ecosystems must be based on scientifically evaluated data and any peer-reviewed data; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention supports legislative efforts to maintain the highest degree of scientific integrity, including the ability to conduct thorough,
independent, peer-reviewed research, and to communicate the findings of that research openly and accurately for the benefit of all.

The House of Bishops Committee on National and International Concerns presented its Report #38 on HD Message #172 on Resolution A153 (Federal Tribal Recognition) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred (Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #265)

Final Text of Resolution: (A153)
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention request The Episcopal Church’s Office of Government Relations in Washington D.C. and the bishops and Episcopalians of the Dioceses of Virginia, Southwest Virginia and Southern Virginia to call upon their elected officials in support of the federal tribal recognition of the Upper Mattaponi Tribe, the Monacan Indian Nation, the Chickahominy Tribe, the Eastern Chickahominy Tribe, the Rappahannock Tribe and the Nansemond Tribe of Virginia; and be it further
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention request The Episcopal Church’s Office of Government Relations and the bishops and Episcopalians of the dioceses of Louisiana, Western Louisiana, Georgia, Atlanta, Hawaii, Fond du Lac, and the six dioceses in the State of New York, to advocate in their respective spheres of influence for the federal tribal recognition of the United Houma Nation of Louisiana, the Shinnecock Tribal Nation of New York, the Southeastern Cherokee Council Inc. of Georgia, the Native Hawaiian Nation and the Brothertown Nation of Wisconsin.

The House of Bishops Committee on National and International Concerns presented its Report #39 on HD Message #173 on Resolution A044 (AD Hoc Team on International Gangs) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred (Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #266)

Final Text of Resolution: (A044)
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church urge that the Executive Council appoint a committee to share resources and collaborate on a vision and concrete actions for the Church to provide the identity, safety and sense of belonging that many youth are currently finding in gangs; and be it further
Resolved, That membership of this committee should include, but not be limited to, multiple youth representatives and multiple representatives from Province IX and other non-U.S. jurisdictions of The Episcopal Church, and report to the 77th General Convention on methods and programs of pastoral care, prevention, mentoring and intervention.
The House of Bishops Committee on National and International Concerns presented its Report #40 on HD Message #229 on Resolution D084 (Solidarity with the Church and People of Pakistan) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #267)

Final Text of Resolution:
(D084)
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church express its solidarity with the Church of Pakistan and the whole Christian community in Pakistan and especially the Diocese of Peshawar, which borders Afghanistan; and be it further
Resolved, That The Episcopal Church facilitate the visit to the United States of one or more representatives of the Christian community in Pakistan to speak to the American people about the situation in Pakistan, and what Christians in the USA can do to help; and be it further
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church call upon all parties to seek a peaceful resolution of the difficulties in Pakistan; and be it further
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church call upon the international community to provide food, clothing, shelter and medical care for the people of Pakistan who have fled from their homes, both those who are refugees and those who are internally displaced persons, especially the persecuted Christian community; and be it further
Resolved, That church members and the Office of Government Relations communicate the position of The Episcopal Church on this issue to the President and leaders of both houses of Congress, and advocate passage of federal legislation consistent with this resolution; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of two thousand dollars ($2,000) for the implementation of this resolution.

The House of Bishops Committee on National and International Concerns presented its Report #41 on HD Message #224 on Resolution D031 (Support for Climate Change Action) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #268)

Final Text of Resolution:
(D031)
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention urge President Obama and Congressional leaders to commit the United States to a course of action, in collaboration with the other nations of the world, to lower the output of
atmospheric carbon (measured as CO2) by 25% by 2020 and by 80% by 2050; and be it further

Resolved, That the 76th General Convention direct the Washington Office of Government Relations of The Episcopal Church to actively promote such action by the United States government.

The House of Bishops Committee on National and International Concerns presented its Report #42 on HD Message #222 on Resolution D076 (Support for Immigration Equality for Same-Sex Couples) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #269)

Final Text of Resolution:

(D076)

Resolved, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church urge that the leadership of both Houses of Congress assure fairness in immigration and specifically provide immigration equality for same-sex couples by permitting a citizen or permanent resident alien to sponsor an immigrant partner for permanent residence in the United States.

The House of Bishops Committee on National and International Concerns presented its Report #43 on HD Message #260 on Resolution B031 (Hope for Reconciliation in Honduras) and moved concurrence.

The Bishop of Arizona moved an amendment.

Proposed Amendment:
Delete the last five resolve clauses.

The question was called.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on the proposed amendment.

Motion defeated
Amendment defeated

A vote was taken on Resolution B031.

The House concurred

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #270)

Final Text of Resolution:

(B031)

Resolved, That the 76th General Convention recognize that the events of June 28, 2009 in Honduras have resulted in a complex and troubling situation for our brothers and sisters there; and be it further
Resolved, That this Convention call for dialogue between those of differing views, with respect and tolerance for all, and the hope of bringing reconciliation to the people of Honduras; and be it further
Resolved, That this Convention call upon Costa Rican President Oscar Arias who is seeking to negotiate a solution to the crisis to do so by listening to all sides and working for a resolution based on democratic inclusiveness that is beneficial to all Hondurans; and be it further
Resolved, That this Convention request that the Organization of American States reconsider the decision to suspend Honduras from participation in its workings; and be it further
Resolved, That this Convention call upon the international lending organizations to continue investments, aid and loans to Honduras, in order to adequately care for the Honduran people; and be it further
Resolved, That this Convention ask that the Government of the United States not take actions that will penalize the people of Honduras; and be it further
Resolved, That this Convention call upon all Episcopalians to pray for the people of Honduras and to continue the important and meaningful diocesan and parish companion relationships with Honduras.

The House of Bishops Committee on National and International Concerns presented its Report #44 on HD Message #258 on Resolution D048 (Adoption of a “Single Payer” Universal Health Care Program) and moved concurrence.

The question was called.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on Resolution D048.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #271)

Final Text of Resolution:

(D048)
Resolved, That the 76th Convention of The Episcopal Church urge passage of federal legislation establishing a “single payer” universal health care program which would provide health care coverage for all of the people of the United States; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention direct the Office of Government Relations to assess, negotiate and deliberate the range of proposed federal health care policy options in the effort to reach the goal of universal health care coverage, and to pursue short-term, incremental, innovative and creative approaches to universal health care until a “single payer” universal health care program is established; and be it further
Resolved, That The Episcopal Church shall work with other people of good will to finally and concretely realize the goal of universal health care coverage; and be it further

Resolved, That church members and the Office of Government Relations communicate the position of The Episcopal Church on this issue to the President and Members of Congress, and advocate passage of legislation consistent with this resolution.

The House of Bishops Committee on National and International Concerns presented its Report #45 on HD Message #259 on Resolution C020 (Condemnation of Torture) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #272)

Final Text of Resolution:
(C020)
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention condemn the use of torture and the practice of extraordinary rendition by the United States and any government, individual or organization in any location in the world; and be it further

Resolved, That Episcopalians shall not engage in, order or assist in the torture of any human being, and shall not counsel the use of torture for intelligence gathering or any other purpose; and be it further

Resolved, That lawyers who are Episcopalians and dioceses are urged to procure or provide pro bono legal counsel to help defend any Episcopalian in military, police, civilian, governmental or contractor service who faces discharge or disciplinary action for refusing to order, engage or assist in torture, or for refusing to approve or to provide counsel justifying the use of torture for any purpose, or who faces discharge or disciplinary action for exposing such practices; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention call upon the United States government, and all governments, individuals and organizations in any location in the world to comply with Geneva Conventions and the United Nations’ Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the administration of Justice, enacting policies to prevent the use for torture and extraordinary rendition both domestically and abroad; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention call upon the President and Congress to devise and implement truth and reconciliation-based methods of accountability to make transparent to the American people governmental practices or torture and extraordinary rendition.
RECESS

Following announcements by the Secretary, the House of Bishops Committee on Dispatch of Business moved that the House stand in recess until 2:00 p.m.

Motion carried

The House recessed at 11:07 a.m.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Reconvene

The House reconvened at 2:37 p.m. with the Presiding Bishop in the Chair.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music

The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music presented its Report #47 on Resolution C029 (Choice of Lectionary) and moved the resolution, recommending rejection.

Original Text of Resolution:

(C029)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 76th General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to authorize a study of the Ecclesiastical Authority of the dioceses of The Episcopal Church to grant permission for the use of the Lectionary found in the 1979 Book of Common Prayer beyond the First Sunday of Advent 2010, indefinitely, or until further action of General Convention; that the Lectionary found in the 1979 Book of Common Prayer and the Revised Common Lectionary continue as equal choices for the worship of this Church; and be it further Resolved, That the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music report back to the 77th General Convention.

Motion defeated

Resolution rejected

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #274)

The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music presented its Report #49 on Resolution A151 (In Support of Addition to Lesser Feasts and Fasts of Paul Cuffe and Samson Occum) and moved that the Committee be discharged because the matter was already acted on in Resolution A096.

Motion carried

Committee discharged

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #275)
The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music presented its Report #50 on Resolution C085 (Add the Rt. Rev. E. Thomas Demby to LFF) and moved that the Committee be discharged because the matter was already acted on in Resolution A096.

Motion carried
Committee discharged
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #276)

Communications
The House of Bishops Committee on Communications presented its Report #7 on HD Message #175 on Resolution D087 (Communications Audit) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #277)

Final Text of Resolution:

(D087)
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church direct the Standing Commission on Episcopal Church Communications to work in the coming triennium with the Office of the Presiding Bishop, the Office of General Convention, the Office of Communication, the Information Technology department, and the Archives of The Episcopal Church, and to conduct a comprehensive, integrated examination of communications resources, policies and practices that support all modes of communication, both internal and external; and be it further
Resolved, That the Standing Commission on Episcopal Church Communications propose to the 77th General Convention a strategic communication plan for the next triennium to maximize the use of all communication resources for the mission of the Church; and be it further
Resolved, That the Executive Council work with the Church Center to establish clear, strategic governance of communications in support of the mission of The Episcopal Church.

The House of Bishops Committee on Communications presented its Report #8 on HD Message #178 on Resolution D058 (Creation of Information Technology Cooperative Network) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #278)

Final Text of Resolution:

(D058)
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church direct the Executive Council and the Standing Commission on Episcopal Church Communication to work together to convene a group that would organize an
information technology cooperative network for dioceses, congregations and other institutions of The Episcopal Church, whose charter would be to identify common information challenges across the Church that could be met with standard technology solutions: identifying best practices already in use or working with technology providers to design and develop cost-effective, standard solutions; and be it further

Resolved, That the Standing Commission on Episcopal Church Communications report its progress to the 77th General Convention; and be it further

Resolved, That a portion of the Standing Commission’s triennial budget be allocated for the implementation of this resolution.

END OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR

Messages from the House of Deputies
The Secretary announced that the following messages had been received from the House of Deputies:

HD Message #297: A056 (Amend Canon III.11.4(a)) Adopted.
HD Message #299: B008 (Amend Canon I.7.3 to add 3(b)) Adopted.
HD Message #300: A162 (Domestic Strategy Committee on AIDS Crisis) Adopted with amendment.
HD Message #301: A005 (Analysis of Budgeting Process) Adopted with amendment.
HD Message #302: A121 (Amend Canon I.2.1: Joint Committee Mandate) Adopted with amendment.
HD Message #304: D040 (Amend Canon I.4.2(g)) Adopted.
HD Message #305: B019 (Recognition of Anglican Women’s Empowerment (AWE)) Adopted substitute.
HD Message #308: A031 (Commendatory Resolution) Referred to a Standing Commission.
HD Message #309: C074 (Creation of Standing Commission on Women) Discharged, already acted on at this Convention in Resolution A035.
HD Message #310: D033 (Continuous Cycle of Strategic Planning) Discharged, already acted on at this Convention in Resolution A061.
A133 (Amend Canon I.1.2(m)(11)) Discharged, already acted on at this Convention in Resolution A119.

A039 (Wall Around Palestine) Discharged, already acted on at this Convention in Resolution B027.

D050 (Bishop Election in Diocesis de Ecuador Central) Discharged, already acted on at this Convention.

B016 (Amend Canons I.9(1), II.3(6)(d), III.5(1)(b), and V.2(1)) Discharged.

C007 (Consent to Episcopal Elections) Discharged, already acted on at this Convention in Resolution D025.

C010 (Repeal of GC2006 B033) Discharged, already acted on at this Convention.

A139 (Diocesan Reconfiguration Study) Discharged, already acted on at this Convention in Resolution A127.

C015 (Consent to Episcopal Elections) Discharged, already acted on at this Convention in Resolution D025.

C024 (Consent to Episcopal Elections) Discharged, already acted on at this Convention in Resolution D025.

C033 (Affirming the Canonical Process) Discharged, already acted on at this Convention in Resolution D025.

C036 (Repeal of GC2006 B033) Discharged, already acted on at this Convention in Resolution D025.

C039 (Reaffirmation of Conformity to Canon III.1.2) Discharged, already acted on at this Convention in Resolution D025.

C045 (Inclusion of All Persons in Life of Church) Discharged, already acted on at this Convention in Resolution D025.

C054 (Regarding GC 2006 B033) Discharged, already acted on at this Convention in Resolution D025.

D013 (Ministry and Witness) Discharged, already acted on at this Convention in Resolution D025.

D021 (Baptized Entitled to All Sacraments) Discharged, already acted on at this Convention in Resolution D025.

D022 (Consecration of Qualified Candidates) Discharged, already acted on at this Convention in Resolution D025.

C046 (Amend Canon III.1.3) Discharged, already acted on at this Convention in Resolution C061.

C001 (Adding Gender Identity to Canons) Discharged, already acted on at this Convention in Resolution C061.

D073 (Theological Statement Supporting Full Participation) Discharged.

D072 (Urging Participation) Discharged

A184 (Study Effective Levels for Deployment of Church Resources) Adopted with amendment.

C044 (The Earth Charter) Discharged, already acted on at this Convention in Resolution C064.
HD Message #334: B011 (UN Declaration on Rights of Indigenous Peoples) Discharged, already acted on at this Convention D035.
HD Message #335: B028 (Immigration Reform) Discharged, already acted on at this Convention in Resolution B006.
HD Message #336: A038 (Reaffirm Resolution 1991-A149) Discharged, already acted on at this Convention in Resolution B027.
HD Message #337: A040 (Single Sovereign State of Palestine) Discharged, already acted on at this Convention in Resolution B027.
HD Message #338: D030 (End the Blockade of the Gaza Strip) Discharged, already acted on at this Convention in Resolution B027.
HD Message #339: C059 (Disavowal of the Doctrine of Discovery) Discharged, already acted on at this Convention in Resolution D035.
HD Message #340: D059 (Support President’s Commitment to Help Bring Peace) Discharged, already acted on at this Convention in Resolution B027.
HD Message #342: C083 (Support for Day Laborers) Concurred.
HD Message #344: A127 (Directions for the Future) Adopted with amendment.
HD Message #345: A113 (Strengthening Small Congregations) Concurred.
HD Message #347: B030 (Domestic Mission Resolution) Concurred.
HD Message #348: A088 (Enriching Our Worship 5) Concurred.
HD Message #349: E022 (Election of Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop) Adopted.
HD Message #350: B004 (Hymnal Revision Study) Concurred.
HD Message #351: D053 (Strengthening Lay Employee CREDO as a Church Pension Plan Benefit) Concurred.
HD Message #352: D061 (Establish Equitable Benefits with Credit for Earlier Service Overseas) Concurred.
HD Message #353: B024 (Cuban Annuity) Concurred.
HD Message #355: C072 (Support for Seminarians) Re-referred to Ministry.

National and International Concerns
The House of Bishops Committee on National and International Concerns presented its Report #46 on HD Message #228 on Resolution D060 (Reject Nuclear Options) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #279)
Final Text of Resolution:
(D060)
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention commend the President’s recent invitation to nations to scale down the world’s nuclear weapons stockpile; and be it further
Resolved, That this Convention call upon U.S. policy makers to determine a timely process for the dismantling of existing U.S. nuclear weapons while urging other nations to do likewise; and be it further
Resolved, That this Church urge the President and Congress to explore a moratorium on production of new nuclear arms.

The House of Bishops Committee on National and International Concerns presented its Report #47 on HD Message #226 on Resolution A033 (Peace and Reconciliation in Southern Sudan) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #280)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A033)
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention commends to Episcopalians the following recommendations of a joint delegation of bishops of The Episcopal Church and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America that traveled to the Sudan in April 2008; and urges continued advocacy and prayer from all Episcopalians for peace with justice in the Sudan, specifically:

(1) Renewed international commitment to the successful political implementation of Sudan’s Comprehensive Peace Agreement;
(2) Increased and better-coordinated economic-development and investment efforts, both public and private, in Southern Sudan;
(3) Internationally coordinated efforts to care for and resettle the several million refugees and persons who have been displaced internally as a consequence of the Sudan’s long-running conflicts;
(4) Condemnation of all violence perpetrated against refugees and internally displaced people (IDPs), specifically including the rape of women and girls in Darfur and elsewhere; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church acknowledge the pleas of the Archbishop of The Episcopal Church of Sudan that urgent action be taken by all concerned parties to ensure the faithful implementation of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA) to prevent the deteriorating situation in Sudan from escalating into full scale war; and be it further

Resolved, That the 76th General Convention urge the United States Government to urgently request that nations who serve as guarantors of the CPA establish measures to hold parties to the CPA accountable for its fair and transparent implementation, including the fair resolution of border disputes, the equitable sharing of resources and the carrying out of safe and fair elections, and to assure that non-compliance have consequences; and be it further

Resolved, That the 76th General Convention urge the United States and its
international partners request that the United Nations Mission in Sudan continue peacekeeping duties that include monitoring the peace process and intervening in conflicts to prevent loss of life, violence and widespread displacement.

The House of Bishops Committee on National and International Concerns presented its Report #49 on HD Message #227 on Resolution D088 (Health Care in the U.S.) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #281)

Final Text of Resolution:
(D088)
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention urge the Congress of the United States of America, to pass, and the President of the United States, to sign legislation by the end of 2009 guaranteeing adequate healthcare and insurance for every citizen of the United States of America; and be it further
Resolved, That the Secretary of the General Convention be directed to forward this resolution to the President and congressional leaders.

The House of Bishops Committee on National and International Concerns presented its Report #50 on HD Message #220 on Resolution D078 (Ban Cluster Bombs) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #282)

Final Text of Resolution:
(D078)
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention urge President Obama and the United States Congress to ban the use, export, stockpiling and production of cluster munitions.

The House of Bishops Committee on National and International Concerns presented its Report #51 on HD Message #223 on Resolution D042 (Support Passage of Equal Rights Amendment) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #283)

Final Text of Resolution:
(D042)
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church in support of the theological principle that all humans are created in the image of God, renew its historic support of passage of the Equal Rights Amendment to the U.S. Constitution; and be it further
Resolved, That given a renewed interest in passage of the Equal Rights Amendment in the 111th Congress, that the General Convention direct the Office of Government Relations to make known our support for the Amendment’s passage to appropriate Congressional bodies; and be it further

Resolved, That a request be sent by this Convention for inclusion of its support to be posted on the “Supporters” page of the Equal Rights Amendment website.

Canons
The House of Bishops Committee on Canons presented its Report #20 on HD Message #272 on Resolution A053 (Amend Canon I.4.1(c)) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #284)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A053)
Resolved, That Canon I.4.1(c) is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 1 (c) [T]he Executive Council shall be composed (a) of twenty members elected by the General Convention, of whom four shall be Bishops, four shall be Presbyters or Deacons, and twelve shall be Lay Persons who are confirmed adult communicants in good standing (two Bishops, two Presbyters or Deacons and six Lay Persons to be elected by each subsequent regular meeting of the General Convention); (b) of eighteen members elected by the Provincial Synods; (c) of the following ex officiis members: the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies; and (d) the Vice-President, the Secretary and the Treasurer of the Executive Council, who shall have seat and voice but no vote. Each Province shall be entitled to be represented by one Bishop or Presbyter or Deacon canonically resident in a Diocese which is a constituent member of the Province and by one Lay Person who is a confirmed adult communicant in good standing of a Diocese which is a constituent member of the Province, and the terms of the representatives of each Province shall be so rotated that two persons shall not be simultaneously elected for equal terms.

Structure
The House of Bishops Committee on Structure presented its Report #32 on HD Message #273 on Resolution A035 (Establish Standing Commission on the Environment) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #285)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A035)
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention urge the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies to establish a group to evaluate the current system of standing commissions as a method “to study and draft policy
proposals on major subjects considered to be of continuing concern to the mission of the Church” (canon I.1.2a); and be it further
Resolved, That the group explore and consider proposing alternative methods and structures for accomplishing this task of proposing policy, including mission priorities; and be it further
Resolved, That no new Standing Commissions be established at the 76th General Convention; and be it further
Resolved, That the group report its findings to the 77th General Convention of The Episcopal Church.

National and International Concerns
The House of Bishops Committee on National and International Concerns presented its Report #48 on HD Message #225 on Resolution A036 (Haiti) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #286)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A036)
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention stand in solidarity with the people of Haiti as they struggle to recover from recent natural disasters, political turmoil, economic hardship, social dislocation and environmental degradation; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention commend to all Episcopalians the Diocese of Haiti as a model of faithful ministry through its extensive and exemplary network of educational, medical and cultural institutions serving the people of Haiti; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention commend the non-violence work of the Diocese of Haiti in collaboration with the Episcopal Peace Fellowship; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention commend the efforts of the Presiding Bishop and the Office of Government Relations for their contribution to the negotiations that led to the cancellation of $1.2 billion in indebtedness; and be it further
Resolved, That the Convention urge the National Association of the Episcopal Schools in the United States to partner with the Diocese of Haiti in supporting its 253 educational institutions serving over 80,000 Haitian students; and be it further
Resolved, That the Convention urge the Society for the Increase of the Ministry to recognize and support the Theological Seminary of Haiti in its continuing efforts to instruct and counsel the next generation of Episcopal clergy in the Church’s largest diocese; and be it further
Resolved, That the Convention urge congregations and dioceses within the Church to support the Diocese of Haiti through companion relationships; and be it further
Resolved, That the Convention support the Presiding Bishop and the Office of
Government Relations in their continuing efforts to work with the United States Government to increase disaster and developmental assistance to Haiti; to extend trade preferences for Haitian exports to the United States; and to designate Temporary Protected Status to Haitian immigrants living in the United States; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request that the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $25,000 for the ongoing implementation of non-violence training.

The House of Bishops Committee on National and International Concerns presented its Report #52 on HD Message #143 on Resolution D017 (Cancellation of Third World Debt) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #287)

Final Text of Resolution:

(D017)

Resolved, That the 76th General Convention, in order to help to cut in half extreme world poverty (Millennium Development Goal #1), support legislation that:
Extends cancellation of debt to additional heavily indebted impoverished countries that have not previously qualified for debt cancellation under existing international agreements, and that have a per capita income of less that $3 a day;
Includes strong safeguards to ensure that the money freed up by debt cancellation will be used to combat extreme poverty in qualifying countries;
Calls on the U.S. Treasury Department to prevent the practice of vulture funds by designing legal remedies to curtail vulture fund activity, providing legal support to countries being sued by vulture funds, and providing technical assistance to developing country governments. (“Vulture Funds” refers to private equity or hedge funds that purchase debt owned by a country to other lending entities, and then require repayment at substantially higher rates of interest.)

The House of Bishops Committee on National and International Concerns presented its Report #53 on HD Message #197 on Resolution D035 (Repudiate the Doctrine of Discovery) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #288)

Final Text of Resolution:

(D035)

Resolved, That the 76th General Convention repudiates and renounces the Doctrine of Discovery as fundamentally opposed to the Gospel of Jesus Christ and our understanding of the inherent rights that individuals and peoples have received from God, and that this declaration be proclaimed among our churches
and shared with the United Nations and all the nations and peoples located within The Episcopal Church’s boundaries. This doctrine, which originated with Henry VII in 1496, held that Christian sovereigns and their representative explorers could assert dominion and title over non-Christian lands with the full blessing and sanction of the Church. It continues to be invoked, in only slightly modified form, in court cases and in the many destructive policies of governments and other institutions of the modern nation-state that lead to the colonizing dispossession of the lands of indigenous peoples and the disruption of their way of life; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church review its policies and programs with a view to exposing the historical reality and impact of the Doctrine of Discovery and eliminating its presence in its contemporary policies, program and structures and, further, that this body directs the appropriate representatives of the House of Bishops and House of Deputies, to inform all relevant governmental bodies in the United States of its action and suggest similar and equivalent review of historical and contemporary policies that contribute to the continuing colonization of Indigenous Peoples and, further, to write to Queen Elizabeth II, the Supreme Governor of the Church of England, requesting that her Majesty disavow, and repudiate publicly, the claimed validity of the Christian Doctrine of Discovery; and be it further

Resolved, That each diocese within The Episcopal Church be encouraged to reflect upon its own history, in light of these actions and encourage all Episcopalians to seek a greater understanding of the Indigenous Peoples within the geo-political boundaries claimed by the United States and other nation states located within The Episcopal Church’s boundaries, and to support those peoples in their ongoing efforts for their inherent sovereignty and fundamental human rights as peoples to be respected; and be it further

Resolved, That the 76th General Convention direct the Office of Government Relations to advocate for the U.S. government’s endorsement of the “United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples,” which the United States has refused to endorse (only the U.S., Canada, New Zealand and Australia have failed to sign on).

The House of Bishops Committee on National and International Concerns presented its Report #54 on HD Message #142 on Resolution C011 (Governmental Policies for Environmental Stewardship) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #289)

Final Text of Resolution:

(C011)
Resolved, That the General Convention of The Episcopal Church urges the U.S. Government to legislate equitable subsidies for renewable energy (such as solar and wind turbine power, and research into new technologies), along with balancing its current subsidies for non-renewable energy sources (oil, gas, coal); and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention supports adoption of a federal renewable energy standard which would specify that electricity suppliers obtain twenty percent of their electricity from renewable energy, with that amount to be increased over time; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention supports U.S. government programs worldwide which practice sound environmental stewardship, for example by building or converting public buildings to solar or other renewable energy and conservation practices, and utilizing renewable, clean energy to operate public transportation, and by saving water through water conservation, efficiency and reuse, thereby reducing the demand for energy-consuming processing facilities; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention directs the Washington Office of Government Relations of The Episcopal Church to promote these goals in their work, and to report regularly on this work through appropriate communication channels.

The House of Bishops Committee on National and International Concerns presented its Report #55 on HD Message #193 on Resolution B027 (Peace between Israel and Palestine) and moved concurrence.

The Bishop of New York moved an amendment.

**Proposed Amendment:**
Delete the seventh and eight resolve clauses.

**Motion defeated**
**Amendment defeated**

The question was called.

**Motion carried**
**Debate terminated**

A vote was taken on Resolution B027.

**Motion defeated**
**Resolution rejected**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #290)

The House of Bishops Committee on National and International Concerns presented its Report #56 on HD Message #141 on Resolution A045 (Restricting Use of Bottled Water, Energy and Water Conservation) and moved concurrence.

**The House concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #291)

**Final Text of Resolution:**
(A045)
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention ask the Church to restrict the use of bottled water at General Convention and at other Church-sponsored activities
where safe, because of the extreme negative environmental impact that attends its production; and be it further

Resolved, That every baptized Christian be encouraged to practice simple energy and water conservation techniques so that, by working together, we may restore the beauty of God’s creation and ensure that this resource may again be available to all God’s children in abundance.

The House of Bishops Committee on National and International Concerns presented its Report #57 on HD Message #140 on Resolution A042 (First Use Military Action) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #292)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A042)

Resolved, That the 76th General Convention condemn in any nation the first use of armed force in the form of a preventive or pre-emptive strike that is aimed at disrupting a non-imminent, uncertain military threat; and be it further

Resolved, That the Convention strongly admonish the United States Government to renounce its 2002 policy that asserts the right to act, by armed force if necessary, to “forestall or prevent” threats even if “uncertainty remains as to the time and place of the enemy’s attack;” and be it further

Resolved, That ordained and lay leadership of The Episcopal Church promote the renunciation of “first use” military action as the established teaching of our Church, encouraging parish study and public witness.

The House of Bishops Committee on National and International Concerns presented its Report #58 on HD Message #139 on Resolution A034 (Advocacy for Cuba) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #293)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A034)

Resolved, That the 76th General Convention urge continued advocacy and prayer from Episcopalians for an end to the United States embargo against Cuba, particularly provisions that hamper the mission of the Church in Cuba, including the restrictions on U.S. citizens traveling to Cuba, stringent limits on financial remittances from the U.S. to Cubans and severe restrictions on the ability of Cuban citizens to visit the United States.

Personal Privilege

The Bishop of Albany addressed the House regarding a resolution before the House of Deputies on the Blessed Virgin Mary.
Structure
The House of Bishops Committee on Structure presented its Report #33 on HD Message #275 on Resolution D066 (Official Youth Presence Vote) and moved concurrence with a referral to the Standing Commission on Constitution and Canons.

Final Text of Resolution:
(D066)
Resolved, That the youth of the Church have seat, voice and vote as Deputies in the House of Deputies; and be it further
Resolved, That, to implement this, the following amendments to the Constitution be approved on first reading: Amend Article I, Section 4 of the Constitution as follows:

Sec. 4. The Church in each Diocese which has been admitted to union with the General Convention, each area Mission established as provided by Article VI, and the Convocation of the American Churches in Europe, shall be entitled to representation in the House of Deputies by not more than four ordained persons, Presbyters or Deacons, canonically resident in the Diocese and not more than four Lay Persons, confirmed adult communicants of this Church, in good standing in the Diocese but not necessarily domiciled in the Diocese; but the General Convention by Canon may reduce the representation to not fewer than two Deputies in each order. Each Diocese, and the Convocation of the American Churches in Europe, shall prescribe the manner in which its Deputies shall be chosen.

There shall also be entitled to representation in the House of Deputies the youth of the Church, who shall be represented by eighteen Lay Persons who shall be Deputies, two each of whom shall be confirmed communicants in good standing, but not necessarily domiciled, in a Diocese in each Province. Deputies representing the youth shall not be less than sixteen years of age, nor more than eighteen years of age, as of the first legislative day of the General Convention for which they are chosen. The Canons of the General Convention shall prescribe the manner in which the Deputies representing the youth shall be chosen.

To constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, the Clerical order shall be represented by at least one Deputy in each of a majority of the Dioceses entitled to representation, and the Lay order shall likewise be represented by at least one Deputy in each of a majority of the Dioceses entitled to representation.

Amend Article I, Section 5 of the Constitution as follows:
Sec. 5. The vote on all questions which come before the House of Deputies shall be governed by the following provisions, supplemented by such procedural provisions as the House of Deputies may adopt in its Rules of Order:
Unless a greater vote on any question is required by this Constitution or by
the Canons in cases not specifically dealt with by this Constitution or unless
a vote by orders on a question is required, the affirmative vote of a majority
of all of the Deputies present and voting shall suffice to carry any question.
A vote by orders on any question shall be taken if required for that question
by this Constitution or by the Canons or if the Clerical or Lay representation
from three or more separate Dioceses shall so request at the time of the call
for the vote on that question. In all cases of a vote by orders, the vote of each
order, Clerical and Lay, shall be counted separately, each order in each
Diocese shall have one vote, and a vote in the affirmative by an order in a
Diocese shall require the affirmative vote of a majority of the Deputies
present in that order in that Diocese. In all cases of a vote by orders, the
Deputies representing the youth shall have one vote in the Lay order, and a
vote in the affirmative by the Deputies representing the youth shall require the
affirmative vote of a majority of the Deputies representing the youth present.
To carry in the affirmative any question being voted on by orders requires
concurrence in the affirmative by both orders and, unless a greater vote is
required by this Constitution or by the Canons in cases not specifically dealt
with by this Constitution, concurrence in the affirmative by an order requires
the affirmative vote in that order by a majority of the Dioceses (including, in
the Lay order, the Deputies representing the youth) present in that order.

And be it further
Resolved, That the manner in which Youth Deputies shall be chosen be referred to
the Standing Commission on Constitution and Canons to propose such
amendments to the Canons and other appropriate procedures to implement the
foregoing proposed amendments to the Constitution and report such proposals
to the 77th General Convention.

Motion carried
Resolution referred to a Standing Commission
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #294)

World Mission
The House of Bishops Committee on World Mission presented its Report #47 on HD
Message #293 on Resolution B015 (Amend Constitution Article I.4 (First Reading)) and
moved concurrence.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #295)

Final Text of Resolution:
(B015)
Resolved, That lines 3 and 4 and 11 of Article I.4 of the Constitution (page 2) be
amended to change the name of the “Convocation of the American Churches in
Europe” to “Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe” as follows:
Sec. 4. The Church in each Diocese which has been admitted to union with the General Convention, each area Mission established as provided by Article VI, and the Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe, shall be entitled to representation in the House of Deputies by not more than four ordained persons, Presbyters or Deacons, canonically resident in the Diocese and not more than four Lay Persons, confirmed adult communicants of this Church, in good standing in the Diocese but not necessarily domiciled in the Diocese; but the General Convention by Canon may reduce the representation to not fewer than two Deputies in each order. Each Diocese, and the Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe, shall prescribe the manner in which its Deputies shall be chosen.

The House of Bishops Committee on World Mission presented its Report #48 on HD Message #294 on Resolution D075 (Mission, the Heartbeat of the Church) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #296)

Final Text of Resolution:
(D075)
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church commend, endorse, and embrace the Presiding Bishop’s statement (July 8, 2009) that “the heartbeat of the Church is mission; ” and be it further
Resolved, That as a sign of our commitment to Christ’s mission, the 76th General Convention challenges dioceses and congregations to participate in one new or ongoing project that engages in a relationship with another part of the Body of Christ in the world; and be it further
Resolved, That the Standing Commission on World Mission be directed to develop strategies to enable and to support individuals, congregations and dioceses of The Episcopal Church to engage in mission activities which further our participation in God’s mission.

Personal Privilege
The Bishop Suffragan for Federal Ministries thanked Episcopal Peace Fellowship for their work. Appreciation was expressed by the House.

National and International Concerns
The House of Bishops Committee on National and International Concerns presented its Report #59 on HD Message #261 on Resolution C084 (A Right to Human Identity) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #297)

Final Text of Resolution:
(C084)
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention urge all dioceses to adopt the following statement: Personal history is a fundamental human right and knowledge of one’s entire parentage should be assumed as part of a person’s natural property; and be it further

Resolved, That the 76th General Convention urge all dioceses to adopt the following statement: That all state legislatures be urged to establish procedures that would enable adoptees [upon reaching legal age] to secure current information regarding their historical heritage, medical history and genetic derivation without the necessity of court action.

The House of Bishops Committee on National and International Concerns presented its Report #60 on HD Message #295 on Resolution C023 (Defense of Marriage Statutes) and moved concurrence.

The Bishop of North Carolina moved to refer the resolution to the Executive Council.

Motion carried

Resolution referred to the Executive Council

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #298)

The House of Bishops Committee on National and International Concerns presented its Report #61 on HD Message #190 on Resolution D039 (Fix Our Broken Labor Laws) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #299)

Final Text of Resolution:

(D039) Resolved, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church urge the Congress of the United States to pass, and the President to sign into law, labor law reform legislation designed to better protect employees seeking to engage in collective bargaining, to simplify and streamline the procedures by which employees may choose to organize, and to assist employers and employees in reaching agreement. Said legislation should contain the following elements:

1. Provide workers the choice of seeking union recognition either through an election, or through a majority sign-up on cards which are then verified by the National Labor Relations Board.

2. Adopt more effective remedies for violations of employees’ rights, comparable to the remedies for discrimination provided by existing civil rights laws.

3. Where the employers and unions are unable to reach agreement on their first collective bargaining agreement within a reasonable period of time, resolve the dispute by submitting it to mediation and if mediation is unsuccessful, then to binding arbitration; and be it further

Resolved, That church members and the Office of Government Relations communicate the position of The Episcopal Church on this issue to the
President and Members of Congress, and advocate passage of federal legislation consistent with this resolution.

Education
The House of Bishops Committee on Education presented its Report #16 on HD Message #262 on Resolution D096 (Prevention of Domestic Violence) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #300)

Final Text of Resolution:
(D096)
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention speak out clearly against the widespread practice of domestic violence; and be it further
Resolved, That members of General Convention covenant to pray for victims and their families; and be it further
Resolved, That we urge the appropriate interim bodies to review and recommend the utilization of existing training developed for domestic violence prevention, in order to counter the culture which sustains it; and be it further
Resolved, That the Convention strongly encourage all Episcopal bishops and other clergy and lay leadership to participate in such training as may be available to them; and be it further
Resolved, That clergy take leadership in making such information and training available to their congregations and the community.

The House recessed for fifteen minutes.

Special Order of Business
The Presiding Bishop made comments about the Blessed Virgin Mary, also explaining that the minutes are in error.

Privilege and Courtesy
The House of Bishops Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #3 on HD Message #262 on Resolution D097 (Episcopal Relief and Development Resolution of Commendation) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #301)

Final Text of Resolution:
(D097)
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church commend the work of Episcopal Relief and Development as a powerful example of how we as Christians can live out our baptismal covenant and work towards healing a hurting world; and be it further
Resolved, That acting as the international development agency of The Episcopal Church, Episcopal Relief and Development’s success in the 2006-2009 triennium at reaching many millions of people in more than 40 countries around the world is a testament to our Church’s commitment to answering Jesus’ call in Matthew 25:40 to do unto the least of these what we would do for Him; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church celebrate Episcopal Relief and Development’s efforts at surpassing the Millennium Development Goals Inspiration Fund’s financial and programmatic objectives; and be it further

Resolved, That Episcopal Relief and Development’s focus on alleviating hunger, promoting health, creating economic opportunities and providing disaster relief worldwide empowers vulnerable people to live the lives of dignity that they deserve; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church should support Episcopal Relief and Development as the agency continues to engage Episcopalians in the global effort to reach the Millennium Development Goals and serve our neighbors in need through its programs.

The House of Bishops Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #4 on HD Message #271 on Resolution D057 (Congratulations to the Bible and Common Prayer Book Society) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #302)

Final Text of Resolution:

(D057)

Resolved, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church congratulate The Bible and Common Prayer Book Society on its 200th birthday and commends it for its continued work and ministry.

The House of Bishops Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #5 on HD Message #264 on Resolution D086 (Express Gratitude to Thomas K. Chu) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #303)

Final Text of Resolution:

(D086)

Resolved, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church give thanks to Almighty God for the ministry of Thomas K. Chu to enable the participation of children, youth and young adults in the work and worship of conventions from 1994 to 2006; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention recognize with great appreciation the faithful and dedicated service of Thomas K. Chu to The Episcopal Church from 1989 to 2008 and wish him well in his future endeavors.
The House of Bishop committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #6 on HD Message #265 on Resolution D068 (Gratitude to Custodian of the Book of Common Prayer) and moved concurrence. 

The House concurred  
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #304)

Final Text of Resolution:  
(D068)  
Resolved, That the 76th Convention recognize with great appreciation the faithful, collegial and innovative work over the past six years of the Custodian of the Book of Common Prayer, Gregory Howe, particularly in advancing the development of liturgical translations and texts that honor the cultural, national, ethnic and linguistic integrity and richness of our Church.

The House of Bishops Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #7 on HD Message #276 on Resolution A085 (Commendation for the Work of Proclaiming Education for All) and moved concurrence. 

The House concurred  
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #305)

Final Text of Resolution:  
(A085)  
Resolved, That 76th General Convention commends the work of Proclaiming Education for All (PEALL) and express its gratitude to PEALL members for their efforts to begin the work of providing comprehensive Christian education and formation to all levels of The Episcopal Church.

The House of Bishops Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #8 on HD Message #266 on Resolution A147 (Claiming Our Identity and Promoting Anglican Partnerships) and moved concurrence. 

The House concurred  
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #306)

Final Text of Resolution:  
(A147)  
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention commend the work of the Anglican Indigenous Network, a recognized network of the Anglican Consultative Council.

The House of Bishops Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #9 on HD Message #281 on Resolution D098 (Recognition of House of Deputies Leadership) and moved concurrence. 

The House concurred  
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #307)
Final Text of Resolution:
(D098)
Resolved, That the House of Deputies of the 76th General Convention acknowledge the leadership of the House of Deputies, their practice of wisdom, patience, fortitude, courage, humor and kindness on a biblical scale, and that the Deputies express profound gratitude especially to Dr. Bonnie Anderson, the Reverend Brian N. Prior and the Reverend Dr. Gregory Straub, and their assistants whom we consider “Heroes of the House.”

The House of Bishops Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #10 on HD Message #267 on Resolution B002 (Commend the College of Bishops) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #308)

Final Text of Resolution:
(B002)
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention express its appreciation to the College for Bishops, its Board of Directors, Advisory Committee and staff for the College’s excellent work in providing formational programs for new bishops, assistance to dioceses in transition and continuing education opportunities for all bishops of this Church; and be it further
Resolved, That this Convention commends the programs of the College for Bishops to dioceses and bishops as a significant ongoing resource for leadership education, formation and health.

The House of Bishops Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #11 on HD Message #282 on Resolution D099 (Appreciation for J. Jon Bruno and the Host City of Anaheim) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #309)

Final Text of Resolution:
(D099)
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention express gratitude to Bishop J. Jon Bruno and the Diocese of Los Angeles for their gracious hospitality and generous participation in hosting the 76th General Convention; and be it further
Resolved, That we express our appreciation to the City of Anaheim and the Anaheim Convention Center and its Staff for their magical welcome, diligent and friendly service, perfect weather and luscious landscape.
The House of Bishops Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #12 on HD Message #268 on Resolution D047 (Episcopal Service Corps) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #310)

Final Text of Resolution:
(D047)
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention commend the work of the Episcopal Service Corps in raising up future leaders for the Church and the world through offering opportunities for young adults to spend a year providing services to those in need and discerning vocation in the context of simple and sustainable Christian community.

The House of Bishops Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #13 on HD Message #269 on Resolution D070 (Charles M. Crump, Jr.) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #311)

Final Text of Resolution:
(D070)
Resolved, That Charles M. Crump, Jr. served diligently and loyally as a Deputy of General Convention from 1958 through 2006, seventeen consecutive General Conventions; and the General Convention recognizes with sadness his absence from the 76th General Convention; and be it further
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention, meeting in Anaheim, California, warmly greet Charles M. Crump, Jr., commend him for his years of service to The Episcopal Church and send its heartfelt greetings and best wishes to him from all of the General Convention Deputies, Alternates and from the House of Bishops.

The House of Bishops Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #14 on HD Message #283 on Resolution D100 (Appreciation for the Work of Our Presiding Bishop) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #312)

Final Text of Resolution:
(D100)
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention give thanks and praise for the ministry and leadership of the Primate of The Episcopal Church, Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori, for her leadership and ability to aviate, navigate and communicate through these challenging times, and for her grace and prayerful presence among us.
The House of Bishops Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #15 on HD Message #286 on Resolution D103 (Appreciation for the Official Youth Presence) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #313)

Final Text of Resolution:
(D103)
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention give thanks for the Official Youth Presence, the chaperones and members of the Episcopal Peace Fellowship Young Adult Presence, other youth and young adult participants and all who have taken such an active part in many aspects of the Convention by attending hearings, legislative sessions, worship and speaking to both Houses of the Convention.

The House of Bishops Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #16 on HD Message #285 on Resolution D102 (Appreciation for the Ministry of Brian Grieves) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #314)

Final Text of Resolution:
(D102)
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention give high praise and thanksgiving to the ministry and dedication of the Rev. Canon J. Brian Grieves,
- as the Peace and Justice Officer for The Episcopal Church and currently the Senior Director of its Four Mission Centers;
- as priest and former camp director in the Diocese of Hawaii for ten years and where he has remained canonically resident;
- as the Director of the Advocacy Center which includes the Office of Government Relations as well as staff who work on issues of peacemaking, anti-racism, native American/indigenous ministries and social and economic justice. This ministry extended throughout the world, particularly Palestine/Israel, Philippines, Korea, Japan and South Africa, and included ethnic and economic justice in the United States;
- as leader of the Anglican Peace with Justice Network and countless commissions and boards in the United States and abroad;
- as a strong leader of Jubilee Ministries, anti-racism training and advocacy work in Washington, particularly with the MDG’s;
- as a man loved and admired for his support of staff and unyielding commitment to the role of the Church and its mission of peace and justice for all; and be it further

Resolved, That we express our deep and abiding affection and appreciation to the Rev. Canon Brian J. Grieves, for his twenty-one years of serving under three
Presiding Bishops, having been known and loved by all as a leader, servant and friend and invaluable resource to countless committees and commission members, not to mention deputies and bishops, who have sought his help in preparing reports and resolutions. As a fierce supporter of justice and peace for all people, he has generously given of his time and energy in the most pleasant manner, never showing any signs of uneasiness but with a demeanor of gentleness and a warm smile.

The House of Bishops Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #17 on HD Message #289 on Resolution D106 (Appreciation for General Convention Staff, Committee Members, Volunteers and Vendors) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #315)

Final Text of Resolution:
(D106)
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention express its gratitude to the entire General Convention staff, to the Legislative Committee Chairs, Co-Chairs, Secretaries, members and Legislative Aides; and be it further
Resolved, That we share our appreciation with the numerous volunteers from the Diocese of Los Angeles, surrounding Dioceses and throughout The Episcopal Church who registered, directed and informed participants in this Convention through the Houses, Exhibit Hall, hotel meeting rooms and the Convention Center with cheerfulness and patience; and be it further
Resolved, That we thank exhibitors and vendors who informed and cared for us in the Exhibit Hall, giving us a greater appreciation and understanding for a myriad of ministries and opportunities for the next three years, and feeding us spiritually and physically while we were here.

The House of Bishops Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #18 on HD Message #290 on Resolution D108 (Appreciation for Visiting Bishops, Ecumenical Friends and Guests from Anglican Communion) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #316)

Final Text of Resolution:
(D108)
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention express its gratitude for the presence of the many visiting bishops in our midst who have come to share with us their wisdom, insight and unique perspectives from around the world; and be it further
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention express its appreciation for the invaluable presence, gifts and ministry of our ecumenical guests, and affirm our mutual intention to work and pray together as daughters and sons of the same Creator; and be it further
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention commend with thankfulness all of the guests present from throughout the Anglican Communion, and thank them for the words, witness and wisdom so generously shared with us.

The House of Bishops Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #19 on HD Message #291 on Resolution D107 (Thanksgiving for Presence of Archbishop of Canterbury) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #317)

Final Text of Resolution:
(D107)
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention give high praise and thanksgiving for the ministry and leadership of the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Reverend and Right Honorable Doctor Rowan Douglas Williams, and express our gratitude for his grace and prayerful presence among us.

Special Order of Business
The Presiding Bishop recognized the Chair of Privilege and Courtesy who read the following statement into the minutes:

Resolved, That the House of Bishops expresses its gratitude and deep appreciation to the many faithful ones who have guided, served, and inspired this House during the 76th General Convention;

- To the volunteers and pages who have generously given of their time and attention,
- To the members of our Secretariat and the translators who have ordered, supported, and communicated the business of this House,
- To our chaplains the Rev. Carol Wade and Brother Geoffrey Tristram and to our musician Dent Davidson who have inspired and lifted us in prayer these days,
- To the Rev. Gregory Straub, Secretary of General Convention, Lori Ionnitiu, General Convention Manager and members of the General Convention Staff for their tireless efforts on our behalf,
- To delegates participating in the ECW Triennial meeting, their outgoing president Kay Meyer, and to their newly elected president Marcia Himes, may God continue to bless your many ministries,
- To the House of Deputies, Dr. Bonnie Anderson, President, and the Rev. Brian Prior, Vice-President, we have been blessed to serve with you at this convention,
- To the Diocese of Los Angeles—Jon Bruno, Sergio Carranza, Chester Talton, and their bishops, thank you for sharing the story of your vital and faithful ministries,
- To the Archbishop of Canterbury, our distinguished Anglican, Ecumenical and Inter-Faith visitors, we have been blessed by your presence, witness and prayers,
• To the committees and officers of this House for their careful deliberations and leadership as we have conducted our business during this Convention,
• To Edmond Browning and Frank Griswold—our retired Presiding Bishops, thank you for joining us at this Convention, we are blessed by your friendship and service to this Church through the years,
• And finally, to our Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori, because words cannot fully express our appreciation for your thoughtful, spirit-filled leadership of this House, we rise to express our thanks as this meeting of the House of Bishops nears its end.

Special Order of Business
The Presiding Bishop recognized the service of Bishop Chang, Resigned Bishop of Hawaii, to the Church and to this House.

Canons
The House of Bishops Committee on Canons presented its Report #21 on HD Message #299 on Resolution B008 (Amend Canon I.7.3 to add 3(b)) and moved concurrence with a referral to the Standing Commission on Constitution and Canons.

Final Text of Resolution:
(B008)
Resolved, That Canon I.7.3 be amended to read as follows:
A new section added to be 1.7.Sec.3(b) - that would change the former 1.7.Sec.3 to 1.7.Sec.3(a)

Sec. 3 (b) No Vestry, Trustee, or other Body, authorized by Civil or Canon Law to hold, manage or administer the trusts or permanent funds of any Parish, Mission, Congregation or Institution, shall expend or otherwise encumber those funds in a manner inconsistent with standard business practice without the written consent of the Bishop and Standing Committee of the Diocese of which the Parish, Mission, Congregation or Institution is a part except under such regulations as may be prescribed by Canon of the Diocese.

Motion carried
Resolution referred to a Standing Commission
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #318)

The House of Bishops Committee on Canons presented its Report #22 on HD Message #297 on Resolution A056 (Amend Canon III.11.4(a)) and moved concurrence with a referral to the Standing Commission on Constitution and Canons.

Final Text of Resolution:
(A056)
Resolved, That Canon III.11.4 (a) is hereby amended to read as follows:
(a) If the date of the election of a Bishop occurs more than one hundred and twenty days before the meeting of the General Convention, the Standing Committee of the Diocese for which the Bishop has been elected shall by its President, or by some person or persons specially appointed, immediately
send to the Presiding Bishop and to the Standing Committees of the several Dioceses:

(1) evidence of the election of the Bishop-elect by the Convention of the Diocese,

(2) evidence that the Bishop-elect has been duly ordered Deacon and Priest,

(3) evidence that the Bishop-elect has been thoroughly examined as to that person’s medical, psychological and psychiatric condition, and

(4) a testimonial signed by a constitutional majority of the Convention in the following form:

We, whose names are hereunder written, fully sensible of how important it is that the Sacred Order and Office of a Bishop should not be unworthily conferred, and firmly persuaded that it is our duty to bear testimony on this solemn occasion without partiality, do, in the presence of Almighty God, testify that we know of no impediment on account of which the Reverend A.B. ought not to be ordained to that Holy Office. We do, moreover, jointly and severally declare that we believe the Reverend A.B. to have been duly and lawfully elected and to be of such sufficiency in learning, of such soundness in the Faith, and of such godly character as to be able to exercise the Office of a Bishop to the honor of God and the edifying of the Church, and to be a wholesome example to the flock of Christ.

(Date) __________ (Signed) __________

(b) The Presiding Bishop, shall without delay, notify every Bishop of this Church exercising jurisdiction and to the several Standing Committees, that he or she has received the certificate of election. Not more than one hundred and twenty days after certificate of election has been sent, each Bishop of this Church exercising jurisdiction shall provide the Presiding Bishop with a written statement of consent or withholding of consent.

Not more than one hundred and twenty days after the certificate of the election has been sent, each Standing Committee shall respond by sending the Standing Committee of the diocese for which the Bishop is elected, either the testimonial of consent in the form set out in paragraph (a)(4) of this Section or written notice of its refusal to give consent. If a majority of the Standing Committees of all the Dioceses consents to the ordination of the Bishop-elect, the Standing Committee of the diocese electing the Bishop shall then forward the evidence of the consent to the Presiding Bishop.

(c) Evidence of the consent of each Standing Committee shall be a testimonial in the following words, signed by a majority of all the members of the Committee:

Motion carried

Resolution referred to a Standing Commission

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #319)
Structure
The House of Bishops Committee on Structure presented its Report #34 on HD Message #298 on Resolution D074 (Research New Locations of 2015 General Convention) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #320)

Final Text of Resolution:

(D074)
Resolved, That the Joint Standing Committee on planning and arrangements be asked to research and consider the feasibility of using a university campus as the site of future General Conventions.

The House of Bishops Committee on Structure presented its Report #35 on HD Message #300 on Resolution A162 (Domestic Strategy Committee on AIDS Crisis) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #321)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A162)
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church urge Executive Council with the assistance of the Committee on HIV/AIDS and National Episcopal AIDS Coalition to convene a domestic strategy meeting for the purpose of developing a comprehensive response to the HIV/AIDS crisis by The Episcopal Church during triennium 2010-2012; and be it further
Resolved, That the information gathered become the genesis of a response by our Church to improve the universal health of our members and ultimately all God’s children; and be it further
Resolved, That the Committee on HIV/AIDS report the outcome of this work to the 77th General Convention.

The House of Bishops Committee on Structure presented its Report #36 on HD Message #301 on Resolution A005 (Analysis of Budgeting Process) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #322)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A005)
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church requests Program, Budget and Finance to consider an amount not to exceed $50,000 for the Standing Commission on the Structure of the Church in conjunction with the Standing Commission on Constitution and Canons to conduct a professional comprehensive analysis of the budgeting process and budget of The Episcopal
Church during the Triennium 2010-2012, paying particular attention to the relationship between the General Convention (and its officers and committees), the Executive Council (and its officers and committees), the Presiding Bishop and the staff of The Episcopal Church; and be it further

Resolved, That the study address any conflicts and ambiguities among the Canons, Joint Rules of Order, Executive Council and Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society Bylaws and actual practice with the goal of eliminating these conflicts and ambiguities so that the roles and functions of various bodies and offices regarding the creation, adoption, revision, oversight and all other aspects of the budgeting process and budget are clear; and be it further

Resolved, That the Standing Commission on Structure offer a report on the analysis with appropriate recommendations and any proposed changes to the Constitution and Canons of The Episcopal Church, the Joint Rules of Order and the Bylaws of Executive Council and the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society to the 77th General Convention for its consideration and action.

The House of Bishops Committee on Structure presented its Report #37 on HD Message #302 on Resolution A121 (Amend Canon I.2.1: Joint Committee Mandate) and moved concurrence.

The Bishop of California moved to refer the resolution to a Standing Commission.  

Motion carried

Resolution referred to a Standing Commission  
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #323)

The House of Bishops Committee on Structure presented its Report #38 on HD Message #303 on Resolution A116 (Amend Canon I.4.3: Establish Audit Committee) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred  
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #324)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A116)

Resolved, That Canon I.4.3 is hereby amended by adding a new subsection (g), with succeeding subsections to be re-lettered, to read as follows:

Sec. 3(g) Upon joint nomination of the Chair and Vice-Chair, the Executive Council shall elect a Joint Audit Committee of the Council and the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society. The Committee shall be composed of six members, one of whom shall be a member of the Executive Council's Committee on Administration and Finance, one from the membership of the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance, and the remaining four shall be members of the Church-at-large, having experience in general business practices. The members shall serve for a term of three years beginning on January 1 following a regular meeting of the General Convention or immediately following their appointment, whichever comes later, and continue until a successor is appointed, and may serve two consecutive terms,
after which a full triennium must elapse before being eligible for re-election. The Chair and Vice-Chair of Council shall designate the Chair of the Committee from among its members. The Audit Committee shall regularly review the financial statements relating to all funds under the management or control of the Council and the Society and shall report thereon at least annually to the Council and the Society.

Upon recommendation of the Audit Committee, the Executive Council shall employ on behalf of the Council and the Society an independent Certified Public Accountant firm to audit annually all accounts under the management or control of the Council and Society. After receipt of the annual audit, the Audit Committee shall recommend to the Council and Society what action to take as to any matters identified in the annual audit and accompanying management letter. The operations of the Audit Committee shall be set out in an Audit Committee Charter. The Audit Committee shall review, at least annually, the Committee’s Charter and recommend any changes to the Executive Council for approval.

And be it further

Resolved, That all of the current members of the Audit Committee have their respective terms extended until December 31, 2009; and be it further

Resolved, That the Joint Rules of Order are hereby amended by deleting Rule 11:

The House of Bishops Committee on Structure presented its Report #39 on HD Message #332 on Resolution A184 (Study Effective Levels for Deployment of Church Resources) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #325)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A184)

Resolved, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church direct the Budgetary Funding Task Force to continue its study as to how and at what level(s) of the church’s structures our resources may be most efficiently deployed to communicate, foster and support our common mission.

The house of Bishops Committee on Structure presented its Report #40 on HD Message #344 on Resolution A127 (Directions for the Future) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #327)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A127)

Resolved, That the 76th General Convention charge the Standing Commission on the Structure of the Church to consider the relationship of agencies to the structure of The Episcopal Church and make recommendations to the 77th
General Convention concerning the same; and be it further
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention charge the Standing Commission on the Structure of the Church to consider the role and term of the Presiding Bishop and report its considerations to a future meeting of the General Convention concerning the same; and be it further
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention charge the Standing Commission on the Structure of the Church to examine the role of Chancellors in the structure of The Episcopal Church and make recommendations to the 77th General Convention concerning the same; and be it further
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention charge the Standing Commission on the Structure of the Church to examine the role of Parliamentarians in the structure of The Episcopal Church and make recommendations to the 77th General Convention; and be it further
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention charge the Standing Commission on the Structure of the Church to examine the cultural homogeneity of the Canons, and the propriety of the Canons being applied within the diversity of the Church, and make recommendations to a future meeting of the General Convention concerning the same; and be it further
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention charge the Standing Commission on the Structure of the Church to examine the Provincial Leadership Conference and the Church’s provincial structure, and make recommendations to a future meeting of the General Convention concerning the same; and be it further
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention charge the Standing Commission on the Structure of the Church to undertake a study and report to the 77th General Convention on the current diocesan configuration and suggest whether adjustments thereto would be appropriate; and be it further
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention charge the Standing Commission on Constitution and Canons to examine appropriate means and changes to Rules of Order to prioritize and consolidate the work of legislation at General Convention, and make recommendations to the Executive Committee, President of the House of Deputies, Council of Advice, Presiding Bishop and the House of Bishops for future action and to report to the next General Convention.

Communications
The House of Bishops Committee on Communications presented its Report #10 on HD Message #256 on Resolution C052 (Increased Media Coverage of Global Crises) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #328)

Final Text of Resolution:
(C052)
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church call upon all television news outlets in the United States to increase coverage of global crises and the U.S. response to them, particularly:
  efforts to realize the Millennium Development Goals,
the ongoing peace process between north and south Sudan, and
the ongoing genocide in Darfur; and be it further
Resolved, That the secretary of this Convention send a copy of this resolution to
the programming offices of CNN, MSNBC, CNBC and FoxNews, and to the
news divisions of NBC, ABC, CBS and FOX; and be it further
Resolved, That all dioceses, congregations and individuals in The Episcopal
Church are strongly urged to call upon the news media on local, regional and
national levels to increase the breadth and depth of coverage of these issues.

Election of Executive Council
The House of Bishops Committee on Dispatch of Business presented its Report #12
on HD Message #195 on the election of members to Executive Council:

Lay Order
Ms. Sarah Dylan Breuer
The Rev. Canon Stephanie Turnbull Cheney
Mr. Scott Evenbeck
Mr. Stephen F. Hutchinson, Esq.
Mr. Francisco Quinones-Gonzales
Ms. Katie Sherrod

Clergy Order
The Rev. Silvestre Enrique Romero
The Rev. Deacon Terry Starr

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #329)

Dispatch of Business
The House of Bishops Committee on Dispatch of Business presented its Report #14,
to authorize the Secretary to refer incomplete matters to an appropriate interim body,
and moved concurrence.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #330)

World Mission
The House of Bishops Committee on World Mission presented its Report #49 on HD
Message #304 on Resolution D040 (Amend Canon I.4.2(g)) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #331)

Final Text of Resolution:
(D040)
Resolved, That Canon I.4.2 (g) is hereby amended to read as follows:

The Council shall elect the Church’s members of the Anglican Consultative
Council (ACC) and of other Anglican and ecumenical bodies for which no
other procedure is provided. **Members of the ACC representing The Episcopal Church shall report to each General Convention using the schedule and format required for Standing Commissions in Canon I.1.2 (j) and (k), and shall provide comprehensive written or oral reports to Executive Council at Council’s next meeting following each meeting of the ACC.**

The House of Bishops Committee on World Mission presented its Report #50 on HD Message #305 on Resolution B019 (Recognition of Anglican Women’s Empowerment (AWE)) and moved concurrence.

**The House concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #332)

**Final Text of Resolution:**

(B019)

Resolved, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church recognize and affirm the advocacy and ongoing contribution of Anglican Women’s Empowerment, a group of women in The Episcopal Church whose mission is to support and affirm the nurturing and empowerment of adult women and young girls throughout the Anglican Communion.

National and International Concerns

The House of Bishops Committee on National and International Concerns presented its Report #62 on HD Message #306 on Resolution A037 (Prayer for Wall Around Bethlehem to Come Down) and moved concurrence.

**The House concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #333)

**Final Text of Resolution:**

(A037)

Resolved, That the 76th General Convention, urge every Episcopalian and every Episcopal Church and every Episcopal diocese, to pray, especially in Advent and during the Christmas season, for the Wall around Bethlehem and all other barriers to come down:

“Almighty God, Creator of the wonderful complex diversity of humanity; you have fashioned us in your image and commanded us to love one another;

Reach down your divine hand so that the wall shall come down in Bethlehem, the birthplace of your Son, the Prince of Peace; And may the crumbling walls herald the fall of all barriers that divide us.

Bind us together so that love gives rise to an abundance of tenderness among all people; and may our hearts like Mary’s magnify the Lord, and may your love shower down throughout the world so all divisions are scattered and washed away.
We ask this all with expectant hearts through Christ Jesus, our Lord, Amen.”

The House of Bishops Committee on National and International Concerns presented its Report #63 on HD Message #307 on Resolution C048 (Support for Employment Non-discrimination Act) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #334)

Final Text of Resolution:

(C048)
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church support the extension of existing federal laws that prohibit employment discrimination to include discrimination because of sexual orientation or gender identity and expression along with those prohibitions based on race, gender, religion, national origin, age and disability; and be it further
Resolved, That the Secretary of General Convention convey this resolution to appropriate congressional leaders and to the President of the United States.

Education
The House of Bishops Committee on Education presented its Report #17 on HD Message #254 on Resolution D064 (Youth Meeting in Europe) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #335)

Final Text of Resolution:

(D064)
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention gives thanks for the growing presence of young people and their faithful witness throughout the Church, as well as the programming undertaken due to the priority for young adult ministry established at the 74th and 75th General Conventions; and be it further
Resolved, That a group of 30 young adults (ages 18-30) from predominantly under-resourced areas across The Episcopal Church, make a pilgrimage to 1) Geneva, Switzerland where they will engage, through opportunities for service and experiential learning, with international agencies involved in the implementation of the Millennium Development Goals, such as the World Council of Churches, the United Nations agencies and the World Health Organization, 2) Taize for a spiritual retreat, and 3) the American Cathedral in Paris, France to celebrate connections made with young people in the Convocation of American Churches in Europe. The pilgrimage will help strengthen and equip the young adults for more effective leadership in their local context, having widened their perspective and deepened their faith through engagement with a contextual experience of the Gospel; and be it further
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention encourage the Office of Young Adult and Campus Ministries to implement this resolution; and that the Office report its work to the 77th General Convention.

The House of Bishops Committee on Education presented its Report #18 on HD Message #255 on Resolution D092 (Reaffirm) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #336)

Final Text of Resolution:
(D092)
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church reaffirm campus ministry as a fundamental component of mission (2006 A041 and 2003 A066) and continue its financial commitment supporting the establishment of new ministries on college and university campuses.

The Secretary made announcements.

Prayers
Prayer was led by Chaplain Wade.

Adjournment
The House of Bishops Committee on Dispatch of Business moved that the House adjourn sine die.

Motion carried

The House adjourned at 4:20 p.m.
Appendix D
Day Ten

Change in Status
The following are changes in status received by the Secretary since the Special Meeting of the House of Bishops, held at Kanuga Conference Center, Hendersonville, North Carolina, March 13–18, 2009:

- June 7, 2009  The Rt. Rev. C. Andrew Doyle
  Bishop Coadjutor of Texas
  To Bishop Diocesan of Texas

- June 7, 2009  The Rt. Rev. Don A. Wimberly
  Bishop Diocesan of Texas, Resigned

Appointments of Bishops Serving Other Dioceses
The following are appointments of the Presiding Bishop since the Special Meeting of the House of Bishops, held at Kanuga Conference Center, Hendersonville, North Carolina, March 13–18, 2009:

- The Rt. Rev. John Buchanan, Retired
  Provisional Bishop of Quincy

- The Rt. Rev. Donald Parsons, Retired
  Assisting Bishop of Springfield

- The Rt. Rev. Bavi Rivera, Bishop Suffragan of Olympia
  Provisional Bishop of Eastern Oregon

Resignations
Since the Special Meeting of the House of Bishops, held at Kanuga Conference Center, Hendersonville, North Carolina, March 13—28, 2009, the Secretary received notification of the intent of the following bishops to resign:

- December 31, 2009  The Rt. Rev. Dorsey F. Henderson
  Bishop of Upper South Carolina

- September 11, 2010  The Rt. Rev. Carolyn Tanner Irish
  Bishop of Utah

- February 13, 2010  The Rt. Rev. James L. Jelinek
  Bishop of Minnesota

  Bishop of Louisiana

- October 1, 2009  The Rt. Rev. Peter J. Lee
  Bishop of Virginia

- August 1, 2009  The Rt. Rev. Wilfrido Ramos Orench
  Provisional Bishop of Ecuador Central
September 1, 2009  The Rt. Rev. E. Don Taylor  
Assistant Bishop of New York

June 7, 2009  The Rt. Rev. Don A. Wimberly  
Bishop of Texas

Renunciations
Since the Special Meeting of the House of Bishops, held at Kanuga Conference Center, Hendersonville, North Carolina, March 13—28, 2009, the following bishops have renounced orders:

May 22, 2009  The Rt. Rev. David C. Bane  
Resigned Diocesan of Southern Virginia

May 22, 2009  The Rt. Rev. Edward H. MacBurney  
Resigned Diocesan of Quincy

Necrology
Since the Special Meeting of the House of Bishops, held at Kanuga Conference Center, Hendersonville, North Carolina, March 13—28, 2009, the following bishop has departed this life:

June 29, 2009  The Rt. Rev. Robert Miller  
Resigned Bishop of Alabama
HOUSE OF DEPUTIES
MINUTES
FIRST DAY

Wednesday
July 8, 2009

MORNING SESSION

This being the day and place designated, pursuant to Canon I.1.14(c), for the meeting of the 76th General Convention, the President of the House of Deputies, Canon Bonnie Anderson, D.D., of Michigan, called the House to order at 8:02 a.m. at the Anaheim Convention Center, Anaheim, California, in the Diocese of Los Angeles.

The President remarked on the organization of the House.

Appointment of the Chaplain
The President announced the appointment of the Rev. Francis “Frank” Wade of Washington as the Chaplain of the House of Deputies. The Chaplain led the House in opening prayers.

Appointment of the Parliamentarian
The President announced the appointment of Pauline “Polly” Getz of San Diego as Parliamentarian of the House of Deputies.

The President called on the Secretary to report on the recording of the names of those whose testimonials had been presented.

There were no objections.

Certification of Deputies
The House of Deputies Committee on Credentials presented its Report #1. For the morning session of the First Legislative Day there were 406 clerical deputies and 406 lay deputies certified and seated. The total count of the House is 812. The number of votes for a motion to prevail is 407.

The Secretary moved that the report be accepted.

Motion carried

Quorum
The President requested the Secretary to certify that quorum was present.

The Secretary so certified:
I hereby certify that, pursuant to Article I, Section 4 of the Constitution, the clerical order being represented by at least one deputy in each of a majority of dioceses entitled to representation in this Convention, and the lay order being likewise
represented by at least one deputy in each of a majority of the dioceses entitled to representation, there is a quorum of this House present for the transaction of business.

The Rev. Dr. Gregory Straub, Secretary

The Chair of the House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business moved that, since the Secretary had certified to this body the presence of a quorum, the House dispense with the calling of the role, pursuant to the provisions of Canon I.1.1(a).

Motion carried

**Election of the Secretary of the House of Deputies**

The President called for nominations for Secretary of the House of Deputies. Deputy Dick of Easton placed in nomination the name of the Rev. Dr. Gregory Straub as Secretary of the House of Deputies.

The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business moved to close the nominations.

Motion carried

Nominations closed

The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business moved for a single ballot.

Motion carried

The President called on the Vice-President of the House of Deputies, Deputy Prior of Spokane, to cast a single ballot for the Rev. Dr. Gregory Straub for Secretary of the House of Deputies.

Motion carried

Secretary of the House of Deputies elected

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #22)

**House of Deputies Organized**

The President declared that the House of Deputies was now organized. The President appointed Deputy Currie of Central Gulf Coast and Deputy Linares of Puerto Rico to so inform the House of Bishops. Permission was given for them to leave the House to inform the House of Bishops.

**Appointment of Assistant Secretaries**

The Secretary announced pursuant to Canon I.1.1(d), subject to the approval of the House, the appointment of the following Assistant Secretaries:

1. Voting Secretary: The Rev. Winnie Varghese
2. Recording Secretary: The Rev. Willie Smith
3. Assistant Recording Secretary: Ms. Christine Faulstich
5. Message Secretary: Richard Perry, Esq.
6. Legislative/Committee Report Secretary: Mr. Jim Shearouse
7. Assistant Legislative Secretary: Mr. George Swierc
8. Assistant Legislative Secretary: The Rev. Brad Dyche

Approval received
Assistant Secretaries appointed

Legislative Committees
The President noted the appointment of the Chairs and Vice-Chairs of the Legislative Committees (See Appendix A).

Election of the Treasurer of the General Convention

The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business moved to close the nominations.

Motion carried
Nominations closed

The Chair of the House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business moved for the Secretary to cast one ballot for N. Kurt Barnes.

Motion carried
Treasurer of General Convention elected
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #25)

Dispatch of Business
The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business reminded the House that the Rules of Order limit floor access to Deputies only. The Chair of the House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business moved to suspend the Rules of Order to allow pages, volunteers and others needed for the conduct of business.

The President reminded the House that a two-thirds majority is required to suspend the Rules.

Motion carried
Rules suspended

House of Bishops Organized
The President welcomed and recognized visitors from the House of Bishops: Bishop Chang and the Bishop of East Carolina. Bishop Chang addressed the House and announced that the House of Bishops has a quorum and is organized for business.
Delegations with Seat and Voice

The President spoke of the importance and opportunity for laity and clergy to work fully together. The President welcomed and recognized visitors from The Episcopal Church in Liberia, who have seat and voice in the House. The President welcomed two youth representatives from each Province, who have seat and voice in the House. The order of no applause was suspended to welcome these representatives.

Dispatch of Business

The House of Deputies Committee on the Dispatch of Business presented its Report #3 on Resolution A004 (General Convention Daily Agenda) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A004)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention function through the following activities:
1. Formal legislative sessions of the two Houses;
2. A joint session for the presentation of the budget proposal;
3. Meetings of the legislative committees of the two Houses; and
4. Open Hearings to be conducted, as needed, by all legislative committees; and be it further
Resolved, That the schedule and the daily timetable of the 76th General Convention held in Anaheim, California in 2009 be:

**Sunday, July 5, 2009**
11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Volunteer Supervisors and Secretariat Gathering

**Monday, July 6, 2009**
9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Registration and Deputy Certification
2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Legislative Committee Officers and Legislative Aides Orientation

**Tuesday, July 7, 2009**
8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Legislative Committees and New Deputy Orientation
9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Deputy Certification
12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. PB&F Hearing: Budget Priorities
2:00 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. Presiding Bishop and President, House of Deputies Presentation
2:45 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. Introduction to Mission Conversation through Public Narrative
4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Orientation
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Legislative Committees

**Wednesday, July 8, 2009 – First Legislative Day**
6:30 a.m. – 7:30 a.m. Deputy Certification
8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Legislative Session
9:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Opening Eucharist
11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Legislative Committees
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**Committee Amendment:**

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention function through the following activities:

1. Formal legislative sessions of the two Houses;
2. A joint session for the presentation of the budget proposal;
3. Meetings of the legislative committees of the two Houses; and
4. Open Hearings to be conducted, as needed, by all legislative committees; and be it further

Resolved, That the schedule and the daily timetable of the 76th General Convention held in Anaheim, California in 2009 be:

**Sunday, July 5, 2009**

11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Volunteer Supervisors and Secretariat Gathering

**Monday, July 6, 2009**

9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Registration and Deputy Certification
2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Legislative Committee Officers and Legislative Aides Orientation
**Tuesday, July 7, 2009**

- **9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**  Deputy Certification
- **8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.** Legislative Committees and New Deputy Orientation
- **12:00 p.m.**  *Exhibits Open*
- **12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.**  PB&F Hearing: Budget Priorities
- **2:00 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.**  Presiding Bishop and President, House of Deputies Presentation
- **2:45 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.**  Introduction to Mission Conversation through Public Narrative
- **4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.**  Orientation
- **7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.**  Legislative Committees

**Wednesday, July 8, 2009 – First Legislative Day**

- **6:30 – 7:00 a.m.**  Legislative Committees
- **7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.**  Legislative Session
- **9:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.**  Opening Eucharist
- **11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**  Legislative Committees
- **12:30 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.**  Deputy Certification
- **2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.**  Legislative Committees
- **4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.**  Legislative Session
- **7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.**  Legislative Committees

**Thursday, July 9, 2009 – Second Legislative Day**

- **7:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.**  Legislative Committees
- **9:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.**  Legislative Session
- **11:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.**  Community Eucharist
- **12:45 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.**  Deputy Certification
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- **4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.**  Legislative Session
- **5:00 p.m.**  Resolution Filing Deadline
- **7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.**  PB&F and Other Hearings

**Friday, July 10, 2009 – Third Legislative Day**

- **7:00 – 7:30 a.m.**  Deputy Certification
- **7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.**  Legislative Committees
- **9:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.**  Legislative Session
- **11:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.**  Community Eucharist
- **12:45 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.**  Deputy Certification
- **2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.**  Legislative Session
- **7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.**  PB&F and Other Hearings

**Saturday, July 11, 2009 – Fourth Legislative Day**

- **7:00 – 7:30 a.m.**  Deputy Certification
- **7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.**  Legislative Committees
- **9:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.**  Legislative Session
- **11:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.**  Community Eucharist
- **12:45 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.**  Deputy Certification
- **12:45 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.**  *Legislative Chairs Lunch*
- **2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.**  Mission Conversation
- **4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.**  Legislative Session
- **8:00 p.m.**  Seminary Dinners
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6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Suggested Time for Provincial Gatherings

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2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Joint Session: Program, Budget and Finance
6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. Suggested Time for Diocese of Los Angeles Event

Thursday, July 16, 2009 – Ninth Legislative Day
7:00 7:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. Deputy Certification
7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Legislative Committees
9:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. Legislative Session
11:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. Community Eucharist
12:45 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Deputy Certification
2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Legislative Session
8:00 p.m. Reserved for Legislative Session

Friday, July 17, 2009 – Tenth Legislative Day
8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Deputy Certification
9:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. Legislative Session
11:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. Closing Eucharist
12:45 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Deputy Certification
2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Legislative Session
6:00 p.m. Joint Adjournment – Sine Die
Deputy Gunderson of Pittsburgh moved to amend the Resolution.

**Proposed Amendment:**
On Tuesday, July 7, strike New Deputy Orientation since it was cancelled.

No Action taken

A vote was taken on Resolution A004 as amended.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #6)

**Introductions and Appointments by the President**
The Secretary introduced those persons participating as members of the platform team.

**Appointments by the President**
The President announced the following appointments:

*Board of Archives*
*Clergy Order*
The Rev. J.D. Godwin, Dallas

*Lay Order*
Ms. Patricia Abrams, Chicago
Mr. A. Donald Evans, South Carolina
Ms. Jeannette Huey, Missouri

*Board of Church Deployment*
*Clergy Order*
The Rev. Canon Scott Hayashi, Chicago
The Rev. Canon Jose McLoughlin, Oklahoma

*Lay Order*
Canon Karen Olson, Minnesota
Ms. Lynn Schmissrauter, East Tennessee

**Dispatch of Business**
The chair of the Committee on Dispatch of Business made the following motion:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the General Convention confirms six-year terms on the Archives Board for those so appointed.

Motion carried
Appointments confirmed
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #4)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the General Convention confirms the appointments for six-year terms on the Board of Church Deployment for those so appointed.

\textbf{Motion carried}
\textbf{Appointments confirmed}
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #5)

\textbf{Personal Privilege of the President}
The President addressed the House and welcomed all those gathered.

\textbf{Announcements}
The President called on the Secretary for announcements.

\textbf{RECESS}
The President announced that the House would stand in recess until 4:30 p.m.

\textbf{AFTERNOON SESSION}

\textbf{Reconvene}
The President reconvened the House at 4:30 p.m.

\textbf{Certification of Deputies}
The House of Deputies Committee on Credentials presented its Report #2 for the second session of the First Legislative Day. There were 413 clerical deputies and 411 lay deputies certified and seated, bringing the total count of the House to 824. The number of votes necessary for a motion to prevail is 413. There were no new deputies certified and 10 changes in deputations on this day, as follows:

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The Secretary moved that the report be accepted.

\textbf{Motion carried}
\textbf{Report accepted}
Messages from the House of Bishops

The Secretary announced that the following messages had been received from the House of Bishops:

HB Message #1: (House of Bishops Organization) Adopted.

Consent Calendar

The Secretary explained the Consent Calendar. Resolutions on the Consent Calendar are not subject to debate. A resolution may be withdrawn from the Consent Calendar prior to its consideration upon the request of any three deputations, or the resolution sponsor, or the House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business.

Special Order of Business

The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business presented its Report #6 and moved to adopt a Special Order of Business:

Resolved, the Joint Committee on Nominations having submitted names for election as Trustees of the Church Pension Fund, pursuant to Title I, Canon 8, Section 2, and Joint Rule of Order VII.18(a) (see Blue Book, pages 7 through 14 inclusive), That the following procedures be followed in the election of Trustees of the Church Pension Fund at the General Convention pursuant to Title I, Canon 8, Section 2:

1. That this House set a Special Order of Business at 4:45 p.m. on the Second Legislative Day, Thursday, July 9, 2009, for the purpose of electing twelve Trustees of the Church Pension Fund for a term of six years each and until their successors have been elected and have qualified. The Secretary shall prepare a ballot form listing the names of all persons nominated. On each ballot, each member shall vote for the number of Trustees to be or remaining to be elected; any ballot with votes less than or in excess thereof shall be void. The person nominated for the unexpired term receiving the largest number of votes shall be deemed elected and the twelve persons receiving the largest number of votes for the full six year terms shall be deemed elected, provided that votes equal to or in excess of a majority of the ballots cast on any ballot shall be required for election;

2. Balloting shall continue until there shall be Trustees so elected, provided that on the third and subsequent ballots there shall be retained on the ballot from those persons receiving the highest number of votes only that number of nominees equal to twice the number of Trustees then remaining to be elected;

3. In the event of a significant tie, election shall be by lot cast by the Secretary. The House may, at the discretion of its presiding officer, proceed to other business during the balloting for such election.

Motion carried
Special Order adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #7)
Special Order of Business

The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business presented its Report #7 and moved to adopt a Special Order of Business:

Resolved, the Committee on Dispatch of Business, having been instructed by the President of the House to recommend an appropriate procedure for election, pursuant to Title I, Canon 1, Sec. 1(b), of a President and Vice-President, That the Secretary of the House prepare a form for nominations for President of the House and another form for nominations for Vice-President of the House, which shall contain blanks for the inclusion of:

1. Name of Nominees
2. Order
3. Diocese
4. Parish and City
5. Certification that if elected the nominee will accept the office
6. Signature of the nominator, his or her order and diocese, and shall be made available as soon as possible; and be it further

Resolved, That this House set a Special Order of Business at 4:55 p.m. the Second Legislative Day, Thursday, July 9th, 2009 for the purpose of receiving nominations for President of this House, at which time all duly completed nomination forms shall be filed with the Secretary and each nominator shall have the privilege of speaking for not more than two minutes in support of the nominee, provided that not more than one nominator shall be recognized to speak on behalf of each nominee; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary be directed thereafter to prepare in uniform fashion a biographical sketch of each nominee based on the information provided to the Secretary (by 6:30 p.m. Thursday, July 9th), which sketches shall be limited to 150 words, arranged in alphabetical order by name of nominee and distributed to the members of the House no later than 9:00 a.m. the Third Legislative Day, Friday, July 10th, 2009; and be it further

Resolved, That this House set a Special Order of Business at 9:45 a.m. the Third Legislative Day, Friday, July 10th, 2009, for the purpose of electing a President of the House to take office at the adjournment of the regular meeting at which elected pursuant to Canon I, Title 1, Sec. 1(b), provided that at the discretion of its presiding officer the House may proceed to conduct other business during the balloting for such election; and be it further

Resolved, That following the election of a President a similar procedure be followed for the election of a Vice-President of the House, with

1. a Special Order of Business at 10:45 a.m. the Fourth Legislative Day, Saturday, July 11th, 2009 for the purpose of receiving nominations under the same procedures,
2. the distribution of similar biographical sketches (delivered to the Secretary by 1:00 p.m. Saturday, July 11th) prior to 5:00 p.m. the Fourth Legislative Day, Saturday, July 11th, 2009, and
3. a Special Order of Business at 3:15 p.m. the Fifth Legislative Day, Sunday, July 12th, 2009, to elect a Vice-President of the House for the same term under the same proviso; and be it further
Resolved, That the President of the House be requested to appoint a chairman and tellers of elections to serve the House on the occasions of each of its several elections.

Motion carried
Special Order adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #8)

Special Order of Business
The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business presented its Report #8 and moved to adopt a Special Order of Business:

Resolved, That there be set at this time a special order for the purpose of electing pursuant to Canon IV.5.2 two Priests and two confirmed adult lay communicants of this Church as members of the Trial Court of a Bishop; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the House prepare a form for nominations for Priest and another for nominations for confirmed adult communicants, which shall contain blanks for the inclusion of:

1. Name of Nominee
2. Order
3. Diocese
4. Parish and City
5. Certification that if elected the nominee will accept the office
6. Signature of the nominator, his or her order and diocese, and shall be made available as soon as possible; and be it further

Resolved, That this House set a Special Order of Business at 4:00 p.m. on the Third Legislative Day, Friday, July 10, 2009 for the purpose of receiving nominations for both Priests and confirmed adult communicants, at which time all duly completed nomination forms shall be filed with the Secretary and each nominator shall have the privilege of speaking for not more than two minutes in support of the nominee, provided that not more than one nominator shall be recognized to speak on behalf of each nominee; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary be directed thereafter to prepare in uniform fashion a biographical sketch of each nominee based on the information provided to the Secretary (by 6:30 p.m. Friday, July 10), which sketches shall be limited to 150 words, arranged in alphabetical order by name of nominee and distributed to the members of the House no later than 9:00 a.m. the Fourth Legislative Day, Saturday, July 11, 2009; and be it further

Resolved, That this House set a Special Order of Business at 4:15 p.m. on the Fourth Legislative Day, Saturday, July 11, 2009, for the purpose of electing the Priests and lay persons, provided that at the discretion of its presiding officer the House may proceed to conduct other business during the balloting for such elections.

Motion carried
Special Order adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #9)
Special Order of Business
The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business presented its Report #11 and moved to adopt a special order of business for the Committee of the Whole:

Resolved, That in consideration of an anticipated Report to the House of the Legislative Committee on World Mission (#8) on the subject of Episcopal Elections and the Anglican Communion, the House shall go into session as a Committee of the Whole and the Special Rules of Order and debate therefore shall be as follows:

1. The House will go into a Committee of the Whole on Thursday afternoon July 9, 2009 at 4:45 p.m. for a First Session of one (1) hour or such lesser time as may be required by the Committee on World Mission (#8) to make a presentation on this topic by presenters of the Committee’s choice not to exceed thirty (30) minutes with the balance of the one hour of the Committee’s time for the Committee and/or its presenters to respond to questions of information and clarification and no debate.

2. Dr. Bonnie Anderson, President of the House, will be in the Chair.

3. Upon the conclusion of the time allotted on Thursday afternoon for the First Session, the Committee of the Whole shall recess to the Legislative Session on Friday morning, July 10, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. for a Second Session of the Committee of the Whole for a general discussion on the topic not to exceed sixty (60) minutes.

4. Each Speaker will address only the topic which is the subject of this Committee of the Whole.

5. Speakers to the subject shall be determined by lot, with the lowest number drawn being the first to speak and thereafter sequentially in order lowest to highest. The drawing shall be under the supervision of the Secretary upon the Rules and Procedures annexed hereto at the conclusion of the afternoon Legislative Session on Thursday, July 9, 2009.

6. A Speaker may relinquish all of that Speaker’s time and priority to another Member of the House before commencing to speak to the subject.

7. A Speaker may give way to the next Speaker in sequence and then go to the end of the line of Speakers.

8. Speakers may exchange numbers and priority.

9. Each Speaker shall be limited to two (2) minutes and no Speaker may speak more than once until all other speakers have been heard and the Chair grants leave to speak.

10. If any time remains after having heard all Speakers chosen by lot and there be other Members of the House who desire to speak, the Chair may recognize such Speakers, each speaking for no more than two (2) minutes, for the balance of the time remaining or until passage of a Motion to Rise and Report.

11. No resolutions, amendments, or substitutions on the substance of the topic, which is the subject of the Committee of the Whole may be offered or be in order.

12. No Motion to Rise and Report, with or without leave to sit again, shall be in order until the Second Session of the Committee of the Whole on Friday morning, July 10, 2009, at the soonest of: (i) the expiration of the one hour allotted for consideration, (ii) all Speakers having been heard, or (iii) the Chair,
having determined that all who wish to speak have done so and guidance has
been given to Legislative Committee on World Mission (#8), calls for the
Motion to Rise and Report.

Secretary’s Rules and Procedures
Speakers Lottery for the Committee of the Whole

At the close of the afternoon session on the Second Legislative Day (Thursday, July 9th), pages at each of the microphones on the floor of the House of Deputies have randomly distributed numbered tokens. Deputies wishing to speak at the meeting of the Committee of the Whole during the morning session on the Third Legislative Day (Friday, July 10th) may receive a numbered token from a page. As soon thereafter as is humanly possible, the Secretary will post on the boards outside the House of Deputies the order of the numbered tokens taken by deputies.

At the beginning of the meeting of the Committee of the Whole on the Third Legislative Day, the Secretary will ask the holders of the fifteen lowest even numbered tokens to line up in order, from lowest to highest, at Microphone 2 and the fifteen lowest odd numbered tokens to line up in order, from lowest to highest, at Microphone 3 and await the President’s recognition and permission to speak.

Deputy Jennings of Ohio moved an amendment to the Special Order.

Proposed Amendment:
In Section 1, delete the words “for the committee and/or its presenters to respond to questions of information and clarification and no debate” and replace it with the words “for facilitated conversation among the deputies with respect to matters relating to Resolution 2006 B033.”

Motion carried
Amendment adopted

Deputy Rushing of Massachusetts moved an amendment to the amended Special Order.

Proposed Amendment:
In Section 1, delete “4:45 p.m.” and replace with “5:00 p.m.”

Motion carried
Amendment adopted

A vote was taken on the amended Special Order for the Committee of the Whole.

Motion carried
Special Order adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #10)

Rules of Order
The House of Deputies Committee on Rules of Order presented its Report #19 on Resolution A030 (Amend HDRO Standing Order IV) and moved adoption with amendment.
Original Text of Resolution:
(A030)
Resolved, That Standing Order IV of the House of Deputies be amended to read as follows:

IV. At all times when the House is in session, the National and Church flags and such other flags as the President shall deem appropriate shall be flown on the platform.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, That Standing Order IV of the House of Deputies be amended to read as follows:

IV. At all times when the House is in session, the National and Church flags and the flags of the nations of the Dioceses in Canon I.9 and such other flags as the President shall deem appropriate shall be flown on the platform.

Final Text of Resolution:
(A030)
Resolved, That Standing Order IV of the House of Deputies be amended to read as follows:

IV. At all times when the House is in session, the Church flag and the flags of the nations of the Dioceses in Canon I.9 shall be flown on the platform.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #11)

Dispatch of Business
The House of Deputies Committee on the Dispatch of Business moved to suspend the rules to remove Resolution A052 (Amend Article I, Section 2 of the Constitution) from the calendar.

Motion carried
Resolution withdrawn

Consecration of Bishops
The House of Deputies Committee on Consecration of Bishops presented its Report #1 on Resolution C082 (Consent to the Election of the Rev. John Tarrant as Bishop Coadjutor of the Diocese of South Dakota) and moved adoption.
Original Text of Resolution:
(C082)
Resolved, Pursuant to Article II, Section 2, and Canon III.11.3 of the Constitution and Canons of the General Convention, the Convention of the Diocese of South Dakota hereby requests the consent of the House of Deputies assembled in General Convention to the Ordination and Consecration of the Reverend John Tarrant, Bishop-elect, as the Bishop Coadjutor of this Diocese.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #13)

The House of Deputies Committee on Consecration of Bishops presented its Report #2 on Resolution C081 (Consent to the Election of the Rev. Lawrence Provenzano as Bishop Coadjutor of the Diocese of Long Island) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:
(C081)
Resolved, Pursuant to Article II, Section 2, and Canon III.11.3 of the Constitution and Canons of the General Convention, the Convention of the Diocese of Long Island hereby requests the consent of the House of Deputies assembled in General Convention to the Ordination and Consecration of the Reverend Lawrence Provenzano, Bishop-elect, as the Bishop Coadjutor of this Diocese.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #14)

Dispatch of Business
The House of Deputies Committee on the Dispatch of Business moved to suspend the rules to remove Resolution A113 (Strengthening Small Congregations) from the calendar.

Motion carried
Rules suspended
Resolution withdrawn

Education
The House of Deputies Committee on Education presented its Report #1 on Resolution A182 (Continue Forward Movement) and moved adoption.
Original Text of Resolution:

(A182)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the Presiding Bishop be authorized to continue Forward Movement Publications under her supervision and to appoint a Board of Directors as may be required to maintain its work.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #15)

The House of Deputies Committee on Education presented its Report #2 on Resolution A161 (AIDS Education and Resources) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A161)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church urges provinces, dioceses, congregations and worshiping communities to include accurate and comprehensive HIV and AIDS prevention in youth education programs; and be it further
Resolved, That The Episcopal Church encourage its congregations and worshiping communities to offer educational programming to interested parents and grandparents on how to discuss sex with their children; and be it further
Resolved, That the National Episcopal AIDS Coalition (NEAC) and National Episcopal Health Ministries (NEHM) be charged with compiling appropriate secular and theological resources for this programming, including but not limited to: abstinence, resisting peer pressure and methods for preventing HIV, other STDs and pregnancy; and be it further
Resolved, That NEHM and NEAC be charged with making these materials available to clergy, parishes, parish nurses, Christian educators and Episcopal schools.

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church urges provinces, dioceses, congregations and worshiping communities to include accurate and comprehensive HIV and AIDS prevention in youth education programs; and be it further
Resolved, That The Episcopal Church encourage its congregations and worshiping communities to offer educational programming to interested parents and grandparents on how to discuss sex with their children; and be it further
Resolved, That the National Episcopal AIDS Coalition (NEAC) and National Episcopal Health Ministries (NEHM) be requested to compile charged with compiling appropriate secular and theological resources for this programming, including but not limited to: abstinence, resisting peer pressure and methods for preventing HIV, other STDs and pregnancy; and be it further
Resolved, That NEHM and NEAC further be requested to make charged with making these materials available to clergy, parishes, parish nurses, Christian educators and Episcopal schools.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #16)

Program, Budget and Finance
The Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance presented its Report #1 on Resolution D052 (Mission Budget Priorities) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:
(D052)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention adopt the following budget priorities in developing the 2010-2012 Budget for The Episcopal Church.

Budget Priorities:

• Networking the members of the Body of Christ
  a. Establishing and supporting collaborative efforts within and among dioceses and congregations to promote vibrant ministry in service to God’s mission
  b. Structuring healthy relationships with overseas dioceses of The Episcopal Church and those Anglican provinces historically related to The Episcopal Church, clarifying commitments with firm timelines and establishing necessary accountability
  c. Promoting partnerships with other dioceses and churches of the Anglican Communion, encouraging multi-diocese mission efforts that reduce redundancy and enhance relationships both domestic and foreign
  d. Advancing ecumenical relationships and collaborations

• Alleviating Poverty and Injustice
  a. Inspiring and modeling a genuine commitment to the United Nations’ Millennium Development Goals
  b. Addressing, domestically and abroad, the challenges and consequences of a failing global economy
  c. Advocating for and working to provide education, healthcare, employment, housing, and equal rights for all of God’s beloved
  d. Promoting environmental sustainability and stewardship of creation

• Claiming our Identity
  a. Exploring and discovering who we are as The Episcopal Church, within the comprehensive reality of our complex culture and in relationship to others
  b. Educating about Episcopal Church governance and polity, forming at all ages our Christian, Episcopal, and Anglican identity
  c. Telling Christ’s story and our story, utilizing current technology and a vibrant contemporary communications network

• Growing Congregations and the Next Generations of Faith
a. Establishing lifelong Christian formation throughout the Church, with specific support of youth and young adults  
b. Making evangelists of all communicants  
c. Teaching and developing the spiritual discipline of giving  
d. Providing discernment and formation of lay and ordained ministries  
e. Supporting congregational vitality and development, with particular attention to immigrant, indigenous, and underserved populations

**Strengthening Governance and Foundations for Ministry**

a. Inspiring and developing sound leadership at all levels of the Church  
b. Moving from programmatic structures to ministry networks  
c. Collaborating with seminaries and dioceses to restructure and retool theological education for a changing church  
d. Reviewing provincial and diocesan configurations and composition  
e. Assuring standards of accountability and measurement of outcome  
f. Providing legal and operational support for dioceses in transition or litigation

**Motion carried**  
**Resolution adopted**  
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #17)

**Dispatch of Business**

The chair of the Committee on Dispatch of Business moved to suspend the Rules to allow for the introduction of and remarks by the President of the Episcopal Church Women.

**Motion carried**  
**Rules suspended**

**World Mission**

The House of Deputies Committee on World Mission asked to withdraw Resolution A189 (Mission Cooperation in the Americas) to a later time due to an error. It was moved to suspend the Rules to withdraw the resolution.

**Motion carried**  
**Rules suspended**  
**Resolution withdrawn**

The House of Deputies Committee on World Mission presented its Report #2 on Resolution D027 (Five Marks of Mission) and moved adoption with amendment.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(D027)  
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention adopt the following “Five Marks of Mission” as articulated by the Anglican Communion:

- To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom  
- To teach, baptise (sic) and nurture new believers
- To respond to human need by loving service
- To seek to transform unjust structures of society
- To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth

And be it further

Resolved, That Convention recommits The Episcopal Church to mutual responsibility and interdependence in the Body of Christ with the provinces and churches of the Anglican Communion in keeping with “A Covenant for a Communion in Mission” commended by the 13th meeting of the Anglican Consultative Council (Nottingham 2005); and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the General Convention communicate the substance of this resolution to: The Archbishop of Canterbury, the General Secretary of the Anglican Communion, the Standing Committee of the Anglican Consultative Council and Primates, and the leadership of the churches and provinces of the Anglican Communion

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention adopt the following “Five Marks of Mission” as articulated by the Anglican Communion:

- To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom
- To teach, baptise (sic) and nurture new believers
- To respond to human need by loving service
- To seek to transform unjust structures of society
- To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth

And be it further

Resolved, That the 76th General Convention recommend the “Five Marks of Mission” as the five top strategic priorities for The Episcopal Church, and request Program, Budget and Finance and the Executive Council to center the budget for the 2013-2015 triennium around these strategic priorities; and be it further

Resolved, That Convention recommits The Episcopal Church to mutual responsibility and interdependence in the Body of Christ with the provinces and churches of the Anglican Communion in keeping with “A Covenant for a Communion in Mission” commended by the 13th meeting of the Anglican Consultative Council (Nottingham 2005); and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the General Convention communicate the substance of this resolution to: The Archbishop of Canterbury, the General Secretary of the Anglican Communion, the Standing Committee of the Anglican Consultative Council and Primates, and the leadership of the churches and provinces of the Anglican Communion.

Deputy King of Western New York moved to amend the resolution.

Proposed Amendment:

In the second resolve clause, delete the words “and request Program, Budget and Finance and the Executive Council to center the budget for the 2013-2015 triennium around these strategic priorities; and be it further.”
Deputy Currie of Central Gulf Coast moved the previous question.

A vote was taken to terminate debate.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on the King amendment.

Motion defeated
Amendment defeated

A vote was taken on Resolution D027 as amended.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #21)

Education
The House of Deputies Committee on Education presented its Report #4 on Resolution A084 (Continued Development of Province IX Curriculum Project) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A084)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention commend Province IX for their creative and collaborative work in creating curricula for use in their province that is created from the grassroots and speaks in the language and idioms of the people that will use those curricula; and be it further
Resolved, That the Evangelism and Congregational Life Center of the Episcopal Church Center be directed to complete the Province IX curriculum project, continuing the face-to-face process of development that has begun creating these resources, and that this process be further developed as a model for the creation of formation and educational materials that are to be used in non-Anglo contexts; and be it further
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention request that the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance consider a budget allocation of $120,000 for the implementation of this resolution during the 2010-2012 triennium.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #18)

The House of Deputies Committee on Education presented its Report #5 on Resolution A086 (Continued Development and Maintenance of the Theological Education for All (TEforALL) Web Site, Internet and Electronic Resources) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A086)
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**Resolved**, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention commends the Council of Seminary Deans and the Office of Ministry Development for the creation of the Theological Education for All Internet Resource; and be it further

**Resolved**, That the General Convention urges the Presiding Bishop and Chief Operating Officer to allocate Episcopal Church Center staff resources to the continued development and maintenance of that web site; and be it further

**Resolved**, That the 76th General Convention request that the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance consider a budget allocation of $15,000 for the implementation of this resolution during the 2009-2012 triennium.

Deputy Glasspool of Maryland moved to amend the resolution.

**Proposed Amendment:**
In the third resolve clause, delete “2009” and replace it with “2010.”

**Motion carried**
Amendment adopted

A vote was taken on Resolution A086 as amended.

**Motion carried**
Resolution adopted with amendment

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #20)

The House of Deputies Committee on Education presented its Report #6 on Resolution B003 (Camping Ministries) and moved adoption.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(B003)

**Resolved**, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention direct the Youth Formation Area of the Evangelism and Congregational Life Center to assist dioceses with their camping ministries through the development and dissemination of curricula, resources and training events, both in English and in Spanish, during the next triennium; and be it further

**Resolved**, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $60,000 during this triennium for the implementation of this resolution.

**Motion carried**
Resolution adopted

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #19)

The President ceded the chair to the Vice-President for the remainder of the calendar and took leave to meet the Archbishop of Canterbury in advance of the evening’s forum.

**Announcements**
The Secretary read the announcements.
Prayers
The Vice-President called on the Chaplain for prayers.

RECESS

The Vice-President announced that the House would stand in recess at 5:50 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 9, 2009.
Appendix A
Day One

House of Deputies Legislative Committees

01 Dispatch of Business
Simons, The Rev. Dr. James B., Chair (Pittsburgh, III)
Kistler, Mrs. Matilda O., Vice-Chair (Western North Carolina, IV)
Kirby, The Very Rev. H. Scott, Secretary (Eau Claire, V)
Armstead, Ms. JoAnn Roberts (Nevada, VIII)
Baldwin, Mr. Wesley D. (Washington, III)
Brown, Dr. Harold H. (Maine, I)
Cooley, The Rev. Andrew (Colorado, VI)
Fritschner, The Rev. John (Alabama, IV)
Jim, The Rev. Rosella A. (Navajoland Area Mission, VIII)
Keese, The Rev. Peter (East Tennessee, IV)
Krislock, Mr. Bryan (Spokane, VIII)
Logue, The Rev. Frank S. (Georgia, IV)
Matthews, Mrs. Beth P. (Arkansas, VII)
Miller, Mr. Richard E. (Southeast Florida, IV)
Monk, The Rev. Canon Edward R. (Dallas, VII)
Perfater, Canon Charles H. (New Jersey, II)
Perkinson, Ms. Susannah W. (Ohio, V)
Perry Esq., Richard P. (Atlanta, IV)
Simpson, The Rev. Ward H. (Eau Claire, V)
Teter, The Rev. Canon Jane B. (Bethlehem, III)
Wilson, The Rev. Sandye A. (Newark, II)
Zivanov, The Rev. Elizabeth (Hawaii, VIII)

02 Certification of Minutes
Freeman, Dr. Linda R., Chair (Washington, III)
Russell, Ms. Sally, Secretary (Western Kansas, VII)
Davis-Wilson, Ms. Lillian (Western New York, II)
Smith, The Ven. Dr. Ed (Fond Du Lac, V)

03 Rules of Order
Prior, The Rev. Brian N., Chair (Spokane, VIII)
Johnson Esq., Sally A., Vice-Chair (Minnesota, VI)
Quittmeyer, Mr. David R., Secretary (Central Gulf Coast, IV)
Allen, Mrs. Laura J. (Dallas, VII)
Getz Esq., Pauline (San Diego, VIII)
Hodges, Mr. Mick (Idaho (VIII))
Lattime, The Very Rev. Mark (Rochester, II)
Moore, The Rev. Stephen E. (Olympia, VIII)
Yaeger, Mr. Gary C. (Northwestern Pennsylvania, III)

04 Constitution
Cathcart Esq., William R., Chair (Oklahoma, VII)
Kimbrough, The Rev. Timothy E., Vice-Chair (North Carolina, IV)
Thomas, The Rev. Canon Allisyn, Secretary (San Diego, VIII)
Babeck, The Rev. Canon Margaret A. (Wyoming, VI)
Bird, The Rev. Peter R. (Fond Du Lac, V)
Bradford III, Mr. D.C. (Nebraska, VI)
Dunnavant, The Rev. C. Randall (Tennessee, IV)
Ferrell, Mr. Joseph S. (North Carolina, IV)
Holley, Mr. Ernest (Southwestern Virginia, III)
Mack, Mr. Timothy A. (Dallas, VII)
Paraison, Mr. Webster (Haiti, II)
Winter, The Rev. Cheryl (West Virginia, III)

05 Canons
Little Esq., Thomas A., Chair (Vermont, I)
Babb, Mr. Kevin J., Vice-Chair (Springfield, V)
Barron, The Very Rev. Carol, Secretary (Southeast Florida, IV)
Bayne Esq., Duncan A. (Olympia, VIII)
Cole, Ms. Lilith Z. (Colorado, VI)
Cooney, Mr. Paul E. (Washington, III)
Crosby, Mr. William W. (Georgia, IV)
Dyson, The Rev. Thack H. (Central Gulf Coast, IV)
Eden, The Rev. Kathryn (Central New York, II)
Fleener Jr., Mr. William (Western Michigan, V)
Higbie, Ms. Carlynn (Milwaukee, V)
Hutchinson Esq., Stephen F. (Utah, VIII)
Micklow, The Rev. Patricia (Northern Michigan, V)
Morrow, Mr. Mike (Kansas, VII)
Neufeld, The Rev. Ellen C. (Albany, II)
Overton, Mr. Larry S. (East Carolina, IV)
Palmore Jr., Mr. Russell V. (Virginia, III)
Reno Jr., Mr. Russell R. (Maryland, III)
Weltner, The Rev. Canon Alicia Schuster (Atlanta, IV)
Schwenke, Mr. Roger D. (Southwest Florida, IV)
Smith Jr., Mr. Marcellus L. (Alabama, IV)
Tripp, The Very Rev. Arthur (Rio Grande, VII)
Wirth, The Rev. Canon Bradley S. (Montana, VI)
Zeigler, Mr. Belton T. (Upper South Carolina, IV)
06 Structure
Pitts, Mr. David R., *Chair* (Louisiana, IV)
Bruckner, Ms. Ellen W., *Vice-Chair* (Iowa, VI)
Goldsack Esq., Canon John W., *Secretary* (New Jersey, II)
Callaway, The Rev. Canon Richard H. (Atlanta, IV)
Causey Jr., Mr. J. P. (Virginia, III)
Cheney II The Rev. Reynolds S. (West Tennessee, IV)
Conley, Ms. Judith G. (Arizona VIII)
Davis, Mr. Richard H. (Northwest Texas, VII)
Harris, Ms. Pamela B. (Northern Indiana, V)
Hillhouse, Ms. Virginia (Alabama, IV)
Hogue Jr., Mr. Richard R. (Eau Claire, V)
Levien, Mrs. Camilla (San Diego, VIII)
McEwen, Ms. Vycke (Oklahoma, VII)
Mosty, Mr. Richard (West Texas, VII)
Railing, Ms. Jennifer M. (Central Pennsylvania, III)
Ramos, The Rev. Canon Pablo (Utah, VIII)
Ward, The Rev. Horace D. (Southeast Florida, IV)

07 Consecration of Bishops
Schmissratter, Ms. Lynn V., *Chair* (East Tennessee, IV)
Pinder D.D., The Rev. Canon Nelson W., *Vice-Chair* (Central Florida, IV)
Ladefoged, Canon Jenny, *Secretary* (Los Angeles, VIII)
Beilstein, The Rev. Dr. Joan E. (Washington, III)
Bell, Ms. Alma T. (Maryland, III)
Brown, The Rev. Gregory B. F. (Western Michigan, V)
Cole, The Rev. Brian (Western North Carolina, IV)
Hart, Mr. Christopher (Pennsylvania, III)
Keith, The Rev. S. Brooks (Colorado, VI)
Luckey, The Rev. Marion (Northern Michigan, V)
Mackenzie, Mr. Malcolm (Northern California, VIII)
Martinez, Ms. Amy (Eastern Oregon, VIII)
McClain, Mr. Donald (Milwaukee, V)
Reed, Dr. Don (Southern Ohio, V)
Roane, The Rev. Wilson K. (Fond Du Lac, V)
Ross, Mr. Simon B. (Michigan, V)
Snell III, Mr. Harry H. (Central Pennsylvania, III)
Teschner, The Very Rev. David H. (Southern Virginia, III)
Tull, Mr. Jack (Florida, IV)
Williams, Ms. Sandra L. (Montana, VI)
Wisnewski Jr., The Rev. Robert (Alabama, IV)
Wong, Mr. Warren J. (California, VIII)

08 World Mission
Jennings, The Rev. Gay C., *Chair* (Ohio, V)
Fernandez-Pola, The Rev. Rosali, Vice-Chair (Puerto Rico, IX)
Alexander, The Hon. Martha B., Secretary (North Carolina, IV)
Abrams, Dr. Mary (Kentucky, IV)
Barlowe, The Rev. Canon Michael (California, VIII)
Brooks, The Very Rev. Ashton J. (Virgin Islands, II)
Cluett, The Ven. Richard I. (Bethlehem, III)
Cox, The Rev. Dr. R. David (Southwestern Virginia, III)
Crawford, The Rev. Dr. Lee A. (Vermont, I)
Cullinane, The Rev. Kathleen J. (Indianapolis, V)
Douglas, The Rev. Dr. Ian T. (Massachusetts, I)
Fichera-Eagen, Ms. Rose (Connecticut, I)
Flowers Jr., The Rev. James B. (Central Gulf Coast, IV)
Greneker, Ms. Mary B. (Georgia, IV)
Hardaway, Mrs. Susan (West Texas, VII)
Harris, The Rev. Canon Mark (Delaware, III)
Helt, The Rev. Dwight N. (Oklahoma, VII)
Hobbs, The Ven. Dr. Bryan A. (Southeast Florida, IV)
Kolakowski, Ms. Mary Ann (Rhode Island, I)
Lewis, The Rev. Dr. Harold T. (Pittsburgh, III)
Linder, The Very Rev. Dr. Philip C. (Upper South Carolina, IV)
Luck, The Very Rev. G. Thomas (Central New York, II)
McCollom, Mrs. Anne (Oregon, VIII)
Michell, The Rev. Canon Dr. Neal O. (Dallas, VII)
Osberger, The Very Rev. Charles E. (Easton, III)
Roy, Ms. Mitzi (Milwaukee, V)
Salazar, The Rev. Jose Francisco (Venezuela, IX)
Sisson, Dr. Edward B. (Mississippi, IV)
Talbird Jr., The Rev. John D. (East Tennessee, IV)
Titus, The Rev. Bessie (Alaska, VIII)

09 National and International Concerns
Snow, Ms. D. Rebecca, Chair (Alaska, VIII)
Crosdale, Ms. Valarie H., Vice-Chair (Long Island, II)
Randle, Mr. Russell V., Secretary (Virginia, III)
Amato, Mr. Brian A. (Central Pennsylvania, III)
Ballentine Esq., Rosalie S. (Virgin Islands, II)
Bates, Dr. Thomas (Central Florida, IV)
Batjer, Mrs. Jackie B. (Northwest Texas, VII)
Beasley, Ms. Hisako M. (Olympia, VIII)
Brooks, The Rev. Theodora N. (New York, II)
Chaffee, Dr. John (Central New York, II)
Cheney, The Rev. Dr. Barbara T. (Connecticut, I)
Clark, The Rev. Deacon Beatryce (Northern California, VIII)
Commins, The Rev. Gary (Los Angeles, VIII)
Crew, Dr. Louie (Newark, II)
Fleming, The Rev. John C. (Missouri, V)
Gundersen, Dr. Joan (Pittsburgh, III)
Helt, Ms. Angela (Oklahoma, VII)
Hitt II, Esq., Lawrence R. (Colorado, VI)
James, Dr. Navita Cummings (Southwest Florida, IV)
Kusumoto, Mr. Ryan K. (Hawaii, VIII)
Lawton, Ms. Sarah E. (California, VIII)
Mance, Ms. Diane (Western North Carolina, IV)
Mbele-Mbong, Ms. Helena (Churches in Europe, II)
Redfield, Ms. Rita T. (Maine, I)
Russell, The Rev. Michael B. (San Diego, VIII)
Lai Lin, Mrs. Lily S. Y. (Taiwan, VIII)
Sessum, The Rev. Robert L. (Lexington, IV)
Stube, The Rev. Canon Peter (East Carolina, IV)
Tinsman, The Hon. Margaret (Iowa, VI)
Washington, The Rev. Lynne E. (Virginia, III)

10 Social and Urban Affairs
Pollard, Ms. Diane B., Chair (New York, II)
Valdez, Mr. Daniel, Vice-Chair (Los Angeles, VIII)
Dick, Ms. Nancy M., Secretary, (Easton, III)
Alford, The Rev. Billy J. (Georgia, IV)
Bailey, The Rev. Canon David E. (Utah, VIII)
Bartlett, The Rev. Anne K. (Oregon, VIII)
Bender-Breck, The Rev. Barbara (California, VIII)
Gibson, Ms. Nell Braxton (New York, II)
Brown, Ms. Anne C. (Vermont, I)
Carmichael, Ms. Susan (Florida, IV)
Gould, The Rev. Jane S. (Massachusetts, I)
Heckendorn, Mrs. Margaret (West Missouri, VII)
Hennagin, The Rev. Robert S. (Southwest Florida, IV)
Honsaker, Ms. Mary Ellen (Wyoming, VI)
Liggett, The Rev. James E. (Northwest Texas, VII)
Moore, The Rev. Canon Courtland M. (Fort Worth, VII)
Musser Esq., Mr. John (Louisiana, IV)
Reynolds, The Very Rev. Joe D. (Texas, VII)
Salmon, Ms. Nina V. (Southwestern Virginia, III)
Seitz, Ms. Amy (West Virginia, III)
Smith III, Mr. Newland F. (Chicago, V)
Smylie, The Rev. John S. (Wyoming, VI)
Strouthorn, Mrs. Charlotte A. (Northern Indiana, V)
Tempro, Mr. James N. (Long Island, II)
Todd, Dr. William M. (Southern Virginia, III)

11 Church in Small Communities
Linares, The Rev. Ivette Chair (Puerto Rico, IX)
Harrigan, The Rev. Canon Katherine G. L. Vice-Chair (Central Pennsylvania, III)
Schisler, The Hon. Rev. Deacon Richard, Secretary (Southern Ohio, V)
Adams, Mr. John C. (Eastern Oregon, VIII)
Andrews, Mr. John (Atlanta, IV)
Boss, The Rev. Bruce W. (Indianapolis, V)
Collins, The Rev. Jean G. (Montana, VI)
Connell, The Rev. G. Patterson (Kentucky, IV)
Connizzo, Mr. Frank (Kansas, VII)
Eaton, Ms. Cornelia (Navajoland Area Mission, VIII)
Ell, The Rev. Marianne (North Dakota, VI)
Moggo, Ms. Carol (Eastern Michigan, V)
Moorehead, The Rev. Connie (Olympia, VIII)
Palombo, Mr. Don W. (Western Louisiana, VII)
Philip, The Rev. Canon Kristi (Spokane, VIII)
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Tuning, Dr. Austin T. (Lexington, IV)
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Vinson, The Rev. Donald K. (West Virginia, III)
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Kubbe, The Rev. Anna Leigh (Eastern Michigan, V)
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O’Donnell, The Hon. Joanne (Los Angeles, VIII)
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Green, The Rev. Andrew (San Diego, VIII)
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Horn, The Rev. Jan (Iowa, VI)
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Ljunggren, The Rev. Lorraine (North Carolina, IV)
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Wade, The Rev. Elizabeth (Kentucky, IV)
White, The Very Rev. Terry A. (West Missouri, VII)
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SECOND DAY

Thursday
July 9, 2009

AFTERNOON SESSION

Reconvene
The Vice-President called the House to order at 4:33 p.m.

Prayers
The Vice-President called on the Chaplain for prayers.

Certification of Minutes
The House of Deputies Committee on the Certification of Minutes presented its Report #1, stating that the Committee had met, read the Minutes of the First Legislative Day and certified that they were correct. The Chair moved adoption of the report.

Motion carried
Minutes accepted

Certification of Deputies
The House of Deputies Committee on Credentials presented its Report #3 for the first session of the Second Legislative Day. There were 416 clerical deputies and 412 lay deputies certified and seated, bringing the total count of the House to 828. The number of votes necessary for a motion to prevail is 415. There were no new deputies certified and 24 changes in deputation on this day, as follows:

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The Secretary moved that the report be accepted. 

Motion carried
Report accepted

CONSENT CALENDAR

Rules of Order
The House of Deputies Committee on Rules of Order presented its Report #1 on Resolution A012 (Amend HDRO 12 (d)) and moved adoption.

Final Text of Resolution:
(A012)
Resolved, That Rule of Order 12(d) of the House of Deputies be amended to read as follows:

(d) No hearing by a Committee shall be held upon any matter before it unless notice of the time and place of hearing and the matter to be heard is posted no later than at least four hours before the matter is scheduled to be heard. Each day the Chair or the Secretary of each Committee shall deliver to the Secretary of the House (at the office of the Secretary of the House) a written notice signed by the Chair or by the Secretary. Such notice shall state the time (both date and hour) and the place of the proposed hearing and shall identify by number (and Blue Book page reference, if available) the proposition or propositions to be considered at the next session of the Committee. The Secretary of the House shall post a copy of each notice received on a bulletin board at or near the chamber and easily accessible to the members of the House and to the public and in such other places or manners as may enhance the giving of actual notice of the hearing. If the notice contains a request that the notice be read to the House prior to adjournment, the Secretary of the House shall do so.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #26)

The House of Deputies Committee on Rules of Order presented its Report #2 on Resolution A013 (Amend HDRO 12(g) and 17) and moved adoption.
Final Text of Resolution:

(A013)
Resolved, That Rule of Order 12(g) of the House of Deputies be amended to read as follows:

(g) Except as provided herein, every Committee meeting shall be open to the public. However, the Chair may convene the Committee in conference, during which time the public may remain but may not participate in the Committee deliberations. Upon a two-thirds majority vote of Committee members present, a Committee may go into executive session if the matter to be considered in executive session has first been scheduled for hearing and heard in open session, and interested persons have been given an opportunity to be heard. No legislative matter may be amended or otherwise voted on in executive session.

And be it further

Resolved, That Rule of Order 17 of the House of Deputies be amended to read as follows:

17. The provisions of Rules 12 and 13 shall not apply to Committees having procedural matters only, including, but not limited to, the Committee on Elections, Committee on Certification of Minutes, Committee on Dispatch of Business; Provided, however the meetings of such Committees shall be open to Bishops, Deputies, and Visitors, except that, on a two-thirds majority vote of Committee members present, the Committee may go into executive session to discuss, but not vote on, an appropriate matter.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #27)

The House of Deputies Committee on Rules of Order presented its Report #3 on Resolution A014 (Amend HDRO 14) and moved adoption.

Final Text of Resolution:

(A014)
Resolved, That Rule of Order 14 of the House of Deputies be amended to read as follows:

Any Resolution which involves an amendment to the Constitution or Canons, shall be referred by the President to the appropriate Legislative or Special Committee for action. The assigned Committee shall consult with a designated member of the Committee on the Constitution or Committee on Canons during the drafting process. When the Legislative or Special Committee deems the resolution perfected, it shall refer it to the Committee on the Constitution or the Committee on Canons, as the case may be, and such Committee shall make certain that the resolution is in proper constitutional or canonical form, achieves consistency and clarity in the Constitution or Canons, and includes all amendments
necessary to effect the proposed change, and shall promptly communicate its recommendations to the Legislative or Special Committee. In such case the Committee shall neither concern itself with, nor report on, the substance of the matter referred to it, but whenever requested to do so by the Presiding Officer of the House, the Committee shall in its reports to the House make recommendations as to substance. The Committee on the Constitution and the Committee on Canons, when acting on a matter first heard in another Committee, shall not be required to give the notice required by Rule 12(d). No such resolution shall be placed on the Calendar until such Committee shall have approved it in proper constitutional or canonical form.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #28)

The House of Deputies Committee on Rules of Order presented its Report #4 on Resolution A015 (Amend HDRO 19(a)) and moved adoption.

Final Text of Resolution:

(A015)
Resolved, That Rule of Order 19(a) of the House of Deputies be amended to read as follows:

19. (a) No Report of a Standing Commission, Committee, Board, Task Force or Joint Committee containing Resolutions that has been printed and distributed to the members of this House at least three weeks before the meeting of the Convention, shall be read at length to the House, but the Chair or a member of that Committee or Commission may make an oral summary.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #29)

The House of Deputies Committee on Rules of Order presented its Report #6 on Resolution A017 (Amend HDRO 27(c)(1) and 27(h)(1)) and moved adoption.

Final Text of Resolution:

(A017)
Resolved, That Rule of Order 27(c)(1) of the House of Deputies be amended to read as follows:

27. The following motions have no order of priority, but are subject to the following rules:

...(c) To Recall from Committee
   (1) Mover must be recognized.

And be it further
Resolved, That Rule of Order 27(h)(1) of the House of Deputies be amended to read as follows:
(h) Objection to Consideration
   (1) Objection must be made before debate is begun. The...
   Motion carried
   Resolution adopted
   (Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #30)

The House of Deputies Committee on Rules of Order presented its Report #7 on Resolution A018 (Amend HDRO 34 and 36) and moved adoption.

Final Text of Resolution:
(A018)
Resolved, That Rule of Order 34 of the House of Deputies be amended to read as follows:
34. When any member is about to speak or to deliver any matter to the House, the member shall, with due respect, address the President, state name and Diocese, and confine any remarks strictly to the point of debate; and be it further

Resolved, That Rule of Order 36 of the House of Deputies be amended to read as follows:
36. When the House is about to rise, every member shall remain seated until the President leaves the Chair. Before putting to a vote a motion to adjourn, the President may make any communication to the House, or may cause any notice to be read by the Secretary.
   Motion carried
   Resolution adopted
   (Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #31)

The House of Deputies Committee on Rules of Order presented its Report #8 on Resolution A019 (Amend HDRO 40(a)) and moved adoption.

Final Text of Resolution:
(A019)
Resolved, That Rule of Order 40(a) of the House of Deputies be amended to read as follows:
40. (a) Unless excused by the House, every member who shall be in the House when any Question is put must vote.
   Motion carried
   Resolution adopted
   (Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #32)

The House of Deputies Committee on Rules of Order presented its Report #10 on Resolution A024 (Amend HDRO 58) and moved adoption.

Final Text of Resolution:
(A024)
Resolved, That the Rule of Order 58 of the House of Deputies be amended to read as follows:
58. Unless a member have leave from the President or be unable to attend, no member shall be absent from the service of the House.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #33)

The House of Deputies Committee on Rules of Order presented its Report #11 on Resolution A021 (Amend HDRO 45) and moved adoption.

Final Text of Resolution:

(A021)
Resolved, That Rule of Order 45 of the House of Deputies be amended to read as follows:

45. Messages from the House of Bishops shall be handed by the Secretary of this House to the President, to be laid before the House as early as may be convenient. All such Messages communicating any legislative action on the part of the House of Bishops shall be referred, without debate, to the proper committee, unless, without debate, the House shall decide to consider such Message without such reference. The report of the Committee upon any Message so referred shall be entitled to consideration as of the date and priority of the original receipt of such Message. The question of its immediate consideration, to be decided by two-thirds vote of the members present, shall be submitted to the House as soon as the report is presented.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #34)

The House of Deputies Committee on Rules of Order presented its Report #12 on Resolution A025 (Amend HDRO 60(a) and 60(b)) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A025)
Resolved, That Rule of Order 60(a) of the House of Deputies be amended to read as follows:

60. (a) No one shall be admitted to the floor except members and officers of this House, and except that two Ordained Persons, and two Lay Persons who are duly authorized representatives of The Episcopal Church in Liberia, and like representatives of The Episcopal Church in Navajoland, shall have seat and voice in a designated section on the floor of the House. In addition, up to 18 youth (not more than two youth from each Province) who are duly authorized representatives known as the Official Youth Presence, shall have seat and voice in a designated section on the floor of the House.

And be it further
Resolved, That Rule of Order 60(b) of the House of Deputies be amended to read as follows:
(b) Alternate Deputies and former members of the House; the Presidents of Church colleges, the Association of Episcopal Colleges and Deans of Church seminaries; the President, Vice-Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer and elected Members of the Executive Council, the Directors and Associate Directors of the Departments and General Divisions of the Executive Council may be seated in a section reserved for Special Guests, except during Executive Sessions.

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, That Rule of Order 60(a) of the House of Deputies be amended to read as follows:

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And be it further

Resolved, That Rule of Order 60(b) of the House of Deputies be amended to read as follows:

(b) Alternate Deputies and former members of the House; the Presidents of Church colleges, the Association of Episcopal Colleges and Deans of Church seminaries; the President, Vice-Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer and elected Members of the Executive Council, the Directors and Associate Directors of the Departments and General Divisions of the Executive Council may be seated in a section reserved for Special Guests, except during Executive Sessions.

Final Text of Resolution:

(A025)

Resolved, That Rule of Order 60(a) of the House of Deputies be amended to read as follows:

60. (a) No one shall be admitted to the floor except members and officers of this House, and except that two Ordained Persons and two Lay Persons who are duly authorized representatives of The Episcopal Church in Liberia, shall have seat and voice in a designated section on the floor of the House. In addition, up to 18 youth (not more than two youth from each Province) who are duly authorized representatives known as the Official Youth Presence, shall have seat and voice in a designated section on the floor of the House.

And be it further

Resolved, That Rule of Order 60(b) of the House of Deputies be amended to read as follows:

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Deans of Church seminaries; the President, Vice-Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer and elected Members of the Executive Council may be seated in a section reserved for Special Guests, except during Executive Sessions.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #35)

Resolution A026 (Amend HDRO 60) was withdrawn by the Clerical and Lay deputations of Virginia and the Lay deputation of Rio Grande.

Resolution withdrawn

The House of Deputies Committee on Rules of Order presented its Report #14 on Resolution A022 (Amend HDRO 46) and moved adoption.

Final Text of Resolution:
(A022)
Resolved, That Rule of Order 46 of the House of Deputies be amended to read as follows:

46. When, either without reference or after reference and report, the consideration of such Message shall have begun, it shall continue to be the Order of the Day until final action thereon, and shall not be subject to any motion to postpone or to lay on the table. However, consideration of such Message shall be subject to a motion for the appointment of a Committee of Conference, as hereinafter provided in Rule 48.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #36)

The House of Deputies Committee on Rules of Order presented its Report #15 on Resolution A027 (Amend HDRO 64) and moved adoption.

Final Text of Resolution:
(A027)
Resolved, That Rule of Order 64 of the House of Deputies is hereby amended to read as follows:

64. The President may invite a distinguished visitor to speak for not more than five minutes, or may extend the privileges of the floor to a representative of a Church agency, although not a Deputy, to speak for not more than five minutes to a report of that agency.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #37)

The House of Deputies Committee on Rules of Order presented its Report #16 on Resolution A028 (Amend HDRO 66) and moved adoption.
Final Text of Resolution:
(A028)
Resolved, That Rule of Order 66 of the House of Deputies be amended to read as follows:

66. Except when otherwise ordered by majority vote of the House, no books, pamphlets or other printed matter shall be distributed in the House, or be placed on the seats or desks of the Deputies, without the express permission of the President; but this prohibition shall not apply to reports of Committees or to any papers or other documents presented to and accepted by the House or printed by its authority.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #38)

The House of Deputies Committee on Rules of Order presented its Report #17 on Resolution A029 (Amend HDRO Standing Order I) and moved adoption.

Final Text of Resolution:
(A029)
Resolved, That Standing Order I of the House of Deputies be amended to read as follows:

I. Prior to the meeting of each General Convention, the Secretary of the House of Deputies shall determine, by lot, the seats to be occupied by the Deputation from each Diocese, except that the Deputations of members serving on the platform shall be seated in the front of the House, near the platform.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #39)

The House of Deputies Committee on Rules of Order presented its Report #18 on Resolution A023 (Amend HDRO 55) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A023)
Resolved, That Rule of Order 55 of the House of Deputies be amended to read as follows:

55. When considering the election of a Bishop, the approval of the Candidate’s testimonials, or assent consent to the Candidate’s Bishop Elect’s consecration, and when acting upon the election of the Presiding Bishop, the House shall sit as soon as practicable after the receipt of official notification from the House of Bishops of such elections.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, That Rule of Order 55 of the House of Deputies be amended to read as follows:

55. When considering the election of a Bishop, the approval of the Candidate’s Bishop Elect’s testimonials, or assent consent to the Candidate’s Bishop Elect's
consecration, and when acting upon the election of the Presiding Bishop, the House shall sit as soon as practicable after the receipt of official notification from the House of Bishops of such elections.

Final Text of Resolution:

(A023)

Resolved, That Rule of Order 55 of the House of Deputies be amended to read as follows:

55. When considering the election of a Bishop, the approval of the Bishop Elect’s testimonials, or consent to the Bishop Elect’s consecration, and when acting upon the election of the Presiding Bishop, the House shall sit as soon as practicable after the receipt of official notification from the House of Bishops of such elections.

Motion carried

Resolution adopted with amendment

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #40)

Resolution A020 (Amend HDRO 41) was withdrawn by the clerical deputation from Western New York and the lay deputations from Pittsburgh and California.

Resolution withdrawn

The House of Deputies Committee on Rules of Order presented its Report #21 on Resolution A011 (Amend HDRO 6) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A011)

Resolved, That Rule of Order 6 of the House of Deputies be amended to read as follows:

6. The Secretary shall keep a Calendar of Business, on which shall be placed, in the order of their presentation, the subjects being briefly indicated, Orders of the Day, reports of Committees, Resolutions which lie over, and other matters undisposed of. The Secretary shall also keep a Consent Calendar, which shall be published daily and distributed to the members before the convening of the House on each legislative day, and designate it as a separate calendar. Matters shall be listed on the Consent Calendar in separate groupings, according to the date that they have been placed thereon. All matters to which amendments have been proposed by a Committee shall be so designated. No debate is in order regarding any matter appearing on the Consent Calendar. However, the President shall allow a reasonable time for questions from the floor and answers to those questions. No amendment other than an amendment contained in a Committee report is in order regarding any matter on the Consent Calendar. Any amendments contained in Committee reports on such matters shall be deemed adopted unless the matter is objected to and removed from the Consent Calendar. Immediately prior to a vote on the first matter on the Consent Calendar the President shall call to the attention of the members the fact that the next vote will be on the first matter pending on the Consent Calendar. Matters appearing on the Consent Calendar shall be taken up immediately following the noon recess of the next legislative day following
their placement on the Consent Calendar, or otherwise by unanimous consent or by adoption of a special order of business. A matter may be placed on the Consent Calendar by report of a Legislative Committee, if the Committee vote to report the matter with a recommendation for adoption, with or without amendments, or for discharge, or referral to a Joint or Standing Commission an Interim Body or Executive Council, or for rejection, was by three-fourths of the members present and if the Committee recommends placement of the matter on the Consent Calendar. Prior to a vote on final passage of any matter appearing on the Consent Calendar, it shall be removed from the Consent Calendar if (1) any three Lay or Clerical deputations, or (2) the sponsor of the matter, or (3) the Committee on Dispatch of Business files with the Secretary written objections to the presence of the matter on the Consent Calendar. Any matter so removed may not be placed thereafter on the Consent Calendar but shall be restored to the Daily Calendar. Any matter removed from the Consent Calendar, to which amendments have been proposed by a Committee, shall stand on the Daily Calendar in its original, unamended form, as reported by the Legislative Committee, and amendments shall be treated as if the matter had never been on the Consent Calendar.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, That Rule of Order 6 of the House of Deputies be amended to read as follows:

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Final Text of Resolution:

(A011) Resolved, That Rule of Order 6 of the House of Deputies be amended to read as follows:

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deputations, or (2) the sponsor of the matter, or (3) the Committee on
Dispatch of Business files with the Secretary written objections to the
presence of the matter on the Consent Calendar. Any matter so removed
may not be placed thereafter on the Consent Calendar but shall be
restored to the Daily Calendar. Any matter removed from the Consent
Calendar, to which amendments have been proposed by a Committee,
shall stand on the Daily Calendar as reported by the Legislative
Committee, and shall be treated as if the matter had never been on the
Consent Calendar.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #41)

END OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR

Messages from the House of Bishops
The Secretary announced that the following messages had been received from the
House of Bishops:

HB Message #3: A077 (Episcopal Health Ministries) Adopted with
amendment.
HB Message #4: A095 (Approve Liturgical Calendar Commemorations)
Adopted.
HB Message #5: A137 (Continuation of the Task Force to Study
Employment Policies and Practices in The Episcopal
Church) Adopted with amendment.
HB Message #6: A081 (Accommodation for People with Disabilities)
Adopted with amendment.
HB Message #7: A049 (Task Force to Empower Data Sharing in The
Episcopal Church) Discharged, data sharing already
occurring.
HB Message #8: A069 (Funding Mission Funding Office) Adopted.
HB Message #9: A114 (Funding Mission Funding Office) Discharged,
already acted on at this Convention in Resolution A069.
HB Message #10: A076 (Establish Dialogue with the Church in Sweden)
Adopted with amendment.
HB Message #11: A075 (Approve Presbyterian-Episcopal Agreement)
Adopted with amendment.
Ballot #1 for Church Pension Fund Trustees
Ballot #1 was begun for members of the Church Pension Fund Board of Trustees. Due to issues with the electronic ballot system, the time allotted had passed.

Deputy Meyers of Chicago asked the Chair to suspend the vote to proceed with the Special Order for Committee of the Whole.

Motion denied
Balloting continued

Dispatch of Business
The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business moved to suspend the rules to postpone Ballot #1 to Friday afternoon as the first item of business after the conclusion of the Consent Calendar.

Motion carried
Rules suspended

Nominations for President of the House of Deputies
The Vice-President called for nominations for President of the House.


The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business moved to close the nominations.

Motion carried
Nominations closed

Deputy Currie of Central Gulf Coast moved unanimous consent for a single ballot.

Motion carried

The Vice-President called on the Secretary to cast a single ballot for Canon Bonnie Anderson, D.D. for President of the House of Deputies.

Motion carried
President of the House of Deputies elected
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #42)

Special Order of Business
The House then moved into Committee of the Whole.

When the time allotted for the Legislative Session had elapsed, the President announced that the Committee of the Whole would be in recess until 10:00 a.m. on Friday, July 10, 2009.
Announcements
The Secretary read the announcements.

Prayers
The President called on the Chaplain for prayers.

RECESS
The President recessed the House at 6:20 p.m. until 9:30 a.m. on Friday, July 10, 2009.
Reconvene
The President called the House to order at 9:32 a.m.

Prayers
The President called on Elizabeth Anderson, member of the official Youth Presence from Michigan, to share the meditation written by the Chaplain.

Certification of Minutes
The House of Deputies Committee on the Certification of Minutes presented its Report #2, stating that the Committee had met, read the Minutes of the Second Legislative Day and certified that they were correct. The Chair moved adoption of the report.

Motion carried
Minutes accepted

Certification of Deputies
The House of Deputies Committee on Credentials presented its Report #4 for the first session of the Third Legislative Day. There were 416 clerical deputies and 413 lay deputies certified and seated, bringing the total count of the House to 829. The number of votes necessary for a motion to prevail was 415. There were no new deputies certified and 49 changes in deputations on this day, as follows:

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Robert Prichard
Francis Wade
Wesley Baldwin
Scott Haight
David Read
Susan Hardaway
Gregory Brown
Musette El-Mohammed
Gloria Payne-Carter
Karla Woggon
Ann Fontaine

The Secretary moved that the report be accepted.

Motion carried
Report accepted

Messages from the House of Bishops
The Secretary announced that the following messages had been received from the House of Bishops:

HB Message #12: E001 (Election of the Secretary of General Convention)
Concurred.

HB Message #13: A008 (Program of Formation for Newly Elected Bishops)
Adopted with amendment.

HB Message #14: A165 (Women and Money) Discharged.

HB Message #15: D019 (Recommit to MDG’s as a Mission Priority) Adopted
with amendment.
HB Message #16: D016 (Ecumenical Shared Ministries) Adopted substitute.
HB Message #17: C051 (Wounded Soldiers and Veterans) Adopted with amendment.
HB Message #18: A113 (Strengthening Small Congregations) Adopted with amendment.

Rules of Order
The House of Deputies Committee on Rules of Order presented its Report #13 on Resolution A026 (Amend HDRO 60) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A026)
Resolved, That Rule of Order 60 of the House of Deputies be amended by adding a new subsection (a), to read as follows, with subsequent subsections to be re-lettered:

(a) Each deputation shall elect a Chair, and notify the Secretary of the House of the results of that election, no later than the day on which the House organizes itself.

Deputy Causey of Virginia moved to amend the resolution.

Proposed Amendment:
Replace the word “elect” with the word “select” and replace the word “election” with the word “selection.”

Motion carried
Amendment adopted

A vote was taken on Resolution A026 as amended.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #43)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A026)
Resolved, That Rule of Order 60 of the House of Deputies be amended by adding a new subsection (a), to read as follows, with subsequent subsections to be re-lettered:

(a) Each deputation shall select a Chair, and notify the Secretary of the House of the results of that selection no later than the day on which the House organizes itself.

Structure
The House of Deputies Committee on Structure presented its Report #4 on Resolution A192 (Amend Canon I.4.3) and moved that the Committee be discharged as the matter is considered in Resolution A116.
Original Text of Resolution:

(A192)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That Canon I.4.3 is hereby amended by adding a new subsection (g), with succeeding subsections to be re-lettered, to read as follows:

Sec. 3.(g) Upon joint nomination of the Chair and Vice-Chair, the Executive Council shall appoint a Joint Audit Committee of the Council and the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society. The Committee shall be composed of 6 members, one of whom shall be a member of the Executive Council's Committee on Administration and Finance, one from the membership of the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance, and the remaining four shall be members of the Church-at-large, having experience in general business practices. The members shall serve for a term of three years beginning on January 1 following a regular meeting of the General Convention or immediately following their appointment, whichever comes later, and continue until a successor is appointed, and may serve two terms, after which a full triennium must elapse before being eligible for re-election. The Chair and Vice-Chair of Council shall designate the Chair of the Committee from among its members. The Audit Committee shall regularly review the financial statements relating to all funds under the management or control of the Council and the Society and shall report thereon at least annually to the Council and the Society.

Upon recommendation of the Audit Committee, the Executive Council shall employ on behalf of the Council and the Society an independent Certified Public Accountant firm to audit annually all accounts under the management or control of the Council and Society. After receipt of the annual audit, the Audit Committee shall recommend to the Council and Society what action to take as to any matters identified in the annual audit and accompanying management letter. The operations of the Audit Committee shall be set out in an Audit Committee Charter. The Audit Committee shall review, at least annually, the Committee's Charter and recommend any changes to the Executive Council for approval.

Motion carried
Committee discharged

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #44)

The House of Deputies Committee on Structure presented its Report #5 on Resolution A009 (Study the Process of Nominations and Election of the Presiding Bishop) and moved to refer the resolution to the Standing Commission on the Structure of the Church.
Original Text of Resolution:
(A009)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention authorize the College for Bishops, in consultation with the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies, to study the process of nomination and election of the Presiding Bishop, together with comparable processes in other provinces of the Anglican Communion and our full communion partners, i.e. the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, and report their finding to the 77th General Convention together with recommended changes in our canons and rules of orders as may be deemed appropriate.

Motion defeated
Resolution rejected

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #45)

The House of Deputies Committee on Structure presented its Report #7 on Resolution B001 (Amendment to the Parochial Report) and moved the resolution, recommending rejection.

Original Text of Resolution:
(B001)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention amend the Parochial Report to include data on the annual energy consumption in total costs of electricity, oil and gas of all Church properties.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention direct the Executive Council and Committee on the State of the Church to amend the Parochial Report to include data on the annual energy consumption in total costs of electricity, oil and gas of all Church properties.

Motion defeated
Resolution rejected

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #46)

Special Order of Business
The House moved to consider the Committee of the Whole.

The President announced that the time allotted for the Committee of the Whole had expired.

Deputy Trambley of Northwestern Pennsylvania moved that the House of Deputies rise and report that guidance had been given to the Legislative Committee on World Mission.

Motion carried

The President moved the House back into Legislative Session.
Dispatch of Business
The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business moved to suspend the rules to welcome the family of the President to the House of Deputies.

Motion carried
Rules suspended

Announcements
The Secretary read the announcements.

Prayers
The President called on Deputy Rushing of Massachusetts, in the absence of the Chaplain, for midday prayers.

RECESS
The President recessed the House at 11:19 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Reconvene
The President called the House to order at 2:02 p.m.

Certification of Deputies
The House of Deputies Committee on Credentials presented its Report #5 for the second session of the Third Legislative Day. There were 416 clerical deputies and 413 lay deputies certified and seated, bringing the total count of the House to 829. The number of votes necessary for a motion to prevail is 415. There were no new deputies certified and 37 changes in deputations on this day, as follows:

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The Secretary moved that the report be accepted.  
Motion carried  
Report accepted

CONSENT CALENDAR

Structure
The House of Deputies Committee on Structure presented its Report #1 on Resolution C060 (Statistics for Overseas Congregations) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:
(C060)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the House of Deputies Committee on the State of the Church be directed to include in their report to the 77th General Convention, and all subsequent General Conventions, all statistics pertaining to the life of the congregations in all overseas Dioceses and the Convocation of American Churches in Europe.

Motion carried  
Resolution adopted

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #47)

The House of Deputies Committee on Structure presented its Report #2 on Resolution A003 (78th General Convention Site) and moved adoption.
Original Text of Resolution:
(A003)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the following sites be considered for the 78th General Convention: Atlanta, Georgia; Las Vegas, Nevada; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and Salt Lake City, Utah.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #48)

The House of Deputies Committee on Structure presented its Report #3 on Resolution A060 (Regarding Canon I.1.5) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A060)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the Standing Commission on the Structure of the Church be directed to study the role and qualifications of the Registrar of the General Convention in the maintenance of records of the ordinations and consecrations of the bishops of the church and report back to the 77th General Convention.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #49)

The House of Deputies Committee on Structure presented its Report #10 on Resolution A122 (Amend Canon I.9: Provincial Leadership Conference) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A122)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention amend Canon I.9 by adding a new Section 11 as follows:

Sec. 11. Coordination of the ministry of all of the Provinces shall be provided by the Provincial Leadership Conference, consisting of the President, Vice-President, and Coordinator of each of the various Provinces. The Conference shall meet at least annually at a time and place established by the Conference. Subject to the authority of the Constitution and Canons of this Church, the Conference shall determine the scope and manner of fulfilling its responsibilities, shall elect officers, and shall adopt bylaws consistent with the Constitution and Canons. The Conference shall have responsibility for the allocation of, and accountability for, the funds directly provided by the General Convention to support the work of the Provinces. The Conference shall report on its work to the Executive Council annually and to the General Convention, triennially.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention amend Canon I.9 by adding a new Section 11 as follows:

Sec. 11. Coordination of the ministry of all of the Provinces shall be provided by the Provincial Leadership Conference, consisting of the President, Vice-President, and Coordinator of each of the various Provinces. The Conference shall meet at least annually at a time and place
established by the Conference. Subject to the authority of the Constitution and Canons of this Church, the Conference shall determine the scope and manner of fulfilling its responsibilities, shall elect officers, and shall adopt By-Laws consistent with the Constitution and Canons. The Conference shall have responsibility for the allocation of, and accountability for, the funds directly provided by the General Convention to support the work of the Provinces. The Conference shall report on its work to the Executive Council annually and to the General Convention, triennially.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #50)

World Mission
The House of Deputies Committee on World Mission presented its Report #12 on Resolution A129 (Mission Orientation in the New Bishop’s Conference) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A129)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church, thankful for the relationship building between bishops of this Church and bishops of other Anglican Churches at the 2008 Lambeth Conference, and mindful of the hope that these relationships might be deepened by visitation, one to another, mandate the inclusion of world mission orientation in the New Bishop’s Conference as well as an annual one day world mission orientation and strategy meeting (perhaps in conjunction with another gathering of the House of Bishops) for bishops intending to develop deeper cross cultural relations with bishops of other Churches in the Anglican Communion; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $10,000 for the year 2010; $10,000 for the year 2011; and $10,000 for the year 2012; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $30,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church, thankful for the relationship building between bishops of this Church and bishops of other Anglican Churches at the 2008 Lambeth Conference, and mindful of the hope that these relationships might be deepened by visitation, one to another, strongly encourage mandate the inclusion of world mission orientation in the New Bishop’s Conference and other programs offered by the College of Bishops as well as an annual one day world mission orientation and strategy meeting (perhaps in conjunction with another gathering of the House of Bishops) for bishops intending to develop deeper cross cultural relations with bishops of other Churches in the Anglican Communion; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $10,000 for the year 2010, $10,000 for the year 2011, and $10,000 for the year 2012; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $30,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #51)

The House of Deputies Committee on World Mission presented its Report #14 on Resolution A125 (Anglican Communion Task Force) and moved to refer the resolution to the Executive Council.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A125)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention establish, pursuant to Joint Rule IX, a Task Force on Anglican Communion Relations to consider and make recommendations to the 77th General Convention on requests from any of the Instruments of Communion which require a response from The Episcopal Church; and be it further

Resolved, That the Task Force shall consist of the Presiding Bishop, the President of the House of Deputies and twelve other members (4 bishops, 4 clergy and 4 lay persons), which shall include persons with expertise in the Constitution and Canons of The Episcopal Church and the ministries and structures of the Anglican Communion; and be it further

Resolved, That the Task Force may, subject to its budget, request the assistance of members of the Presiding Bishop’s staff and other experts as consultants; and be it further

Resolved, That the Task Force shall have a budget of $100,000 for the next triennium; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $100,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

Motion carried
Resolution referred to the Executive Council
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #52)

The House of Deputies Committee on World Mission presented its Report #16 on Resolution A124 (Foreign Lands Task Force) and moved to refer the resolution to the Standing Commission on World Mission.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A124)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention establish, pursuant to Joint Rule IX, a Task Force on Congregations in Foreign Lands to consider and make recommendations to the 77th General Convention on The Episcopal
Church’s theology of mission, ecclesiology and the need for a coordinated Anglican approach to missionary work in areas outside existing Provinces of the Anglican Communion; and to propose to the 78th General Convention, the constitutional, canonical or structural changes that may be necessary to respond to these recommendations; and be it further

Resolved, That the Task Force shall consist of 12 members (4 bishops, 4 clergy and 4 lay persons) including, as far as practical, persons with expertise in missiology, ecclesiology, Constitution and Canons, structure, the Anglican Communion and persons representing areas currently covered by Canon I.15; and be it further

Resolved, That the Task Force may, subject to its budget, request the assistance of members of the Presiding Bishop’s staff and other experts as consultants, and should include in its deliberations consultations with representatives of other Provinces of the Anglican Communion who have undertaken or may be planning missionary work in the same areas as The Episcopal Church; and be it further

Resolved, That the Task Force shall have a budget of $100,000 for the next triennium; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $100,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

Motion carried
Resolution referred to a Standing Commission
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #53)

Communications
The House of Deputies Committee on Communications presented its Report #3 on Resolution A047 (Extension of the A048 Task Force) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A047)  
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church extend the term of the A048 Task Force through the next triennium in order to direct the Church Center and other Church bodies to adopt industry appropriate “best-practices” when adopting new technology and in making communication decisions; and be it further

Resolved, That the amount of $5,000 be allocated to fund an independent technology audit of current information systems and abilities; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $5,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church extend the term of the A048-2006 Task Force through the next Triennium in order to make specific recommendations to direct the Church Center and other
Church bodies to adopt industry appropriate “best-practices” when adopting new technology and in making communication decisions; and be it further

Resolved, That the amount of $5,000 be allocated to continue the work of this task force that was not completed in the previous Triennium. fund an independent technology audit of current information systems and abilities; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $5,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

Motion carried

Resolution adopted with amendment

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #54)

The House of Deputies Committee on Communications presented its Report #4 on Resolution A046 (Creation of Position of Information Officer) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A046)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church calls upon the Executive Council to work with the Presiding Bishop to create or task an existing staff position with the role of Chief Information Officer in The Episcopal Church.

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church calls upon the Executive Council to work with the Presiding Bishop to create or task an existing staff position with the role of Chief Information Officer in The Episcopal Church.

the Standing Commission on Episcopal Church Communications to work in the coming Triennium with the Office of the Presiding Bishop, the Office of General Convention, the Information Technology department, the A048-2006 Task Force, the Archives of The Episcopal Church and the Office of Communication to conduct a comprehensive, integrated examination of the technologies, policies and practices that support all modes of communication, both internal and external; and be it further

Resolved, That the Standing Commission on Episcopal Church Communications propose to the 77th General Convention a strategic communication plan for the next Triennium, maximizing the use of all communication resources for the mission of the Church, including the consideration of naming a Chief Information Officer for The Episcopal Church, and a budget for implementation; and be it further

Resolved, That the Executive Council work with the Church Center to establish clear, strategic governance of information technology in support of the mission of The Episcopal Church.

Motion carried

Resolution adopted with amendment

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #55)

The House of Deputies Committee on Communications presented its Report #5 on Resolution A050 (Church Center Technology Audit) and moved adoption with amendment.
Original Text of Resolution:

(A050) Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church direct that the sum of $45,000 to perform a comprehensive technology audit of the Church Center; and be it further Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $45,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church direct the sum of $45,000 to perform a comprehensive technology audit of the Church Center; and be it further direct the Church Center to conduct an immediate, independent, comprehensive technology audit of the Church Center, and report its findings to the Executive Council and the A048-2006 Task Force; and be it further Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $45,000 for the implementation of this audit resolution; and be it further Resolved, That the Church Center subsequently conduct a regular independent audit of its communication resources, policies and practices, including specifically hardware, software and licenses.

Motion carried

Resolution adopted with amendment

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #56)

The House of Deputies Committee on Communications presented its Report #6 on Resolution D010 (An International Church) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:

(D010) Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention require that all documents, communications, legislation and publications of The Episcopal Church consistently utilize terminology that underlines and clearly reflects The Episcopal Church’s international, multilingual and multicultural character in order to replace outdated and inaccurate expressions such as “the National Church,” “the American Church,” “the National Church Center,” “the National Executive Council,” “National Staff Officer” etc.

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention require request that all documents, communications, legislation and publications of that refer to The Episcopal Church use terminology that consistently utilize terminology that underlines and clearly reflects our The Episcopal Church’s international, multilingual and multicultural character, rather than using inaccurate and non-inclusive terms and names in order to replace outdated and inaccurate expressions such as “the National Church,” “the American Church,” “the National Church Center,” “the National Executive Council,” “National Staff Officer” etc.; and be it further
Resolved, That the Office of Communication work with the Standing Commission on Episcopal Church Communications, the Episcopal Communicators and other bodies, to develop and publish alternatives to these and other inaccurate terms and names.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #57)

END OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR

Messages from the House of Bishops
The Secretary announced that the following messages had been received from the House of Bishops:

- HB Message #19: X008 (Withdraw Action on Resolution A069) Adopted.
- HB Message #20: E007 (Election for Bishop Members of Executive Council) Adopted.

Special Order of Business
Deputy Causey of Virginia moved to re-refer Resolution A009 (Study the Process of Nominations and Election of the Presiding Bishop) to the Standing Commission on Structure. The voice vote being inconclusive, the President moved to a standing vote. The standing vote being inconclusive, the President called for an electronic vote. The result of the electronic vote was: Yes, 423 votes (51.8%) and No, 393 votes (48.2%).

Motion carried
Resolution re-referred to a Standing Commission
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #89)

Structure
The House of Deputies Committee on Structure presented its Report #9 on Resolution A115 (Amend Canon I.4.3(g): Committees of Executive Council) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A115)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That Canon I.4.3(g) is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 3. (g) The Executive Council shall establish by its By-Laws such Standing Committees of the Executive Council, consisting of its own members, as shall be deemed appropriate and necessary by the Executive Council for the discharge of its duties, the members of which are to be nominated jointly by the Chair and Vice-Chair and appointed by the Council. The Council may also establish by its By-Laws such other Committees, which may include or consist of non-members, to be nominated jointly by the Chair and Vice-Chair and appointed by the Council, as may be necessary to fulfill its fiduciary responsibility to The Episcopal Church.
The House of Deputies Committee on Structure presented its Report #11 on Resolution A168 (Annual Data Gathering About Gender Parity in Diocesan Leadership) and moved to refer the resolution to the Executive Council.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(A168)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church add the following to the annual Diocesan Report Form:

**Part 3: Data Concerning Gender Parity in Diocesan Leadership**

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Deputy Mbele-Mbong of the Churches in Europe moved an amendment to the resolution.

**Proposed Amendment:**

In the list of Diocesan Bodies, delete the year “2009” in the phrase “2009 Deputies to General Convention.”

The motion to amend was ruled out of order.

A vote was taken on the motion to refer Resolution A168.

Motion carried

Resolution referred to the Executive Council

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #59)

The House of Deputies Committee on Structure presented its Report #12 on Resolution A117 (Discontinue Three Committees) and moved adoption of a substitute.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(A117)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention discontinue the Executive Council Committee on the Status of Women, the Executive Council Jubilee Advisory Committee and the Executive Council Committee on HIV/AIDS.
Committee Substitute:
*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention supports the Executive Council's Committee on the Status of Women, the Executive Council Jubilee Advisory Committee and the Executive Council Committee on HIV/AIDS as continuing committees of Executive Council pursuant to Canon I.4.3(g).

Deputy Snow of Alaska moved an amendment to the resolution.

**Proposed Amendment:**
Beginning on the second line, delete the words “the Executive Council Jubilee Advisory Committee and the Executive Council Committee on HIV/AIDS.” Add the word “a” between the word “as” and the word “continuing” and delete the letter “s” in the word “committees.”

Deputy Elsensohn of Alaska moved to divide the question on the amendment so that each committee would be voted on separately.

- Motion defeated
- Division rejected

Debate continued on the Snow amendment.

A voice vote was taken on the Snow amendment. The voice vote being inconclusive, the President called for a standing vote.

- Motion carried
- Amendment adopted

Debate continued on the resolution as amended.

Deputy Ferrell of North Carolina moved the previous question.

A vote was taken to terminate debate.

- Motion carried
- Debate terminated

A vote was taken on substitute Resolution A117 as amended.

- Motion carried
- Substitute resolution adopted with amendment
  (Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #60)

**Consecration of Bishops**
The House of Deputies Committee on Consecration of Bishops presented its Report #5 on Resolution B023 (Consent to the Election of the Rev. Luis Fernando Ruiz Restrepo) and moved adoption of a substitute.
Original Text of Resolution:
(B023)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That pursuant to Article II, Section 2. and Canon III. 11.3. of the Constitution and Canons of the General Convention, the Convention of the Diocese of Ecuador Central, hereby requests the Consent of the House of Deputies assembled in General Convention to the ordination and consecration of the Reverend Luis Fernando Ruiz Restrepo Bishop-elect, as Bishop of this Diocese.

Committee Substitute:
Resolved, The House of Deputies, pursuant to Article II, Section 2. and Canon III. 11.3 of the Constitution and Canons of the General Convention, consents to the ordination and consecration of the Reverend Luis Fernando Ruiz Restrepo, Bishop-elect, as Bishop of the Diocese of Ecuador Central.

Deputy Ross of Michigan moved the previous question.

Motion defeated
Debate continued

Deputy Evans of South Carolina moved to end debate and set a special order for a time certain to be determined by Dispatch of Business, at which time the House will have the appropriate materials before them.

Motion carried
Debate terminated
Special Order adopted

World Mission
The House of Deputies Committee on World Mission presented its Report #4 on Resolution C053 (Continuing Support for MDG’s) recommending discharge, and re-referral of the resolution to the Committee on Stewardship and Development.

Original Text of Resolution:
(C053)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church
1. Establish the work toward the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals as a mission priority for the coming triennium,
2. Direct the General Convention Treasurer and the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to create a line item in the Budget for The Episcopal Church containing no less than 0.7% of that budget for work that supports the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals,
3. Designate September 11 a special day of prayer, fasting and giving in The Episcopal Church toward global reconciliation and the Millennium Development Goals,
4. Request that all dioceses establish a diocesan global reconciliation commission dedicated to mobilizing Episcopalians toward the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals.

**Motion carried**

Resolution re-referred to a Legislative Committee
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #61)

The House of Deputies Committee on World Mission presented its Report #5 on Resolution A039 (Wall Around Palestine) recommending discharge, and re-referral of the resolution to the Committee on National and International Concerns.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(A039)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention, urge the Presiding Bishop and the leadership of The Episcopal Church to use the authority and power of this Church and of their offices to actively lobby to enforce Resolution A149 and to influence and change the policies and behavior of the Israeli, Palestinian and United States governments so as to end the oppression and the ghetto-ization and to bring the Wall down.

**Motion carried**

Resolution re-referred to a Legislative Committee
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #63)

The House of Deputies Committee on World Mission presented its Report #8 on Resolution A133 (Amend Canon I.1.2(n)(11)) recommending discharge, and re-referral of the resolution to the Committee on Structure.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(A133)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church amends Canon 1.1.2(n) (11):
A Standing Commission on World Mission, whose members shall include persons broadly representative of jurisdictions outside the United States of America, as well as persons having direct engagement with and experience in world mission. It shall be the duty of the Commission, as to all mission outside the United States, The Episcopal Church’s global mission relationships and responsibilities, to review and evaluate existing policies, priorities and strategies, and to promote partnership for global mission among the various groups within the Church, to plan and propose policy on overseas said mission, and to make recommendations pertaining to the Executive Council and the General Convention.

**Motion carried**

Resolution re-referred to a Legislative Committee
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #64)

The House of Deputies Committee on World Mission presented its Report #9 on Resolution A130 (Covenant with Brazil) and moved adoption.
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church endorse the “Commitment to be Companions in Christ” between the Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil and The Episcopal Church, as expressed in the text below, and by this affirmation authorize the signature of The Episcopal Church on this Covenant:

THE COMMITMENT TO BE COMPANIONS IN CHRIST - BETWEEN THE IGREJA EPISCOPAL ANGLICANA DO BRASIL AND THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

Preamble: The Episcopal Church and Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil share a missionary history in Brazil of over 100 years. The work in Brazil was initiated in 1890 by missionaries Lucien Lee Kinsolving and James Watson Morris, from the Virginia Theological Seminary. In 1907 the missionary efforts in Brazil resulted in the establishment of a missionary district of The Episcopal Church under the leadership of Bishop Lucien Lee Kinsolving. In 1965 this missionary district became the autonomous Province of Brazil, and The Episcopal Church concluded ongoing financial obligations in 1975. In 1990, at the celebration of the centennial of the Church of Brazil, the Presiding Bishops of The Episcopal Church and Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil agreed to establish a Bilateral Committee to reconnect and reconcile dynamics of distance that occurred during and after the establishment of Brazil’s autonomy. The experience of the Bilateral Committee has been one of reacquainting the Churches, re-establishing friendship, sharing vision for ministry mission and encouraging diocesan companionships. The Bilateral Committee believes the endorsement of the following Commitment to be Companions in Christ will be good for the souls of both provinces. The Bilateral Committee also believes it is wise and appropriate to solidify and make public and structurally accountable this ongoing commitment to one another.

The General Convention of The Episcopal Church and the Synod of Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil commit to mutual support and encouragement for ministry and mission development within both provinces. The Episcopal Church and Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil hereby establish a Bilateral Standing Committee to provide vision and planning to sustain and enhance the Committee relationship. The Bilateral Standing Committee will sustain the two provinces in their commitment to: 1) pray for each other’s life and faith; 2) commit to develop and support diocesan companion relationships; and 3) discern and support other initiatives that will mutually enrich the ministry and mission of both provinces. The Bilateral Standing Committee will establish and maintain a list of triennial initiatives consistent with the priorities of both provinces, such as theological education, missionary expansion, stewardship, sustainability and social ministry. The Bilateral Standing Committee will be composed of one bishop, appointed by each of the Presiding Bishops, and one priest, deacon or lay person from each province, appointed by the President of the House of Deputies (TEC) and the Presiding Bishop (IEAB), respectively. Terms for these four members shall be six years, rotated so that one of the two from each province shall be appointed at the start of every triennium. There shall also be two (to four) additional members from each province. For The Episcopal Church, this shall be one member from the Standing Commission on World Mission and one liaison from the Executive Council, selected from those bodies for three-year terms. The Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do
Brasil shall appoint its additional members in a manner of its choice. No member shall serve more than six consecutive years. The Bilateral Standing Committee will be accountable to the Presiding Bishop and the Executive Council of each province. In The Episcopal Church a report will be submitted after each meeting of the Bilateral Standing Committee to the Standing Commission on World Mission and to the Executive Council. In the Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil a report to the Executive Council and to the Provincial Synod will be provided after each meeting of the Bilateral Standing Committee. The Bilateral Standing Committee will typically meet every 18 months. Meeting places will alternate between provinces. Evaluation of this commitment will be undertaken at least every three years. The evaluation and recommendations will be furnished to the Executive Council of The Episcopal Church and the Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil and to both Presiding Bishops. The Commitment takes effect upon endorsement by the General Convention of The Episcopal Church and the Provincial Synod of the Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #65)

The House of Deputies Committee on World Mission presented its Report #10 on Resolution A190 (Commendation of The Episcopal Church in the Philippines) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A190)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church commend The Episcopal Church in the Philippines, an autonomous Province of the Anglican Communion since 1988 and formerly a jurisdiction of The Episcopal Church (TEC), on the faithful and sacrificial accomplishment of financial and missional autonomy, having completed the covenant block grant cycle pledged by 1988 General Convention and its successors; and be it further
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention, pending agreement by the Provincial Synod of The Episcopal Church in the Philippines (ECP), direct the Executive Council of The Episcopal Church to work with the Joint Committee on the Philippine Covenant, a committee of the Executive Councils of both Churches formed for the purpose of envisioning shared ministries between The Episcopal Church and The Episcopal Church in the Philippines under, to develop a charter for future cooperation that may include but not be limited to:
• the formation of a Joint Consultation on Philippine Companionships under a bilateral agreement to promote partnership in mission between the two fully autonomous Provinces of the Anglican Communion (The Episcopal Church and The Episcopal Church in the Philippines) for the sake of their common heritage and history and the building up of the Reign of God; and
• the declaration that the work of Joint Committee on the Philippine Covenant is complete; and be it further
Resolved, That this charter be delivered to the 2011 Provincial Synod of the ECP and the 2012 General Convention of TEC for their consideration and affirmation.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #66)

The House of Deputies Committee on World Mission presented its Report #13 on Resolution A136 (EPGM Funding) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A136)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church supports the work of the Episcopal Partnership for Global Mission (EPGM) as it strengthens, encourages and facilitates education for God’s mission as conducted by all the mission agencies of the Church; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $24,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #67)

The House of Deputies Committee on World Mission presented its Report #15 on Resolution A128 (Funding Missionaries) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A128)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church maintain level of commitment to sending persons of this Church as mission partners throughout the world be maintained at current levels of approximately 75 persons, and that all mission partners be provided adequate health insurance, participation in the pension plans of The Episcopal Church, outgoing orientation, in field pastoral care and reentry briefing; and be it further
Resolved, That the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society reaffirm its continuing mandate to engage this Church in the restoration of all people to unity with God and each other in Christ and that it carries out this mission by engaging its members in ministries with others throughout the world; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $1,377,000 for the year 2010; $1,440,000 for the year 2011; and $1,543,000 for the year 2012, for the support of Mission Personnel; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $4,360,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church maintain level of commitment to sending persons of this Church as
mission partners throughout the world be maintained at current levels of approximately 75 persons, and that all mission partners be provided adequate health insurance, participation in the pension plans of The Episcopal Church, outgoing orientation, in field pastoral care and reentry briefing; and be it further

Resolved, That the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society reaffirm its continuing mandate to engage this Church in the restoration of all people to unity with God and each other in Christ and that it carries out this mission by engaging its members in ministries with others throughout the world; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $1,377,000 $1,681,229 for the year 2010; $1,440,000 $1,795,722 for the year 2011; and $1,543,000 $1,915,475 for the year 2012, for the support of Mission Personnel; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $4,360,000 $5,392,426 for the implementation of this resolution.

Motion carried

Resolution adopted with amendment

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #68)

The House of Deputies Committee on World Mission presented its Report #17 on Resolution A189 (Mission Cooperation in the Americas) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A189)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention expresses its gratitude to the leadership of the Provinces of the Anglican Church of Brazil, the Anglican Church of Canada, the Anglican Church of the Central Region of America (IARCA), The Episcopal Church, the Anglican Church of Mexico, the dioceses of Uruguay, Peru and Cuba in gathering to extend our common participation in God’s mission through the Mutual Responsibility in Mission Consultation (MRMC) in Costa Rica from February 22 to 27, 2009; and be it further

Resolved, That this Convention commends the communication from the Mutual Responsibility in Mission Consultation, entitled “Amazing Together” as a vision to inform The Episcopal Church’s cooperation in mission with sisters and brothers in the Americas; and be it further

Resolved, That this Convention urge the Joint Standing Committee of the Anglican Consultative Council and the Primates Meeting to support and encourage ongoing regional gatherings of Anglican churches in the Americas for greater cooperation and coordination in God’s mission; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention charge Executive Council through the International Concerns Committee to pursue the possibilities of additional consultations of Anglican churches in the Americas as prayed for in “Amazing Together;” and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to include $7,000 in the 2010-2012 Budget of The Episcopal Church towards the facilitation of the next mission consultation for Anglican Churches in the Americas.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #69)

Education
The House of Deputies Committee on Education presented its Report #7 on Resolution D014 (Environmental Justice) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(D014)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention support an environmentally just treatment of all in God’s Creation; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention direct Diocesan Environmental Commissions or Committees to provide information to educate our parishes about decisions that would affect the lives and health of the most vulnerable in our society, especially children, indigenous peoples and non-white communities; and be it further
Resolved, That each congregation be encouraged to refer this resolution to their outreach committee or other such venue in order to ensure the education and dissemination of information to their members and encourage environmentally just actions.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention support an environmentally just treatment of all in God’s Creation; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention through the Executive Council direct Diocesan Environmental Commissions or Committees to provide information to educate our parishes congregations about public environmental decisions that would adversely affect the lives and health of the most vulnerable in our society, especially children, indigenous peoples and non-white communities of people of color; and be it further
Resolved, That Diocesan Commissions or Committees encourage each congregation be encouraged to refer this resolution to their outreach committee or other such venue in order to ensure the education and dissemination of information to of their members and to encourage environmentally just actions.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #70)
Dispatch of Business
The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business presented its Report #15 on the Special Order for Election of Members of Executive Council) and moved adoption.

Motion carried
Special Order adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #71)

The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business presented its Report #17 on the Special Order for Election of Trustees of GTS and moved adoption.

Motion carried
Special Order adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #72)

Rules of Order
The House of Deputies Committee on Rules of Order presented its Report #22 on Resolution A059 (Regarding the House of Deputies Rules of Order) and moved the resolution, recommending rejection.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A059)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That House of Deputies Rule of Order 14 is hereby amended by re-lettering the existing paragraph as (a), and adding a new paragraph (b) as follows:

(b) No resolution proposing amendments to the Constitution or Canons of this Church may be presented in the House of Deputies for an initial vote on the last legislative day of General Convention, provided, however, that any such resolution previously considered and voted upon by this House may be considered on the last legislative day in order to consider changes to the resolution approved by the House of Bishops.

Motion defeated
Resolution rejected
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #73)

Canons
The House of Deputies Committee on Canons presented its Report #1 on Resolution A173 (Amend Canon I.5.3(a) Board of Archives Membership) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A173)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That Canon I.5.3(a) be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 3. (a) There shall be a Board of the Archives which shall consist of the Archivist (ex officio, with vote), the Dean of the Episcopal Seminary of the Southwest (ex officio, with vote), and twelve (12) appointed persons, three (3) of whom shall be Bishops, three (3) of whom shall be Clergy, and six (6) of
whom shall be Lay Persons. All appointed Members of the Board shall serve terms beginning with the close of the General Convention at which their appointments are confirmed and ending with the close of the second regular Convention thereafter.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #74)

The House of Deputies Committee on Canons presented its Report #2 on Resolution A172 (Amendments to the Canons Affecting Data Collection and Records in Electronic Format) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution: (A172)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That Canon I.6.5(a) [Of the Mode of Securing an Accurate View of the State of This Church] be amended as follows:
Sec. 5. (a) It shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Convention of every jurisdiction to forward to the Secretary of the House of Deputies, immediately upon publication, two copies of the Journals of the Convention of the jurisdiction, together with Episcopal charges, statements, and such other papers—other records in paper or electronic format as may show the state of the Church in that jurisdiction, and one copy—two copies to the Archives of the Church in a common format as prescribed by the Archivist of the Church.

And be it further
Resolved, That Canon I.1.5(f) [Of the General Convention] be amended as follows:
Sec. 5. (f) It shall be the duty of the secretaries of both Houses, within thirty days after the adjournment of the General Convention, to deliver to the Registrar—Archives of the Church, the manuscript minutes of both Houses, together with the Journals, files, papers, reports, electronic records and all other documents of either House in a manner proscribed by the Archivist. The manuscript minutes of both Houses shall remain filed until after the adjournment of the second—first Convention following that at which such minutes shall have been taken; Provided, however, that any part of such minutes, for any reason unpublished in the Journal, shall remain filed in the Archives. The Secretary of the House of Deputies shall also deliver to the Registrar—Archives of the Church, as prescribed by the Archivist, when not otherwise expressly directed, all the Journals, files, papers, reports or other published, unpublished or electronic documents specified in Canon I.6. The Secretaries shall require the Registrar—Archivist to give them receipts for the Journals and other papers—records.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That Canon I.6.5(a) [Of the Mode of Securing an Accurate View of the State of This Church] be amended as follows:
Sec. 5. (a) It shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Convention of every jurisdiction to forward to the Secretary of the House of Deputies, immediately upon publication, two copies of the Journals of the Convention of the jurisdiction, together with Episcopal charges, statements, and such other
papers—other records in paper or electronic format as may show the state of the
Church in that jurisdiction, and one copy—two copies to the Archives of the
Church in a common format as prescribed by the Archivist of the Church.

And be it further

Resolved, That Canon I.1.5(f) [Of the General Convention] be amended as follows:

Sec. 5. (f) It shall be the duty of the secretaries of both Houses, within thirty
days after the adjournment of the General Convention, to deliver to the
Registrar, Registrar, Archives of the Church, the minutes of both
Houses, together with the Journals, files, papers, reports, electronic records and all
other records, documents of either House in a manner prescribed by the Archivist. The
manuscript minutes of both Houses shall remain filed until after the
adjournment of the second—first General Convention following that at which
such minutes shall have been taken; Provided, however, that any part of such
minutes, for any reason unpublished in the Journal, shall remain filed in the
Archives. The Secretary of the House of Deputies shall also deliver to the
Registrar, Registrar, Archives of the Church, as prescribed
by the Archivist, when not
otherwise expressly directed, all the Journals, files, papers, reports and other
published, unpublished or electronic documents specified in Canon I.6. The
Secretaries shall require the Registrar, Registrar, Archivist
to give them receipts
for the Journals and other papers. The Registrar shall transmit the records of
the secretaries of both Houses to the Archivist of the Church.

Deputy Selnick of Ohio moved an amendment to the resolution.

Proposed Amendment:

In the first resolve clause, replace the words “in paper or” with the words “in paper and.” In the last sentence of the first resolve clause, add the words “paper and” between the word “in” and the words “a common format.”

Motion defeated

Amendment defeated

A vote was taken on Resolution A172 as amended.

Motion carried

Resolution adopted with amendment

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #75)

Nominations for the Court for the Trial of a Bishop

The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business requested nominations
from the floor for the Court for the Trial of a Bishop.

Clerical nominees

The Rev. Carol Cole Flanagan of Washington
The Very Rev. Gary Hall of Chicago
The Rev. Marjorie Menaul of Central Pennsylvania
The Ven. Edwin Smith of Fond du Lac
The Rev. Francis Wade of Washington.
**Lay nominees**
Joseph Alarid of Rio Grande
William Fleener, Jr. of Western Michigan
Dorothy-Jane Goldsack-Porpeglia of Albany
Diane Pollard of New York
Charles Martin of Oregon.


A motion was made to close nominations.

**Motion carried**
Nominations closed

**Dispatch of Business**
The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business moved to suspend the rules to proceed with the election of Trustees to the Church Pension Fund.

**Motion carried**
Rules suspended

**Ballot #1 for Church Pension Fund Trustees**
Ballot #1 was taken for members of the Church Pension Fund Board of Trustees.

**Ballot #1 taken**

**Structure**
The House of Deputies Committee on Structure presented its Report #13 on Resolution A118 (Amend Canon I.1.2(n): Establish Two Standing Commissions) and moved adoption of a substitute.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(A118)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That Canon I.1.2(n) is hereby amended by adding a new subsection (15), to read as follows:

(15) A Standing Commission on Science, Technology and Faith. It shall be the duty of the Commission to identify, explore and recommend policies to General Convention regarding emerging issues in science and technology and their implications for Christian faith, life and practice.

And be it further
Resolved, That the Standing Commission on Science, Technology and Faith shall have a budget of $60,000 for the triennium, 2009-2012; and be it further
Resolved, That the Executive Council Committee on Science, Technology and Faith be discontinued, effective with the appointment of the new Standing Commission; and be it further
Resolved, That Canon I.1.2(n) is further amended by adding a new subsection (16), to read as follows:

(16) A Standing Commission on the Eradication of Racism. It shall be the duty of the Commission to study and develop policies and strategies to dismantle and eradicate racism in The Episcopal Church and society and make recommendations to General Convention pertaining thereto.

And be it further
Resolved, That the Standing Commission shall have a budget of $60,000 for the triennium, 2009-2012; and be it further
Resolved, That the Executive Council Committee on Anti-Racism be discontinued, effective with the appointment of the new Standing Commission.

Committee Substitute:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention supports the Executive Council Committee on Science, Technology and Faith and Executive Council Committee on Anti-Racism as continuing committees of the Executive Council pursuant to Canon I.4.3.(g).

Deputy Snow of Alaska moved an amendment to the resolution.

Proposed Amendment:
Restore the original text for Resolution A118.

Deputy Hart of Pennsylvania moved the previous question.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on the Snow amendment.

Motion defeated
Amendment defeated

A vote was taken on substitute Resolution A118.

Motion carried
Substitute resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #78)

National and International Concerns
The House of Deputies Committee on National and International Concerns presented its Report #3 on Resolution C064 (Endorsement of the Earth Charter) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(C064)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention endorse the Earth Charter and recommend action steps for dioceses, parishes and individuals to implement its principles, locally, nationally and internationally.
Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention endorse the Earth Charter including its Preamble and direct the Secretary of General Convention to refer it to an interim body for further study and recommendations as to specific action steps for dioceses, parishes and individuals to implement its principles

Resolved, That the 76th General Convention encourage dioceses, congregations, agencies, and individuals to take action consonant with the Earth Charter locally, nationally and internationally.

Deputy Land of Wyoming moved the previous question.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on Resolution C064 as amended. The vote being inconclusive, the President asked for a show of hands.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #79)

The House of Deputies Committee on National and International Concerns presented its Report #4 on Resolution A032 (Human Rights Violations in the Philippines) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A032)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention joins The Episcopal Church in the Philippines and the National Council of Churches in the Philippines in urging the United States government to use its considerable influence (including withholding of military aid) to champion human rights until such killings and disappearances have ended.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention joins The Episcopal Church in the Philippines and the National Council of Churches in the Philippines in urging the United States government to use its considerable influence (including withholding of military aid) to champion human rights until such extra-judicial killings and disappearances have ended.

Deputy Wilson of West Missouri moved to amend the resolution.

Proposed Amendment:
Delete the word “until” after the word “rights” and delete the words “have ended” at the end of the sentence. Add the words “and thus encourage an end to” after the word “rights.”

The voice vote on the Wilson amendment being inconclusive, the President asked for a show of hands.

Motion carried
Amendment adopted
A vote was taken on Resolution A032 as amended.  

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #80)

The House of Deputies Committee on National and International Concerns presented its Report #6 on Resolution A144 (Extension of Resolution A127 to General Convention 2012) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A144)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church agreed to extend Resolution A127, which was passed at the 75th General Convention.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church agree to extend Resolution A127, which was passed at the 75th General Convention and that the Executive Council Committee on Anti-Racism report back to the 77th General Convention in 2012.

Resolution Number: 2006-A127
Title: Endorse Restorative Justice and Anti-Racism
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred as Amended

Final Text:
Resolved, That the 75th General Convention of The Episcopal Church endorse the principles of restorative justice, an important tool in implementing a neutral articulation of the self-examination and amendment of life that is required to fulfill our baptismal covenant; and be it further
Resolved, That the 75th Convention, in support of and to enhance Resolution A123, call upon the Anti-Racism Committee of Executive Council to design a study and dialogue process and materials in order to engage the people of The Episcopal Church in storytelling about historical and present-day privilege and under-privilege as well as discernment towards restorative justice and the call to fully live into our baptismal covenant; and be it further
Resolved, That in the spirit of inclusion, dioceses also be invited to determine whether their call is to conduct truth and reconciliation processes in regard to other histories and legacies of racial discrimination and oppression that may be applicable in their geographic area, while not diminishing the strong call to focus on the history and legacy of slavery; and be it further
Resolved, That the dioceses will give a progress report to the Anti-Racism Committee. The Anti-Racism Committee will report their findings and recommendations to the Standing Commission on National Concerns and to Executive Council and to the 76th General Convention; and be it further
Resolved, That the Church hold before itself the vision of a Church without racism; a Church for all races.

Motion carried

Resolution adopted with amendment

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #81)

The House of Deputies Committee on National and International Concerns presented its Report #10 on Resolution B006 (Immigration: Economic Justice Implications) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:

(B006)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention recognize that all people living in the United States are entitled to protection provided by due process of law and that all immigrants and their families are entitled to receive protection granted by our laws and Constitution; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention call for a moratorium on raids carried out by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) at work sites, transportation systems, community gatherings, roadside check points and private residences leaving families torn apart and children parentless; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention advocate for a return of congressional consideration and implementation of comprehensive immigration reform which will allow millions of undocumented immigrants who have established roots in the United States and are often parents and spouses of U.S. Citizens to have a pathway to legalization; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention deplore conditions found in immigration detention centers and call for an accountability to ensure detainees are provided with humanitarian treatment, adequate food and medical care and sanitary conditions; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention (a) call for termination of the 287 G partners program which allows local police agencies to enforce immigration law, and (b) return that enforcement to Federal Immigration Agents, leaving local law enforcement agencies to the work of keeping communities safe, and (c) provide for a sense of safety for immigrant victims of crimes to come forward and report without fear of detention and deportation; and be it further

Resolved, That in as much as youth are a priority of The Episcopal Church, that the 76th General Convention support the principles of the American Dream Act that include provision for conditional legal status and eventual citizenship for undocumented youths provided they attend college for at least two years or that they serve the United States in other capacities, for example in AmeriCorps or the military.

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention recognize that all people living in the United States are entitled to protection provided by due process of law and that all immigrants and their families are entitled to receive protection granted by our laws and Constitution; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention call for a moratorium on roadside checkpoints and raids carried out by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) at work sites, transportation systems, community gatherings, places of worship, lawful assemblies, roadside checkpoints, and private residences leaving families torn apart and children parentless and negatively affecting businesses, workers, and communities; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention advocate for a return of congressional consideration and implementation of comprehensive immigration reform which will allow millions of undocumented immigrants who have established roots in the United States and are often parents and spouses of U.S. Citizens to have a pathway to legalization and to full social and economic integration in to the United States; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention deplore conditions found in immigration detention centers and the over-reliance on a costly prison-like detention system for immigrants, and urge the use of alternatives to detention, and calls for accountability and oversight to ensure detainees are provided with humanitarian treatment, adequate food and medical care and sanitary conditions; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention (a) call for termination of the 287-G partners program and any program which allows or funds local police enforcement agencies to enforce immigration law, and (b) return that enforcement to Federal Immigration Agents, leaving local law enforcement agencies to the work of keeping communities safe and dedicating their resources to that end and (c) provide for a sense of safety for immigrant victims of crimes to come forward and report without fear of detention and deportation; and be it further
Resolved, That in as much as youth are a priority of The Episcopal Church, that the 76th General Convention support the principles of the American Dream Act that include provision for conditional legal status and eventual citizenship for undocumented youths who arrived as infants and/or children and have grown up as members of our communities and schools, providing for them the opportunity to pursue higher education and or serve the United States so they can become full contributing members of our communities and could eventually become U.S. Citizens.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #82)

Education
The House of Deputies Committee on Education presented its Report #13 on Resolution A082 (Charter for Lifelong Christian Formation) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A082)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church adopt the following text as The Charter for Lifelong Christian Formation:
Christian Faith Formation in The Episcopal Church is lifelong growth in the knowledge, service and love of God as followers of Christ and is informed by Scripture, Tradition and Reason.

I have called you friends… John 15:14-16

Through The Episcopal Church, God INVITES all people:

• Into a prayerful life of worship, continuous learning, intentional outreach, advocacy and service.
• To hear the Word of God, to honor church teachings and continually to embrace the joy of Baptism and Eucharist, spreading the Good News of the risen Christ and ministering to all.
• To respond to the needs of our constantly changing communities, as Jesus calls us, in ways that reflect our diversity and cultures as we seek, wonder and discover together.
• To hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people, placing ourselves in the stories of our faith, thereby empowering us to proclaim the Gospel message.

…You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit… John 15:14-16

Through The Episcopal Church, God INSPIRES all people:

• To experience Anglican liturgy, which draws us closer to God, helps us discern God’s will and encourages us to share our faith journeys.
• To study scripture mindful of the context of our societies and cultures, calling us to seek truth anew while remaining fully present in the community of faith.
• To develop new learning experiences, equipping disciples for life in a world of secular challenges and carefully listening for the words of modern sages who embody the teachings of Christ.
• To prepare for a sustainable future by calling the community to become guardians of God’s creation.

…I am giving you these commands that you may love one another… John 15:17

Through The Episcopal Church, God TRANSFORMS all people:

• By doing the work Jesus Christ calls us to do, living into the reality that we are all created in the image of God and carrying out God’s work of reconciliation, love, forgiveness, healing, justice and peace.
• By striving to be a loving and witnessing community, which faithfully confronts the tensions in the church and the world as we struggle to live God’s will.
• By seeking out diverse and expansive ways to empower prophetic action, evangelism, advocacy and collaboration in our contemporary global context.
• By holding all accountable to lift every voice in order to reconcile oppressed and oppressor to the love of God in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Christian Faith Formation in The Episcopal Church is a lifelong journey with Christ, in Christ and to Christ.

And be it further

Resolved, That

1. We urge that each diocese to read and study the Charter for Lifelong Christian Formation and to live it out locally.
2. We urge the seminaries and other institutions concerned with formation and education and leadership in The Episcopal Church, to engage the charter as a tool to advance their support for persons in their Christian Formation.
3. We urge The Episcopal Church’s Evangelism and Congregational Life Center to commit staff during this triennium to communicate, advocate and implement the charter, and report progress to the Standing Commission on Lifelong Christian Formation and Education before the 77th General Convention.

And be it further

Resolved, That the 76th General Convention request that the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance consider a budget allocation of $30,000 for the implementation of this resolution during the 2009-2012 triennium.

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church adopt the following text as The Charter for Lifelong Christian Formation:

Lifelong Christian Faith Formation in The Episcopal Church is lifelong growth in the knowledge, service and love of God as followers of Christ and is informed by Scripture, Tradition and Reason.

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Through The Episcopal Church, God INVITES all people:

- To enter into a prayerful life of worship, continuous learning, intentional outreach, advocacy and service.
- To hear the Word of God through Scripture, to honor church teachings and continually to embrace the joy of Baptism and Eucharist, spreading the Good News of the risen Christ and ministering to all.
- To respond to the needs of our constantly changing communities, as Jesus calls us, in ways that reflect our diversity and cultures as we seek, wonder and discover together.
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• To prepare for a sustainable future by calling the community to become guardians of God’s creation.

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Through The Episcopal Church, **God TRANSFORMS** all people:

• By doing the work Jesus Christ calls us to do, living into the reality that we are all created in the image of God and carrying out God’s work of reconciliation, love, forgiveness, healing, justice and peace.

• By striving to be a loving and witnessing community, which faithfully confronts the tensions in the church and the world as we struggle to live God’s will.

• By seeking out diverse and expansive ways to empower prophetic action, evangelism, advocacy and collaboration in our contemporary global context.

• By holding all accountable to lift every voice in order to reconcile oppressed and oppressor to the love of God in Jesus Christ our Lord.

And be it further

**Resolved, That we affirm that** Christian Faith Formation in The Episcopal Church is a lifelong journey with Christ, in Christ and to Christ; and be it further

**Resolved, That**

1. We urge that each diocese to read and study the Charter for Lifelong Christian Formation and to live it out locally.

2. We urge the seminaries and other institutions concerned with formation and education and leadership in The Episcopal Church, to engage the charter as a tool to advance their support for persons in their Christian Formation.

3. We urge The Episcopal Church’s Evangelism and Congregational Life Center to commit staff during this triennium to communicate, advocate and implement the charter, and report progress to the Standing Commission on Lifelong Christian Formation and Education before the 77th General Convention.

And be it further

**Resolved, That** the 76th General Convention request that the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance consider a budget allocation of $30,000 for the implementation of this resolution during the 2009-2012 triennium.

Deputy Sturm of Southern Ohio moved to amend the resolution.
Proposed Amendment:
In the third resolve clause in section number one, delete the word “that.” In the fourth resolve clause, substitute the year “2010” for the year “2009.”

Motion carried
Amendment adopted

Deputy Smylie of Wyoming moved to amend the resolution.

Proposed Amendment:
In the first resolve clause, delete the words “Through The Episcopal Church,” in each of the three main sections.

Deputy Perry of Chicago moved the previous question on the amendment and the main motion.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on the Smylie amendment.

Motion defeated
Amendment defeated

A vote was taken on Resolution A082 as amended.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #83)

Dispatch of Business
The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business moved suspension of the rules for the introduction and remarks from the director of Episcopal Relief and Development.

Motion carried
Rules suspended

Episcopal Relief and Development
The President welcomed the President of Episcopal Relief and Development, Dr. Robert W. Radtke, who addressed the House.

Election of Church Pension Fund Trustees
The Secretary read the results of Election Ballot #1.

The Secretary announced the newly-elected members of the Board of Trustees of the Church Pension Fund. Six Trustees were elected:
- The Rt. Rev. Wayne P. Wright
- The Rt. Rev. Robert H. Johnson
The Rt. Rev. V. Gene Robinson
Canon Karen N. Hanson
Mr. James E. Bayne
Ms. Martha B. Alexander

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #76)

Announcements
The Secretary read the announcements.

Prayers
The President called on the Chaplain for prayers.

RECESS

The President recessed the House at 6:05 p.m. until 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, July 11, 2009.
Reconvene
The President called the House to order at 9:30 a.m.

Prayers
The President called on the Chaplain for prayers.

Certification of Minutes
The House of Deputies Committee on the Certification of Minutes presented its Report #3, stating that the Committee had met, read the Minutes of the Third Legislative Day and certified that they were correct. The Chair moved adoption of the report.

Motion carried
Minutes accepted

Communications from the President
The President shared opening remarks about a pamphlet entitled “Comfort Crosses” and a wooden Comfort Cross distributed as a gift to each deputy. Last year she spoke at the Convention in the Diocese of Spokane where she received this same gift, which uses the treasures of God’s creation in ministry. The crosses are created by Bob and Aloha DeSpain from Heppner, Oregon, from wood growing in the northwest – juniper, walnut, pine and fir. These are also called “pocket crosses” as they can be carried in pockets and reached for in times of stress or as a reminder that our lives are centered on Christ. The President asked Deputy Adams of Eastern Oregon to rise and accept the thanks of the House of Deputies for this gift and to take these thanks back to the DeSpains and the diocese.

Dispatch of Business
The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business moved suspension of the rules to allow for the introduction of and remarks by the President of the Episcopal Church Women.

Motion carried
Rules suspended

ECW President
The President welcomed Kay Meyer, ECW President, who addressed remarks to the House.
Certification of Deputies

The House of Deputies Committee on Credentials presented its Report #6 for the first session of the Fourth Legislative Day. There were 417 clerical deputies and 413 lay deputies certified and seated, bringing the total count of the House to 830. The number of votes necessary for a motion to prevail is 416. There were no new deputies certified and 66 changes in deputations on this day, as follows:

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The Secretary moved that the report be accepted.

Motion carried
Report accepted

Messages from the House of Bishops
The Secretary announced that the following messages had been received from the House of Bishops:

**HB Message #21:** E008 (Election of Bishops for Trustees of General Theological Seminary) Adopted.

**HB Message #22:** E010 (Election for the Members of the General Board of Examining Chaplains) Adopted.

**HB Message #23:** A096 (Additional Calendar Commemorations) Adopted with amendment.

**HB Message #24:** A097 (Authorize Trial Use of Commemorations) Adopted with amendment.

**HB Message #25:** C081 (Consent to the Election of the Rev. Lawrence Provenzano as Bishop Coadjutor of the Diocese of Long Island) Consented.

**HB Message #26:** C082 (Consent to the Election of the Rev. John Tarrant as Bishop Coadjutor of the Diocese of South Dakota) Consented.

**HB Message #27:** A186 (Refer Impairment of Clergy Issue of Standing Commission on Ministry Development) Adopted.

HB Message #29: A098 (Holy Women, Holy Men Revision Principles) Adopted with amendment.

HB Message #30: A089 (Daily Prayer) Adopted with amendment.

HB Message #31: C038 (Pension of Spouses of Deceased Clergy) Adopted substitute.

HB Message #32: D015 (Merciful and Humane Treatment of God’s Creatures) Adopted with amendment.

HB Message #33: C070 (Memorializing the Genesis Covenant) Adopted.

HB Message #34: C067 (Litigation Expense Disclosure) Referred to a Standing Commission.

HB Message #35: A154 (To Affirm Commitment to the Jubilee Ministry Grants Program) Adopted.

HB Message #36: A148 (Doing Justice and Alleviating Poverty; Identity; Growing Congregations; Strengthening Governance and Foundations for Mission; Promoting Anglican Partnerships) Adopted with amendment.

HB Message #37: C063 (Development of Consent Information System) Rejected.

HB Message #38: C055 (Same Gender Committed Relationships) Rejected.

HB Message #39: A149 (Support for the Indigenous Theological Training Institute (ITTI)) Adopted with amendment.

HB Message #40: A135 (Seminarian Cross-Cultural Formation) Adopted with amendment.

HB Message #41: B007 (Amend Canon III.12.3(a)) Adopted with amendment.


HB Message #43: D041 (Equitable Distribution of Goods within TEC) Discharged.

HB Message #44: B018 (Stewardship of Resources) Adopted with amendment.

HB Message #45: A073 (Moravian Episcopal Dialogue) Adopted substitute.


HB Message #47: D011 (Principles for Decisions at the End of Life) Adopted with amendment.

HB Message #48: A160 (Access to Adequate Medical Care for People Living with AIDS) Adopted with amendment.

HB Message #49: C075 (Camps for Children of the Incarcerated) Adopted with amendment.

HB Message #50: D029 (Amend Article VIII of the Constitution) Adopted with amendment.

HB Message #51: A080 (Ministry Discernment for Disabled Persons) Adopted substitute.

HB Message #52: A106 (Plan to Limit Help Ordinands Repay Accumulated Educational Debt) Adopted with amendment.

HB Message #53: A181 (Amend Canon III.15.2(a)) Adopted.

HB Message #55: A072 (Interim Eucharistic Sharing with the United Methodist Church) Discharged, already acted on at this Convention in Resolution D054.

Education
The House of Deputies Committee on Education presented its Report #14 on Resolution A083 (Directive for Dioceses to Formulate a Strategy for Lifelong Christian Formation in the Next Triennium) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A083)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention direct all dioceses to formulate a strategy for Lifelong Christian Formation in the next triennium; and be it further
Resolved, That such strategies include, but not be limited to, the following areas of the mandate. Strategies should encompass and be suitable for all persons (e.g. various ages, languages and abilities). These strategies should be responsive to diocesan and societal contexts and accurately depict the current education and formation status. Because formation is not limited to a cognitive experience (classroom), formation should be holistic (encompasses learning, action and reflection); and be it further
Resolved, That the Congregational Life Center design an instrument and system of collection that will document currently available and successful programs, activities and resources. In addition, such an endeavor will seek to gather the aspirations for diocesan future programs/activities concerning Christian formation; and be it further
Resolved, That the information and data collected be forwarded to the SCLEF by January 31, 2011.

Deputy Douglas of Massachusetts moved to amend the resolution.

Proposed Amendment:
In the first resolve clause, delete the word “direct” and replace with the words “strongly encourage.” In the second resolve clause, delete the words “strategies include, but not be limited to, the following areas of the mandate.”

Motion carried
Amendment adopted

Debate continued on the resolution as amended.

Deputy Russell of San Diego moved to amend the resolution.

Proposed Amendment:
In the third resolve clause after the first sentence, add a new sentence to read “The instrument will pay special attention to resolutions adopted and resources highlighted at the 76th and each successive General Convention.”
Deputy Martin of Dallas moved the previous question on the amendment and the main motion.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on the Russell amendment. The voice vote being inconclusive, the President called for an electronic vote. The result of the electronic vote was: Yes, 474 votes (57.8%) and No, 346 votes (42.2%).

Motion carried
Amendment adopted

A vote was taken on Resolution A083 as amended.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #84)

The House of Deputies Committee on Education presented its Report #15 on Resolution A068 (Reconciliation Training) and moved that the Committee be discharged as the matter was considered at a prior convention.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A068)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention direct the Mission Leadership Center to continue the process of identifying and evaluating curricular materials for formal faith-based reconciliation training appropriate for all ages, and to continue promoting the use of these materials in congregations, dioceses, provinces, the House of Bishops and Executive Council; and be it further
Resolved, That General Convention urge the House of Bishops to continue participating in formal reconciliation training during the next triennium in order to further prepare all bishops to use the skills and tools of faith-based reconciliation in their dioceses; and be it further
Resolved, That the Standing Commission on Domestic Mission and Evangelism report on the participation in faith-based reconciliation training by congregations, dioceses, provinces, the House of Bishops and Executive Council to the 77th General Convention.

Resolution Number: 2006-A039
Title: Identify and Evaluate Curricula for Faith-Based Reconciliation Training
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred as Amended

Final Text:
Resolved, That the 75th General Convention direct the Office of Ministry Development to identify and evaluate curricular materials for formal faith-based reconciliation training appropriate for all ages, and to promote the use of these materials in congregations, dioceses, provinces, the House of Bishops and Executive Council; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention urge the House of Bishops to participate in formal reconciliation training during the next triennium in order to prepare all bishops to carry the skills and tools of faith-based reconciliation home to their dioceses; and be it further
Resolved, That the Standing Commission on Domestic Mission and Evangelism report on the participation in faith-based reconciliation training by congregations, dioceses, provinces, the House of Bishops and Executive Council to the 76th General Convention.

Citation: General Convention, Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Columbus, 2006 (New York: General Convention, 2007), pp. 691-692.

Deputy King of Western New York moved the previous question.  
Motion carried  
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on the motion to discharge.  
Motion defeated

Deputy Snow of Alaska moved to amend the resolution.  
Proposed Amendment:  
In the second resolve clause, delete the words “during the next triennium.”  
Motion carried  
Amendment adopted

Deputy Simpson of Eau Claire moved to refer Resolution A068 to the Legislative Committee on Education.  

Deputy King of Western New York moved the previous question.  
Motion carried  
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on the motion to refer Resolution A068 to the Legislative Committee on Education.  
Motion defeated

A vote was taken on Resolution A068 as amended.  
Motion carried  
Resolution adopted with amendment  
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #85)

Nominations for Vice-President of the House of Deputies  
The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business called for nominations for Vice-President of the House of Deputies.
Deputy Linares of Puerto Rico nominated the Rev. Brian Prior of Spokane.

A motion was made to close the nominations.

Motion carried  
Nominations closed

Deputy Adams of Western Michigan moved unanimous consent for a single ballot.

Motion carried

The President called on the Secretary of the House of Deputies, the Rev. Dr. Gregory Straub, to cast a single ballot for the Rev. Brian Prior for Vice-President of the House of Deputies.

Motion carried  
Vice-President of the House of Deputies elected  
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #88)

Rules of Order

The House of Deputies Committee on Rules of Order presented its Report #20 on Resolution A020 (Amend HDRO 41) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A020)  
Resolved, That Rule of Order 41 of the House of Deputies be amended to read as follows:

41. The vote upon any Question (except in the case of elections), shall be taken by Dioceses and Orders whenever required by the Constitution or by Canon, or whenever required by all of the Clerical or Lay representation from three or more Dioceses, before the voting begins. Whenever a vote shall be taken by Dioceses and Orders (except in the case of elections), the vote of each Order in each Diocese shall be stated by one member in each Order as “Aye” or “No” or “Divided.” If desired by the entire Deputation from any Diocese that the Deputation be polled, the vote of the individual Deputies representing that Diocese shall be stated and recorded, or if by ballot or electronic means shall be recorded. Such record shall be made, also, in respect of the individual members of every Deputation, if so ordered, without debate, by a majority of the House. In lieu of a roll call, a vote by Dioceses and Orders may be taken by such electronic or mechanical means as may be provided, or by written ballots of each Order, each such ballot to be signed by the Chairman, or, in the Chairman’s absence, by another member of the Deputation in the Order for which the ballot is cast; and, if the vote of a Deputation be divided, it may indicate the individual names of the Deputies and their votes on the Question. The results of all votes by Orders, whether by voice vote, by ballot or by electronic means, shall be posted.
Committee Amendment:
Resolved, That Rule of Order 41 of the House of Deputies be amended to read as follows:

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Deputy Duncan of Western New York moved to amend the resolution.

Proposed Amendment:
In the first sentence, replace the words “all of” with the words “a majority of.”

Deputy Johnson of Minnesota moved the previous question on the amendment and the main motion.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on the Duncan amendment. The voice vote being inconclusive, the President called for an electronic vote. The result of the electronic vote was: Yes, 422 votes (52.8%) and No, 377 votes (47.2%).

Motion carried
Amendment adopted

A vote was taken on Resolution A020 as amended.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #86)
Resolved, That Rule of Order 41 of the House of Deputies be amended to read as follows:

41. The vote upon any Question (except in the case of elections), shall be taken by Dioceses and Orders whenever required by the Constitution or by Canon, or whenever required by a majority of the Clerical or Lay representation from three or more Dioceses, before the voting begins. Whenever a vote shall be taken by Dioceses and Orders the vote of each Order in each Diocese shall be stated by one member in each Order as “Aye” or “No” or “Divided.” If desired by the entire Deputation from any Diocese that the Deputation be polled, the vote of the individual Deputies representing that Diocese shall be stated and recorded, or if by ballot or electronic means shall be recorded. Such record shall be made, also, in respect of the individual members of every Deputation, if so ordered, without debate, by a majority of the House. In lieu of a roll call, a vote by Dioceses and Orders may be taken by such electronic or mechanical means as may be provided, or by written ballots of each Order, each such ballot to be signed by the Chair, or, in the Chair’s absence, by another member of the Deputation in the Order for which the ballot is cast; and, if the vote of a Deputation be divided, it may indicate the individual names of the Deputies and their votes on the Question. The results of all votes by Orders, whether by voice vote, by ballot, or by electronic means, shall be posted.

Structure
The House of Deputies Committee on Structure presented its Report #14 on Resolution D045 (Committee Member Transparency) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(D045)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention direct that the membership of all committees, subcommittees, task forces and panels elected or appointed by any body or leader of The Episcopal Church (including, but not limited to, the House of Deputies, the House of Bishops, the Executive Council, Standing Commissions, Committees, Agencies and Boards of The Episcopal Church and their respective Presiding Officers and Chairs) be made public no later than 30 days after election or appointment.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention direct that the membership of all committees, subcommittees, task forces and panels elected or appointed by any body or leader of throughout The Episcopal Church (including, but not limited to, the House of Deputies, the House of Bishops, the Executive Council, Standing Commissions, Committees, Agencies and Boards of The Episcopal Church
and their respective Presiding Officers and Chairs) be made public no later than publicly available within 30 days after election or appointment.

Deputy Johnson of Minnesota moved to amend the resolution.

**Proposed Amendment:**
After the words “task forces,” insert a comma and delete the word “and.” After the word “panels,” add the words “or other bodies.”

Deputy King of Western New York moved the previous question on the amendment.

**Motion carried**
**Debate terminated**

A vote was taken on the Johnson amendment.

**Motion carried**
**Amendment adopted**

Deputy Bellows of Maryland moved the previous question.

**Motion carried**
**Debate terminated**

A vote was taken on Resolution D045 as amended. The voice vote being inconclusive, the President called for an electronic vote. The result of the electronic vote was: Yes, 586 votes (72.6%) and No, 221 votes (27.4%).

**Motion carried**
**Resolution adopted with amendment**
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #87)

**Announcements**
The Secretary read the announcements.

**Prayers**
The President called on the Chaplain for midday prayers.

**RECESS**
The President recessed the House at 11:24 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

**AFTERNOON SESSION**

**Reconvene**
The President called the House to order at 4:01 p.m.
Prayers
The President called on the Chaplain for prayers.

Dispatch of Business
The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business moved to suspend the rules to allow time to welcome and hear from invited guests of the President of the House of Deputies.

Motion carried
Rules suspended

Special Order of Business
Guests, invited by the President of the House of Deputies, were welcomed and addressed remarks to the House.

The Very Rev. Dr. Victor Atta-Baffoe, Dean of St. Nicholas Seminary, Cape Coast, Ghana
Luiz Alberto Barbosa, President of the House of Clergy and Laity of the Episcopal Anglican Church of Brazil and General Secretary of the National Council of Christian Churches of Brazil
Robert L. Falby, Q.C., Prolocutor of the Anglican Church of Canada
Dr. Esther Mombo, Dean of St. Paul's United Theological College, Limuru, Kenya
The Very Rev. Rowan Smith, Dean of Cape Town at St. George’s Anglican Cathedral
Dr. Jenny Te Paa, Principal of Te Rau Kahikatea, College of St. John the Evangelist, Auckland, New Zealand

Certification of Deputies
The House of Deputies Committee on Credentials presented its Report #7 for the second session of the Fourth Legislative Day. There were 417 clerical deputies and 413 lay deputies certified and seated, bringing the total count of the House to 830. The number of votes necessary for a motion to prevail is 416. There were no new deputies certified and 54 changes in deputations on this day, as follows:

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The Secretary moved that the report be accepted.

Motion carried
Report accepted
Rules of Order
The House of Deputies Committee on Rules of Order presented its Report #5 on Resolution A016 (Amend HDRO 20) and moved adoption.

Final Text of Resolution:
(A016)
Resolved, That Rule of Order 20 of the House of Deputies be amended to read as follows:

20. Every Report of a Commission or Joint Committee shall be referred to the appropriate Legislative Committee of this House, if there be one; but, if not, to a Special Committee of this House. The House may at any time refer any Report or Resolution to the Committee on the Constitution to draft a constitutional amendment or to the Committee on Canons to draft a canon or amendment to the Canons which will carry into effect, if enacted, the Report or Resolution so referred.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #90)

National and International Concerns
The House of Deputies Committee on National and International Concerns presented its Report #5 on Resolution A157 (Climate Change and the Millennium Development Goals) and moved to refer the resolution to the Executive Council Committee on Science, Technology and Faith.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A157)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church reaffirms Resolutions 2006-B002 (Acknowledge and Reduce Global Warming) and 2006-D022 (Establish the Millennium Development Goals); and be it further
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention acknowledges the effects that climate change can have on the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and encourages all Episcopal Church organizations to consider the hardships induced by climate change for all projects that they undertake in meeting the MDGs, including plans that would ameliorate the hardships.

Motion carried
Resolution referred to an Executive Council Committee
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #91)

The House of Deputies Committee on National and International Concerns presented its Report #7 on Resolution C073 (Re-evaluation of Care for Mentally Ill) and moved to refer the resolution to the Standing Commission on Health.
Original Text of Resolution:
(C073)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention recognize the urgent need to find a way to effect a re-evaluation by the appropriate federal, state and local agencies of the care and long-term treatment of the chronically mentally ill members of our communities; and be it further
Resolved, That this resolution be the beginning of a mission for our country led by The Episcopal Church to develop an action plan with the help of mental health professionals, government officials, church leaders and other appropriate partners to find ways for communities to move forward with concrete steps to deal with these issues without moving backward into the abuses of the past.

Motion carried
Resolution referred to a Standing Commission
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #92)

The House of Deputies Committee on National and International Concerns presented its Report #8 on Resolution A043 (Relief for Victims of International Criminal Gangs) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A043)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church, urge the dioceses of The Episcopal Church to stand in solidarity with and support of those dioceses in the Anglican Communion struggling with the ravages of gang activities, particularly in helping those dioceses provide more youth ministries and education; and be it further
Resolved, That the Convention urge the United States Government and the United Nations to extend international refugee conventions and national immigration norms to provide relief to victims of criminal gangs; and be it further
Resolved, That the Convention support the Presiding Bishop and the Office of Government Relations in their work with the U.S. government to increase the focus and commitment to conquer the cancer of gangs, both local and international.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church; urge the dioceses of The Episcopal Church to stand in solidarity with and support of those dioceses in the Anglican Communion struggling with the ravages of gang activities, particularly in helping those dioceses provide more youth ministries and education; and be it further
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Resolved, That the Convention support the Presiding Bishop and the Office of Government Relations in their work with the U.S. government and other governments to increase the their focus on and commitment to conquer the cancer eliminate the scourge of gangs, both local and international.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #93)

The House of Deputies Committee on National and International Concerns presented its Report #9 on Resolution A152 (Preservation of Burial Sites) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A152)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention direct the Executive Council Committee on Indigenous Ministries to study and assess the preservation of burial sites and other sacred places of Indigenous Peoples in the countries that comprise The Episcopal Church and to report its findings to the Executive Council and the 77th General Convention.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #94)

END OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR

Messages from the House of Bishops
The Secretary announced that the following messages had been received from the House of Bishops:

HB Message #56: D024 (Creating a Strategy for Proclaiming the Reign of God) Discharged, already acted on at this Convention in Resolution A061.

HB Message #57: A061 (Continuous Cycle of Strategic Planning) Adopted substitute.

HB Message #58: A183 (Develop Nine-Year Vision and Budget Cycle) Discharged, already acted on at this Convention in Resolution A061.

HB Message #59: B008 (Amend Canon I.7.3 to add 3(b)) Re-referred to Canons.

HB Message #60: A138 (Establishing a Mandatory Lay Employee Pension System) Adopted.

Point of Order
The Parliamentarian noted Rule 70 of the House of Deputies Rules of Order requires the affirmative vote of a two-thirds majority to amend the Rules of Order. Previously in
debate, the vote on Resolution A020 (Amend HDRO 41) received a majority affirmative voice vote. However, an electronic vote to confirm a two-thirds majority was not conducted.

An electronic vote was taken on Resolution A020 as amended. The result of the electronic vote was: Yes, 580 votes (72.1%) and No, 224 votes (27.9%).

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #86)

[Editor’s Note: A new message number was not created for the two-thirds majority vote on Resolution A020.]

Ballot #1 for Trial Court of a Bishop
Ballot #1 was taken for members of the Trial Court of a Bishop.

Deputy Pinder of Central Florida moved to suspend the Rules to allow time for him to provide the requested biographical materials. The voice vote being inconclusive, the President called for an electronic vote.

An electronic vote was taken on the motion to suspend the Rules, with a two-thirds majority required. The result of the electronic vote was: Yes, 418 votes (51.4%) and No, 395 votes (48.6%).

Motion defeated
Ballot #1 taken

Ballot #2 for Church Pension Fund Trustees
Ballot #2 was taken for members of the Church Pension Fund Board of Trustees.

Ballot #2 taken

National and International Concerns
The House of Deputies Committee on National and International Concerns presented its Report #11 on Resolution C071 (Health Care Coverage for All) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(C071)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention call on its congregations to undertake discussions within the parish of the issue of health care coverage in the United States, including:

a) recognition that health is multi-dimensional, with spiritual, social, environmental and mental elements as well as physical

b) reminder of personal responsibility for healthy life choices and concern for maintaining one’s own health
c) proclaiming the Gospel message of concern for others which extends to concern for their physical health as well as spiritual well-being

d) responsibility as a parish to attend to the needs (including health-related needs) of others, both other members of the parish family and those of the wider community, the nation and the world

c) recognition that there are limits to what the healthcare system can and should provide and thus that some uncomfortable and difficult choices may have to be made if we are to limit healthcare costs; and be it further

Resolved, That, following up on the discussions within the parishes, communicants, individually and congregationally, be urged to contact elected federal and state officials encouraging them to:

a) create, with the assistance of experts in related fields, a comprehensive definition of “basic healthcare” to which our nation’s citizens have a right

b) establish a system to provide basic healthcare to all

c) create an oversight mechanism, separate from the immediate political arena, to audit the delivery of that “basic healthcare”

d) educate our citizens in the need for limitations on what each person can be expected to receive in the way of medical care under a universal coverage program in order to make the program sustainable financially

c) educate our citizens in the role of personal responsibility in promoting good health with provisions of restricting to some degree treatments for disease in which the patient fails or refuses to comply with good medical practice; and be it further

Resolved, That this resolution be distributed to all dioceses of The Episcopal Church of America for their consideration and support; and be it further

Resolved, That the 76th General Convention call upon The Episcopal Church to establish and fund a task force to develop action plans and educational materials for dioceses and parishes to conduct the above-described activities; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $5,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

Committee Amendment:

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Deputy Kammerer of Tennessee moved to divide the resolution after the first resolve clause.

Motion defeated
Division rejected

Deputy Halsted of Nebraska moved to amendment the resolution.

Proposed Amendment:
In the second resolve clause, at the end of section e, add “, and” after the word “health.” Add a new section f as follows: “f) institute meaningful torte reform to better advance the above goals.”

Deputy Cooley of Colorado moved the previous question on the amendment.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

Deputy Cooley of Colorado moved the previous question on the main motion.

Motion carried
Debate terminated
A vote was taken on the Halsted amendment.  

Motion defeated  
Amendment defeated

A vote was taken on Resolution C071 as amended.  

Motion carried  
Resolution adopted with amendment  
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #95)

**Announcements**

The Secretary read the announcements.

**Prayers**

The President called on the Chaplain for prayers.

**RECESS**

The President recessed the House at 6:02 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 12, 2009.
Reconvene
The President called the House to order at 3:01 p.m.

Prayers
The President called on the Chaplain for prayers.

Certification of Minutes
The House of Deputies Committee on the Certification of Minutes presented its Report #4, stating that the Committee had met, read the Minutes of the Fourth Legislative Day and certified that they were correct. The Chair moved adoption of the report.

Motion carried
Minutes accepted

Communications from the President
The President addressed remarks to the House.

Certification of Deputies
The House of Deputies Committee on Credentials presented its Report #8 for the first session of the Fifth Legislative Day. There were 417 clerical deputies and 414 lay deputies certified and seated, bringing the total count of the House to 831. The number of votes needed for a motion to prevail by majority was 416. There were no new deputies certified and 110 changes in deputations on this day, as follows:

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The Secretary moved that the report be accepted.  

**Motion carried**  
**Report accepted**

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Dispatch of Business

The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business moved to suspend the Rules to consider the rules of debate.

Motion carried
Rules suspended

The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business presented its Report #19 on a Special Order of Business for consideration of Resolution D025 (Commitment and Witness to Anglican Communion) and moved adoption with amendment.

Resolved, That in consideration of and action on the anticipated Report to the House of Legislative Committee No. 8 on World Mission on the subject of Resolution D025 (Commitment and Witness to Anglican Communion) the rules of debate shall be as follows:

1. The entire debate on the Report shall be limited to a total of 60 minutes.
2. The Committee shall have no more than 5 minutes to speak to the Committee’s Report and Resolution through such of its members as shall be designated by the Chair of the Committee, and no more than 5 minutes to respond to questions of information or clarification.
3. Each Speaker, other than the members of the Committee, shall be limited to 2 minutes and no Speaker may speak more than once on the same question, until all other speakers have been heard and the Chair grants leave to speak.
4. To the extent practicable, the Chair will recognize speakers of opposite views in alternate succession.
5. No amendment or substitute shall be entertained until there shall have been no more than 30 minutes of debate on the main question or until there are no further members who desire to speak to the main question, whichever shall first occur.
6. Thereafter, the Deputies shall be given no more than 10 minutes to submit and debate amendments. Each amendment must be in writing and submitted to the Secretary immediately following its introduction.
7. When the original Resolution has been perfected, there shall follow a period of no more than 10 minutes during which substitutes for the perfected Resolution may be offered and debated. Each substitute must be in writing and submitted to the Secretary immediately following its introduction.
8. No motion to lay on the table or otherwise terminate debate upon the main motion shall be in order before the time limits provided in these rules shall have expired or there are no further members who desire to speak on an amendment, substitute or the main motion, whichever first occurs.
9. The limitations on debate specified in these rules may be extended, shortened or otherwise amended without debate by a two-thirds vote of the House, which shall be in order only after the initial 50 minutes.
10. This Special Order will be heard Sunday, July 12, 2009 at 3:35 p.m.

Motion carried
Special Order adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #96)
The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business presented its Report #20 on a Special Order of Business for consideration of Resolution B023 (Consent to the Election of the Rev. Luis Fernando Ruiz Restrepo) and moved adoption with amendment.

Resolved, That in further consideration of and action on the anticipated Report to the House of Legislative Committee No. 7 on Consecration of Bishops on the subject of Resolution B023 on the topic of the Consent of the House of Deputies to the ordination to the episcopate of the Reverend Luis Fernando Ruiz Restrepo as Bishop of the Diocese of Ecuador Central the rules of debate shall be as follows:

1. The further debate on the Report shall be limited to a total of 45 minutes.
2. The Committee shall have no more than 10 minutes to speak to the Committee’s Report and Resolution through such of its members as shall be designated by the Chair of the Committee, and no more than 5 minutes to respond to questions of information or clarification.
3. Thereafter, each Speaker shall be limited to 2 minutes (extended by the time required for translation to the House) and no Speaker may speak more than once until all other speakers have been heard and the Chair grants leave to speak.
4. The Chair will first recognize those speakers at microphones when debate was suspended during the afternoon legislative session on Friday, July 10, and thereafter to the extent practicable, the Chair will recognize speakers of opposite views in alternate succession.
5. No amendment or substitute shall be entertained.
6. No motion to lay on the table or to recommit shall be in order until after 30 minutes of the time established under this resolution shall expire or there are no further members who desire to speak on the Resolution.
7. The limitations on debate specified in these rules may be extended, shortened or otherwise amended without debate by a two-thirds vote of the House.
8. This Special Order will be held Monday, July 13, 2009 at 10:00 a.m.

Motion carried
Special Order adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #97)

The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business moved to suspend the Rules to adopt the Consent Calendar by a single vote.

Motion carried
Rules suspended

CONSENT CALENDAR

Structure
The House of Deputies Committee on Structure presented its Report #15 on Resolution A120 (Amend Canon I.1.2: Standing Commission Practices) and moved adoption.
Original Text of Resolution:

(A120)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That Canon I.1.2(a) is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2. (a) The General Convention by Canon may establish Standing Commissions, to study and draft policy proposals on major subjects considered to be of continuing concern to the mission of the Church. The Canon shall specify the duties of each such Commission. Standing Commissions shall be composed of three (3) Bishops, three (3) Priests and/or Deacons of this Church and six (6) Lay Persons, who shall be confirmed adult communicants of this Church in good standing. Priests, Deacons and Lay Persons are not required to be members of the House of Deputies. No person serving as an elected member of the Executive Council may during the same triennium be appointed or continue to serve as a member of a Standing Commission; and be it further

Resolved, That Canon I.1.2(d) is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2. (d) The Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies shall jointly appoint members of the Executive Council as liaison persons to provide for communication between the Executive Council and each Commission. Notice of such appointments shall be given to the Secretaries of both Houses. Such appointed liaison persons shall not be members of the Commission and shall have voice but not vote. The reasonable expenses thereof shall be provided for by the Executive Council. Each such Commission shall have a member of the Presiding Bishop’s staff appointed by the Presiding Bishop to assist in its work. Each such Commission shall have the power, subject to the Commission’s budget, to constitute Committees, from among members or non members of the Commission, and, subject to the Commission’s budget, engage the services of consultants and coordinators necessary to the carrying on of its work.

World Mission
The House of Deputies Committee on World Mission presented its Report #18 on Resolution A132 (Covenant Committee Reporting) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A132)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church direct its representatives to the Covenant Committee to designate a secretary, whose role it shall be to take full account of the meeting, and write a report for the Covenant Committee to approve and submit to the Standing Commission on World Mission and the Executive Council Standing Committee on International Concerns within sixty days following each meeting; and be it further

Resolved, That the Episcopal Church Center orient the representatives to the Covenant Committee by providing them with past Covenant Committee reports as well as historical information regarding the Covenant country(ies).
Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church direct its representatives to the Covenant Committees to designate a secretary, whose role it shall be to take full account of the meeting, and write a report for the Covenant Committee to approve and submit to the Standing Commission on World Mission and the Executive Council Standing Committee on International Concerns within sixty days following each meeting; and be it further
Resolved, That the Episcopal Church Center orient the representatives to the Covenant Committee by providing them with past Covenant Committee reports and any other information that might be helpful as well as historical information regarding the Covenant country(ies).

The House of Deputies Committee on World Mission presented its Report #19 on Resolution A131 (Covenant Committee Gathering) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A131)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church endorse an event hosted by the Standing Commission on World Mission for all Covenant Committees and the Bi-Lateral Committee to be held early in 2011; and be it further
Resolved, That representatives of Episcopal Church agencies (Church Pension Fund, United Thank Offering, Episcopal Relief and Development, Mission Personnel Officers, Episcopal Church Women) and other resource people, including the Treasurer, will attend to provide services and information to the Covenant Committee partners, assisting the Committees in redeveloping their covenants and financial plans.

National and International Concerns
The House of Deputies Committee on National and International Concerns presented its Report #15 on Resolution B009 (Regulation and the Financial Crisis) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:
(B009)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention support comprehensive government regulations over economic transactions in the financial and banking sectors, particularly to prevent practices that negatively impact moderate and low-income people.

The House of Deputies Committee on National and International Concerns presented its Report #17 on Resolution B010 (Crisis of the Global Economy) and moved to refer the resolution to the Standing Commission on Anglican and International Peace with Justice Concerns.

Original Text of Resolution:
(B010)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention support the creation of a new regulatory agency at the international level, possibly within the
structure of the United Nations, with the authority to promote and enforce agreed-upon principles of fair trade and regulations governing international trade, commerce and the environment.

Evangelism

The House of Deputies Committee on Evangelism presented its Report #7 on Resolution A062 (Measuring Attendance and Mission) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A062)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention request the House of Deputies Committee on the State of the Church to consider supplementing the definition of Average Sunday Attendance, so as to maintain the integrity and comparability of attendance statistics while also accounting for the regularly scheduled primary weekly worship services of missional, co-located or emergent congregations that occur on days other than Sundays or Saturdays; and be it further

Resolved, That the House of Deputies Committee on the State of the Church consider adding a quantifiable measure of mission to count the number of people served including, but not limited to, schools, soup kitchens, food pantries, campus ministries other ministries through which the congregation lives out its mission.

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention request the House of Deputies Committee on the State of the Church to consider supplementing the definition of Average Sunday Attendance, so as to maintain the integrity and comparability of attendance statistics while also accounting means by which data can be gathered so as to account for the regularly scheduled primary weekly worship services of missional, co-located or emergent congregations that occur on days other than Sundays or Saturdays; and be it further

Resolved, That the House of Deputies Committee on the State of the Church consider adding a quantifiable measure of mission to count the number of people served including, but not limited to, schools, soup kitchens, food pantries, campus ministries and other ministries through which the congregation lives out its mission.

Ecumenical Relations

The House of Deputies Committee on Ecumenical Relations presented its Report #7 on Resolution D016 (Ecumenical Shared Ministries) and moved concurrence.

Final Text of Resolution:

(D016)

Resolved, That the 76th General Convention charge the Standing Commission on Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations to develop a canon or policy guidelines regarding local ecumenical shared ministries.
The House of Deputies Committee on Ecumenical Relations presented its Report #8 on Resolution A076 (Establish Dialogue with the Church in Sweden) and moved concurrence.

Final Text of Resolution:
(A076)
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations to begin a dialogue with the appropriate ecumenical offices of the Church of Sweden, the ultimate goal of which is to reach a relationship of full communion between The Episcopal Church and the Church of Sweden; and be it further
Resolved, That the Standing Commission do so in consultation with the Standing Inter-Anglican Commission on Unity, Faith and Order.

Communications
The House of Deputies Committee on Communications presented its Report #7 on Resolution B017 (Translating Website in Spanish and French) and moved adoption of a substitute.

Original Text of Resolution:
(B017)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention direct that the website of The Episcopal Church, www.episcopalchurch.org, be translated and posted into Spanish and French as well as English; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $250,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

Committee Substitute:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention, in accordance with Resolution 2003 C-029, which directed that “all official documents, publications and digital publications produced by the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society be issued in Spanish and French no later than 2006...,” commend the efforts to date, and strongly urge that select pages of the Web site of The Episcopal Church, www.episcopalchurch.org, be translated and posted into Spanish and French; and be it further
Resolved, That where additional resources are necessary, the translation work be directed to translators in the appropriate region, for example Province IX, where these funds might serve to support the Church’s ministry in these areas.

Motion carried
Consent Calendar adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Messages #98-106)

END OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR
Messages from the House of Bishops

The Secretary announced that the following messages had been received from the House of Bishops:

- **HB Message #61**: E012 (Appointments by the Presiding Bishop to the Board of Archives) Adopted.
- **HB Message #62**: E013 (Appointments by the Presiding Bishop to the Church Deployment Board) Adopted.
- **HB Message #63**: E014 (Nominations by the Presiding Bishop) Adopted.
- **HB Message #64**: X011 (Resignation of Bishops) Adopted.
- **HB Message #66**: D029 (Amend Article VIII of the Constitution) Reconsidered.
- **HB Message #67**: D029 (Amend Article VIII of the Constitution) Adopted with amendment.
- **HB Message #68**: A140 (Domestic Poverty) Adopted.
- **HB Message #69**: A180 (General Ordination Exam Fee) Adopted.
- **HB Message #70**: A175 (Amend Canon III.16, Section 1) Adopted.
- **HB Message #71**: A176 (Amend Canon III.16, Section 2) Adopted.
- **HB Message #72**: A069 (Funding Mission Funding Office) Adopted substitute.
- **HB Message #73**: A118 ( Amend Canon I.1.2(n): Establish Two Standing Commissions) Concurred.
- **HB Message #74**: A117 (Discontinue Three Committees) Concurred with amendment.
- **HB Message #75**: B032 (Amend HBRO I(11)) Adopted.
- **HB Message #76**: A168 (Annual Data Gathering About Gender Parity in Diocesan Leadership) Concurred.
- **HB Message #77**: A144 (Extension of Resolution A127 to General Convention 2012) Concurred.
- **HB Message #78**: C064 (Endorsement of the Earth Charter) Concurred with amendment.
- **HB Message #79**: B006 (Immigration: Economic Justice Implications) Concurred.
- **HB Message #80**: A032 (Human Rights Violations in the Philippines) Concurred.
- **HB Message #81**: C049 (Renew and Strengthen Economic Justice Ministry) Adopted with amendment.
- **HB Message #82**: D063 (Pandemic Preparedness) Referred to a Standing Commission.

Special Order of Business

The President requested nominations from the floor for Executive Council.

Deputy Candler of Atlanta nominated the Rev. Dan Martins of Northern Indiana.
Deputy Jennings of Ohio nominated the Rev. Canon Emily Morales of Puerto Rico.
Deputy Harrigan of Central Pennsylvania nominated the Rev. Deacon Patrick Strohl of Central Pennsylvania.
Deputy Young of Florida nominated Mr. Jack Tull of Florida.
Deputy Jim of Navajoland Area Mission nominated the Rev. Deacon Terry Starr of North Dakota.
Deputy Judge of East Carolina nominated Mr. David Mallory of Maryland.
Deputy Kuhr of Montana nominated Ms. Sandra Williams of Montana.

Deputy Trambley of Northwestern Pennsylvania moved to close the nominations.  

**Motion carried**

**Nominations closed**

**Special Order of Business**
The President requested nominations from the floor for the General Theological Seminary Board of Trustees.

Deputy King of Western New York moved to close the nominations.  

**Motion carried**

**Nominations closed**

**World Mission**
The House of Deputies Committee on World Mission presented its Report #24 on Resolution D025 (Commitment and Witness to Anglican Communion) and moved adoption with amendment.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(D025)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention reaffirm the abiding commitment of The Episcopal Church to the fellowship of churches that constitute the Anglican Communion and seek to live into the highest degree of communion possible; and be it further

Resolved, That the 76th General Convention encourage dioceses, parishes and members of The Episcopal Church to participate to the fullest extent possible in the many networks and relationships of the Anglican Communion, including but not limited to networks involving youth, women and indigenous people; networks and ministries concerned with ecumenical and interfaith work, peace and justice, liturgy, environmental issues, health and education; and companion diocese relationships; and be it further

Resolved, That the 76th General Convention reaffirm its financial commitment to the Anglican Communion and pledge to maintain its full asking for the Inter-Anglican Budget; and be it further

Resolved, That the 76th General Convention affirm the value of “listening to the experience of homosexual persons,” as called for by the Lambeth Conferences of 1978, 1988 and 1998, and acknowledge that through our own listening the General Convention has come to recognize that the baptized membership of The Episcopal Church includes same-sex couples living in lifelong committed relationships
characterized by fidelity, monogamy, mutual affection and respect, careful, honest communication, and the holy love which enables those in such relationships to see in each other the image of God; and be it further

Resolved, That the 76th General Convention recognize that individuals who are part of such relationships have responded to God’s call and have exercised various ministries in and on behalf of God’s One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church over the centuries and are currently doing so in our midst, often without the church’s recognition of their lifelong committed relationships and the blessings bestowed by such relationships; and be it further

Resolved, That the 76th General Convention affirm that God may call such individuals, like any other baptized members, to any ordained ministry in The Episcopal Church, which call is tested in our polity through our discernment processes carried out under Canon III of The Episcopal Church and the canons of its dioceses; and be it further

Resolved, That the 76th General Convention acknowledge that, while the members of The Episcopal Church, like those in our sister Provinces of the Anglican Communion, are not all of one mind on this issue, and that Christians of good conscience, based on careful study of the Holy Scriptures, may disagree about this issue, the validity of the Church’s sacraments comes from the action of the Holy Spirit in and through them, not from the frail humans celebrating them in God’s name.

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That this the 76th General Convention reaffirm the continued participation of The Episcopal Church in the Anglican Communion; give thanks for the work of the bishops at the Lambeth Conference of 2008; reaffirm the abiding commitment of The Episcopal Church to the fellowship of churches that constitute the Anglican Communion and seek to live into the highest degree of communion possible; and be it further

Resolved, That this the 76th General Convention encourage dioceses, parishes congregations and members of The Episcopal Church to participate to the fullest extent possible in the many instruments, networks and relationships of the Anglican Communion, including but not limited to networks involving youth, women and indigenous people, networks and ministries concerned with ecumenical and interfaith work, peace and justice, liturgy, environmental issues, health and education; and companion diocese relationships; and be it further

Resolved, That this the 76th General Convention reaffirm its financial commitment to the Anglican Communion and pledge to maintain its full asking for participate fully in the Inter-Anglican Budget; and be it further

Resolved, That this the 76th General Convention affirm the value of “listening to the experience of homosexual persons,” as called for by the Lambeth Conferences of 1978, 1988 and 1998, and acknowledge that through our own listening the General Convention has come to recognize that the baptized membership of The Episcopal Church includes same-sex couples living in lifelong committed relationships “characterized by fidelity, monogamy, mutual affection and respect, careful, honest communication, and the holy love which enables those in such relationships to see in each other the image of God” (2000-D039); and be it further

Resolved, That this the 76th General Convention recognize that individuals gay and lesbian persons who are part of such relationships have responded to God’s call and have
exercised various ministries in and on behalf of God's One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church over the centuries and are currently doing so in our midst, often without the church's recognition of their lifelong committed relationships and the blessings bestowed by such relationships; and be it further
Resolved, That this the 76th General Convention affirm that God has called and may call such individuals, like any other baptized members, to any ordained ministry in The Episcopal Church, which call is tested in our polity through our discernment processes carried out under Canon III acting in accordance with the Constitution and Canons of The Episcopal Church and the canons of its dioceses; and be it further
Resolved, That this the 76th General Convention acknowledge that, while the members of The Episcopal Church, like those in our sister Provinces of the Anglican Communion, based on careful study of the Holy Scriptures, and in light of tradition and reason, are not all of one mind on this issue, and that Christians of good conscience, based on careful study of the Holy Scriptures, may disagree about this issue, the validity of the Church's sacraments comes from the action of the Holy Spirit in and through them, not from the frail humans celebrating them in God's name disagree about some of these matters.

Deputy Logan of South Carolina, on behalf of the Clergy and Lay deputations of Albany, the Clergy and Lay deputations of South Carolina, and the Clergy and Lay deputations of Central Florida, called for a vote by orders.

Thirty minutes of debate having expired, the President announced that the matter was now open for amendments and procedural motions.

Deputy Garno of Albany, on behalf of the Clergy deputation of Albany, moved to divide the first three resolve clauses from the last four resolve clauses.

Deputy Hallas of Chicago, on behalf of the Clergy deputation of Vermont, the Clergy and Lay deputations of Chicago and the Clergy deputation of Western Michigan, moved for a vote by orders on the proposed division.

Ballot #1 — Vote By Orders
A Vote By Orders was taken on the motion to divide.

Ballot #1 taken by orders

Deputy Holt of Central Florida moved to amend the resolution.

Proposed Amendment:
In the fourth resolve clause, after the year “1998,” delete the rest of the resolve clause.
In the fifth resolve clause, delete the words “are part of such relationships.”

Motion defeated
Amendment defeated

Deputy Palmore of Virginia moved to extend the time to offer amendments by 10 minutes. The President announced that this vote required a two-thirds majority. The voice vote being inconclusive, the President called for a hand vote.

Motion defeated
Results of Ballot #1: Vote By Orders on Motion to Divide
The President announced that, with a two-thirds majority, the motion to divide had been defeated.

Motion defeated

Deputy Kelly of Rio Grande moved to divide the question, to provide for a separate vote on the sixth resolve clause.

Deputy Ferrell of North Carolina moved to suspend the Rules to dispense with the vote by orders on the motion to divide.

Motion carried
Rules suspended

A vote was taken on the motion to divide.

Motion defeated

Deputy Russell of San Diego moved the previous question on the resolution.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

The President called on the Chaplain for prayer.

Ballot #2 — Vote By Orders
A Vote By Orders was taken on Resolution D025 as amended.

Ballot #2 taken by orders

Deputy Sessum of Lexington moved to suspend the rules to allow for consideration of Resolution D019 (Recommit to MDG’s as a Mission Priority) as it had budget implications.

Motion carried
Rules suspended

Stewardship and Development
The House of Deputies Committee on Stewardship and Development presented its Report #18 on Resolution D019 (Recommit to MDG’s as a Mission Priority) and moved concurrence.

Deputy Trambley of Northwestern Pennsylvania moved the previous question.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on Resolution D019.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #107)
Final Text of Resolution:
(D019)
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention commends the leadership of The Episcopal Church at the local, diocesan and national levels for working towards the meeting of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) as an expression of our faithfulness to God’s mission of global reconciliation; and be it further
Resolved, That this Convention extend its appreciation to the individuals, parishes and dioceses who, in response to General Convention Resolutions 2003-D066 and 2006-D022, have contributed 0.7% of their annual budgets to international development programs as a sign of our participation in the MDG’s; and be it further
Resolved, That this Convention celebrates the successful raising of three million dollars for international development through the Millennium Inspiration Fund led by Episcopal Relief and Development and partially funded through 0.7% line item budget for the triennium 2007-2009; and be it further
Resolved, That the Convention reaffirm its commitment to the Millennium Development Goals as a primary mission priority through 2015; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to include in the 2010-2012 Budget for The Episcopal Church a budget line item of no less than 1% of the non-government revenue of The Episcopal Church to support the Millennium Development Goals; Increasing from 0.7% to 1% will be a visible and prophetic act of leadership in fighting global poverty; and be it further
Resolved, That the funds from the 1% line item be used to support a Nets for Life Inspiration Fund with a goal of five million dollars for the triennium 2010-2012 to be led and administered by Episcopal Relief and Development.

Deputy Ota of California moved to suspend the rules to allow for consideration of Resolution D038 (Strategic Vision for Reaching Latinos/Hispanics) as it had budget implications.

Motion carried
Rules suspended

Evangelism
The House of Deputies Committee on Evangelism presented its Report #2 on Resolution D038 (Strategic Vision for Reaching Latinos/Hispanics) and moved adoption of a substitute.

Original Text of Resolution:
(D038)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention reaffirm our commitment to become a welcoming Church for the Hispanic/Latino Community and to implement the Strategic Vision for reaching these communities for the 2010-2012 triennial; and be it further
Resolved, That every lay person, bishop, priest of our church become familiar with the content of the Strategic Vision for Reaching Latinos/Hispanics and search out
opportunities that exist for its implementation in their parishes and communities; and
be it further
Resolved, That our church commit to increase the number of active and viable
Latino/Hispanic Episcopal congregations from 297 to 341 (a 15% increase) in the next
Triennium (2010-2012); and be it further
Resolved, That our church generate growth of 15% within existing Latino/Hispanic
Congregations; and be it further
Resolved, That we will increase awareness of The Episcopal Church among
Latino/Hispanics and will create awareness of the potential with our congregations; and
be it further
Resolved, That tools and resources be developed and shared to support Latino/Hispanic
ministry for dioceses and churches working in areas with growing Latino/Hispanic
populations; and be it further
Resolved, That our churches create programs to serve the spiritual and acculturation
needs of the Latino/Hispanic community; and be it further
Resolved, That a national committee be formed to give the direction for the
implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the Hispanic Ministries Plan; and be it
further
Resolved, That the Commissions, Committees, Agencies and Boards assist with the
resources and the implementation of the Strategic Vision; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on
Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $3,485,000 for the
implementation of this resolution regarding Strategic Vision for the 2009-2012
triennium.

Committee Substitute:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That in the spirit of the 20/20 Vision
(GC2000 Resolution A033), the 76th General Convention affirm the Executive
Council’s and the House of Bishop’s commitment to implement The Episcopal
Church’s Strategic Vision for Reaching Latinos/Hispanics in the United States for the
2010-2012 triennial and for The Episcopal Church’s long-term mission; and be it
further
Resolved, That the General Convention commend The Strategic Vision for Reaching
Latinos/Hispanics as a model for planning mission strategy, in light of the high priority
of planting new churches and reaching new people with the good news of Jesus Christ;
and be it further
Resolved, That the Office of Latino/Hispanic Ministries in the Episcopal Church Center
be directed to distribute The Strategic Vision for Reaching Latinos/Hispanics widely so
that every lay person, bishop, priest and deacon in areas experiencing a high degree of
Latino/Hispanic population growth may become familiar with its content and search
out opportunities that exist for its implementation in their parishes and communities;
and be it further
Resolved, That our church commit to increase the number of active and viable
Latino/Hispanic Episcopal congregations from 308 to 354 (a 15% increase) in the next
Triennium (2010-2012) by providing partial funding to dioceses who are willing to make
financial commitments to this ministry, especially by reaching out to Latinos/Hispanics
who are second and third generation; and be it further
Resolved, That the Office of Latino/Hispanic Ministries be directed to identify 100 primarily small non-Latino/Hispanic congregations located in areas with high Latino/Hispanic populations, and provide detailed demographic reports, leadership training, training in cross-cultural awareness and marketing and advertising resources to help these congregations grow by 30% over the next triennium by reaching out to the Latino/Hispanic community; and be it further

Resolved, That the Office of Latino/Hispanic Ministries, in collaboration with the Office of Lifelong Christian Formation, create leadership development programs to serve the spiritual and acculturation needs of the Latino/Hispanic community, including a reception curriculum specifically focused on lay leaders coming from other faith traditions to help them learn about the theology, polity and stewardship of The Episcopal Church; and be it further

Resolved, That the Office of Latino/Hispanic Ministries develop and share tools and resources to support sustainable Latino/Hispanic ministry for dioceses and churches working in areas with growing Latino/Hispanic populations, including a step-by-step curriculum on how to initiate new congregations for dioceses who want to plant new churches; an intensive program for seminarians and clergy to gain language and cultural skills for ministry; and marketing tools and media resources that will be easily accessible to use in local settings; and be it further

Resolved, That the Office of Latino/Hispanic Ministries be directed to create a ministry team comprised of a Council of Advice and Church Center staff to give the direction for the implementation, monitoring and evaluation of The Strategic Vision for Reaching Latinos/Hispanics; and be it further

Resolved, That the Office of Latino/Hispanic Ministries, in collaboration with the Office of Research and Statistics, be directed to create a set of measurement criteria to assess success; and be it further

Resolved, That the Office of Mission Funding be directed to seek funding opportunities for this initiative within its Fund for Congregational Development; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $3,565,000 for the implementation of this resolution regarding Strategic Vision for the 2010-2012 triennium; and that this budget is composed of the following elements:

Funding for 46 new congregations at $40,000 each
1,840,000
Providing resources to 100 existing congregations
1,000,000
Lay Leadership Development
200,000
Tools and Training, Marketing Resources
450,000
Evaluation
75,000
Total
$3,565,000

Deputy Hart of Pennsylvania moved the previous question.

Motion carried
Debate terminated
A vote was taken on substitute Resolution D038.  

Motion carried  
Substitute resolution adopted  
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #108)

Deputy Ferrell of North Carolina moved to reconsider the vote on Resolution D045 (Committee Member Transparency), while affirming that he had voted in the majority.  

Motion defeated  
Reconsideration defeated

Deputy Candler of Atlanta moved to suspend the rules to allow for consideration of Resolution A089 (Daily Prayer) as it had budget implications. The voice vote being inconclusive, the President called for a hand count.  

Motion carried  
Rules suspended

Deputy Cole of Colorado moved to extend the time of the House to conclude consideration of the resolution.  

Motion carried

Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music  
The House of Deputies Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music presented its Report #6 on Resolution A089 (Daily Prayer) and moved concurrence.

Deputy Thurlow of South Carolina moved to amend the resolution.  

Proposed Amendment:  
In the third resolve clause, delete the words “Christian scriptures and.”  

Deputy Trambley of Northwestern Pennsylvania moved the previous question on the amendment.  

Motion carried  
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on the proposed amendment.  

Motion defeated  
Amendment defeated

Deputy Dawson of Eau Claire moved the previous question on the main motion.  

Motion carried  
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on Resolution A089.  

The House concurred  
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #109)
Final Text of Resolution:

Resolved, That the 76th General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to complete the work on Daily Prayer and report back to the 77th General Convention; and be it further

Resolved, That the 76th General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to continue the work of developing liturgical materials for inclusion in the *Enriching Our Worship* series for the pastoral issues in the context of adoption of children; and be it further

Resolved, That the 76th General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to continue the work of developing liturgical materials for the pastoral issues in the context of adoption of children; and be it further

Resolved, That the 76th General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to continue to collect, develop and disseminate materials that assist members of the Church to address Christian anti-Judaism expressed in and stirred by portions of Christian scriptures and liturgical texts, including the preparation of a pamphlet explaining Christian anti-Judaism and ways to address it in teaching, evangelism and congregational life; the development of age-appropriate educational materials for children; the identification and evaluation of available resources pertaining to liturgy and music, giving special attention to Holy Week and Easter liturgies and to the diverse traditions of song in The Episcopal Church; and to report the results of its efforts to the 77th General Convention; and be it further

Resolved, That the 76th General Convention request that the Standing Commissions on Liturgy and Music and on Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations, develop a statement defining Christian anti-Judaism and why it demands our attention, and to report to the 77th General Convention; and be it further

Resolved, That the 76th General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to continue the work begun in the World Music project; and be it further

Resolved, That the 76th General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to collect comprehensive data from across The Episcopal Church to determine congregational music needs and wants; and be it further

Resolved, That the 76th General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to undertake a substantial revision of the *Book of Occasional Services* and report its progress to the 77th General Convention; and be it further

Resolved, That the 76th General Convention request that liturgical and musical resources be made widely available not only in print but also in electronic format on the internet; and be it further

Resolved, That the 76th General Convention direct the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $136,500 for implementation of the projects requested in this resolution, and for any other projects that the 76th General Convention directs the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to undertake in the 2010-2012 triennium, and any other projects required by the SCLM’s canonical mandates.
Results of Ballot #2: Vote By Orders on Resolution D025

The President read the results of Ballot #2.

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Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #110)

Election of Church Pension Fund Trustees

The Secretary read the results of Election Ballot #2.

The Secretary announced the newly-elected members of the Board of Trustees of the Church Pension Fund. Three Trustees were elected:

- The Very Rev. Tracey Lind
- The Rev. Dr. Timothy J. Mitchell
- Mr. Edgar S. Starns

Election of Trial Court of a Bishop

The Secretary read the results of Election Ballot #1.

The Secretary announced the newly-elected members of the Trial Court of a Bishop. Two members were elected:

**Clergy**
- The Rev. Francis H. Wade

**Lay**
- William J. Fleener, Jr., Esq.

Announcements

The Secretary read the announcements.

Prayers

The President called on the Chaplain for prayers.

RECESS

The President recessed the House at 6:19 p.m. until 9:30 a.m. on Monday, July 13, 2009.
Reconvene
The President called the House to order at 9:30 a.m.

Prayers
The President called on the Chaplain for prayers.

Certification of Minutes
The House of Deputies Committee on the Certification of Minutes presented its Report #5, stating that the Committee had met, read the Minutes of the Fifth Legislative Day and certified that they were correct. The Chair moved adoption of the report.

Motion carried
Minutes accepted

Communications from the President
The President made some introductions and acknowledged an additional senior deputy.

Certification of Deputies
The House of Deputies Committee on Credentials presented its Report #9 for the first session of the Sixth Legislative Day. There were 417 clerical deputies and 415 lay deputies certified and seated, bringing the total count of the House to 832. The number of votes for a motion to prevail is 417. There were no new deputies certified and 99 changes in deputations on this day, as follows:

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The Secretary moved that the report be accepted. 

Motion carried
Report accepted

Messages from the House of Bishops
The Secretary announced that the following messages had been received from the House of Bishops:

HB Message #83: A164 (Commendations to Presiding Bishops) Adopted.
HB Message #85: A060 (Regarding Canon I.1.5) Concurred.
HB Message #86: A003 (78th General Convention Site) Concurred.
HB Message #87: C060 (Statistics for Overseas Congregations) Concurred.
HB Message #88: A007 (House of Bishops Budget Appropriation for Next Triennium) Adopted.
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<td>A190 (Commendation of The Episcopal Church in the Philippines) Concurred.</td>
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<td>A125 (Anglican Communion Task Force) Rejected.</td>
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Dispatch of Business
The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business moved to suspend the Rules for introduction of and remarks by two members of the official Youth Presence.

Motion carried
Rules suspended

Youth Presence Address
The President welcomed Zachary Brown of Upper South Carolina and Caroline Chu of Pennsylvania who addressed remarks to the House.

The President called on the Chaplain for prayer.

Consecration of Bishops
The House of Deputies Committee on Consecration of Bishops presented its Report #5 on Resolution B023 (Consent to the Election of the Rev. Luis Fernando Ruiz Restrepo) and moved adoption of a substitute.

Original Text of Resolution:
(B023)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That pursuant to Article II, Section 2. and Canon III. 11.3. of the Constitution and Canons of the General Convention, the Convention of the Diocese of Ecuador Central, hereby requests the Consent of the House of Deputies assembled in General Convention to the ordination and consecration of the Reverend Luis Fernando Ruiz Restrepo Bishop-elect, as Bishop of this Diocese.

Committee Substitute:
Resolved, The House of Deputies, pursuant to Article II, Section 2. and Canon III. 11.3 of the Constitution and Canons of the General Convention, consents to the ordination and consecration of the Reverend Luis Fernando Ruiz Restrepo, Bishop-elect, as Bishop of the Diocese of Ecuador Central.

Time allotted for debate having expired, the President called for a vote on the resolution. The voice vote being inconclusive, the President called for an electronic vote. An electronic vote was attempted on Resolution B023. With the electronic voting system unavailable, the Secretary asked the Committee on Credentials to prepare a paper ballot.

Evangelism
The House of Deputies Committee on Evangelism presented its Report #1 on Resolution A071 (Evangelistic Opportunities of General Convention) and moved adoption with amendment.
Original Text of Resolution:

(A071)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention direct the Joint Standing Committee on Planning and Arrangements to alter the schedule for the 77th General Convention in Indianapolis as needed to create programmatic and worship opportunities that will be of benefit to bishops, deputies and the wider church. Special attention should be given to opportunities for service in the host city as a part of our evangelical witness; and be it further

Resolved, That the Joint Standing Committee on Planning and Arrangements create at least twelve sites across The Episcopal Church where individuals may participate in parts of General Convention via satellite downlink; and be it further

Resolved, That the Joint Standing Committee on Planning and Arrangements explore other opportunities for electronic connections to allow individuals not on site to participate in the missional work of General Convention.

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention direct the Joint Standing Committee on Planning and Arrangements to alter the schedule for the 77th General Convention in Indianapolis as needed to create programmatic and worship opportunities that will be of benefit to bishops, deputies and the wider church. Special attention should be given to opportunities for service and evangelism in the host city as a part of our evangelical witness; and be it further

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Resolved, That the Joint Standing Committee on Planning and Arrangements create opportunities for electronic connections to allow individuals not on site to participate in the missional work of General Convention.

Motion carried

Resolution adopted with amendment

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #112)

The House of Deputies Committee on Evangelism presented its Report #3 on Resolution C069 (Affirm Christ in multi-faith society) and moved that the Committee be discharged because referenced materials not available.

Original Text of Resolution:

(C069)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention of this church affirm the conclusion of the Church of England at its February General Synod and direct the House of Bishops’ Committee on Theology to report back to the 77th General Convention on “their understanding of the uniqueness of Christ in the United States multi-faith society, and offer examples and commendations of good practice in sharing the gospel of salvation through Christ alone with people of other faiths and of none.”
Deputy King of Western New York moved the previous question.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on Resolution C069.

Motion carried
Committee discharged

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #113)

Announcements
The Secretary read the announcements.

Prayers
The President called on the Chaplain for midday prayers.

RECESS
The President recessed the House at 11:19 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Reconvene
The President called the House to order at 2:01 p.m.

Certification of Deputies
The House of Deputies Committee on Credentials presented its Report #10 for the second session of the Sixth Legislative Day. There were 417 clerical deputies and 415 lay deputies certified and seated, bringing the total count of the House to 832. The number of votes for a motion to prevail is 417. There were no new deputies certified and 57 changes in deputations on this day, as follows:

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The Secretary moved that the report be accepted.

Motion carried
Report accepted
Dispatch of Business
The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business moved to suspend House of Deputies Rule 37 limiting the time for any individual to speak from three minutes to two minutes and to further limit the total time of debate on any action or resolution from thirty minutes to twenty minutes for the remainder of the Convention.

Motion carried
Rules suspended

The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business moved to suspend House of Deputies Rule 6 for the purpose of voting on the Day 6 Consent Calendar by a single vote and all remaining Consent Calendars by a single vote.

Deputy King of Western New York moved the previous question.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on the motion to suspend House of Deputies Rule 6.

Motion carried
Rules suspended

Personal Privilege
Deputy Inapanta of Ecuador Central requested additional time to clarify several items on the chronology relating to Resolution B023 as the Spanish translation of the document was received after the English translation of the document. The President took the matter under advisement.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Social and Urban Affairs
The House of Deputies Committee on Social and Urban Affairs presented its Report #11 on Resolution C051 (Wounded Soldiers and Veterans) and moved concurrence.

Final Text of Resolution:
(C051)
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention encourage its clergy, members, congregations and agencies to:

A. Educate themselves about the health-care and economic needs of our nation's military personnel and veterans who have been wounded, physically or emotionally, in the current wars in Afghanistan, Iraq, or in other wars, past or future.

B. Call on our nation’s Department of Veteran Affairs Medical System and the U.S. Government to continue to give the best possible care to our veterans, and to shorten the time required for our soldiers to receive
approval for medical care and other benefits, which they have earned through their military service.

C. Take direct action to improve the lives of wounded soldiers in their communities and, when asked, to advocate on their behalf with government agencies.

D. Seek to build caring pastoral relationships with wounded soldiers in their families, congregations, communities or local hospitals.

E. Encourage the establishment of an Episcopal Veterans Fellowship for each diocese.

F. Encourage local congregations to establish an annual healing service for wounded military personnel, veterans and others.

The House of Deputies Committee on Social and Urban Affairs presented its Report #12 on Resolution A077 (Episcopal Health Ministries) and moved concurrence.

**Final Text of Resolution:**

(A077)

resolved, That the 76th General Convention urges the congregations of The Episcopal Church, which have not already done so, to explore and implement health ministry as an organizing concept or vital component of outreach and pastoral care of the congregations by 2012; and be it further

resolved, That the General Convention encourages congregations to raise awareness of health ministries and promote the understanding that health includes body, mind and spirit.

The House of Deputies Committee on Social and Urban Affairs presented its Report #13 on Resolution A154 (To Affirm Commitment to the Jubilee Ministry Grants Program) and moved concurrence.

**Final Text of Resolution:**

(A154)

resolved, That the 76th General Convention re-affirm its commitment to the Jubilee Ministry Grants program as a line item in the church’s budget at a minimum funding level of $100,000.00 per annum during the 2010-2012 triennium; and be it further

resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $100,000 per annum for the implementation of this resolution.

The House of Deputies Committee on Social and Urban Affairs presented its Report #14 on Resolution A160 (Access to Adequate Medical Care for People Living with AIDS) and moved concurrence.

**Final Text of Resolution:**

(A160)

resolved, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church notes with concern high rates of HIV infection particularly in our African American communities and grieves the discrepancies in levels of care and treatment of
people living with HIV/AIDS based on poverty, prejudice, racism, ignorance
and the lack of visibility; and be it further
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention urges the United States Congress and
the President of the United States to include in comprehensive health care
reform legislation provisions that would cover persons with pre-existing
conditions such as HIV/AIDS and sexually transmitted diseases, under any
health care plan; and be it further
Resolved, That The Episcopal Church advocate strongly for access to adequate
medical care not based on any factor other than the need for health care.

The House of Deputies Committee on Social and Urban Affairs presented its Report
#15 on Resolution A159 (Address the Issue of AIDS) and moved concurrence.

Final Text of Resolution:
(A159)
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church notes with
increasing concern the continued rise in numbers of HIV infections and sexually
transmitted diseases; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention urges Episcopalians at all levels of the
Church to engage in conversations with HIV/AIDS and sexually transmitted
diseases service providers, local health departments and other public and private
resources to urge them to address this issue in direct and substantive ways that
include the following prevention activities: accurate and explicit prevention
information that is sensitive and specific to issues of culture, ethnicity, sexual
identity, sexual orientation and the use of IV drugs and recreational drugs; and
be it further
Resolved, That in light of our Baptismal Covenant that calls us to respect the
dignity of every human being, the 76th General Convention urges dioceses and
congregations to provide full, complete and accurate information about
HIV/AIDS and sexually transmitted disease prevention to all, and especially to
young people, that they may make informed choices about this aspect of their
lives.

The House of Deputies Committee on Social and Urban Affairs presented its Report
#16 on Resolution D011 (Principles for Decisions at the End of Life) and moved concurrence.

Final Text of Resolution:
(D011)
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention reaffirm Resolution 1991-A093a of the
70th General Convention, as amended in Resolution 1994-A056 of the 71st
General Convention regarding Principles With Regard to the Prolongation of
Life; and be it further
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention calls on dioceses and congregations of
this Church to become informed of the laws of states and policies of health care
institutions regarding decisions at the end of life and regarding medical futility;
and be it further
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention commend chaplains endorsed by the Office of the Suffragan Bishop for Armed Forces, Federal Institutions and Chaplaincies, members of the Assembly of Episcopal Healthcare Chaplains and of National Episcopal Healthcare Ministries, and chaplains certified by the Association for Clinical Pastoral Education, the Association of Professional Chaplains, or the College of Pastoral Supervision and Psychotherapy as appropriate resource persons for discussions regarding ethical care, medical futility and decisions at the end of life.

The House of Deputies Committee on Social and Urban Affairs presented its Report #17 on Resolution C075 (Camps for Children of the Incarcerated) and moved concurrence.

Final Text of Resolution:

(C075)
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church direct the Program Officer of Domestic Justice and Jubilee Ministries to assist the dioceses of The Episcopal Church to establish and support summer camps for children who have parents in prison, on parole or probation or who have experienced a parent's incarceration; and that the Program Officer of Domestic Justice and Jubilee Ministries report to the 77th General Convention on his/her progress including data from current and ongoing programs; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation for 2010-2012 triennium of $75,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

Education

The House of Deputies Committee on Education presented its Report #18 on Resolution B013 (Equipping the Baptized for Ministry in TEC) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:

(B013)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church commend the Presiding Bishop for convening, with Associated Parishes for Liturgy and Mission, a national consultation on baptismal theology in October 2007, representative of bishops, theologians, liturgists, Christian educators, parish priests and justice advocates and inclusive of the diversity of this Church; and be it further
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention further commend the national baptismal theology consultation for identifying areas and resources needed to implement fully the baptismal theology of the Book of Common Prayer in the life of the Church; and be it further
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention commend the Theology Committee of the House of Bishops and the Colloquium of North American Anglican Liturgists for their meeting in January 2008, for identifying together the needs of the Church in ongoing baptismal formation and ministry and formation in Episcopal identity; and be it further
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention urge the national consultation on baptismal theology to continue its work in the next triennium and provide to the next General Convention educational resources for formation in Episcopal identity and rites to celebrate that identity, educational resources for training the baptized for leadership positions in the Church and rites for entering leadership positions, and any proposed revisions to the canons to conform them to the baptismal theology of the *Book of Common Prayer*.

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church commend the Presiding Bishop for convening, with Associated Parishes for Liturgy and Mission, a national consultation on baptismal theology in October 2007, representative of bishops, theologians, liturgists, Christian educators, parish priests and justice advocates and inclusive of the diversity of this Church; and be it further

Resolved, That the 76th General Convention further commend the national baptismal theology consultation for identifying areas and resources needed to implement fully the baptismal theology of the *Book of Common Prayer* in the life of the Church; and be it further

Resolved, That the 76th General Convention commend the Theology Committee of the House of Bishops and the Colloquium of North American Anglican Liturgists for their meeting in January 2008, for identifying together the needs of the Church in ongoing baptismal formation and ministry and formation in Episcopal identity; and be it further

Resolved, That the 76th General Convention urge the national (above noted) consultation on baptismal theology to continue its work in the next triennium in collaboration with the Standing Commission on Life-Long Christian Education and Formation and provide to the next General Convention educational resources for formation in Episcopal identity and rites to celebrate that identity, educational resources for training the baptized for leadership positions in the Church and rites for entering leadership positions, and any proposed revisions to the canons to conform them to the baptismal theology of the *Book of Common Prayer*.

Motion carried

Consent Calendar adopted

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Messages #114-121)

END OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR

Messages from the House of Bishops

The Secretary announced that the following messages had been received from the House of Bishops:

*HB Message #114:* A128 (Funding Missionaries) Concurred.

*HB Message #115:* A155 (To Establish a Program for the Alleviation of Domestic Poverty) Adopted substitute.
Ballot #3 for Church Pension Fund Trustees
Ballot #3 was taken for members of the Church Pension Fund Board of Trustees.

Ballot #3 taken

Election of Church Pension Fund Trustees
The President announced that there was no election on Ballot #3.

Ballot #2 for Trial Court of a Bishop
Ballot #2 was taken for members of the Trial Court of a Bishop.

Ballot #2 taken

Election of Trial Court of a Bishop
The President announced that there was no election on Ballot #2 in the Lay and the Clergy order.
Communications from the President
The President ruled that the Spanish translation of the chronology on Resolution B023 had been distributed within minutes of the English translation and no additional time would be granted.

An electronic vote was taken on substitute Resolution B023. The result of the electronic vote was: Yes, 594 votes (72.3%) and No, 228 votes (27.7%).

Motion carried
Substitute resolution adopted

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #122)

Evangelism
The House of Deputies Committee on Evangelism presented its Report #4 on Resolution A066 (Evangelism Toolkit for the 21st Century) and moved adoption of a substitute.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A066)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention direct the Center for Evangelism and Congregational Life to create a comprehensive toolkit to support and inspire congregations and dioceses to engage in culturally-appropriate evangelism and mission with groups under-represented by the church including, but not limited to, people of color, immigrants and refugees, youth and young adults, gay and lesbian people, people living in poverty, people with disabilities and those who do not attend church; and be it further

Resolved, That the toolkit might include video/DVD, an online resource center and a downloadable resource pack (in Spanish and English, with subtitles in other languages). The content could include the following: videos of church leaders’ compelling stories about evangelism and mission in emerging, multicultural contexts; tools and resources for change-planning, identifying a community’s demographic make-up, and training to prepare congregations to engage in cross-cultural evangelism and mission. Such training might include, but not be limited to, anti-racism, welcoming poor people, gay and lesbian people, youth and young adults, immigrants and refugees, people with disabilities and those new to/returning to church; and be it further

Resolved, That the toolkit be presented to the House of Bishops and the Executive Council in their first meetings in 2011.

Committee Substitute:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention direct the Center for Evangelism and Congregational Life to create a comprehensive toolkit to equip congregations and dioceses to engage in culturally-appropriate evangelism and mission; and be it further

Resolved, That the toolkit support congregations and dioceses in their work to fulfill Christ’s Great Commission with special attention to provide resources to evangelize people historically underserved by the church, for example, people of color, immigrants and refugees, youth, young adults, people who are gay, lesbian, bisexual or
transgendered, people living in poverty, people with disabilities and/or all others who are alienated from the church; and be it further
Resolved, That the toolkit be presented to the House of Bishops and the Executive Council in their first meetings in 2011 for their comment and review; and then be distributed throughout the church.

Motion carried
Substitute resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #123)

The House of Deputies Committee on Evangelism presented its Report #5 on Resolution A063 (Affirming Mainline Evangelism Together) and moved adoption of a substitute.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A063)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Domestic Mission and Evangelism to convene a convocation on mainline mission and evangelism in the U.S.; and be it further
Resolved, That this convocation consist of three conversations, comprising no more than a total of twenty members of corresponding Commissions, Committees or Boards from other denominations (including but not limited to our covenant partners the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and the United Methodist Church, as well as the Presbyterian Church (USA) and the United Church of Christ); and be it further
Resolved, That the Standing Commission on Domestic Mission and Evangelism report on the outcome of these conversations to the 77th General Convention; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $20,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

Committee Substitute:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention respond to the persistent and alarming numeric decline of Christianity in the United States and the corresponding decline in The Episcopal Church by directing the Evangelism and Congregational Life Center of the Episcopal Church Center to actively initiate and participate in conversations on mainline mission and evangelism; and be it further
Resolved, That these conversations are to be with representatives of covenant partners of The Episcopal Church who are wrestling with similar challenges; and be it further
Resolved, That the Evangelism and Congregational Life Center report on the status of these conversations to the Standing Commission on Domestic Mission and Evangelism by the end of the first year of the 2010-2012 triennium and annually thereafter; and be it further
Resolved, That the Standing Commission on Domestic Mission and Evangelism report on the outcome of these conversations to the 77th General Convention; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $20,000 for the
implementation of this resolution.

**Motion carried**

**Substitute resolution adopted**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #124)

The House of Deputies Committee on Evangelism presented its Report #6 on Resolution A067 (Strategy for Establishing New Congregations) and moved adoption with amendment.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(A067)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention encourage the staff officer for New and Emerging Churches in the Evangelism and Congregational Life Center to collaborate with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and others to develop resources for starting new congregations; and be it further

Resolved, That these resources include case studies, best practices, approaches to be avoided and effective action plans for starting and sustaining new congregations; and be it further

Resolved, That this resource be published and presented to the Executive Council and to the House of Bishops at their first meeting in 2011.

**Committee Amendment:**

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention recognize that new church development is a high missional priority and an effective tool to present the Gospel, to incorporate the seeker and to welcome the lost home; and be it further

Resolved, That the Program officer, Church Planting and Ministry Re-Development of The Episcopal Church’s encourage the staff officer for New and Emerging Churches in the Evangelism and Congregational Life Center to collaborate with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and others to develop resources for starting new congregations; and be it further

Resolved, That these resources include case studies, best practices, approaches to be avoided and effective action plans for starting and sustaining new faith communities; and be it further

Resolved, That this resource be published and presented to the Executive Council and to the House of Bishops at their first meeting in 2011.

**Motion carried**

**Resolution adopted with amendment**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #125)

The House of Deputies Committee on Evangelism presented its Report #8 on Resolution A065 (Convening and Supporting Evangelists) and moved adoption of a substitute.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(A065)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention direct the Center for Evangelism and Congregational Life to gather the voices and wisdom of
evangelists, encourage the sharing of information and deepening relationships through all available ways, including, but not limited to social networking sites, conference calls and meetings at conferences; and be it further
Resolved, That all dioceses are urged to develop training programs for evangelists, including web-based resources, appropriate to the demographic and theological diversities of their geographic area; and be it further
Resolved, That General Convention direct the Center for Evangelism and Congregational Life to support the training and development of evangelists by developing training materials and programs; creating and making widely available resources to identify and develop the gifts and skills of effective evangelists; and establishing mechanisms for sharing locally developed best practices, experiences and resources; and be it further
Resolved, That the Center for Evangelism and Congregational Life report on the gatherings, diocesan programs, training materials and resources and on their effectiveness in developing skills of evangelism to the 77th General Convention.

Committee Substitute:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention affirm the Church’s teaching that all Christians are called to bear witness to Christ wherever they may be and to proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ, and that this Convention equally affirm with Saint Paul that Christ has given to the Church evangelists to build up the Body of Christ; and be it further
Resolved, That this Convention direct the Center for Evangelism and Congregational Life to gather the voices and wisdom of evangelists, and encourage the sharing of information and deepening of relationships among them through all available ways, such as social networking sites, conference calls and meetings at conferences; and be it further
Resolved, That all dioceses are urged, through their Commissions on Ministry or other appropriate bodies, to identify and call forth evangelists, and to ensure that there are adequate training programs and materials available for evangelism, including web-based resources, appropriate to the demographic, cultural, and theological diversities of their geographic area; and be it further
Resolved, That this Convention direct the Center for Evangelism and Congregational Life to support dioceses in the training of evangelists by developing training materials and programs; by creating and making widely available resources in different languages, for example Spanish, French, etc., to identify and develop the gifts and skills of effective evangelists; and by establishing mechanisms for sharing locally developed best practices, experiences and resources; and be it further
Resolved, That the Center for Evangelism and Congregational Life solicit from Commissions on Ministry or other appropriate diocesan bodies information on local programs utilized for the identification and development of evangelists, so that such resources can be widely shared among dioceses; and be it further
Resolved, That the Center for Evangelism and Congregational Life report on the gatherings, diocesan programs, training materials and resources, and on their effectiveness in developing skills of evangelism to the 77th General Convention.

Motion carried
Substitute resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #126)
Special Order of Business
The President asked the deputations from Columbia, Atlanta and Ecuador Central to escort the Bishop Diocesan Elect of Ecuador Central, the Rev. Luis Fernando Ruiz Restrepo, to the platform.

Education
The House of Deputies Committee on Education presented its Report #16 on Resolution D062 (Implementation of Sexual Abuse Misconduct Prevention Training) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(D062)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention direct the Center for Evangelism and Congregational Life to continue the work of the directives of the 74th General Convention to “commit to develop clear and firm policies and procedures for the well-being of all; and to commit this Church to being and becoming a place where children and youth are safe, especially from abuse and neglect” particularly in dioceses that have been unable to implement this call; and be it further Resolved, That the 76th General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance consider a budget allocation of $20,000 for the implementation of the resolution during the 2010-2012 triennium; and be it further Resolved, That the 76th General Convention request the Center for Evangelism and Congregational Life report to the Standing Commission on Lifelong Christian Formation and Education before the 77th General Convention on the status of diocesan training and implementation.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention direct the Center for Evangelism and Congregational Life to continue the work of the directives of the 74th General Convention to, “commit to develop clear and firm policies and procedures for the well-being of all; and to commit this Church to being and becoming a place where children and youth are safe, especially from abuse and neglect” particularly in dioceses that have been unable to implement this call; and be it further Resolved, That the 76th General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $20,000 for the implementation of the resolution during the 2010-2012 triennium; and be it further Resolved, That the 76th General Convention request the Center for Evangelism and Congregational Life report to the Standing Commission on Lifelong Christian Formation and Education before the 77th General Convention on the status of diocesan training and implementation.

Deputy Blanchett of Alaska moved to amend the resolution.

Proposed Amendment:
In the first resolve clause, delete everything after the word “of” and replace it with the words “developing clear and firm policies and procedures for the well-being of all, and commit this church to being and becoming a place where children, youth and adults are
safe, especially from abuse, neglect and exploitation, particularly in dioceses that have been unable to implement the call to provide sexual misconduct prevention training.”

A vote was taken on the amendment.

Motion carried
Amendment adopted

Deputy Madison of Fort Worth moved the previous question.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on Resolution D062 as amended.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #127)

The House of Deputies Committee on Education presented its Report #17 on Resolution A163 (Mandate on NEAC AIDS Tutorial) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A163)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church mandate that CCABs, Episcopal Church Center staff, diocesan staff and leaders and all active clergy take the on-line tutorial on HIV/AIDS prepared by the National Episcopal AIDS Coalition (NEAC) during this last triennium; and be it further
Resolved, That the number of completed tutorials be electronically monitored and reported in the aggregate by NEAC to the 77th General Convention.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church mandate that CCABs, Episcopal Church Center staff, diocesan staff and leaders and all active clergy take the web-based, self-directed on-line tutorial on HIV/AIDS prepared by the National Episcopal AIDS Coalition (NEAC) during this last triennium. This was directed by General Convention Resolution 2006 A-134, and is readily available at www.neac.org; and be it further
Resolved, That the number of completed tutorials be electronically monitored and reported in the aggregate by NEAC to the 77th General Convention.

Deputy Rushing of Massachusetts moved to amend the resolution.

Proposed Amendment:
In the first resolve clause, after the words “Church Center staff,” add the words “and strongly encourage.”

Motion carried
Amendment adopted

A vote was taken on Resolution A163 as amended.
Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #128)

Church Pension Fund
The House of Deputies Committee on Church Pension Fund presented its Report #5 on Resolution A137 (Continuation of the Task Force to Study Employment Policies and Practices in The Episcopal Church) and moved concurrence.

A vote was taken on Resolution A137.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #129)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A137)
Resolved, That the Task Force to Study Employment Policies and Practices in The Episcopal Church be continued for the 2010-2012 Triennium; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to allocate $15,000 for the work of the Task Force in the Triennium.

Canons
The House of Deputies Committee on Canons presented its Report #5 on Resolution A171 (On Records and Archives of the Provinces of The Episcopal Church) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A171)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That Canon I.9 [Of Provinces] be amended with the addition of new section 10 to read as follows:

Sec. 10. The Synod shall give charge for keeping the minutes, journals and other records of its meetings, and shall transmit one copy of its journal to the Secretary of the House of Deputies, and likewise place one copy of its published journal, together with the archives and unpublished inactive records of the province in the official Archives of the General Convention.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That Canon I.9 [Of Provinces] be amended with the addition of new section 10 to read as follows:

Sec. 11. Each Provincial Synod shall give charge for keeping the minutes, journals and other records of its meetings, and shall transmit one copy of its journal, the records to the Secretary of the House of Deputies, and likewise place one copy to the of its published journal, together with the archives and unpublished inactive records of the province in the official Archives of the General Convention. The Episcopal Church. The Synod shall also transmit copies of any unpublished inactive records to the Archives.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #130)

The House of Deputies Committee on Canons presented its Report #6 on Resolution A055 (Amend Canon I.12) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A055)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That Canon I.12 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 1. In every diocese the Standing Committee shall elect from their own body a President and a Secretary. They may meet in conformity with their own rules from time to time, and shall keep a record of their proceedings; and they may be summoned to a special meeting whenever the President may deem it necessary. They may be summoned on the requisition of the Bishop, whenever the Bishop shall desire their advice; and they may meet of their own accord and agreeably to their own rules when they may be disposed to advise the Bishop.

Sec. 2. In all cases in which a Canon of the General Convention directs a duty to be performed, or a power to be exercised, by a Standing Committee, or by the Clerical members thereof, or by any other body consisting of several members, a majority of said members, the whole having been duly cited to meet, shall be a quorum; and a majority of the quorum so convened shall be competent to act, unless the contrary is expressly required by the Canon.

Sec. 3. Any document required to be signed by members of the Standing Committee or by the Clerical members thereof, or by any other body consisting of several members may be signed in counterparts and the joined counterparts shall be considered a single document.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That Canon I.12 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 1. In every Diocese the Standing Committee shall elect from their own body a President and a Secretary. They may meet in conformity with their own rules from time to time, and shall keep a record of their proceedings; and they may be summoned to a special meeting whenever the President may deem it necessary. They may be summoned on the requisition of the Bishop, whenever the Bishop shall desire their advice; and they may meet of their own accord and agreeably to their own rules when they may be disposed to advise the Bishop.

Sec. 2. In all cases in which a Canon of the General Convention directs a duty to be performed, or a power to be exercised, by a Standing Committee, or by the Clerical members thereof, or by any other body consisting of several members, a majority of said members, the whole having been duly cited to meet, shall be a quorum; and a majority of the quorum so convened shall be competent to act, unless the contrary is expressly required by the Canon.

Sec. 3. Any document required to be signed by members of the Standing Committee or by the Clerical members thereof, or by any other body consisting of several members may be signed in counterparts and the joined counterparts shall be considered a single document, each of which shall be deemed an original.
Deputy Little of Vermont, Chair of the Committee on Canons, moved to suspend the Rules for immediate consideration of Resolution A185 (Proposed Title IV Revisions). Motion carried

Rules suspended

The House of Deputies Committee on Canons presented its Report #3 on Resolution A185 (Proposed Title IV Revisions) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A185)

[Editor's Note: See The Blue Book Report of the Standing Commission on Constitution and Canons, pp. 770-797. The italicized text and strike-through text in the committee amendment are proposed changes to the original text of the resolution.]

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the whole of Title IV of the Constitution and Canons for the Government of The Episcopal Church be amended to read as follows:

TITLE IV: ECCLESIASTICAL DISCIPLINE

CANON 1: Of Accountability and Ecclesiastical Discipline

By virtue of Baptism, all members of the Church are called to holiness of life and accountability to one another. The Church and each Diocese shall support their members in their life in Christ and seek to resolve conflicts by promoting healing, repentance, forgiveness, restitution, justice, amendment of life and reconciliation among all involved or affected. This Title applies to Members of the Clergy, who have by their vows at ordination accepted additional responsibilities and accountabilities for doctrine, discipline, worship and obedience.

CANON 2: Of Terminology Used in this Title

Except as otherwise expressly provided or unless the context otherwise requires, as used in this Title the following terms and phrases shall have the following meanings:

Accord shall mean a written Resolution, which is negotiated and agreed among the parties resulting from an agreement for discipline under Canon IV.9, conciliation under Canon IV.10 or a Conference Panel proceeding under Canon IV.12. All Accords shall meet the requirements of Canon IV.14.

Administrative Leave shall mean a restriction on ministry in which the exercise of the Respondent’s ministry is suspended in its entirety during the period of the Administrative Leave and may include suspension from any ecclesiastical and related secular office.
Advisor shall mean a person designated to support, assist, consult with and advise a Complainant or Respondent in any matter of discipline under this Title as provided in Canon IV.19.10.

Church Attorney shall mean one or more attorneys selected pursuant to Diocesan Canons to represent the Church in proceedings as provided in this Title. The Diocesan Canons may provide a process for the removal of a Church Attorney for cause. A Church Attorney shall perform all functions on behalf of the Church necessary to advance proceedings under this Title and shall have the following powers, in addition to the powers and duties otherwise provided in this Title: (a) to receive and review the Intake Officer’s report; (b) to conduct investigations and oversee the Investigator and, in connection with such investigations; to have access to the personnel, books and records of the Diocese and its constituent parts; and to receive and review the reports of the Investigator; (c) to determine, in the exercise of the Church Attorney’s discretion, whether the reported information, if true, would be grounds for discipline; and (d) to exercise discretion consistent with this Title and the interests of the Church by declining to advance proceedings or by referring any matter back to the Intake Officer or the Bishop Diocesan for pastoral response in lieu of disciplinary action. In representing the Church, a Church Attorney may consult with the Conference Panel.

Clear and Convincing shall mean proof sufficient to convince ordinarily prudent people that there is a high probability that what is claimed actually happened. More than a preponderance of the evidence is required but not proof beyond a reasonable doubt.

Community shall mean that part of the Church in which a Member of the Clergy performs his or her ministry, such as a Diocese, Parish, Mission, school, seminary, hospital, camp or any similar institution.

Complainant shall mean (a) the person or persons from whom the Intake Officer receives information concerning an Offense or (b) any Injured Person designated by the Bishop Diocesan who, in the Bishop Diocesan’s discretion, should be afforded the status of a Complainant, provided, however, that any Injured Person so designated may decline such designation.

Conciliator shall mean a person appointed to seek the resolution of a matter under Canon IV.10.

Conduct Unbecoming a Member of the Clergy shall mean any disorder or neglect that prejudices the reputation, good order and discipline of the Church, or any conduct of a nature to bring material discredit upon the Church or the Holy Orders conferred by the Church.

Conference Panel shall mean a panel of one, two or three members of the Disciplinary Board selected by the president of the board, unless some other manner of selection is provided by Diocesan Canon, to serve as the body before which an informal conference is held as provided in Canon IV.12, provided, however, that no such member may serve as a member of the Hearing Panel in the same case.

Disciplinary Board shall mean the body provided for in Canon IV.5.1.

Discipline of the Church shall be found in the Constitution, the Canons and the Rubrics and the Ordinal of the Book of Common Prayer.

Doctrine shall mean the basic and essential teachings of the Church and is to be found in the Canon of Holy Scripture as understood in the Apostles and Nicene Creeds and in the sacramental rites, the Ordinal and Catechism of the Book of Common Prayer.
**Hearing Panel** shall mean a panel of three members of the Disciplinary Board selected by the president of the Board, unless some other manner of selection is provided by Diocesan Canon, to serve as the body before which a hearing is held as provided in Canon IV.13, provided, however, that no such member may serve as a member of the Conference Panel in the same case.

**Injured Person** shall mean a person, group or Community who has been, is or may be affected by an Offense.

**Intake Officer** shall mean one or more persons designated by the Bishop Diocesan after consultation with the Disciplinary Board, unless otherwise selected pursuant to diocesan canons, to whom information regarding Offenses is reported.

**Investigator** shall mean a person having (a) sufficient knowledge, skill, experience and training to conduct investigations under this Title and (b) familiarity with the provisions and objectives of this Title. Investigators shall be appointed by the Bishop Diocesan in consultation with the president of the Disciplinary Board.

**Member of the Clergy** shall mean Bishops, Priests and Deacons of the Church.

**Offense** shall mean any act or omission for which a Member of the Clergy may be held accountable under Canons IV.3 or IV.4.

**Order** shall mean a written decision of a Conference Panel or a Hearing Panel which is issued with or without the Respondent's consent. All Orders shall meet the requirements of Canon IV.14.

**Pastoral Direction** shall mean a written direction given by a Bishop to a Member of the Clergy which meets the requirements of Canon IV.7.

**Pastoral Relationship** shall mean any relationship between a Member of the Clergy and any person to whom the Member of the Clergy provides or has provided counseling, pastoral care, spiritual direction or spiritual guidance, or from whom such Member of the Clergy has received information within the Rite of Reconciliation of a Penitent.

**Privileged Communication** shall mean any communication or disclosure made in confidence and with an expectation of privacy (a) within the Rite of Reconciliation of a Penitent; (b) between a client and the client’s attorney; (c) between a Respondent and an Advisor or a Complainant and an Advisor; (d) between persons in a relationship in which communications are protected by secular law or Diocesan Canons; or (e) between and among a Conciliator and participants in a conciliation under Canon IV.10.

**Provincial Court of Review** shall mean a court organized and existing as provided in Canon IV.5.4 to serve as the body which performs the duties prescribed in Canon IV.15.

**Reference Panel** shall mean a panel composed of the Intake Officer, the Bishop Diocesan and the president of the Disciplinary Board to serve as the body which performs the duties prescribed in Canons IV.6 and IV.11.

**Respondent** shall mean any Member of the Clergy (a) who is the subject of a matter referred for conciliation or to the Conference Panel or to the Hearing Panel; (b) whose ministry has been restricted; (c) who has been placed on Administrative Leave; (d) who is the subject of an investigation and is asked by an investigator or the Bishop Diocesan to provide information or to make a statement; or (e) who agreed with the Bishop Diocesan regarding terms of discipline pursuant to Canon IV.9.

**Sentence** shall mean the pronouncement of discipline of a Member of the Clergy pursuant to an Accord or Order in the form of (a) admonition, in which the conduct of...
such Member of the Clergy is publicly and formally censured or reprimanded, or (b) suspension, in which such Member of the Clergy is required to refrain temporarily from the exercise of the gifts of ministry conferred by ordination, or (c) deposition, in which such Member of the Clergy is deprived of the right to exercise the gifts and spiritual authority of God’s word and sacraments conferred at ordination.

**Sexual Abuse** shall mean any Sexual Behavior at the request of, acquiesced to or by a person eighteen years of age or older and a person under eighteen years of age, in high school or legally incompetent.

**Sexual Behavior** shall mean any physical contact, bodily movement, speech, communication or other activity sexual in nature or that is intended to arouse or gratify erotic interest or sexual desires.

**Sexual Misconduct** shall mean (a) Sexual Abuse or (b) Sexual Behavior at the request of, acquiesced to or by a Member of the Clergy with an employee, volunteer, student or counselee of that Member of the Clergy or in the same congregation as the Member of the Clergy, or a person with whom the Member of the Clergy has a Pastoral Relationship.

**CANON 3: Of Accountability**

**Sec. 1.** A Member of the Clergy shall be subject to proceedings under this Title for:

- (a) knowingly violating or attempting to violate, directly or through the acts of another person, the Constitution or Canons of the Church or of any Diocese;
- (b) failing without good cause to cooperate with any investigation or proceeding conducted under authority of this Title; or
- (c) intentionally and maliciously bringing a false accusation or knowingly providing false testimony or false evidence in any investigation or proceeding under this Title.

**Sec. 2.** A Member of the Clergy shall be accountable for any breach of the Standards of Conduct set forth in Canon IV.4.

**Sec. 3.** In order for any conduct or condition to be the subject of the provisions of this Title, the Offense complained of must violate applicable provisions of Canon IV.3 or IV.4 and must be material and substantial or of clear and weighty importance to the ministry of the Church.

**CANON 4: Of Standards of Conduct**

**Sec. 1.** In exercising his or her ministry, a Member of the Clergy shall:

- (a) respect and preserve confidences of others except that pastoral, legal or moral obligations of ministry may require disclosure of those confidences other than Privileged Communications;
- (b) conform to the Rubrics of the *Book of Common Prayer*;
- (c) abide by the promises and vows made when ordained;
- (d) abide by the requirements of any applicable Accord or Order, or any applicable Pastoral Direction, restriction on ministry, or placement on Administrative Leave issued under Canon IV.7;
- (e) safeguard the property and funds of the Church and Community;
- (f) report to the Intake Officer all matters which may constitute an Offense as defined in Canon IV.2 meeting the standards of Canon IV.3.3, including his or her...
own Offenses, except for matters disclosed to the Member of Clergy as confessor within the Rite of Reconciliation of a Penitent;

(g) exercise his or her ministry in accordance with applicable provisions of the Constitution and Canons of the Church and of the Diocese, ecclesiastical licensure or commission and Community rule or bylaws;

(h) refrain from:

(1) any act of Sexual Misconduct;

(2) holding and teaching publicly or privately, and advisedly, any Doctrine contrary to that held by the Church;

3) engaging in any secular employment, calling or business without the consent of the Bishop of the Diocese in which the Member of the Clergy is canonically resident;

(4) being absent from the Diocese in which the Member of the Clergy is canonically resident for more than two years without the consent of the Bishop Diocesan;

(5) any criminal act that reflects adversely on the Member of the Clergy’s honesty, trustworthiness or fitness as a minister of the Church;

(6) conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation; or

(7) habitual neglect of the exercise of the ministerial office without cause; or habitual neglect of public worship, and of the Holy Communion, according to the order and use of the Church; and

(8) any Conduct Unbecoming a Member of the Clergy.

CANON 5: Of Disciplinary Structures

Sec. 1. Each Diocese shall, by Canon, create a court to be known as the Disciplinary Board as described in this Canon. Each such Board shall consist of not fewer than seven persons to be selected as determined by Diocesan Canon. The membership of each Board shall include lay persons and Priests or Deacons, and the majority of the Board members shall be Priests or Deacons, but by no more than one. No member of the Standing Committee of a Diocese shall serve as a member of the Disciplinary Board of that Diocese. Within sixty days following each Diocesan convention, the Board shall convene to elect a president for the following year, unless another method for selection of the president is provided by Diocesan Canon.

Sec. 2. The provisions of Canon IV.19 shall apply to all Disciplinary Boards.

Sec. 3. The following rules shall govern the operations of all Disciplinary Boards:

(a) In the event of any Board member’s death, resignation or declination to serve, or disability rendering the member unable to act, the president shall declare a vacancy on the Board.

(b) Notices of resignation or declination to serve shall be communicated in writing to the president.

(c) No person serving in a Diocese as Chancellor, Vice-Chancellor, Advisor, Conciliator, Church Attorney, Intake Officer or Investigator may serve on the Disciplinary Board of that Diocese, and no member of a Disciplinary Board may be selected to serve in one of those positions in the same Diocese. A member of the Standing Committee of a Diocese may serve on the Disciplinary Board if the Canons of the Diocese so provide. If any Priest
elected to the Board is elected a Bishop, or any lay member is ordained prior to the commencement of a proceeding under this Title, that person shall immediately cease to be a member of the Board. If a proceeding has been commenced, that person may continue to serve on the Board for all proceedings in that matter through final disposition. A lay person ceasing to be a member under this subsection by reason of ordination may be appointed to fill a vacancy in the clergy members of the Board.

(d) Each Diocese shall provide by Canon for the filling of vacancies on the Board. In the event there be no such canonical provision by the Diocese, any vacancy occurring on the Board shall be filled by appointment of the Bishop Diocesan and the appointee shall be of the same order as the Board member being replaced.

(e) Proceedings of the Panels of the Disciplinary Board shall be conducted within the rules provided in this Title. The Board may adopt, alter or rescind supplemental rules of procedure not inconsistent with the Constitution and Canons of the Church.

(f) The rules of evidence for proceedings are as provided in Canon IV.13.6.

(g) The Disciplinary Board shall appoint a clerk who may be a member of the Board, who shall be custodian of all records and files of the Disciplinary Board and who shall provide administrative services as needed for the functioning of the Board.

(h) The Disciplinary Board shall keep a record of all proceedings before its Hearing Panels in a format that can be reduced to a transcript if necessary. The record of each proceeding shall be certified by the president of the Panel. If the record cannot be certified by the president by reason of the president’s death, disability or absence, the record shall be certified by another member of the Panel selected by a majority of the remaining members of the Panel.

(i) Any Diocese may agree with one or more other Dioceses to develop and share resources necessary to implement this Title, including members of Disciplinary Boards, Church Attorneys, Intake Officers, Advisors, Investigators, Conciliators and administrative and financial support for proceedings under this Title.

(j) Church Attorneys, Intake Officers, Advisors, Investigators and Conciliators need not reside in or be members of the Diocese proceeding under this Title. Members of Disciplinary Boards shall be members of the Diocese in which they serve unless such Diocese has entered into an agreement for the sharing of resources as provided in Canon IV.5.3(i).

Sec. 4. In each Province there shall be a court to be known as the Provincial Court of Review, with jurisdiction to receive and determine appeals from Hearing Panels of Dioceses within the Province as provided in Canon IV.15 and to determine venue issues as provided in Canon IV.19.5.

(a) The Provincial Court of Review shall consist of: (i) one Bishop of the Province; two Priests, or one Priest and one Deacon; and two lay persons; and (ii) one Bishop, one Priest or Deacon, and one lay person to serve as alternates as hereinafter provided. Each Priest or Deacon, whether a member or alternate, shall be canonically resident in a Diocese of the Province different from any other Priest or Deacon, and each lay person, whether a member or
alternate, shall reside in a Diocese of the Province different from any other lay person. The Priests, Deacons and lay persons shall be members of the Disciplinary Boards of their respective Dioceses.

(b) The members and alternates of the Provincial Court of Review shall be appointed annually by the president of the Province. The Provincial Court of Review shall select a president from among its members.

(c) The persons appointed to the Provincial Court of Review shall continue to serve until their respective successors have been appointed, except in case of death, resignation or declination to serve.

(d) No member of the Provincial Court of Review may serve in any matter originating from the Diocese in which such member serves on the Disciplinary Board. In such event, the alternate shall serve.

(e) In the event that any member of the Provincial Court of Review is excused pursuant to the provisions of Canon IV.5.3(c), or, upon objection made by either party to the appeal is deemed by the other members of the Provincial Court of Review to be disqualified, such member's alternate shall serve.

(f) In the event of any Provincial Court of Review member's death, resignation or declination to serve, or disability rendering the member unable to act or is ineligible to serve under Canons IV.5.4(d) or (e), and in the further event that there is no alternate available to serve, the president of the Provincial Court of Review shall declare a vacancy on the Provincial Court of Review. Notices of resignation or declination to serve shall be communicated in writing to the president of the Provincial Court of Review.

(g) Vacancies on the Provincial Court of Review shall be filled by appointment by the president of the Province of persons qualified as provided in Canon IV.5.4(a).

(h) The Provincial Court of Review shall appoint a clerk who may be a member of the Court, who shall be custodian of all records and files of the Provincial Court of Review and who shall provide administrative services as needed for the functioning of the Court.

(i) The rules of procedure for appeals to the Provincial Court of Review are as provided in Canon IV.15, but the Provincial Court of Review may adopt, alter or rescind supplemental rules of procedure not inconsistent with the Constitution and Canons of the Church.

CANON 6: Of Intake and Referral of Information Concerning Offenses

Sec. 1. Each Diocese shall provide for and publicize methods and means of reporting information concerning Offenses.

Sec. 2. Information concerning Offenses may be submitted to the Intake Officer in any manner and in any form.

Sec. 3. Any person other than the Intake Officer who receives information regarding an Offense shall promptly forward the information to the Intake Officer. A Bishop Diocesan may forward information to the Intake Officer whenever the Bishop Diocesan believes that the information may indicate conduct constituting one or more Offenses.

Sec. 4. Upon receipt of such information, the Intake Officer may make such preliminary investigation as he or she deems necessary, and shall incorporate the
information into a written intake report, including as much specificity as possible. The Intake Officer shall provide copies of the intake report to the other members of the Reference Panel and to the Church Attorney.

Sec. 5. If the Intake Officer determines that the information, if true, would not constitute an Offense, the Intake Officer shall inform the Bishop Diocesan of an intention to dismiss the matter. If the Bishop Diocesan does not object, the Intake Officer shall dismiss the matter. The Intake Officer shall provide written notice to the Complainant and the Bishop Diocesan of the decision of dismissal, the reasons therefore, and the Complainant’s right to appeal the decision within thirty days of the date of the notice and shall send a copy of that notice and the written intake report to the president of the Disciplinary Board. If the Complainant wishes to appeal the dismissal, the Intake Officer shall assist the Complainant in preparing and signing a written statement of the acts complained of, which statement shall be sent to the president of the Disciplinary Board along with a statement that the Complainant appeals the dismissal. The intake report and any related information, in the case of a dismissal, may be retained by the Intake Officer and considered in connection with any additional information that may come to the Intake Officer thereafter concerning the subject Member of the Clergy.

Sec. 6. In the event of an appeal of a dismissal, the president of the Disciplinary Board shall, within thirty days of the receipt of the appeal, review the intake report and either affirm or overrule the dismissal. The president shall promptly notify the Complainant, the Intake Officer, and the Bishop Diocesan of the decision. If the decision is to overrule the dismissal, the president shall refer the intake report to the Reference Panel.

Sec. 7. If the Intake Officer determines that the information, if true, would constitute an Offense, the Intake Officer shall promptly forward the intake report to the Reference Panel. The president shall promptly select from the Disciplinary Board, by lot or by other random means, a Conference Panel and a Hearing Panel, and shall designate a president of each Panel. A Conference Panel may consist of one or more persons. A Hearing Panel shall consist of not less than three persons and shall include both clergy and lay members. The president shall be ineligible to serve on either Panel.

Sec. 8. The Reference Panel shall meet as soon as possible after receiving the intake report to determine how to refer the report. Referral options are (a) no action required other than appropriate pastoral response pursuant to Canon IV.8; (b) conciliation pursuant to Canon IV.10; (c) investigation pursuant to Canon IV.11 or (d) referral for possible agreement with the Bishop Diocesan regarding terms of discipline pursuant to Canon IV.9. Referral decisions shall require the approval of a majority of the Reference Panel.

Sec. 9. If the determination of the Reference Panel is to take no action other than an appropriate pastoral response, the Panel shall notify the Complainant and the subject Member of the Clergy of the determination and the basis for the determination to take no action other than an appropriate pastoral response. If the referral is to conciliation, the provisions of Canon IV.10 shall apply. If the referral is to investigation, the provisions of Canon IV.11 shall apply.
Sec. 10. All communications and deliberations during the intake and referral stages shall be confidential except as the Bishop Diocesan deems to be pastorally appropriate or as required by law.

CANON 7: Of Pastoral Direction, Restricted Ministry and Administrative Leave

Sec. 1. At any time the Bishop Diocesan may issue a Pastoral Direction to a Member of the Clergy, canonically resident, actually resident, or licensed in the Diocese.

Sec. 2. A Pastoral Direction must (a) be made in writing; (b) set forth clearly the reasons for the Pastoral Direction; (c) set forth clearly what is required of the Member of the Clergy; (d) be issued in the Bishop Diocesan's capacity as the pastor, teacher and overseer of the Member of the Clergy; (e) be neither capricious nor arbitrary in nature nor in any way contrary to the Constitution and Canons of the General Convention or the Diocese; and (f) be directed to some matter which concerns the Doctrine, Discipline or Worship of the Church or the manner of life and behavior of the Member of the Clergy concerned; and (g) be promptly served upon the Member of the Clergy.

Sec. 3. If at any time the Bishop Diocesan determines that a Member of the Clergy may have committed any Offense, or that the good order, welfare or safety of the Church or any person or Community may be threatened by that member of the Clergy, the Bishop Diocesan may, without prior notice or hearing, (a) place restrictions upon the exercise of the ministry of such Member of the Clergy or (b) place such Member of the Clergy on Administrative Leave.

Sec. 4. Any restriction on ministry imposed pursuant to Canon IV.7.3(a) or placement on Administrative Leave pursuant to Canon IV.7.3(b) must (a) be made in writing; (b) set forth clearly the reasons for which it is issued; (c) set forth clearly the limitations and conditions imposed and the duration thereof; (d) be neither capricious nor arbitrary in nature nor in any way contrary to the Constitution and Canons of the General Convention or the Diocese; (e) be promptly served upon the Member of the Clergy; and (f) advise the Member of the Clergy of his or her right to be heard in the matter as provided in this Canon. A copy of such writing shall be promptly provided to the Church Attorney.

Sec. 5. The duration of restriction on ministry or Administrative Leave may be for a stated period or to continue until the occurrence of a specified event or the satisfaction of a specified condition.

Sec. 6. Pastoral Directions, restrictions on ministry and Administrative Leaves (a) may be issued and imposed in any chronological order; (b) may be issued and imposed concurrently; and (c) may be modified at any time by the issuing Bishop or that Bishop’s successor, provided that the Pastoral Direction, restriction on ministry or Administrative leave, as modified, meets the requirements of this Canon.

Sec. 7. Any Pastoral Direction, restriction on ministry or Administrative Leave under this Canon shall be effective upon service of the writing setting it forth on the subject Member of the Clergy as provided in Canon IV.19.20.

Sec. 8. If imposition of restriction on ministry or placement on Administrative Leave occurs prior to the receipt of information by the Intake Officer, as provided in Canon IV.6, then the Bishop may forward a copy of the writing setting forth the
restriction or Administrative Leave to the Intake Officer, who shall receive such information as a report of an Offense and proceed as provided in Canon IV.6.

Sec. 9. The Bishop Diocesan may disclose such information concerning any Pastoral Direction, restriction on ministry or Administrative Leave as the Bishop Diocesan deems pastorally appropriate or as necessary to seek or obtain Diocesan authority for resolution of the matter or any part thereof.

Sec. 10. Every imposition of restriction on ministry or placement on Administrative Leave shall be subject to review upon the request of the Member of the Clergy at any time in the duration thereof. A request for review must be in writing and addressed to the president of the Disciplinary Board and the Church Attorney, with a copy to the Bishop Diocesan. A Member of the Clergy who requests review shall become a Respondent under this Title. Reviews shall be conducted within fifteen days of the delivery of the request for review to the president of the Disciplinary Board, unless extended by consent of the Respondent. If a restriction on ministry or placement on Administrative Leave has been reviewed once, a second request for review may be made only if there has been a substantial change of circumstances from the time of the first request or if there has been a modification of the restriction on ministry or placement on Administrative Leave.

Sec. 11. If a request for review of restriction on ministry or Administrative Leave is made prior to referral to the Conference Panel, then the review shall be conducted by the Conference Panel. If a request for review of restriction on ministry or Administrative Leave is made subsequent to referral to the Conference Panel but prior to referral to the Hearing Panel, the review shall be conducted by the Conference Panel. If a request for review of restriction on ministry or Administrative Leave is made subsequent to referral to the Hearing Panel, the review shall be conducted by the Hearing Panel. The question before a Panel reviewing a restriction on ministry or Administrative Leave is whether, at the time of the review and based upon information then available to the Panel, the restrictions on ministry or Administrative Leave and the terms and conditions thereof are warranted. The review may be conducted either personally or telephonically. The Intake Officer, the Respondent or the Respondent’s Advisor or both, the Bishop Diocesan, the Chancellor and the Church Attorney shall each be afforded the opportunity to be present, either personally or telephonically, at the review, and any such person present shall be heard by the Panel if such person desires to be heard. The Panel may hear from other persons at the Panel’s discretion.

Sec. 12. After conducting the review and hearing from such the persons designated in Canon IV.7.11 who desire to be heard, the Panel shall confer privately and make a determination to (a) dissolve the restriction on ministry or Administrative Leave; (b) affirm the restriction on ministry or Administrative Leave and the terms and conditions thereof; or (c) affirm the restriction on ministry or Administrative Leave, but with modification of the terms and conditions thereof. The Panel’s determination shall be in writing and shall be delivered to the Respondent, the Church Attorney, the Bishop Diocesan and the Intake Officer, and shall be binding in the same manner as provided in Canon IV.7.7. In the event of the dissolution of the restriction on ministry or Administrative Leave, the Bishop Diocesan may give
notice thereof to such persons and Communities having notice of the restriction on ministry or Administrative Leave as the Bishop Diocesan deems appropriate.

Sec. 13. Any Accord or Order resulting from Canons IV.9, IV.10, IV.12 or IV.13, unless otherwise specified, shall supersede any restriction on ministry or Administrative Leave then in effect.

CANON 8: Of Pastoral Response

Sec. 1. The Bishop Diocesan shall provide for appropriate pastoral response whenever any report is made to the Intake Officer. Such pastoral response shall embody respect, care, and concern for affected persons and Communities. The response shall be designed so as to promote healing, repentance, forgiveness, restitution, justice, amendment of life and reconciliation among all involved or affected.

Sec. 2. In each pastoral response the Bishop Diocesan shall consider offering pastoral care to all those affected by the Offense or allegations thereof. Pastoral care shall be considered for the Complainant, the Complainant’s family, the Respondent, the Respondent’s family, Injured Persons, Injured Persons’ families, any affected Community, witnesses and the Disciplinary Board.

Sec. 3. In every case, and notwithstanding any other provision of this Title to the contrary, the Bishop Diocesan may disclose such information concerning any Offense or allegations thereof or concerning any Accord or Order as the Bishop Diocesan deems pastorally appropriate.

Sec. 4. The Bishop Diocesan shall give consideration to the respective privacy interests and pastoral needs of all affected persons.

Sec. 5. The Bishop Diocesan may designate a person to be responsible for the implementation of the pastoral response. Such person may be the Intake Officer. The duties of such person may include coordination of pastoral care and coordination of communications between the Bishop Diocesan and Advisors.

CANON 9: Of Agreements Between Bishops Diocesan and Respondents for Discipline

Sec. 1. At any time before an Order becomes effective, the Respondent or any Member of the Clergy who has not yet become a Respondent but who is alleged to have committed an Offense may propose terms of discipline to the Bishop Diocesan, or the Bishop Diocesan may propose terms of discipline to the Respondent or such Member of the Clergy. Before reaching agreement, the Bishop Diocesan shall consult with the Injured Persons, if any, the President of the Disciplinary Board and the Church Attorney with respect to the proposed terms of discipline. If the Respondent or such Member of the Clergy and the Bishop Diocesan reach agreement regarding terms of discipline, such terms shall be set forth in a proposed Accord. A Member of the Clergy becomes a Respondent by reaching agreement with the Bishop Diocesan regarding terms of discipline.

Sec. 2. An Accord under this Canon may be entered into if (a) the Respondent is aware of the discipline to be imposed and the effect thereof; (b) the Respondent has had adequate opportunity to consult and seek advice from, or has in fact consulted and received advice from, counsel of the Respondent’s choosing; and (c) the Accord adequately considers and, where possible, provides for healing.
repentance, forgiveness, restitution, justice, amendment of life and reconciliation among the Complainant, Respondent, affected Community and other persons and is otherwise an appropriate resolution of the matter.

**Sec. 3.** An Accord under this Canon may be withdrawn by the Priest or Deacon within three days of execution thereof by the Priest or Deacon and if not withdrawn shall be effective and irrevocable thereafter.

**CANON 10: Of Conciliation**

**Sec. 1.** Conciliation shall seek a resolution which promotes healing, repentance, forgiveness, restitution, justice, amendment of life and reconciliation among the Complainant, Respondent, affected Community, other persons and the Church.

**Sec. 2.** Where a matter is referred for conciliation, the Bishop Diocesan shall appoint a Conciliator to assist the Complainant, Respondent, other affected persons and the Church in reconciling. The Bishop Diocesan or a representative appointed by the Bishop Diocesan may participate in the conciliation.

**Sec. 3.** If the conciliation is successful in reaching agreement among the parties on a suitable resolution of all issues, an Accord will be prepared as provided in Canon IV.14. If conciliation cannot be achieved within a reasonable time, the Conciliator will report such to the Bishop Diocesan, and the matter will be referred back to the Reference Panel.

**Sec. 4.** A Conciliator shall be a person skilled in dispute resolution techniques and without conflict of interest in the matter. All communications between the Complainant and the Conciliator, the Respondent and the Conciliator and other participants in the conciliation and the Conciliator shall be confidential except as the Conciliator may have the permission of the respective person to disclose the information to the other participants in the conciliation in order to promote efforts towards conciliation.

**CANON 11: Of Investigations**

**Sec. 1.** In each Diocese there shall be one or more Investigators.

**Sec. 2.** Upon referral of an intake report, the Investigator shall investigate all facts pertinent to the factual claims of the intake report. The Investigator shall use appropriate investigative means, with due consideration to pastoral sensitivities, and shall complete the investigation as expeditiously as possible.

**Sec. 3.** The Investigator shall present the findings of the investigation in writing to the Reference Panel. The Reference Panel may meet with the Investigator and shall consider the report to determine whether to (a) take no action other than appropriate pastoral responses pursuant to Canon IV.8; (b) refer the matter to the Bishop Diocesan for consideration of proceedings under Canon IV.9; (c) refer the matter to conciliation pursuant to Canon IV.10; (d) require further investigation; or (e) refer the matter to the Conference Panel pursuant to Canon IV.12. The determination shall be approved by a majority vote of the Reference Panel.

**Sec. 4.** If the determination is to refer for further investigation, the Investigator shall make such further investigation as the Reference Panel directs and shall submit a supplemental report of findings to the Reference Panel. The Reference Panel shall then reconvene and proceed as provided in Canon IV.11.3.
Sec. 5. All investigations shall be confidential except as may be utilized by the Church Attorney, the Bishop Diocesan or the Panels upon the consent of the person interviewed or as the Bishop Diocesan deems pastorally necessary, and all persons interviewed by the Investigator shall be advised of the confidential nature of the investigation.

CANON 12: Of Conference Panels

Sec. 1. Upon referral of a matter to a Conference Panel, the president of the Disciplinary Board shall forward to the Church Attorney the intake report, all of the Investigator’s reports and any other writings or other file materials created or collected by the Disciplinary Board or any panel thereof during the intake, investigative or referral process. From this material the Church Attorney shall prepare a written statement, describing each alleged Offense separately, with reasonable particularity sufficient to apprise the Respondent of the acts, omissions or conditions which are the subject of the proceedings. The Church Attorney shall then forward the materials received from the president of the Disciplinary Board, together with the written statement, to the Conference Panel.

Sec. 2. The Conference Panel shall review the materials provided to determine who, in addition to those listed in Canon IV.12.3, should be invited to participate in the proceeding before the Conference Panel in order to promote the purposes of this Title. Such may include, for example, the Investigator, family members, representatives of the affected Community, or other affected persons.

Sec. 3. The Conference Panel shall issue a notice to the Respondent, the Respondent’s Advisor, the Complainant, the Complainant’s Advisor, the Investigator and such other persons, if any, as the Conference Panel in its discretion may determine. The notice shall describe the nature and purpose of the proceeding, contain a copy of the written statement prepared by the Church Attorney, shall disclose the names of all persons to whom the notice is sent, and shall establish a date, time and place for a conference at which the Respondent is to appear before the Conference Panel.

Sec. 4. The Respondent shall attend the conference.

Sec. 5. The Church Attorney shall attend the conference, shall represent the Church and shall be heard by the Conference Panel.

Sec. 6. The Complainant may attend the conference but may not be required to do so. The Complainant’s Advisor may attend the conference regardless of whether the Complainant attends.

Sec. 7. The proceedings of the Conference Panel shall be informal and conversational. The Conference Panel shall describe the alleged Offense to the Respondent. The Conference Panel shall hear from the Complainant or the Complainant’s Advisor or both, if either or both are present, and from the Respondent or the Respondent’s Advisor or both. At its discretion, the Conference Panel may hear from the Investigator or any other persons present, and may direct the Investigator to conduct additional investigation and suspend its proceedings to allow such investigation to be completed. At its discretion, the Conference Panel may confer with any participants outside the presence of the other participants.

Sec. 8. No witnesses shall be called to testify at the proceedings before the Conference Panel. No record of the proceedings of the Conference Panel shall be
made. The conference shall be closed to all except the members of the Conference Panel, and invited participants. Proceedings before the Conference Panel shall be confidential except as may be provided in an Order or Accord or as provided elsewhere in this Title.

Sec. 9. An Accord may be entered into at a proceeding before the Conference Panel. If an Accord is not entered into, the Conference Panel shall confer privately to reach a determination of the matter, which may include (a) dismissal of the matter; (b) referral for conciliation; (c) referral to the Hearing Panel; or (d) issuance of an Order.

Sec. 10. If the determination is to dismiss the matter, the Conference Panel shall issue an Order which shall include the reasons for dismissal and which may contain findings exonerating the Respondent. A copy of the Order shall be provided to the Bishop Diocesan, the Respondent, the Respondent’s Advisor, the Complainant, the Complainant’s Advisor and the Church Attorney.

Sec. 11. If the resolution is the entry of an Accord or the issuance of an Order other than an Order of dismissal, the provisions of Canon IV.14 shall apply.

Sec. 12. The Respondent or the Church Attorney may refuse an Order issued by the Conference Panel by giving written notice of the refusal to the president of the Conference Panel within fifteen days following the effective date of the Order as defined in Canon IV.14.10. Upon receipt of the notice of refusal, the president of the Conference Panel shall notify the president of the Disciplinary Board of the refusal and the matter will proceed as provided in IV.14.11.

CANON 13: Of Hearing Panels

Sec. 1. If a matter is referred to the Hearing Panel, the president of the Conference Panel shall promptly notify the president of the Disciplinary Board of the referral.

Sec. 2. Upon receipt of a referral for Hearing Panel proceedings, the Church Attorney shall review all information acquired as of the time of such referral and, if necessary, shall revise or update the written statement of the Offense and shall provide the same to the Hearing Panel. The Hearing Panel shall issue a notice to the Respondent, to the Respondent’s Advisor and to the Church Attorney.

(a) The notice shall describe the nature and purpose of the proceeding, contain a copy of the written statement prepared by the Church Attorney, disclose the names of all persons to whom the notice is sent, advise the Respondent that a written response to the notice must be filed by the Respondent with the Hearing Panel within thirty days of the mailing date of the notice and advise the Respondent that failure to attend or participate in a scheduled or noticed hearing may result in a finding of default.

(b) A copy of the notice shall be sent to the Complainant and to the Complainant’s Advisor.

(c) Unless additional time is approved by the Hearing Panel, the Respondent shall file with the Hearing Panel a written response signed by the Respondent within thirty days of the mailing date of the notice. The president of the Hearing Panel shall forward a copy of the response to the Church Attorney.

Sec. 3. In all proceedings before the Hearing Panel, the Church Attorney shall appear on behalf of the Diocese, which shall then be considered the party on one side and the Respondent the party on the other. Each Complainant shall be entitled
to be present throughout and observe the Hearing and each may be accompanied by another person of his or her own choosing in addition to his or her Advisor.

Sec. 4. All proceedings before the Hearing Panel, except its private deliberations, shall be public, provided, however, that the Hearing Panel may close any part of the proceedings at its discretion to protect the privacy of any person. A record of the hearing shall be made by such means as to enable the creation of a written transcript of the hearing.

Sec. 5. The Church Attorney and the Respondent shall each be afforded reasonable time and opportunity to prepare evidence for the hearing as follows:

(a) Within thirty days after the filing of the response by the Respondent, the Church Attorney and the Respondent’s counsel shall meet and confer regarding the nature and basis of the allegations against the Respondent and the defenses thereto and to make or arrange for initial disclosures as described in Canon IV.13.5(b), and to develop a proposed plan of discovery forms and schedule for approval by the Hearing Panel. A report of the proposed plan shall be filed with the president of the Hearing Panel within fifteen days after the conference.

(b) Within fifteen days after the conference described in Canon IV.13.5(a), the Church Attorney and the Respondent’s counsel shall each provide to the other initial disclosure of (1) the name and, if known, the address and telephone number of each individual likely to have direct knowledge of information which may be used to support the allegations against the Respondent or the defenses thereto, together with a detailed summary of the expected testimony of the person, if called to testify; and (2) a copy of, or a description by category and location of, all documents and tangible things that may be used to support the allegations against the Respondent or the defenses thereto, except as such disclosure would involve Privileged Communications.

(c) If the discovery plan has been mutually agreed upon by the Church Attorney and counsel for the Respondent, the president of the Hearing Panel may approve the plan and incorporate it in a discovery order and scheduling order governing all discovery procedures and establishing a date for hearing of the matter. If the Church Attorney and Respondent’s counsel do not agree on all elements of the discovery plan, the president of the Hearing Panel shall allow each to be heard with respect to the elements in dispute, make a determination of appropriate discovery procedures and issue a discovery order and scheduling order within thirty days of the receipt of the discovery planning report.

(d) Discovery procedures may include oral or written deposition testimony of any person having knowledge pertaining to the Offense or any defenses thereto, requests for production of documents or tangible objects and requests for admissions of fact.

(e) In addition to the disclosures required by this section and the discovery obtained pursuant to the discovery plan, the Church Attorney and Respondent’s counsel shall each provide to the other and to the Hearing Panel at least thirty days before the hearing final pre-hearing disclosures including (1) the name, address and telephone number of each witness expected to be called to testify at the hearing; (2) identification of each document or other tangible
object expected to be used as an exhibit in the hearing; and (3) requests, if any, to have all or portions of the hearing closed to the public.

(f) Notwithstanding any provision of this section, in approving or determining the discovery plan, the president of the Hearing Panel shall take reasonable steps to assure that the discovery process will not unduly burden any person from whom information is sought or unduly adversely affect any pastoral response being offered to any such person. The Hearing Panel may impose, after reasonable notice and opportunity to be heard, reasonable sanctions on any party for failure to comply with any discovery or scheduling order.

Sec. 6. In all proceedings of the Hearing Panel the testimony of witnesses shall be taken orally and personally or by such other means as provided by order of the Hearing Panel. All testimony shall be given under oath or solemn affirmation and be subject to cross-examination. The Hearing Panel shall determine the credibility, reliability and weight to be given to all testimony and other evidence. The proceedings shall be conducted as follows:

(a) The president shall regulate the course of the hearing so as to promote full disclosure of relevant facts.

(b) The president:

(1) may exclude evidence that is irrelevant, immaterial or unduly repetitious;
(2) shall exclude privileged evidence;
(3) may receive documentary evidence in the form of a copy or excerpt if the copy or excerpt contains all pertinent portions of the original document;
(4) may take official notice of any facts that could be judicially noticed, including records of other proceedings and of technical or scientific facts within the Hearing Panel’s specialized knowledge;
(5) may not exclude evidence solely because it is hearsay;
(6) shall afford to the Church Attorney and to the Respondent reasonable opportunity to present evidence, argue and respond to argument, conduct cross-examination and submit rebuttal evidence; and
(7) may, at the discretion of the Hearing Panel, give persons other than the Church Attorney and the Respondent opportunity to present oral or written statements at the hearing.

(c) Nothing in this section shall preclude the exercise of discretion by the president in taking measures appropriate to preserve the integrity of the hearing.

Sec. 7. Following the conclusion of the hearing, the Hearing Panel shall confer privately to reach a determination of the matter by (a) dismissal of the matter or (b) issuance of an Order.

Sec. 8. If the determination is to dismiss the matter, the Hearing Panel shall issue an Order which shall include the reasons for dismissal and which may contain findings exonerating the Respondent. A copy of the Order shall be provided to the Bishop Diocesan, the Respondent, the Respondent’s Advisor, the Complainant, the Complainant’s Advisor and the Church Attorney.

Sec. 9. If the resolution is the issuance of an Order other than an Order of dismissal, the provisions of Canon IV.14 shall apply.
CANON 14: Of Accords and Orders

Sec. 1. An Accord may (a) provide any terms which promote healing, repentance, forgiveness, restitution, justice, amendment of life and reconciliation among the Complainant, Respondent, affected Community and other persons; (b) place restrictions on the Respondent’s exercise of ministry; (c) place the Respondent on probation; (d) recommend to the Bishop Diocesan that the Respondent be admonished, suspended or deposed from ministry; (e) limit the involvement, attendance or participation of the Respondent in the Community; or (f) any combination of the foregoing. An Accord may be conditioned on the Bishop Diocesan imposing any recommended admonition, suspension, deposition or conditions for restoration to ministry. An Accord providing for suspension from ministry shall specify on what terms or conditions and at what time the suspension shall cease. Any Accord providing for limitation upon the involvement, attendance or participation of the Respondent in the Community shall also provide conditions for restoration.

Sec. 2. If an Accord results from a Conciliation, the Accord shall be signed by the Complainant, the Respondent and the Conciliator, provided that the Conciliator shall sign last.

Sec. 3. If an Accord results from proceedings before a Conference Panel, the Complainant and the Complainant’s Advisor shall have first been afforded an opportunity to be heard by the Panel regarding the proposed terms of the Accord. The Accord shall be signed by the Respondent, the Church Attorney and the president of the Panel, provided that the president shall sign last.

Sec. 4. A copy of the Accord shall be sent to the Complainant, the Complainant’s Advisor, the Respondent, the Respondent’s Advisor, the Church Attorney and the Bishop Diocesan by the Conciliator or the president of the Conference Panel or Hearing Panel (whichever the matter was before when the Accord was reached) on the date that the Conciliator or president of the Panel signs the Accord.

Sec. 5. The Bishop Diocesan shall have thirty days from the date on which the Accord is sent to the Bishop Diocesan in which to advise in writing the Respondent, the Respondent’s Advisor, the Complainant, the Complainant’s Advisor, the Church Attorney and the Conciliator or the president of the Conference Panel or Hearing Panel whether the Bishop Diocesan will pronounce the Sentence or accept the other terms of the Accord as recommended. The Bishop Diocesan shall advise that he or she will (a) pronounce the Sentence as recommended or (b) pronounce a lesser Sentence than that recommended and/or (c) reduce the burden on the Respondent of any of the other terms of the Accord. The Bishop Diocesan shall pronounce Sentence not sooner than forty days following the date on which the Accord is sent to the Bishop Diocesan and not later than sixty days following such date. The Bishop Diocesan’s pronouncement of a lesser Sentence than that recommended or other modification shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the remainder of the Accord.

Sec. 6. An Order issued by a Conference Panel or Hearing Panel may (a) provide any terms which promote healing, repentance, forgiveness, restitution, justice, amendment of life and reconciliation among the Complainant, Respondent, affected Community and other persons; (b) place restrictions on the Respondent’s
exercise of ministry; (c) recommend to the Bishop Diocesan that the Respondent be admonished, suspended or deposed from ministry; (d) limit the involvement, attendance or participation of the Respondent in the Community; or (e) any combination of the foregoing. An Order providing for suspension from Ministry shall specify on what terms or conditions and at what time the suspension shall cease. Any Order providing for limitation upon the involvement, attendance or participation of the Respondent in the Community shall also provide conditions for restoration.

Sec. 7. Prior to the issuance of an Order by a Conference Panel or a Hearing Panel, the issuing Panel shall afford the Bishop Diocesan and the Complainant each with an opportunity to be heard on the proposed terms of the Order.

Sec. 8. The Bishop Diocesan shall have thirty days from the date of the issuance of the Order in which to advise in writing the Respondent, the Respondent’s Advisor, the Complainant, the Complainant’s Advisor, the Church Attorney, and the president of the Conference Panel or Hearing Panel (whichever Panel issued the Order) whether the Bishop Diocesan will pronounce the Sentence or accept the other terms of the Order as recommended. The Bishop Diocesan shall advise that he or she will (a) pronounce the Sentence as recommended or (b) pronounce a lesser Sentence than that recommended and/or (c) reduce the burden on the Respondent of any of the other terms of the Order. The Bishop Diocesan shall pronounce Sentence not sooner than forty days following the issuance of the Order and not later than sixty days following the issuance of the Order. Notwithstanding anything in this section to the contrary, no Sentence shall be pronounced while an appeal of the matter is pending. However, the Bishop Diocesan may, while an appeal is pending, place restrictions upon the exercise of the Respondent’s ministry, or place the Respondent on Administrative Leave, or continue any such restriction or Administrative Leave as was in effect at the time of the issuance of the Order. The Bishop Diocesan’s pronouncement of a lesser Sentence than that recommended or other modification shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the remainder of the Order.

Sec. 9. An Accord or Order shall include, in addition to such terms and provisions as are consistent with Canons IV.14.1 and IV.14.6, (a) the name of the Respondent; (b) a reference to the Canon(s), section(s) and subsection(s) specifying the Offense; and (c) general information regarding the Offense sufficient to afford protection from proceedings which are barred under Canon IV.19.13.

Sec. 10. An Accord under Canon IV.9 shall be effective as provided in Canon IV.9.3. An Accord under Canon IV.10 or IV.12 shall be effective thirty days following the date on which the Accord is signed by the Conciliator or the president of the Panel. An Order is effective thirty days following the date on which the Order is issued.

Sec. 11. If the Order is issued by a Conference Panel, the Respondent may refuse the Order as provided in Canon IV.12.12 and the matter shall be referred to a Hearing Panel for hearing as provided in Canon IV.13.

Sec. 12. Notice of Accords and Orders which shall have become effective and are not subject to refusal by the Respondent shall be given without delay as follows:

(a) In the case of any Accord or Order pertaining to a Priest or Deacon, the Bishop Diocesan shall give notice of the Accord or Order to every Member of
the Clergy in the Diocese, each Vestry in the Diocese, the Secretary of Convention, and the Standing Committee of the Diocese, which shall be added to the official records of the Diocese; to the Presiding Bishop, to all other Bishops of the Church, and where there is no Bishop, to the Ecclesiastical Authority of each Diocese of the Church; to the Recorder of ordinations; to the Church Deployment Office; and to the Secretary of the House of Bishops and the Secretary of the House of Deputies.

(b) In the case of any Accord or Order pertaining to a Bishop, the Presiding Bishop shall give notice of the Accord or Order to the Ecclesiastical Authority of every Diocese of the Church, to the Recorder of ordinations, to the Church Deployment Office, and to the Secretary of the House of Bishops, and to all Archbishops and Metropolitans, and to all Presiding Bishops of Churches in communion with the Church.

(c) All notices given pursuant to this Canon shall reference the Canon(s), section(s) and subsection(s) specifying the Offense which is the subject of the Accord or Order.

(d) Similar notice shall be given whenever there is any modification or remission of any Order for which notice has previously been given pursuant to this Canon.

CANON 15: Of Review

Sec. 1. In the event that proceedings before the Hearing Panel are unreasonably delayed or suspended, and are not resumed within sixty days following a written request for resumption of proceedings from the Church Attorney or the Respondent, the Church Attorney or the Respondent may file a written request with the Provincial Court of Review for an order directing the Hearing Panel to resume the proceedings. The Court of Review shall consider the request as follows:

(a) The person filing the request shall provide copies of the request to the presidents of the Hearing Panel and of the Disciplinary Board. The request shall include a statement of the status of the proceedings and the reason, if known, for the delay or suspension of proceedings, and a description of all actions taken by the person filing the request or by any other person to resolve any impediment to the proceedings or other cause for the delay.

(b) Within fifteen days of receipt of the copy of the request, the president of the Hearing Panel shall file a response to the request with the Provincial Court of Review, with a copy to the Church Attorney, the Respondent and the president of the Board.

(c) The Provincial Court of Review shall convene, either personally or telephonically, to consider the request and the response, if any, from the Hearing Panel. The Court shall then either issue an order directing resumption of the proceedings or an order declining to direct resumption with an explanation of the reasons therefore. The order issued by the Provincial Court of Review shall be binding upon the Hearing Panel.

(d) In the event a Hearing Panel, having been ordered to resume proceedings, either refuses to do so or is unable to do so, the Church Attorney or the Respondent may request that the Provincial Court of Review order the transfer of the proceedings to a Hearing Panel of another Diocese within the
same Province, including an order to the Board of the originating Diocese to transmit the complete record of the proceedings to the successor Hearing Panel.

Sec. 2. Within forty days after issuance of an Order by a Hearing Panel, the Respondent or the Church Attorney may appeal to the Provincial Court of Review, by serving written notice of the appeal upon the Bishop Diocesan, with copies of the notice to the presidents of the Hearing Panel and the Province. The notice of appeal shall be signed by the Respondent’s counsel or the Church Attorney and shall include a copy of the Order from which the appeal is taken and shall state the grounds of the appeal.

Sec. 3. Any Order from a Hearing Panel finding that a Respondent did not commit an Offense involving a question of the Doctrine, Faith or Worship of the Church may be appealed by the Bishop Diocesan upon the written request of at least two Bishops Diocesan of other Dioceses within the Province who are not members of the Provincial Court of Review. Such an appeal shall be taken on the question of the Church’s Doctrine, Faith and Worship only, and may not seek to reverse the finding of the Hearing Panel of non-commission of other Offenses. An appeal under this section may be taken by service of a notice of appeal by the Bishop Diocesan upon the Respondent, the Church Attorney and the presidents of the Hearing Panel and the Province within forty days after the Order of the Hearing Panel is received by the Bishop Diocesan.

Sec. 4. If an appeal is taken from a Hearing Panel of a Diocese which is non-provincial, the appeal shall be taken before the Provincial Court of Review geographically closest to that Diocese.

Sec. 5. An appeal shall be heard on the record of the Hearing Panel. The record on appeal may be corrected, if defective, but no new evidence shall be taken by the Provincial Court of Review.

Sec. 6. The standards for and conditions of appeal to the Provincial Court of Review shall be as follows:

(a) Where an Order is issued against a Respondent who fails to appear before the Hearing Panel or who otherwise fails to participate in proceedings before the Hearing Panel, such Order shall be upheld unless a review of the record on appeal shows the Hearing Panel made a clear error in issuing such Order. The Provincial Court of Review shall review the facts and record in the light most favorable to the Respondent.

(b) In all other appeals, the Provincial Court of Review shall grant relief to the appealing party only if, on the basis of the record on appeal, it determines that the party seeking review has been substantially prejudiced by any of the following:

(1) The action taken below violates the Constitution and Canons of the Church or the Diocese;
(2) The Hearing Panel has exceeded the jurisdiction conferred by this Title;
(3) The Hearing Panel has not decided all of the issues requiring resolution;
(4) The Hearing Panel has erroneously interpreted or applied the Constitutions or Canons of the Church;
(5) The Hearing Panel has committed a procedural error or engaged in a decision-making process contrary to this Title; and/or
(6) The factual determinations of the Hearing Panel are not supported by substantial evidence when viewed in the whole light of the record on appeal.

**Sec. 7.** It shall be the duty of the Hearing Panel to produce the record on appeal, consisting of a transcript of the proceedings before the Hearing Panel together with documentary and tangible evidence received by the Hearing Panel. The record shall be printed or otherwise reproduced as authorized by the president of the Provincial Court of Review. Within thirty days after receiving the record on appeal from the Hearing Panel, the party appealing shall serve two copies of the record of appeal, the notice of appeal and the appealing party’s brief, if any, upon the opposite party and shall deliver five copies to the president of the Provincial Court of Review. Within thirty days after receiving a copy of the record on appeal, the party opposing the appeal shall serve the brief in opposition, if any, upon the appealing party, with five copies to the president of the Provincial Court of Review. Any reply brief of the appealing party shall be served likewise within fifteen days following service of the brief in opposition.

**Sec. 8.** All members and alternates of the Provincial Court of Review serving for an appeal shall be present for any oral proceedings of the appeal.

**Sec. 9.** The Provincial Court of Review shall keep a record of all proceedings. The Provincial Court of Review shall appoint a reporter who shall provide for the recording of the proceedings and who shall serve at the pleasure of the Provincial Court of Review.

**Sec. 10.** At the hearing of the appeal, the Provincial Court of Review shall afford the Respondent and the Church Attorney the opportunity to be heard. The Provincial Court of Review may regulate the number of counsel to be heard.

**Sec. 11.** No Order or determination of a Hearing Panel shall be overturned solely for technical or harmless error.

**Sec. 12.** If, after a notice of appeal has been filed, the appealing party fails to pursue the appeal as provided in this Canon, the Provincial Court of Review may dismiss the appeal.

**Sec. 13.** Following a hearing of the appeal and private deliberation, the Provincial Court of Review may (a) dismiss the appeal; (b) reverse or affirm in whole or in part the Order of the Hearing Panel; or (c) grant a new hearing before the Hearing Panel.

**Sec. 14.** The concurrence of a majority of the Provincial Court of Review shall be required to decide an appeal. The Provincial Court of Review shall issue its decision in writing, signed by the members concurring therein, stating its decision and the reasons for the decision. The decision shall be attached to the record. If there is not a concurrence by a majority of the Provincial Court of Review, the Order of the Hearing Panel shall stand as affirmed except for any part of the Order for which there is concurrence.

**Sec. 15.** Upon determination of the appeal, the president of the Provincial Court of Review shall give notice of the determination in writing to the appealing party, the party in opposition and to the Bishop Diocesan and Church Attorney. The appeal record shall be certified by the clerk of the Provincial Court of Review and the
president, and shall be delivered to the Bishop Diocesan along with a copy of the record of an appeal from the Hearing Panel.

CANON 16: Of Abandonment of The Episcopal Church

(A) By a Bishop

Sec. 1. If a Bishop abandons The Episcopal Church (i) by an open renunciation of the Doctrine, Discipline or Worship of the Church; or (ii) by formal admission into any religious body not in communion with the same; or (iii) by exercising Episcopal acts in and for a religious body other than the Church or another church in communion with the Church, so as to extend to such body Holy Orders as the Church holds them, or to administer on behalf of such religious body Confirmation without the express consent and commission of the proper authority in the Church, it shall be the duty of the Disciplinary Board for Bishops, by a majority vote of all of its members, to certify the fact to the Presiding Bishop and with the certificate to send a statement of the acts or declarations which show such abandonment, which certificate and statement shall be recorded by the Presiding Bishop. The Presiding Bishop shall then place a restriction on the exercise of ministry of said Bishop until such time as the House of Bishops shall investigate the matter and act thereon. During the period of such restriction, the Bishop shall not perform any Episcopal, ministerial or canonical acts.

Sec. 2. The Presiding Bishop, or the presiding officer, shall forthwith give notice to the Bishop of the certification and restriction on ministry. Unless the restricted Bishop, within sixty days, makes declaration by a verified written statement to the Presiding Bishop, that the facts alleged in the certificate are false or utilizes the provisions of Canon III.12.7, the Bishop will be liable to Deposition. If the Presiding Bishop is reasonably satisfied that the statement constitutes (i) a good faith retraction of the declarations or acts relied upon in the certification to the Presiding Bishop or (ii) a good faith denial that the Bishop made the declarations or committed the acts relied upon in the certificate, the Presiding Bishop, with the advice and consent of the Disciplinary Board for Bishops, shall terminate the restriction. Otherwise, it shall be the duty of the Presiding Bishop to present the matter to the House of Bishops at the next regular or special meeting of the House. If the House, by a majority of the whole number of Bishops entitled to vote, shall give its consent, the Presiding Bishop shall depose the Bishop from the ministry, and pronounce and record in the presence of two or more Bishops that the Bishop has been so deposed.

(B) By a Priest or Deacon

Sec. 3. If it is reported to the Standing Committee of the Diocese in which a Priest or Deacon is canonically resident that the Priest or Deacon, without using the provisions of Canon III.7.8-10 or III.9.8-11, has abandoned The Episcopal Church, then the Standing Committee shall ascertain and consider the facts, and if it shall determine by a vote of three-fourths of all the members that the Priest or Deacon has abandoned The Episcopal Church by an open renunciation of the Doctrine, Discipline or worship of the Church, or by the formal admission into any religious body not in communion with the Church, or in any other way, it shall be the duty of the Standing Committee of the Diocese to transmit in writing to the Bishop Diocesan, or if there be no such Bishop, to the Bishop Diocesan of an
adjacent Diocese, its determination, together with a statement setting out in reasonable detail the acts or declarations relied upon in making its determination. If the Bishop Diocesan affirms the determination, the Bishop Diocesan shall place a restriction on the exercise of ministry by that Priest or Deacon for sixty days and shall send to the Priest or Deacon a copy of the determination and statement, together with a notice that the Priest or Deacon has the rights specified in Section 2 and at the end of the sixty day period the Bishop Diocesan will consider deposing the Priest or Deacon in accordance with the provisions of Section 4.

Sec. 4. Prior to the expiration of the sixty day period of restriction, the Bishop Diocesan may permit the Priest or Deacon to utilize the provisions of Canon III.7.8-10 or III.9.8-11, as applicable. If within such sixty day period the Priest or Deacon shall transmit to the Bishop Diocesan a statement in writing signed by the Priest or Deacon, which the Bishop Diocesan is reasonably satisfied constitutes a good faith retraction of such declarations or acts relied upon in the determination or a good faith denial that the Priest or Deacon committed the acts or made the declarations relied upon in the determination, the Bishop Diocesan shall withdraw the notice and the restriction on ministry shall expire. If, however, within the sixty day period, the Bishop Diocesan does not pronounce acceptance of the renunciation of the Priest or Deacon in accordance with Canon III.7.8-10 and III.9.8-11, as applicable, or the Priest or Deacon does not make retraction or denial as provided above, then it shall be the duty of the Bishop Diocesan either (i) to depose the Priest or Deacon or (ii) if the Bishop Diocesan is satisfied that no previous irregularity or misconduct is involved, with the advice and consent of the Standing Committee, to pronounce and record in the presence of two or more Priests that the Priest or Deacon is released from the obligations of Priest or Deacon and (for causes which do not affect the person’s moral character) is deprived of the right to exercise the gifts and spiritual authority conferred in Ordination.

CANON 17: Of Proceedings for Bishops

Sec. 1. Except as otherwise provided in this Canon, the provisions of this Title shall apply to all matters in which a Member of the Clergy who is subject to proceedings is a Bishop.

Sec. 2. In all matters in which the Member of the Clergy who is subject to proceedings is a Bishop, the following terms used in Canons IV.5 through IV.16 and Canons IV.18 and IV.19 shall have the following respective meanings:

(a) Disciplinary Board shall mean the Disciplinary Board for Bishops as provided in Canon IV.17.3.
(b) Intake Officer shall mean a person appointed by the Presiding Bishop.
(c) Bishop Diocesan shall mean the Presiding Bishop, unless the Member of the Clergy who is subject to proceedings is the Presiding Bishop, in which case Bishop shall mean the Bishop authorized by Canon IV.19.24.
(d) Church Attorney shall mean a person appointed by the Disciplinary Board for Bishops to serve as the Church Attorney.
(e) Investigator shall mean any person who is qualified to serve as an Investigator under this Title, selected by the Disciplinary Board for Bishops.
(f) Provincial Court of Review shall mean the Court of Review for Bishops as provided in Canon IV.17.8.

Sec. 3. The Disciplinary Board for Bishops is hereby established as a court of the Church to have original jurisdiction over matters of discipline of Bishops, to hear Bishops’ appeals from imposition of restriction on ministry or placement on Administrative Leave and to determine venue issues as provided in Canon IV.19.5. The Disciplinary Board for Bishops shall consist of ten Bishops elected at any regularly scheduled meeting of the House of Bishops, and four Priests or Deacons and four lay persons initially appointed by the President of the House of Deputies with the advice and consent of the lay and clergy members of the Executive Council and thereafter elected by the House of Deputies. All lay persons appointed to serve shall be confirmed adult communicants in good standing. Members of the Board shall serve staggered terms of six years, with terms of one half of the Bishops and one half of the lay persons, Priests and Deacons collectively expiring every three years, with the first expirations occurring at the end of the year 2012.

Sec. 4. Within sixty days following each General Convention, the Board shall convene to elect a president for the following triennium. The president shall be a Bishop. If there is no president, the Bishop who is senior by consecration shall perform the duties of the president.

Sec. 5. The Conference Panel shall consist of three Bishops, one Priest or Deacon and one lay person. The Hearing Panel shall consist of three Bishops, one Priest or Deacon and one lay person, except that the Hearing Panel for the Offense specified in Canon IV.4.1(h)(2) pertaining to Doctrine Offenses shall consist of five Bishops only.

Sec. 6. The provisions of Canons IV.14.1(d) and IV.14.6(c) pertaining to recommendations that a Respondent be suspended or deposed from ministry shall not apply where the Respondent is a Bishop. Where the Respondent is a Bishop, an Accord or Order may provide for the suspension or deposition of the Respondent. In such event, the Sentence of suspension or deposition shall be pronounced by the president of the Disciplinary Board for Bishops. The president shall have no discretion to decline to pronounce the Sentence or to pronounce a lesser Sentence. Where an Accord provides for the suspension or deposition of a Respondent who is a Bishop, the president shall pronounce Sentence within thirty days after the date on which the Conciliator or the president signs the Accord. Where an Order provides for the suspension or deposition of a Respondent who is a Bishop, the president shall pronounce Sentence not sooner than forty days following the issuance of the Order and not later than sixty days following the issuance of the Order. Notwithstanding anything in this section to the contrary, no Sentence shall be pronounced while an appeal of the matter is pending. However, the president may, while an appeal is pending, place restrictions upon the exercise of the Respondent’s ministry, or place the Respondent on Administrative Leave, or continue any such restriction or Administrative Leave as was in effect at the time of the issuance of the Order.

Sec. 7. Notwithstanding any provision of this Title to the contrary, no proceeding shall be brought under this Title against a Bishop in which the Offense alleged is violation of Canon IV.4.1(h)(2) for holding and teaching, or having held and taught, publicly or privately, and advisedly, any Doctrine contrary to that held by
the Church unless a statement of disassociation shall have first been issued by the House of Bishops as provided in Canon IV.17.7 (a) and thereafter the consent of one-third of the Bishops qualified to vote in the House of Bishops has been received to initiate proceedings under this Title as provided in Canon IV.17.7 (b).

(a) Any ten Bishops Diocesan in the Church may file with the Presiding Bishop a written request, signed by such Bishops, that the House of Bishops issue a statement of disassociation. Such request shall include a statement of the Doctrine alleged to be contrary to that held by the Church, the name or names of the Bishop or Bishops alleged to have held and taught publicly or privately, and advisedly, such Doctrine, and a concise statement of the facts upon which the request for the statement of disassociation is based. Contemporaneously with the filing of the request, there shall be filed with the Presiding Bishop a proposed statement of disassociation and a brief in support thereof. The Presiding Bishop shall thereupon serve a copy of the request for a statement of disassociation upon each Bishop who is the subject thereof, together with the proposed statement of disassociation and a copy of the supporting brief. The Presiding Bishop shall fix a date for the filing of a response and brief in support thereof, which date shall be not less than ninety days from the date of service, and may extend the time for responding for not more than sixty additional days. Upon the filing of a response and supporting brief, if any, or upon the expiration of the time fixed for a response, if none be filed, the Presiding Bishop shall forthwith transmit copies of the request for a statement of disassociation, proposed statement of disassociation, response, and briefs to each member of the House of Bishops. The request for a statement of disassociation shall be considered by the House of Bishops at its first regularly scheduled meeting held at least one month after copies of the request for a statement of disassociation, proposed statement of disassociation, response, and briefs are transmitted to each member of the House of Bishops. The House of Bishops may amend the proposed statement of disassociation. If a statement of disassociation is not issued by the conclusion of the meeting, there shall be no further proceedings under this Title against any Bishop who is the subject thereof for holding and teaching the Doctrine alleged in the request for a statement of disassociation.

(b) Not later than ninety days following the issuance of a statement of disassociation by the House of Bishops as provided in Canon IV.17.7(a), any ten Bishops Diocesan may file with the Presiding Bishop a written request, signed by such Bishops, that the House of Bishops initiate proceedings under this Title against any Bishop who is the subject of such statement of disassociation for violation of Canon IV.4.1(h)(2) with regard to the same Doctrine as was alleged in the request for the statement of disassociation. Such request for initiation of proceedings under this Title shall include an explanation why the issuance of the statement of disassociation was not a sufficient response to the matters alleged in the request for statement of disassociation and shall be accompanied by a brief in support of the request for initiation of proceedings. The Presiding Bishop shall fix a date for the filing of a response, which shall include an explanation why the issuance of the statement of disassociation was a sufficient response to the matters alleged in
the request for statement of disassociation, and brief in support thereof, which date shall be not less than ninety days from the date of service, and may extend the time for responding for not more than sixty additional days. Upon the filing of a response and supporting brief, if any, or upon the expiration of the time fixed for a response, if none be filed, the Presiding Bishop shall forthwith transmit copies of the request for initiation of proceedings under this Title, response, and briefs to each member of the House of Bishops. No proceeding under this Title for violation of Canon IV.4.1(h)(2) shall be initiated unless the written consent of one-third of the Bishops qualified to vote in the House of Bishops shall be received by the Presiding Bishop within sixty days of the date on which the copies of the request for initiation of proceedings under this Title, response, and briefs were sent to them. In case the Presiding Bishop does not receive the written consent of one-third of all the Bishops eligible to vote within sixty days of such date, the Presiding Bishop shall declare the matter dismissed and no further proceedings may be had thereon. If the Presiding Bishop receives the necessary written consents within sixty days as specified above, the Presiding Bishop shall forthwith notify the President of the Disciplinary Board for Bishops. The President shall promptly select from the Disciplinary Board for Bishops, by lot or by other random means, a Hearing Panel consisting of nine Bishops and shall designate a president of the Hearing Panel. The President of the Disciplinary Board for Bishops shall promptly forward to the president of the Hearing Panel and to the National Church Attorney copies of the request for initiation of proceedings under this Title, response, and briefs, and the matter shall proceed under this Title as a matter which has been referred to a Hearing Panel.

Sec. 8. The Court of Review for Bishops is hereby established as a court of the Church to have jurisdiction to hear appeals from Hearing Panels of the Disciplinary Board for Bishops.

(a) The Court of Review for Bishops shall consist of nine members, all of whom shall be Bishops. Three Bishops shall be elected by the House of Bishops at any regularly scheduled meeting of the House of Bishops, to serve until the adjournment of the third succeeding regular meeting of General Convention and until their successors are elected and qualify; however, there shall be no change in the composition of the Court with respect to a particular Respondent following any hearing in the matter and while it is pending unresolved before the Court.

(b) From among their number, the members of the Court of Review for Bishops shall elect a president.

(c) The reasonable and necessary expenses of the Court of Review for Bishops, including fees, costs, disbursements and expenses of the members, clerks, reporters and Church Attorneys shall be charged upon the General Convention and paid by the Treasurer of the General Convention upon Order of the president of the Court of Review. The Court of Review for Bishops shall have the authority to contract for and bind the General Convention to payment of these expenses.

Sec. 9. An Accord between the Presiding Bishop and a Bishop resulting from an agreement for discipline pursuant to Canon IV.9 shall be (a) subject to the right of
withdrawal provided in Canon IV.9.3 and (b) submitted by the Presiding Bishop to the Disciplinary Board for Bishops for approval promptly after it is signed by the Presiding Bishop and the respondent. Unless withdrawn under IV.9.3, it shall be effective upon approval of the Disciplinary Board for Bishops and not subject to appeal.

**CANON 18: Of Modification and Remission of Orders**

**Sec. 1.** Any Member of the Clergy who is the subject of an Order which has become effective may apply to the Bishop Diocesan of the Diocese from which the Order issued, or the Presiding Bishop in the case of a Bishop, for modification or remission of the Order. If the Bishop is satisfied that sufficient reasons exist for granting the modification or remission sought, in whole or in part, the procedures provided in this Canon for modification or remission shall apply.

**Sec. 2.** In the case of an Order pertaining to a Priest or Deacon, any provision of any Order other than a provision recommending deposition of the Priest or Deacon may be modified or remitted by the Bishop Diocesan of the Diocese from which the Order issued with the advice and consent of two-thirds of the members of the Disciplinary Board.

**Sec. 3.** In the case of a deposition of a Priest or Deacon pursuant to an Order, such deposition may be remitted and terminated by the Bishop Diocesan of the Diocese from which the Order issued only upon the following conditions: (a) the remission shall be done with the advice and consent of two-thirds of the members of the Disciplinary Board of the Diocese from which the Order issued; (b) the proposed remission, with the reasons therefore, shall be submitted to the judgment of five of the Bishops Diocesan whose Dioceses are nearest to the Diocese from which the Order issued, and the Bishop Diocesan shall receive in writing from at least four of those Bishops their approval of the remission and their consent thereto; (c) if the person deposed maintains legal residence or canonical residence in a Diocese other than the Diocese from which the Order issued, the proposed remission, with the reasons therefore, shall be submitted to the judgment of the Bishop(s) Diocesan of the Diocese(s) of legal and canonical residence and such Bishop(s) shall give his or her (or their) written approval of the remission and consent thereto; and (d) before such remission, the Bishop Diocesan shall require the person deposed, who desires to be restored to the ordained ministry, to subscribe to the declaration required in Article VIII of the Constitution.

**Sec. 4.** In the case of an Order pertaining to a Bishop, any provision of the Order may be modified or remitted by the president of the Disciplinary Board for Bishops with the advice and consent of a majority of the members of the Board and the Bishops who are then serving on any Provincial Court of Review.

**Sec. 5.** In the case of any Order deposing a Member of the Clergy for abandoning the Church, no application for remission shall be received by the Bishop Diocesan until the deposed person has lived in lay communion with the Church for not less than one year next preceding application for the remission.

**Sec. 6.** No Order may be modified or remitted unless the Member of the Clergy, the Church Attorney and each Complainant have been afforded sufficient opportunity to be heard by the Disciplinary Board, or the Disciplinary Board together with the Bishops who are then serving on any Provincial Court of review,
as the case may be, as to why the proposed modification or remission should or should not be permitted.

CANON 19: OF GENERAL PROVISIONS

Sec. 1. Proceedings under this Title are neither civil nor criminal but ecclesiastical in nature. These proceedings represent the responsibility of the Church to determine who shall serve as Members of the Clergy of the Church, reflecting the polity and order of this hierarchical church. Members of the Clergy have voluntarily sought and accepted positions in the Church and have thereby given their consent to subject themselves to the Discipline of the Church. They may not claim in proceedings under this Title constitutional guarantees otherwise associated with secular court proceedings.

Sec. 2. No member of the Church, whether lay or ordained, may seek to have the Constitution and Canons of the Church interpreted by a secular court, or resort to a secular court to address a dispute arising under the Constitution and Canons, or for any purpose of delay, hindrance, review or otherwise affecting any proceeding under this Title.

Sec. 3. No secular court shall have authority to review, annul, reverse, restrain or otherwise delay any proceeding under this Title. No action shall be brought in any secular court to enforce the terms or provisions of any Accord or Order unless otherwise expressly provided therein.

Sec. 4. (a) A Member of the Clergy shall not be subject to proceedings under this Title for acts committed more than ten years before the initiation of proceedings except:

1. if a Member of the Clergy is convicted in a criminal Court of Record or a judgment in a civil Court of Record in a cause involving immorality, proceedings may be initiated at any time within three years after the conviction or judgment becomes final;
2. if an alleged Injured Person was under the age of twenty-one years at the time of the alleged acts, proceedings may be initiated at any time prior to the alleged Injured Person’s attaining the age of twenty-five years; or
3. if an alleged Injured Person is otherwise under disability at the time of the alleged acts, or if the acts alleged were not discovered, or the effects thereof were not realized, during the ten years immediately following the date of the acts alleged, the time within which proceedings may be initiated shall be extended to two years after the disability ceases or the alleged Injured Person discovers or realizes the effects of the acts alleged; provided, however, the time within which proceedings may be initiated shall not be extended beyond fifteen years from the date the acts are alleged to have been committed.

(b) The time limits of Subsection (a) above shall not apply with respect to persons whose acts include physical violence, sexual abuse or sexual exploitation, if the acts occurred when the alleged Injured Person was under the age of twenty-one years; in any such case, proceedings under this Title may be initiated at any time.
(c) Except as provided in Subsection (b) above, the time limitations for
initiation of proceedings in this Section shall be retroactive only to January 1,
1996.
(d) No proceedings under this Title shall be initiated for acts which are alleged
to violate Canon IV.3.1(a) or to constitute a breach of Canon IV.4.1(b), (e), (f)
or (h)(2) unless the acts were committed within or continued up to two years
immediately preceding the time the proceedings are initiated.
(e) For purposes of this Section 4, proceedings are initiated under this Title
with respect to a particular Offense when specific allegations of the
commission of that Offense are made to the Intake Officer.

Sec. 5. Jurisdiction and venue for proceedings under this Title shall be as follows:
(a) A Member of the clergy shall be subject to proceedings under this Title for
the alleged commission of an Offense in the Diocese in which the Member of
the Clergy is canonically resident or in any Diocese in which an Offense is
alleged to have occurred.
(b) Whenever a referral of a matter is to be made by an Intake Officer
regarding a Member of the Clergy who is not canonically resident in the Intake
Officer’s Diocese, the Bishop Diocesan of the Intake Officer’s Diocese shall
promptly notify the Bishop Diocesan of the Diocese where the Member of
the Clergy is canonically resident that the Intake Officer’s Diocese intends to
conduct proceedings under this Title regarding the matter. The Bishop
Diocesan of the Diocese of canonical residence shall have thirty days following
the receipt of such notice within which to object to assumption of jurisdiction
over the matter by the Intake Officer’s Diocese. Such objection shall be made
in writing to the Bishop Diocesan of the Intake Officer’s Diocese. If the
Bishop Diocesan of the Diocese of canonical residence fails to so object
within the time provided, it shall be deemed that the Bishop Diocesan of the
Diocese of canonical residence has agreed to assumption of jurisdiction over
the matter by the Intake Officer’s Diocese.
(c) If objection is made by the Bishop Diocesan of the Diocese of canonical
residence as provided in Canon IV.19.5(b), the Bishop Diocesan of the
Diocese of canonical residence and the Bishop Diocesan of the Intake
Officer’s Diocese shall promptly agree as to which Diocese shall assume
jurisdiction over the matter and conduct proceedings. If the two Bishops
cannot promptly agree, the disagreement will be resolved as follows:
(1) If they are in the same Province, either may promptly request the
president of the Provincial Court of Review to decide which Diocese shall
conduct the proceedings. If they are in different Provinces, either may
promptly request the president of the Disciplinary Board for Bishops to
decline which Diocese shall conduct the proceedings.
(2) The requesting Bishop shall provide a copy of the request to the other
Bishop. A reply to the request may be made by the non-requesting Bishop
within fifteen days of service of the request.
(3) The president shall have the discretion to hear from the Bishops
Diocesan or the Church Attorneys for the respective Dioceses, either
personally or telephonically, concerning the request and any reply. The
The president shall have the discretion to request additional submissions from the Bishops Diocesan or the Church Attorneys.

(4) The president shall decide which Diocese shall conduct the proceedings within thirty days of service of the request.

Sec. 6. In any proceeding under this Title in which the Respondent fails to appear before the Conference Panel as required by Canon IV.12.4 or to timely file with the Hearing Panel the written response required by Canon IV.13.2(c), such Panel may proceed in the absence of the Respondent and may accept as true the matters described in the notice issued to the Respondent pursuant to Canons IV.12.3 or IV.13.2.

Sec. 7. Unless otherwise expressly provided in writing in the restriction on ministry or Sentence of suspension, a Member of the Clergy under a restriction on Ministry or Sentence of suspension shall not exercise any authority of his or her office over the real or personal property or temporal affairs of the Church except such matters as may not be exercised by a person other than the holder of the office, and may exercise authority in those matters only with the advice and consent of the Vestry or Bishops Committee, in the case of congregational property or affairs, or the Standing Committee, in the case of Diocesan property or affairs. The Sentence of suspension of a Rector shall terminate the pastoral relation between the Rector and the Vestry or Congregation unless (i) the Vestry by two-thirds vote requests of the Ecclesiastical Authority within thirty days that the relation continue and (ii) the Ecclesiastical Authority approves such request. If the pastoral relation has not been terminated, religious services and sacramental ministrations shall be provided for that Parish as though a vacancy exists in the office of the Rector. This Section shall not prohibit the application of Canon III.9.13-21.

Sec. 8. In computing any period of time for proceedings described in this Title, the day of the act or event from which the designated time period begins to run shall not be included. The last day of the time period shall be included, unless it is a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday in that jurisdiction, in which event the period runs until the end of the next day which is not a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday in that jurisdiction. Whenever a party has the right or is required to do an act within a prescribed period after the service of notice or other paper, if the service is by mail, five days shall be added to the prescribed period. Whenever it is provided in this Title that an act be done promptly or without delay, such act shall be done as quickly as is reasonably possible under the circumstances.

Sec. 9. In all cases in this Title where an action is performed or power exercised by a canonical body consisting of several members, including Reference Panels, Conference Panels, Hearing Panels and Courts of Review, and the full membership has been notified to convene, a majority of the members of the body shall be a quorum; and a majority of the members present when a quorum exists shall be competent to act.

Sec. 10. Each Diocese shall make provision for Advisors to be available to Respondents and Complainants as provided in this Canon for the purposes of support, assistance, consultation and advice regarding the process provided in this Title and the rights, responsibilities, consequences and alternatives pertaining thereto.
(a) The Bishop Diocesan shall make an Advisor available to the Respondent not later than the earliest of (1) reference for conciliation, to the Conference Panel or to the Hearing Panel, (2) the imposition of restriction on ministry or placement on Administrative Leave or (3) any interrogation or request for a statement or other information from the Respondent.

(b) The Bishop Diocesan shall make an Advisor available to the Complainant not later than the earliest of (1) the forwarding of the intake report to the Reference Panel, (2) the Complainant’s appeal of a dismissal under Canon IV.6.5 or (3) the Bishop’s designation of an Injured Person as a Complainant.

(c) The following shall be disqualified from serving as an Advisor: the Bishop Diocesan, the Church Attorney, any member of the Disciplinary Board, the Intake Officer, any Investigator, any person who is likely to be a witness in any pertinent proceeding and the Chancellor or any Vice-chancellor of the Diocese.

(d) No Respondent or Complainant shall be required to accept the services of any Advisor made available by the Bishop Diocesan. Any Respondent or Complainant may use the services of any Advisor of his or her choice after designating that person as Advisor in writing to the Intake Officer.

(e) All communications between the Respondent and his or her Advisor or attorney and between the Complainant and his or her Advisor or attorney shall be privileged.

(f) The reasonable costs and expenses of providing Advisors made available by the Bishop Diocesan shall be the obligation of the Diocese in which the matter of Discipline is proceeding unless otherwise provided in an Accord or Order. The reasonable costs and expenses of providing Advisors chosen by the Respondent or Complainant and not made available by the Bishop Diocesan shall be the obligation of such Respondent or Complainant unless otherwise provided in an Accord or Order.

(g) In all proceedings under this Title at which the Respondent or the Complainant has the right to be present, their Advisors shall also have the right to be present.

Sec. 11. No person subject to the authority of the Church may attempt to coerce or improperly influence, directly or indirectly, the actions of any body performing functions under this Title, or any member of such body or any other person involved in such proceedings.

Sec. 12. In all proceedings under this Title whenever a Respondent or a Complainant is required or permitted to appear or to participate or to be heard or to be present, they each shall have the right to be accompanied by and to be represented by counsel of their choice. Whenever any notice or other document is provided to or served upon a Respondent or a Complainant under this Title, such shall also simultaneously be provided to or served upon their respective counsel, if Respondent or Complainant, as the case may be, has notified the Bishop of the identity and contact information for such counsel. Nothing in this Title shall be construed as requiring any Respondent to be represented by counsel. Anything in this Title required or permitted to be done by the Respondent’s counsel may be done by the Respondent personally.
Sec. 13. Proceedings under this Title, other than pastoral responses, shall be barred to the extent that the specific Offense has been the subject of any prior proceeding under this Title against the same Member of the Clergy which resulted in an Order or Accord. Additionally, in the case of a Member of the Clergy who has been the subject of proceedings under any predecessor to this Title, proceedings under this Title, other than pastoral responses, shall be barred to the extent that the specific Offense was previously included in a presentment against the Member of the Clergy or was expressly set forth in the Member of the Clergy's waiver and voluntary submission to discipline upon which a Sentence was been pronounced or in the report of a conciliator.

Sec. 14. Impartiality of officials and bodies described in this Title shall be addressed as follows:

(a) Any Bishop Diocesan exercising authority under this Title shall disqualify herself or himself in any proceeding in which the Bishop’s impartiality may reasonably be questioned. The Bishop shall also disqualify himself or herself when the Bishop, the Bishop’s spouse, or a person within the third degree of relationship to either of them, or the spouse of such person, (4) is the Respondent, Complainant or an Injured Person or (2) is likely to be a witness in the proceeding.

(b) Any member of any Panel provided for in this Title shall disqualify himself or herself in any proceeding in which the member’s impartiality may reasonably be questioned. The member shall also disqualify himself or herself when the member, the member’s spouse, any person within the third degree of relationship to either of them, or the spouse of such person, (1) is the Respondent, Complainant or an Injured Person, (2) is likely to be a witness in the proceeding, (3) has a personal bias or prejudice concerning the Respondent, Complainant or any Injured Person, (4) has personal knowledge of disputed evidentiary facts concerning the proceeding, (5) has a personal financial interest in the outcome of the proceeding or in the Respondent, Complainant, any Injured Person or any other interest that could be substantially affected by the outcome or (6) is a member of the same congregation or otherwise has a close personal or professional relationship with the Respondent, the Complainant, any Injured Person or any witness in the matter.

(c) Any member of any Panel provided for in this Title who has not disqualified himself or herself as provided in this section may be subject to challenge by the Church Attorney or the Respondent on grounds described in this section. The Complainant or the Complainant’s Advisor may inform the Church Attorney of any such grounds. The challenge shall be investigated by the remaining members of the Panel who shall determine whether the challenged member of the Panel should be disqualified and replaced according to the procedures of this Title for filling vacancies.

(d) No Bishop Diocesan or Panel shall accept from the Church Attorney or from the Respondent any waiver of any ground for disqualification enumerated in this section unless preceded by full disclosure of the basis for the disqualification, on the record.
Sec. 15. In addition to any challenge permitted under Canon IV.19.14, the integrity of the Disciplinary Board shall be preserved by a system of challenge as to the membership of any Panel of the Board appointed for a proceeding. Each Diocese shall provide by Canon for a system of challenge. If the Canons of the Diocese make no provision for challenging a member of the Board, any member of a Panel appointed for a proceeding may be challenged by the Church Attorney or the Respondent on grounds of conflict of interest or undue bias. The remaining members of the Board shall determine whether the challenge is relevant and factually supported and shall determine whether the challenged member shall be excused from that proceeding. If the member is excused, another member of the Board shall be appointed to the Panel to fill the vacancy created by the challenge, maintaining the appropriate balance of lay and ordained members.

Sec. 16. There shall be a presumption that the Respondent did not commit the Offense. The standard of proof required for a Hearing Panel to find an Offense by a Respondent shall be that of a preponderance of the clear and convincing evidence.

Sec. 17. In all matters under this Title, it shall be the burden of the Church through the Church Attorney to establish an Offense by any Respondent.

Sec. 18. Except as otherwise provided in this Title, or except for good cause shown as determined by the Hearing Panel, it shall be the duty of all members of the Church to appear and testify or respond when duly served with a notice to do so from any Panel in any matter arising under this Title.

Sec. 19. No Chancellor or Vice-Chancellor of a Diocese shall serve as Church Attorney in that Diocese. No Chancellor or Vice-Chancellor of any Province shall serve as Church Attorney in any Diocese of that Province or any provincial proceeding. Neither the Presiding Bishop’s Chancellor nor the Chancellor to the President of the House of Deputies shall serve as Church Attorney in any proceeding. The Church Attorney in any proceeding shall not be from the same law firm as any Chancellor or Vice-Chancellor otherwise disqualified under this section.

Sec. 20. Notices or other papers to be served according to procedures of this Title shall be deemed to have been duly served if a copy is delivered to the person to be served, is left with an adult resident of the abode of the person to be served or is mailed by certified mail to the person’s usual place of abode. Notice by publication shall be made in a newspaper of general circulation in the jurisdiction of the person’s usual place of abode. Acceptance of service renders unnecessary any further process.

Sec. 21. A reference in this Title to a Bishop Diocesan shall include a Bishop Coadjutor if specific jurisdiction for matters contemplated by this Title has been assigned to the Bishop Coadjutor pursuant to Canon III.11.10(a)(2), and a Bishop Suffragan or Assistant Bishop if specific responsibilities for matters contemplated by this Title have been expressly assigned to the Bishop Suffragan or Assistant Bishop by the Bishop Diocesan.

Sec. 22. A Hearing Panel or Court of Review may in its discretion obtain legal counsel to give it opinions on any questions of law, procedure or evidence. Such legal counsel, if any, shall have no vote in any proceeding before the Hearing Panel or Court of Review.
Sec. 23. Except as expressly provided in this Title, applicable Diocesan Canon, or in any Accord or Order, all costs, expenses and fees, if any, shall be the obligation of the party, person or entity incurring them.

(a) The necessary costs, expenses and fees of the Investigator, the Church Attorney, the Conference Panel, the Hearing Panel and any pastoral response shall be the expense of the Diocese.

(b) The necessary costs and expenses of the Provincial Court of Review shall be the expense of the Province.

(c) The necessary costs and expenses of the Disciplinary Board for Bishops and the Court of Review for Bishops shall be the expense of the General Convention.

(d) Nothing in this Title precludes the voluntary payment of a Respondent’s costs, expenses and fees by any other party or person, including a Diocese.

Sec. 24. If the Presiding Bishop is unavailable to act by virtue of absence, disability or other disqualification, actions to be performed by the Presiding Bishop in this Title shall be performed by that Bishop who would be the Presiding Officer of the House of Bishops as provided by Article I, Section 3, of the Constitution in the event of the resignation, infirmity, disability or death of the Presiding Bishop.

Sec. 25. If there is neither a Bishop Diocesan nor a Bishop Coadjutor nor a Bishop Suffragan charged with nor an Assistant Bishop expressly assigned the administration of clerical discipline in a Diocese and not under a restriction on ministry or Sentence of suspension, the Diocese shall, by agreement pursuant to Canon III.13.2, arrange for a Bishop to perform the duties of the Bishop Diocesan under this Title before commencing or continuing with any proceedings under this Title.

Sec. 26. Wherever in this Title it is provided that any communication, deliberation, investigation or proceeding shall be confidential, no person having knowledge or possession of confidential information derived from any such communication, deliberation, investigation or proceeding shall disclose the same except as provided in this Title, in any Accord or Order, or as required by any applicable law.

Sec. 27. Privileged Communication shall not be disclosed, nor shall any negative inference be drawn respecting the claim of the privilege, unless the privilege is waived by the person to whom the privilege belongs. Waiver of a privilege may occur by (a) voluntary disclosure; (b) failure to timely object to use of a Privileged Communication; or (c) placing the Privileged Communication at issue. Notwithstanding any provision of this section to the contrary, no waiver by a penitent of the privilege which attaches to communications or disclosures made within the Rite of Reconciliation of a Penitent shall work to require any confessor to divulge anything pertaining to any such communications or disclosures, the secrecy of the confession being morally absolute as provided in the Book of Common Prayer.

Sec. 28. Noncompliance with any procedural requirements set forth in this Title shall not be grounds for the dismissal of any proceeding unless the non-compliance shall cause material and substantial injustice to be done or seriously prejudice the rights of a Respondent as determined by the Panel or Court before which the proceeding is pending on motion and hearing.
Sec. 29. Solely for the purposes of the application of these Canons to persons who have received the pronouncement of the former Sentence of removal, the former Sentence of removal shall be deemed to have been a Sentence of deposition.

Sec. 30. Records of proceedings shall be preserved as follows:

(a) Each Hearing Panel and Provincial Court of Review shall keep a complete and accurate record of its proceedings by any means from which a written transcript can be produced. When all proceedings have been concluded, the president of the Panel or Court shall certify the record. If the president did not participate in the proceeding for any reason, the Panel or Court shall elect another member of the Panel or Court to certify the record.

(b) The Panel or Court shall make provision for the preservation and storage of a copy of the record of each proceeding in the Diocese in which the proceeding originated.

(c) The Panel or Court shall promptly deliver the original certified record of its proceedings to the Archives of The Episcopal Church.

(d) The Bishop Diocesan shall (i) promptly deliver to the Archives of The Episcopal Church a copy of any Accord or Order which has become effective and a record of any action of remission or modification of any Order and (ii) provide for the permanent preservation of copies of all Accords and Orders by means which permit the identification and location of each such copy by the name of the Member of the Clergy who is the subject thereof.

Sec. 31. Any Member of the Clergy canonically resident in the Diocese who deems himself or herself to be under imputation, by rumor or otherwise, of any Offense for which proceedings could be had under this Title, may on his or her own behalf request the Bishop Diocesan to conduct an inquiry with regard to such imputation. Upon receipt of such request by a Member of the Clergy, it shall be the duty of the Bishop Diocesan to cause the matter to be investigated and to report the result to the Member of the Clergy.

Sec. 32. No Member of the Clergy shall be accountable for any Offense if the act or omission constituting the Offense shall have occurred only prior to the effective date of this Title, unless such act or omission would have constituted an offense under the predecessor to this Title.

CANON 20: Of Transitional Provisions and Conforming Amendments to Other Canons

Sec. 1. Capitalized terms used in this Canon and which are not otherwise defined in this Title shall have the meanings provided in the predecessor to this Title.

Sec. 2. The effective date of this Title shall be July 1, 2011. Except as otherwise provided in this Canon, the predecessor to this Title shall stand repealed on the effective date of this Title.

Sec. 3. Matters which are pending under the predecessor to this Title on the effective date of this Title shall proceed as follows:

(a) A Temporary Inhibition shall continue in accordance with its terms until it expires in accordance with Canon 1.2(f) of the predecessor to this Title. A Temporary Inhibition which is effective prior to the effective date of this Title and which expires by reason of the lapse of time as provided in Canon 1.2(f)(vi) of the predecessor to this Title may be extended and reviewed (1) as
provided in the predecessor to this Title in the case of any matter proceeding in accordance with the predecessor to this Title as provided in this section or (2) in the case of any other matter, through the issuance of a restriction on ministry or the placement of the subject Member of the Clergy on Administrative Leave or both in accordance with the provisions of this Title.

(b) A Charge against a Priest or Deacon which is pending on the effective date of this Title, and upon which the Diocesan Review Committee has neither issued a Presentment nor voted not to issue a Presentment, shall be referred to the Reference Panel and the matter shall proceed in accordance with the provisions of this Title.

(c) A Charge against a Bishop, which is pending on the effective date of this Title, and upon which the Review Committee has neither issued a Presentment nor voted not to issue a Presentment, shall be referred to the Reference Panel and the matter shall proceed in accordance with the provisions of this Title.

(d) A request for a Statement of Disassociation which is pending on the effective date of this Title shall proceed in accordance with Canon IV.17.7 (a), and the matter shall thereafter further proceed, if at all, in accordance with the provisions of this Title.

(e) A Presentment against a Bishop under Canon 3.21(c) of the predecessor to this Title which is pending on the effective date of this Title shall proceed in accordance with Canon IV.17.7, and the matter shall thereafter further proceed, if at all, in accordance with the provisions of this Title.

(f) A case in which a Presentment against any Member of the Clergy is issued prior to the effective date of this Title, and in which the Respondent’s answer or other response is not made or does not become due until after the effective date of this Title, shall be referred to the Conference Panel and the matter shall proceed in accordance with the provisions of this Title.

(g) A case which is pending before any Ecclesiastical Trial Court of any Diocese, and in which the Respondent’s answer or other response is made or becomes due prior to the effective date of this Title, and in which no Trial has been had, shall proceed in accordance with the provisions of the predecessor to this Title unless the Church Attorney, the Respondent and the president of the Disciplinary Board shall agree in writing that the case shall proceed under the provisions of this Title, in which event the matter shall be referred to the Hearing Panel and the matter shall proceed in accordance with the provisions of this Title.

(h) An appeal from any Judgment rendered by any Ecclesiastical Trial Court of any Diocese after the effective date of this Title shall proceed in accordance with the provisions of this Title.

(i) A case which is pending before any Court of Review of the Trial of a Priest or Deacon shall proceed in accordance with the predecessor to this Title unless the Church Attorney, the Respondent and the president of the Provincial Court of Review shall agree in writing that the case shall proceed under the provisions of this Title, in which event the matter shall be referred to the Provincial Court of Review and the matter, including any grant of a new hearing, shall proceed in accordance with the provisions of this Title.
(j) A case which is pending before the Court for the Trial of a Bishop, and in which the Respondent's answer or other response is made or becomes due prior to the effective date of this Title, and in which no Trial has been had, shall proceed in accordance with the provisions of the predecessor to this Title unless the Church Attorney, the Respondent and the president of the Disciplinary Board for Bishops shall agree in writing that the case shall proceed under the provisions of this Title, in which event the matter shall be referred to the Hearing Panel and the matter shall proceed in accordance with the provisions of this Title.

(k) A case which is pending before the Court of Review of the Trial of a Bishop shall proceed in accordance with the predecessor to this Title unless the Church Attorney, the Respondent and the president of the Court of Review for Bishops shall agree in writing that the case shall proceed under the provisions of this Title, in which event the matter shall be referred to the Court of Review for Bishops and the matter, including any grant of a new hearing, shall proceed in accordance with the provisions of this Title.

And be it further

Resolved, That Canon I.1.6(c) be amended as follows, effective as of the effective date of this Title:

(c) It shall be the duty of the Recorder to furnish, upon proper authority and at the expense of the applicant, such information as may be in the possession of the Recorder, based upon the reports required under Clause (b) hereof, but in no case shall the Recorder publish, or furnish for publication, the ground of any suspension, removal, or deposition.

Deputy Little of Vermont moved to amend the resolution.

Proposed Amendment:
In Canon IV.4, under Sec. 1(h)(4) after the word “resident,” add the words “, except as provided in Canon III.9.3(e).”

Motion carried
Amendment adopted

The amendment reads as follows:
(4) being absent from the Diocese in which the Member of the Clergy is canonically resident, except as provided in Canon III.9.3(e) for more than two years without the consent of the Bishop Diocesan;

Deputy Keller of Arkansas moved to amend the resolution.

Proposed Amendment:
In Canon IV.4, under Sec. 1(h)(2), delete the words “or privately.”

Deputy Keese of East Tennessee moved the previous question on the amendment.

Motion carried
Debate terminated
A vote was taken on the amendment.  

**Motion defeated**

**Amendment defeated**

Deputy Hitt of Colorado moved to extend the time for discussion on Resolution A185 for ten minutes.

**Motion defeated**

**Debate terminated**

Deputy McClendon of Texas challenged the ruling of the chair on the motion to extend time. The President called for an electronic vote. The result of the electronic vote was: Yes, 305 votes (37.5%) and No, 509 votes (62.5%).

**Motion defeated**

**Debate terminated**

A vote was taken on Resolution A185 as amended.

**Motion carried**

**Resolution adopted with amendment**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #132)

Deputy Little of Vermont moved to suspend the Rules for immediate consideration of Resolution A187 (Amendments to Title III and Title V to Conform to Changes to Title IV).

**Motion carried**

**Rules suspended**

The House of Deputies Committee on Canons presented its Report #14 on Resolution A187 (Amendments to Title III and Title V to Conform to Changes to Title IV) and moved adoption.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(A187)

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring, That the following provisions of Titles III and V of the Constitution and Canons for the Governance of The Episcopal Church are amended to read as indicated:

**Canon III.7.8:**

Sec. 8. If any Deacon of this Church not subject to the provisions of Canon IV.8 shall declare, in writing, to the Bishop of the Diocese in which such Deacon is canonically resident, a renunciation of the ordained Ministry of this Church, and a desire to be removed there from, it shall be the duty of the Bishop to record the declaration and request so made. The Bishop, being satisfied that the person so declaring is not subject to the provision of Canon IV.8 but is acting voluntarily and for causes, assigned or known, which do not affect the Deacon's moral character, shall lay the matter before the clerical members of the Standing Committee, and with the advice and consent of a majority of such members the Bishop may pronounce that such renunciation is accepted, and that the Deacon is released from the obligations of the Ministerial office,
and is deprived of the right to exercise the gifts and spiritual authority as a Minister of God’s Word and Sacraments conferred in Ordination. The Bishop shall also declare in pronouncing and recording such action that it was for causes which do not affect the person’s moral character, and shall, if desired, give a certificate to this effect to the person so removed from the ordained Ministry.

**Canon III.9.3(c)(3):**

(3) If the Priest fails to comply with the provision of this Canon, [the Bishop of the Diocese in which the Priest is canonically resident may proceed in accordance with Canon IV.11] such failure may be considered a breach of Canon IV.4.1(b)(3) occurring in the Diocese in which the Priest is canonically resident.

**Canon III.9.8:**

Sec. 8. If any Priest of this Church not subject to the provisions of Canon IV.8 shall declare, in writing, to the Bishop of the Diocese in which such Priest is canonically resident, a renunciation of the ordained Ministry of this Church, and a desire to be removed there from, it shall be the duty of the Bishop to record the declaration and request so made. The Bishop, being satisfied that the person so declaring is not subject to the provision of Canon IV.8 but is acting voluntarily and for causes, assigned or known, which do not affect the Priest’s moral character, shall lay the matter before the clerical members of the Standing Committee, and with the advice and consent of a majority of such members the Bishop may pronounce that such renunciation is accepted, and that the Priest is released from the obligations of the Ministerial office, and is deprived of the right to exercise the gifts and spiritual authority as a Minister of God’s Word and Sacraments conferred in Ordination. The Bishop shall also declare in pronouncing and recording such action that it was for causes which do not affect the person’s moral character, and shall, if desired, give a certificate to this effect to the person so removed from the ordained Ministry.

**Canon III.9.20(b):**

(b) In the course of proceedings under this Canon, if a charge is made by the Vestry against the Rector that could give rise to a disciplinary proceeding constitute an Offense under Canon IV.4 Title IV, all proceeding under this Canon with respect to such charge allegations shall be suspended until the charge has been resolved or withdrawn.

**Canon III.12.7(a):**

(a) If any Bishop of this Church not subject to the provisions of Canon IV.8 shall declare, in writing, to the Presiding Bishop a renunciation of the ordained Ministry of this Church, and a desire to be removed there from, it shall be the duty of the Presiding Bishop to record the declaration and request so made. The Presiding Bishop, being satisfied that the person so declaring is not subject to the provision of Canon IV.8 but is acting voluntarily and for causes, assigned or known, which do not affect the person’s moral character, shall lay the matter before the Advisory Council to the Presiding Bishop, and with the advice and consent of a majority of the members of the Advisory Council the Presiding Bishop may pronounce that such renunciation is accepted, and that the Bishop is released from the obligations of all Ministerial offices, and is deprived
of the right to exercise the gifts and spiritual authority as a Minister of God’s Word and Sacraments conferred in Ordinations. The Presiding Bishop shall also declare in pronouncing and recording such action that it was for causes which do not affect the person’s moral character, and shall, if desired, give a certificate to this effect to the person so removed.

**Canon V.4.1(a)(4):**
(4) upon the certification to the Presiding Bishop by the **Advisory Committee Disciplinary Board for Bishops** as to the abandonment of the communion of this Church by a Bishop pursuant to Canon IV.16;

**Canon V.4.1(a)(5):**
(5) upon the certification by the Standing Committee as to the abandonment of the communion of this Church by a Priest or Deacon pursuant to Canon IV.16; or

Deputy Little of Vermont moved to amend the resolution.

**Proposed Amendment:**
In the resolution, change the citation Canon III.9.3(c)(3) to Canon III.9.3(c)(3).  

A vote was taken on the amendment.  

**Motion carried**  
**Amendment adopted**

Deputy Little of Vermont moved to amend the resolution.

**Proposed Amendment:**
In Canon III.9.3(e)3, delete the words “[the Bishop of the Diocese in which the Priest is canonically resident may proceed in accordance with Canon IV.11].” In Canon V.4.1(a)(5), delete the number “[10].” In Canon III.9.20(b), add an “s” to the second occurrence of the word “proceeding.”

A vote was taken on the amendment.  

**Motion carried**  
**Amendment adopted**

A vote was taken on Resolution A187 as amended.

**Motion carried**  
**Resolution adopted with amendment**  
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #133)

Deputy Little of Vermont moved to suspend the Rules for immediate consideration of Resolution A188 (Budget for the Title IV Task Force II on Disciplinary Policies and Procedures).

**Motion carried**  
**Rules suspended**
The House of Deputies Committee on Canons presented its Report #11 on Resolution A188 (Budget for the Title IV Task Force II on Disciplinary Policies and Procedures) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A188)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That General Convention requests the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget application of $15,000 for the implementation of the education efforts required by the adoption of the revised Title IV; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $15,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention authorize and direct the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies to jointly appoint a task force of not more than nine persons knowledgeable about clergy discipline and the requirements of the newly adopted revisions to Title IV of the Canons of The Episcopal Church to prepare and present materials for and to conduct the education and training of diocesan personnel in the requirements of the same in such time and fashion as to enable the several dioceses to complete necessary canonical changes prior to the effective date of the revised Title IV; and be it further
Resolved, the General Convention requests the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget application of $15,000 for the implementation of the education efforts required by the adoption of the revised Title IV; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $15,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #134)

Deputy Little of Vermont moved to suspend the Rules for immediate consideration of Resolution A058 (Amend Canons IV.6, IV.14, IV.15 and the Appendix to Title IV).

Motion carried
Rules suspended

The House of Deputies Committee on Canons presented its Report #10 on Resolution A058 (Amend Canons IV.6, IV.14, IV.15 and the Appendix to Title IV) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A058)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the following sections of Title IV are hereby amended to read as follows:

Canon IV.6.2.
The Court of Review of the Trial of a Bishop is vested with jurisdiction to hear and determine appeals from the determinations of the Court for the Trial of a Bishop and the Court for the Trial of a Bishop for an Offense of Doctrine.

**Canons IV.6.17.**
An appeal shall be heard upon the Record on Appeal of the Court for the Trial of a Bishop or the Court for the Trial of a Bishop for an Offense of Doctrine. Except for the purpose of correcting the Record on Appeal, if defective, no new evidence shall be taken by the Court of Review.

**Canons IV.14.23. Expenses of Parties and Costs of Proceedings.**
Except as expressly provided in this Title, or applicable Diocesan canon, all costs, expenses and fees of the several parties shall be the obligation of the party incurring them. The record of proceedings of a Diocesan Ecclesiastical Trial Court shall be the expense of the diocese. The record of proceedings of a Court of Review of a Trial of a Priest or Deacon shall be the expense of the province. The record of Proceedings of a Review Committee, the Court for the Trial of a Bishop, the Court for the Trial of a Bishop for an Offense of Doctrine and the Court of Review of a Trial of a Bishop shall be the expense of the General Convention. Nothing in this Title precludes the voluntary payment of a Respondent’s costs, expenses and fees by any other party or person, including a diocese.

**Canons IV.15. (definition of Ecclesiastical Trial Court)**
Ecclesiastical Trial Court shall mean a Diocesan Court for the Trial of a Priest or Deacon established pursuant to Canon IV.4(a) and the Court for the Trial of a Bishop and the Court for the Trial of a Bishop for an Offense of Doctrine pursuant to Canon IV.5.1.

The title of Appendix A to read as follows: Rules of Procedure of the Ecclesiastical Trial Courts and the Court for the Trial of a Bishop.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #135)

**Dispatch of Business**
The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business moved to suspend the Rules for the election of Church Pension Fund Trustees to provide that on the fourth and subsequent ballots the number of nominees would be twice the number plus one of the number to be elected, taken from the highest number of votes on the previous ballot.

Motion carried
Rules suspended

**Ballot #4 for Church Pension Fund Trustees**
Ballot #4 was taken for members of the Church Pension Fund Board of Trustees.

Ballot #4 taken
Election of Church Pension Fund Trustees
The President read the results of Election Ballot #4 for the Church Pension Fund Board of Trustees. One Trustee was elected.
   The Rev. Thomas James Brown
   (Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #76)

Ballot #3 for Trial Court of a Bishop
Ballot #3 was taken for members of the Trial Court of a Bishop.
   Ballot #3 taken

Election of Trial Court of a Bishop
The President announced there was no election in the lay order.

Deputy Babb of Springfield moved that on subsequent ballots for the Trial Court of a Bishop in the lay order, the election be administered using the same rules as those recently established for the election of Church Pension Fund Trustees.
   Motion carried
   Rules suspended

Deputy Kammerer of Tennessee moved that on subsequent ballots for the Trial Court of a Bishop in the Clergy order, the election be administered using the same rules as those recently established for the election of Church Pension Fund Trustees.
   Motion carried
   Rules suspended

Election of Trial Court of a Bishop
The President announced there was no election in the Clergy order.

Structure
The House of Deputies Committee on Structure presented its Report #16 on Resolution A119 (Amend Canon I.1.2(n) Standing Commission Mandates) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A119)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That Canon I.1.2(n) be amended to read as follows:
   (n) There shall be the following Standing Commissions:
      (2) A Standing Commission for Small Congregations, on Congregational Vitality. It shall be the duty of the Commission to concern itself with plans for new directions for Small Congregations. It shall be the duty of the Commission to identify and recommend to General Convention policies, priorities, and opportunities to affirm and strengthen the health and development of all congregations, especially small congregations.
(4) A Standing Commission on Domestic Mission and Evangelism, the Mission and Evangelism of The Episcopal Church. It shall be the duty of the Commission to identify, study and consider major general policies, priorities and concerns as to the domestic mission of this Church. This shall include a review of the shaping of new patterns and directions for evangelism particularly in rural and metropolitan areas. The Commission shall develop and recommend to the General Convention comprehensive and coordinated policies and strategies to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ—policies, priorities and concerns as to the effectiveness of The Episcopal Church in advancing God’s mission to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ, including patterns and directions for evangelism, Church planting, leadership development and ministries that engage the diversity of the Church’s membership and the communities it serves, and to make recommendations to General Convention.

(5) A Standing Commission on Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations. It shall be the duty of the Commission to recommend to the General Convention a comprehensive and coordinated policy and strategy on relations between this Church and other Churches, and this Church and other religions, and to make recommendations to General Convention concerning interChurch cooperation and unity, and interreligious dialogue and action, and to carry out such instructions on ecumenical and interreligious matters as may be given it from time to time by the General Convention. It shall also nominate for appointment by the Presiding Bishop, with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, persons to serve on the governing bodies of ecumenical and interreligious organizations to which this Church belongs by action of the General Convention, who shall report to the Presiding Bishop, Executive Council and the Standing Commission on Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations.

(7) A Standing Commission on Ministry Development. It shall be the duty of the Commission to:

(i) To recommend policies and strategies to the General Convention for the development, affirmation and exercise of the ministry of all the affirmation, development and exercise of ministry by all the baptized persons (lay persons, bishops, priests and deacons);

(ii) To encourage and facilitate networks of individuals, institutions and agencies, engaged in education, training, deployment and formation for ministry by all four orders; recommend strategies to General Convention for the development and support of networks of individuals, diocesan Committees and commissions, agencies and institutions engaged in recruitment, gifts discernment, education and training for ministry, leadership development and deployment.

(iii) To study the needs and trends of theological education for all four orders with this Church—baptized persons, including issues of recruitment, training, deployment, evaluation and continuing education; to make recommendation to the several seminaries, the Executive Council and the General Convention; and to aid the General Board of Examining Chaplains in the exercise of its function—seminary education and life-long learning, and recommend strategies to General Convention to strengthen theological education for all baptized persons.
(4) to discharge such other duties as shall be assigned by the General Convention.

(8) A Standing Commission on National Concerns: Social Justice and Public Policy. It shall be the duty of the Commission to identify, study and consider general policies, priorities and concerns about the theological, ethical and pastoral issues and strategies as to the ministries of this Church serving Christ, to strive for justice and peace among all peoples through the proclamation of the Gospel and to develop and recommend to the General Convention comprehensive and coordinated policies and strategies applicable to the same. Theologically interpret social justice issues facing the United States and their impact on other nations, and to develop and recommend policies and strategies to the General Convention.

(9) A Standing Commission on Stewardship and Development. It shall be the duty of the Commission to hold up before the Church the responsibility of faithful stewardship of time, talent and treasure in grateful thanksgiving for God’s gifts. It shall recommend strategies for stewardship education throughout the Church with special sensitivity to the cultural and linguistic diversity of our Church. It shall recommend programs for long-range planning and development, ensuring that other Church bodies, including the Executive Council, are part of the process. It shall assure that there is an official, periodic gathering, interpretation, evaluation and reporting of stewardship from throughout the Church. It shall help coordinate all Church-wide fund-raising activities, to recommend policies that foster within The Episcopal Church a broad understanding of Christian stewardship, both individual and corporate. The Commission shall recommend strategies to General Convention for stewardship, including education, development and planned giving, with special sensitivity to the cultural and linguistic diversity of the Church.

(10) A Standing Commission on the Structure of the Church. It shall be the duty of the Commission to study and make recommendations concerning the structure of the General Convention and of the Episcopal Church. It shall, from time to time, review the operation of the several Committees, and Commissions and Boards to determine the necessity for their continuance and the effectiveness of their functions and to bring about a coordination of their efforts. Whenever a proposal is made for the creation of a new Committee, or Commission, Board or Agency, it shall, wherever feasible, be referred to the Standing Commission on the Structure of the Church for its consideration and advice.

(11) A Standing Commission on World Mission, whose members shall include persons broadly representative of jurisdictions outside the United States of America, as well as persons having direct engagement with and experience in world mission. It shall be the duty of the Commission, as to all mission outside the United States, to review and evaluate existing policies, priorities and strategies, and to promote partnership for global mission among the various groups within the Church, to plan and propose policy on overseas mission and to make recommendations pertaining to the Executive Council and the General Convention, to review and evaluate policies, priorities and strategies for global mission, and to make recommendations regarding global mission to General Convention.
(12) A Standing Commission on Episcopal Church Communication and Information Technology. It shall be the duty of the Commission to identify, study and consider communication strategies, policies, priorities and technologies, to strengthen the Church’s communication of the Gospel and the mission of the Church to the world at large, and to improve communication among members of the Church, Parishes, Missions, Congregations, Dioceses and the various bodies of the General Convention. The Commission shall report on its work and recommendations to the General Convention. It shall recommend to General Convention communication strategies, policies, priorities and technologies to strengthen the Church’s communication of the Gospel and the mission of the Church to the world at large and to improve information management and exchange within The Episcopal Church.

(13) A Standing Commission on Health. It shall be the duty of the Commission to:

(i) Articulate and communicate positions adopted by The Episcopal Church on health care policy to Episcopalians, the public and public policy makers;
(ii) Advocate, in cooperation with the Office of Government Relations, for a health care system in which all may be guaranteed decent and appropriate primary health care during their lives and as they approach death;
(iii) Bring together those within The Episcopal Church who develop, provide and/or teach health care and health policy to continue to develop a Christian approach to pressing issues that affect the health care system of this nation;
(iv) Understand and keep abreast of the rapidly changing health care market and developments in biomedical research that affect health policy;
(v) Collect and develop resources and teaching materials related to access to health care for the use of dioceses, congregations and individuals;
(vi) Advocate health ministry in and through local Episcopal congregations; and
(vii) Discharge such other duties as shall be assigned by the General Convention.

(14) A Standing Commission on Lifelong Christian Education and Formation consisting of twelve members (3 Bishops, 3 Presbyters and/or Deacons, and 6 Lay Persons). It shall be the duty of the Commission to develop and recommend to the General Convention comprehensive and coordinated policies for children, youth, adults and seniors for lifelong Christian formation.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That Canon I.1.2(n) be amended to read as follows:

(n) There shall be the following Standing Commissions:

(2) A Standing Commission on Congregational Vitality. It shall be the duty of the Commission to concern itself with plans for new
directions for Small Congregations. It shall be the duty of the Commission to identify and recommend to General Convention policies, priorities, and opportunities to affirm and strengthen the health and development of all small congregations, especially small congregations.

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recommendation to the several seminaries, the Executive Council and the General Convention; and to aid the General Board of Examining Chaplains in the exercise of its function—seminary education and life-long learning, and recommend strategies to General Convention to strengthen theological education for all baptized persons.

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(v) Collect and develop resources and teaching materials related to access to health care for the use of dioceses, congregations and individuals;
(vi) Advocate health ministry in and through local Episcopal congregations; and
(vii) Discharge such other duties as shall be assigned by the General Convention, identify and study national and international healthcare issues, practices and policies and the Church’s healthcare ministries, and to make recommendations to General Convention.

(14) A Standing Commission on Lifelong Christian Education and Formation consisting of twelve members (3 Bishops, 3 Presbyters and/or Deacons, and 6 Lay Persons). It shall be the duty of the Commission to develop and recommend to the General Convention comprehensive and coordinated policies for children, youth, adults and seniors for lifelong Christian formation.

Deputy Graybill of Northern Michigan moved to amend the resolution.
Proposed Amendment:
In Canon I.1, under Sec. 2(n)(2), delete the words “on Congregational Vitality” and restore the words “for Small Congregations.”

Deputy Adams of Eastern Oregon moved the previous question.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on the amendment. The voice vote being inconclusive, the President called for an electronic vote. The result of the electronic vote was: Yes, 539 votes (65.9%) and No, 279 votes (34.1%).

Motion carried
Amendment adopted

Deputy Lloyd of Massachusetts moved to amend the resolution.

Proposed Amendment:
In Canon I.1, under Sec. 2(n)(4), after the word “advancing,” add the words “, within this church’s jurisdictions,.”

Motion carried
Amendment adopted

Deputy Finlaw of Colorado moved to amend the resolution.

Proposed Amendment:
In Canon I.1, under Sec. 2(n)(7)(iii), delete the words “seminary education” and replace with the words “the education of candidates and postulants for ordination.”

Motion defeated
Amendment defeated

Deputy Browne of East Carolina moved the previous question.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on Resolution A119 as amended.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #136)

World Mission
The House of Deputies Committee on World Mission presented its Report #21 on Resolution D007 (Sudan Peace and TEC Partnership) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:

(D007)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention adopt the following objectives to guide our church’s advocacy for peace in Sudan: (a) support for the full and timely implementation of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA) of 2005, settling the prior civil war between the north and south, (b) support for increased private investment for economic development in southern Sudan, as now permitted by U.S. law, (c) continued and increased U.S. government development assistance in southern Sudan and other areas affected by war in Sudan, and (d) an early end to hostilities in Darfur and elsewhere in Sudan, and assuring full access by humanitarian organizations to assist refugees; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention urge each diocese in The Episcopal Church (TEC) to consider, after careful consultation, entry into a Companion Diocese Relationship or other covenant-based link relationship with a diocese in The Episcopal Church of Sudan (ECS) or with an ECS-approved Bible translation project, as a means (a) to strengthen the proclamation of the Gospel in both the TEC and ECS, and (b) to further the cause of peace in Sudan. Each TEC diocese is requested to report the results of such consideration by July 1, 2010 to the Executive Council for posting on appropriate TEC websites after review by Executive Council; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request our Presiding Bishop to designate, after consultation with other interested denominations, a period of several weeks in 2010 as a Season of Prayer for peace in Sudan, where our churches are urged to include prayer for peace in Sudan in each public liturgy and that such Season of Prayer culminate in a National Day of Prayer for peace in Sudan, including the celebration of relationships by TEC dioceses and churches with the ECS.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #137)

The House of Deputies Committee on World Mission presented its Report #22 on Resolution D049 (Continued Support for the Anglican Church of the Region of Central America) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:
(D049)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention give thanks for the continuing ministry of la Iglesia Anglicana de la Región de Central de América and her five dioceses; and be it further
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention continue this historic relationship; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $2,233,488 for the implementation of this resolution.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #138)
National and International Concerns

The House of Deputies Committee on National and International Concerns presented its Report #12 on Resolution A034 (Advocacy for Cuba) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A034)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention urge continued advocacy and prayer from Episcopalians for an end to the United States embargo against Cuba, particularly provisions that hamper the mission of the Church in Cuba, including the ban on U.S. citizens traveling to Cuba, stringent limits on financial remittances from the U.S. to Cubans and severe restrictions on the ability of Cuban citizens to visit the United States.

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention urge continued advocacy and prayer from Episcopalians for an end to the United States embargo against Cuba, particularly provisions that hamper the mission of the Church in Cuba, including the ban restrictions on U.S. citizens traveling to Cuba, stringent limits on financial remittances from the U.S. to Cubans and severe restrictions on the ability of Cuban citizens to visit the United States.

Motion carried

Resolution adopted with amendment

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #139)

The House of Deputies Committee on National and International Concerns presented its Report #13 on Resolution A042 (First Use Military Action) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A042)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention condemn in any nation the first use of armed force in the form of a preventive or pre-emptive strike that is aimed at disrupting a non-imminent, uncertain military threat; and be it further

Resolved, That the Convention strongly admonish the United States Government to renounce its 2002 policy that asserts the right to act, by armed force if necessary, to “forestall or prevent” threats even if “uncertainty remains as to the time and place of the enemy’s attack;” and be it further

Resolved, That ordained and lay leadership of The Episcopal Church promote the renunciation of “first use” military action as the established teaching of our Church, encouraging parish study and public witness.

Deputy Hart of Pennsylvania moved the previous question.

Motion carried

Debate terminated

A vote was taken on Resolution A042.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #140)

The House of Deputies Committee on National and International Concerns presented its Report #14 on Resolution A045 (Restricting use of Bottled Water, Energy and Water Conservation) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A045)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention ask the Church to restrict, starting immediately, the use of bottled water at General Convention and at other Church-sponsored activities; and be it further
Resolved, That every baptized Christian be encouraged to practice simple energy and water conservation techniques so that, by working together, we may restore the beauty of God’s creation and ensure that this resource may again be available to all God’s children in abundance.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention ask the Church to restrict, starting immediately, the use of bottled water at General Convention and at other Church-sponsored activities where safe, because of the extreme negative environmental impact that attends its production; and be it further
Resolved, That every baptized Christian be encouraged to practice simple energy and water conservation techniques so that, by working together, we may restore the beauty of God’s creation and ensure that this resource may again be available to all God’s children in abundance.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #141)

The House of Deputies Committee on National and International Concerns presented its Report #16 on Resolution C011 (Governmental Policies for Environmental Stewardship) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(C011)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the General Convention of The Episcopal Church urges the U.S. Government to legislate equitable subsidies for renewable energy (such as solar and wind turbine power, and research into new technologies), along with balancing its current subsidies for non-renewable energy sources (oil, gas, coal); and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention supports adoption of a federal renewable portfolio standard which would specify that electricity suppliers obtain a certain percentage of their electricity from renewable energy, with that amount to be increased over time; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention supports government programs which practice sound environmental stewardship, for example by converting public buildings to solar, and utilizing renewable, clean energy to operate public transportation, and by saving
water through water conservation, efficiency and reuse, thereby reducing the demand for energy-consuming processing facilities; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention directs the Washington Office of Government Relations of The Episcopal Church to promote these goals in their work, and to report regularly on this work through appropriate communication channels.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the General Convention of The Episcopal Church urges the U.S. Government to legislate equitable subsidies for renewable energy (such as solar and wind turbine power, and research into new technologies), along with balancing its current subsidies for non-renewable energy sources (oil, gas, coal); and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention supports adoption of a federal renewable portfolio energy standard which would specify that electricity suppliers obtain a certain twenty percentage of their electricity from renewable energy, with that amount to be increased over time; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention supports U.S. government programs worldwide which practice sound environmental stewardship, for example by building or converting public buildings to solar or other renewable energy and conservation practices, and utilizing renewable, clean energy to operate public transportation, and by saving water through water conservation, efficiency and reuse, thereby reducing the demand for energy-consuming processing facilities; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention directs the Washington Office of Government Relations of The Episcopal Church to promote these goals in their work, and to report regularly on this work through appropriate communication channels.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #142)

The House of Deputies Committee on National and International Concerns presented its Report #18 on Resolution D017 (Cancellation of Third World Debt) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(D017)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention, in order to help to cut in half extreme world poverty (Millennium Development Goal #1), support legislation that:

• Extends cancellation of debt to additional heavily indebted impoverished countries with “IDA only” status at the World Bank and a per capita income of less than $3 a day (Jubilee legislation),

• Includes strong safeguards to ensure that the money freed up by debt cancellation will be used to combat extreme poverty in qualifying countries,

• Calls on the U.S. Treasury Department to prevent the practice of vulture funds by designing legal remedies to curtail vulture fund activity, providing legal support to countries being sued by vulture funds and providing technical assistance to developing country governments.
Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention, in order to help to cut in half extreme world poverty (Millennium Development Goal #1), support legislation that:

- Extends cancellation of debt to additional heavily indebted impoverished countries with “IDA only” status at the World Bank and that have not previously qualified for debt cancellation under existing international agreements, and that have a per capita income of less that $3 a day (Jubilee legislation),
- Includes strong safeguards to ensure that the money freed up by debt cancellation will be used to combat extreme poverty in qualifying countries,
- Calls on the U.S. Treasury Department to prevent the practice of vulture funds by designing legal remedies to curtail vulture fund activity, providing legal support to countries being sued by vulture funds and providing technical assistance to developing country governments. (“Vulture Funds” refers to private equity or hedge funds that purchase debt owned by a country to other lending entities, and then require repayment at substantially higher rates of interest.)

Motion carried

Resolution adopted with amendment

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #143)

Church Pension Fund

The House of Deputies Committee on Church Pension Fund presented its Report #6 on Resolution C038 (Pension of Spouses of Deceased Clergy) and moved concurrence.

A vote was taken on Resolution C038.

The House concurred

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #144)

Final Text of Resolution:

(C038)

Resolved, That the 76th General Convention gives thanks to the Fellowship of St. John and the Diocese of Washington for expressing by resolution to this Convention the concern for surviving spouses’ pension benefits; and be it further

Resolved, That the 76th General Convention commends the Church Pension Fund for its work over the last three triennia in all areas of benefits policy, including but not limited to surviving spouses whose benefits are below the average for all survivors’ benefits; and be it further

Resolved, That the 76th General Convention recommends that the Church Pension Fund continue its study and analysis of pension equity, with particular focus on raising the benefits of those below the average for surviving beneficiaries.

Ballot #5 for Church Pension Fund Trustees

Ballot #5 was taken for members of the Church Pension Fund Board of Trustees.

Ballot #5 taken
Election of Church Pension Fund Trustees
The President read the results of Election Ballot #5.

The President announced the newly-elected members of the Board of Trustees of the Church Pension Fund. Two Trustees were elected:

Ms. Margaret A. Niles
Ms. Sandra S. Swan

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #76)

Ballot #4 for Trial Court of a Bishop
Ballot #4 was taken for members of the Trial Court of a Bishop.

Election for Trial Court of a Bishop
The President read the results of Election Ballot #4.

The President announced the newly-elected member for the Trial Court of a Bishop.

One member was elected in the lay order:

Ms. Diane Pollard

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #111)

The President announced there was no election in the Clergy order.

Rules of Order
The House of Deputies Committee on Rules of Order presented its Report #23 on Resolution A070 (Amend Joint Rule III.12) and moved the resolution, recommending rejection.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A070)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That Rule III.12 of the Joint Rules of Order of the House of Bishops and the House of Deputies is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 12. Each proposal for legislative consideration, however addressed to the General Convention or to either House thereof, received prior to a date in advance of the Convention agreed upon by the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies, shall be referred by mail to the proper Standing Committee or Special Committee of the appropriate House, the Presiding Bishop making the referrals to the Committees of the House of Bishops and the President of the House of Deputies making the referrals to the Committees of that House. Each Standing Committee or Special Committee of each House shall, as its first order of business, rank its received proposals in priority sequence, as each committee so determines, and forward that list to the chair of the Committee on Dispatch of Business of the appropriate House. No additional proposals for legislative consideration may be forwarded to either House until the top three priority
proposals for legislative consideration of every Standing Committee or Special Committee of both Houses have been discharged, unless by joint agreement by the President of each House.

**Motion defeated**

**Resolution rejected**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #145)

The House of Deputies Committee on Rules of Order presented its Report #24 on Resolution D023 (Amend Joint Rule 15) and moved the resolution, recommending rejection.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(D023)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That Joint Rule of Order 15 is hereby amended to read as follows:

After the adoption of the Budget for The Episcopal Church, any resolution calling for the expenditure of any additional moneys (or containing implied funding) shall be unfunded for the triennium. Any resolution affecting the budget for the Canonical and corporate expenses will be referred to the Executive Council and must be accommodated within the adopted budget.

**Motion defeated**

**Resolution rejected**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #146)

The House of Deputies Committee on Rules of Order presented its Report #17 on Resolution A126 (Amend Canon I.4.6(A) and (b) and Joint Rule of Order 10(d): Budgeting) and moved the resolution, recommending rejection.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(A126)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That Canon I.4.6 (a) and (b) are hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 6. (a) The Executive Council shall submit to the General Convention at each regular session thereof the budget for The Episcopal Church for the ensuing budgetary period, which budgetary period shall be equal to the interval between the regular meetings of January 1 of the year following the General Convention and December 31 of the year in which the succeeding General Convention occurs.

(b) The budget proposed for adoption by General Convention shall include a Canonical and corporate portion which shall provide for the contingent expenses of the General Convention, including those necessary to enable all canonically established entities to fulfill their mandates, the stipend of the Presiding Bishop together with the necessary expenses of that office, the necessary expenses of the President of the House of Deputies, including the staff and Advisory Council required to assist in the performance of the duties and matters related to the President’s office, the applicable Church Pension Fund assessments, and also the corporate requirements for the administrative support of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society offices.

And be it further
Resolved, That Joint Rule of Order 10(d) is hereby amended to read as follows:

10(d) Not later than the third day prior to the adjournment of each regular meeting of the General Convention, the Joint Standing Committee shall report to a Joint Session, pursuant to Canon, a proposed unified Budget for The Episcopal Church for the ensuing budgetary Convention period, based on open hearings held during the General Convention, and consisting of funding for the program of The Episcopal Church and the funding necessary to enable all canonically established entities to fulfill their mandates. The budget shall be subject to the approval of the said Budgets subject also to increase, reduction or elimination of items, by either House, and subject to adoption by subsequent concurrent action by the House of Deputies and the House of Bishops.

Motion defeated
Resolution rejected
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #147)

Canons
The House of Deputies Committee on Canons presented its Report #7 on Resolution A054 (Add Canon I.4.6(j)) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A054)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That Canon I.4.6(j) is hereby added to read as follows:

(j) Each diocese shall report annually to the Executive Council the name and address of each new congregation, and of each congregation closed or removed by reason of any of the following:
  a. dissolution of the congregation;
  b. removal of the congregation to another diocese due to cession or retrocession of geographic territory in which the congregation is located, pursuant to Articles V.6 or V.1.2 of the Constitution;
  c. removal of the congregation to a new physical location or address, identifying both the location or address from which the congregation has removed, and the successor location or address; and
  d. merger of the congregation into one or more other congregations, in which case the diocese shall include its report the names of all congregations involved in the merger, and the physical location and address at which the merged congregations shall be located.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That Canon I.4.6(j) is hereby added to read as follows:

(j) Each Diocese shall report annually to the Executive Council the name and address of each new congregation, and of each congregation closed or removed by reason of any of the following:
  a. dissolution of the congregation;
  b. removal of the congregation to another Diocese due to cession or retrocession of geographic territory in which the congregation is located, pursuant to Articles V.6 or V.1.2 of the Constitution;
c. removal of the congregation to a new physical location or address, identifying both the location or address from which the congregation has removed, and the successor location or address; and

d. merger of the congregation into one or more other congregations, in which case the Diocese shall include in its report the names of all congregations involved in the merger, and the physical location and address at which the merged congregations shall be located.

Deputy Murphy of Milwaukee moved the previous question.  

Motion carried  
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on Resolution A054 as amended.  

Motion carried  
Resolution adopted with amendment

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #148)

World Mission

The House of Deputies Committee on World Mission presented its Report #23 on Resolution C061 (Amend Title III.1.2) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(C061)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That Title III, Canon 1, Sec. 2 of the Canons of The Episcopal Church is hereby amended to read as follows: No person shall be denied access to the discernment process for any ministry, lay or ordained, in this Church because of race, color, ethnic origin, national origin, sex, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, disabilities or age, except as otherwise provided by these Canons. No right to licensing, ordination or election is hereby established.

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That Title III, Canon 1, Sec. 2 of the Canons of The Episcopal Church is hereby amended to read as follows: No person All baptized persons shall have full access to the discernment process for any ministry in this Church, lay or ordained, except as otherwise provided by these Canons. No person shall be denied access or have his or her discernment process terminated because of race, color, ethnic origin, national origin, sex, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disabilities or age, except as otherwise provided by these Canons. No right to licensing, ordination or election is hereby established.

Vote by Orders

Deputy Michell of Dallas, on behalf of the Clergy deputations of Dallas, Albany and Central Florida, requested a vote by orders.

Deputy Haskell of Albany moved to amend the resolution.

Proposed Amendment:
Delete the words “or expression.”
Deputy Trambley of Northwestern Pennsylvania moved the previous question on the amendment and the main motion.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on the amendment.

Motion defeated
Amendment defeated

Deputy Shambaugh of Maine moved to amend the calendar to extend the adjournment time for the day to 7:00 p.m.

Motion defeated

**Ballot #3 — Vote By Orders**
A Vote By Orders was taken on Resolution C061 as amended.

Ballot #3 taken by orders

**Announcements**
The Secretary read the announcements.

**Prayers**
The President called on the Chaplain for prayers.

**RECESS**
The President recessed the House at 6:20 p.m. until 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, July 14, 2009.
SEVENTH DAY

Tuesday
July 14, 2009

MORNING SESSION

Reconvene
The Vice-President called the House to order at 9:31 a.m.

Prayers
The Vice-President called on the Chaplain for prayers.

Certification of Minutes
The House of Deputies Committee on the Certification of Minutes presented its Report #6, stating that the Committee had met, read the Minutes of the Sixth Legislative Day and certified that they were correct. The Chair moved adoption of the report.

Motion carried
Minutes accepted

Certification of Deputies
The House of Deputies Committee on Credentials presented its Report #11 for the first session of the Seventh Legislative Day. There were 417 clerical deputies and 415 lay deputies certified and seated, bringing the total count of the House to 832. The number of votes needed for a motion to prevail is 417. There were no new deputies certified and 84 changes in deputations on this day, as follows:

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The Secretary moved that the report be accepted.

Motion carried
Report accepted

Messages from the House of Bishops

The Secretary announced that the following messages had been received from the House of Bishops:

HB Message #134: A156 (Sacred Acts for Sacred Water) Re-referred to Stewardship and Development.

HB Message #135: A110 (Bridging the Education Gap) Adopted with amendment.

HB Message #136: B030 (Domestic Mission Resolution) Adopted.

HB Message #137: A062 (Measuring Attendance and Mission) Concurred.

HB Message #138: B003 (Camping Ministries) Concurred.


HB Message #140: A182 (Continue Forward Movement) Concurred.

HB Message #141: A084 (Continued Development of Province IX Curriculum Project) Concurred.

HB Message #142: B023 (Consent to the Election of the Rev. Luis Fernando Ruiz Restrepo) Concurred.

HB Message #143: A086 (Continued Development and Maintenance of the Theological Education for All (TEforALL) Web Site, Internet and Electronic Resources) Concurred.


HB Message #145: A068 (Reconciliation Training) Concurred.

HB Message #146: A161 (AIDS Education and Resources) Concurred.

HB Message #147: D014 (Environmental Justice) Concurred.
Deputy Russell of San Diego moved to suspend the Rules to expedite Resolution D025. The voice vote being inconclusive, the Vice-President called for an electronic vote. The result of the electronic vote was: Yes, 537 votes (65.8%) and No, 279 votes (34.2%).

Motion defeated

**Ballot #5 for Trial Court of a Bishop**

Ballot #5 was taken for members of the Trial Court of a Bishop.

**Ballot #5 taken**

**Election for Trial Court of a Bishop**

The Vice-President read the results of Election Ballot #5.

The Vice-President announced the newly-elected members for the Trial Court of a Bishop. One member was elected in the clergy order:

The Rev. Carol Cole Flanagan

**Results of Ballot #3: Vote By Orders on Resolution C061**

The Secretary read the results of Ballot #3 including the no and divided votes by diocese:

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Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #149)
Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music
The House of Deputies Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music presented its Report #7 on Resolution A098 (Holy Women, Holy Men Revision Principles) and moved concurrence.

Deputy Martins of Northern Indiana moved to amend the resolution.

Proposed Amendment:
In the first resolve clause, in paragraph 3 of Principles of Revision, delete the second and third sentence.

Deputy Cole of the Churches in Europe moved the previous question on the amendment and the main motion. The voice vote being inconclusive, the Vice-President called for an electronic vote. The result of the electronic vote was: Yes, 490 votes (59.8%) and No, 330 votes (40.2%).

Motion failed
Debate continued

Deputy Land of Wyoming moved the previous question on the amendment and the main motion.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on the proposed amendment.

Motion defeated
Amendment defeated

A vote was taken on Resolution A098. The voice vote being inconclusive, the Vice-President called for an electronic vote. The result of the electronic vote was: Yes, 554 votes (68.2%) and No, 258 votes (31.8%).

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #150)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A098)
Resolved, That the “Guidelines and Procedures for Continuing Alteration of the Calendar of The Episcopal Church,” as set forth in Holy Women, Holy Men: Celebrating the Saints; found on pages 558-562 of this Blue Book, be approved by the 76th General Convention and published in Holy Women, Holy Men: Celebrating the Saints with the following revision:

On page 558, revise “Principles of Revision” to replace existing paragraph 3 with the following:
3. Significance: Those commemorated should have been in their lifetime extraordinary, even heroic servants of God and God’s people for the sake, and
after the example, of Jesus Christ. They may also be people whose creative work or whose manner of life has glorified God, enriched the life of the Church or led others to a deeper understanding of God. In their varied ways, those commemorated have revealed Christ’s presence in, and Lordship over, all of history; and continue to inspire us as we carry forward God’s mission in the world.

And be it further

Resolved, That the Standing Committee on Liturgy and Music report to the 77th General Convention those candidates for inclusion who are being liturgically commemorated.

Deputy Glasspool of Maryland moved to suspend the Rules to require that no amendments be allowed within the first five minutes of debate on all resolutions, except Special Order of Business resolutions.

Motion carried
Rules suspended

Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music
The House of Deputies Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music presented its Report #8 on Resolution A095 (Approve Liturgical Calendar Commemorations) and moved concurrence.

Ballot #4 — Vote By Orders
A Vote By Orders was taken on Resolution A095.

Ballot #4 taken by orders

The House of Deputies Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music presented its Report #9 on Resolution A096 (Additional Calendar Commemorations) and moved concurrence.

Deputy King of Western New York moved to re-refer the resolution to the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music.

Deputy Ferrell of North Carolina moved the previous question on the motion to re-refer.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on the motion to re-refer.

Motion defeated
Referral defeated

Deputy Ashley of Massachusetts moved to amend the resolution.
Proposed Amendment:
In the first resolve clause, delete the words “Page 273, February 21: John Henry Newman: priest, not bishop.”

The Vice-President announced that time had expired for discussion on the resolution.

A vote was taken on the proposed amendment.

Motion defeated
Amendment defeated

A vote was taken on Resolution A096.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #151)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A096)
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention propose revised and additional commemorations in the Calendar of the Church Year, as set forth in the Calendar in Holy Women, Holy Men: Celebrating the Saints; found on pages 272-283 of the Blue Book, with the following corrections:
- Page 273, February 21: John Henry Newman: priest, not bishop
- Page 275, April 30, Sarah Josepha Buell Hale, not Josephine
- Page 278, July 14, Samson Occom: Occum (correct spelling)
- Page 278, July 30, Anthony Ashley Cooper; remove hyphen
- Page 282, November 24, Juan de la Cruz: delete
- Page 283, December 14: add Juan de la Cruz
- Page 283, December 14, Henry Budd: move to December 22 (date of his ordination); and authorize trial use thereof for the triennium 2010-2012; and be it further
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music and the Program Officer for Worship and Spirituality to develop and implement a plan for trial use that includes a proactive approach to soliciting intentional utilization and feedback by a variety of congregations throughout the Church, with a timeline that will permit the SCLM to prepare a report and proposed revisions for presentation to the 77th General Convention. Information to be sought shall include the suitability of persons proposed for commemoration, the wording of collects and the appropriateness of proposed passages from the Scriptures.

Announcements
The Secretary read the announcements.
Dispatch of Business
The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business moved to suspend the Rules to allow for introduction of and remarks by ecumenical visitors and interreligious partners.

Motion carried
Rules suspended

Ecumenical and Inter-religious Guests
The Ecumenical Officer introduced the Ecumenical and Inter-religious Guests.

Representing The Episcopal Church
The Rt. Rev. Christopher Epting
Dr. Tom Ferguson
The Rev. Dr. Gwynne Guibord

Representing the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
The Rev. Donald J. McCoid
Bishop Dean W. Nelson
Bishop Murray Finck

Representing The United Methodist Church
Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr.

Representing The National Council of Churches of Christ, USA
Ms. Clare Chapman

Representing the Moravian College and Theological Seminary
The Rt. Rev. C. Hopeton Clennon

Representing The World Council of Churches, USA
The Rev. Deborah DeWinter

Representing the International Council of Community Churches
The Rev. Herman Harmelink III

Representing the Armenian Apostolic Church
The Very Rev. Aren Jebejian
The Very Rev. Daja Yardemian
Deacon Matthew Ash

Representing the African Methodist Episcopal Church
Bishop John F. White

Representing the Greek Orthodox Church
The Very Rev. John Bakas

Representing Iglesia Filipina Independiente
The Rt. Rev. Felixberto L. Calang
The Rt. Rev. Delfin M. Callao, Jr.
The Rt. Rev. Denny D. Dapitan
The Rt. Rev. Rhee M. Timbang
The Rt. Rev. Raul Tobias

Representing the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
The Rev. Donald Dewey

Representing the United Church of Christ
The Rev. Dr. Jane Fisler-Hoffman
Representing the Presbyterian Church, USA
The Rev. Dr. Dennis Hughes

Representing the Roman Catholic Church
The Rt. Rev. Alexei Smith

Representing the Interfaith Youth Core
Ms. Zeenat Rahman

Representing the American Jewish Committee
Mr. Seth Brysk

Representing The Board of Rabbis of Southern California
Mr. Jonathan Freund

Representing the World Sikh Council American Region
Mr. Nirinjan Singh Khalsa

Representing The Council for a Parliament of the World’s Religions
The Rev. Dr. William Lesher

Representing the Vedanta Society of Southern California
Mr. Swami Sarvadevananda
Mr. Pravrajika Saradeshprana

Representing the Jewish Community Relations Council/Jewish Federation of Greater Los Angeles
Mr. Andrew Cushnir

Inter-religious Cantors
Representing Congregation Kol Ami, Los Angeles
Mr. Mark Saltzman

Representing the Islamic Center of Southern California
Mu’athin Ben Youcef

Representing Holy Nativity Episcopal Church, Diocese of Los Angeles
The Rev. Peter Rood

A greeting from the Book of Numbers was sung by cantors.

The Rev. Donald J. McCoid spoke on behalf of the inter-religious guests.

RECESS

The Vice-President recessed the House at 11:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Reconvene
The President called the House to order at 2:01 p.m.

Prayers
The President called on the Chaplain for prayers.
Communications from the President
The President clarified a few prior comments.

Certification of Deputies
The House of Deputies Committee on Credentials presented its Report #12 for the second session of the Seventh Legislative Day. There were 417 clerical deputies and 415 lay deputies certified and seated, bringing the total count of the House to 832. The number of votes for a motion to prevail is 417. There were no new deputies certified and 48 changes in deputation on this day, as follows:

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The Secretary moved that the report be accepted.  

**Motion carried**

**Report accepted**

### CONSENT CALENDAR

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**Social and Urban Affairs**

The House of Deputies Committee on Social and Urban Affairs presented its Report #19 on Resolution A140 (Domestic Poverty) and moved concurrence.

**Final Text of Resolution:**

(A140)

*Resolved,* That the 76th General Convention commend the Presiding Bishop for convening a Summit on Domestic Poverty in May 2008, and calls upon the Executive Council to engage continuing efforts in the Church to address this priority concern in the next triennium.

The House of Deputies Committee on Social and Urban Affairs presented its Report #20 on Resolution C049 (Renew and Strengthen Economic Justice Ministry) and moved concurrence.

**Final Text of Resolution:**

(C049)

*Resolved,* That the 76th General Convention direct the Executive Council to develop a strategic plan with clear designation of authority and accountability to address issues of domestic economic justice and report back to the 77th General Convention; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the General Convention urge each Episcopal Congregation to build relationships with and among the marginalized of their community as well as form local partnerships with agencies that work with low-income people; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the General Convention urge each Episcopal congregation to begin or continue to engage in the traditional acts of mercy in which many congregations and Jubilee Centers participate: food pantries, clothing closets, soup kitchens, homeless shelters and other programs; and be it further

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Resolved, That the General Convention continue and deepen its advocacy and shall urge dioceses and congregations (often in concert with the Episcopal Public Policy Network) to advocate for legislation that provides adequate levels of support and opportunities for low-income people; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention urge dioceses and congregations to promote and participate in church-based community organizing whereby people of the local community exercise the power of numbers and conviction to bring their needs to the attention of and promote effective action by elected officials and governmental bodies; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention support and participate and shall urge dioceses and congregations to support and participate in various models through which low-income people and their co-workers can take control of their own lives and meet their own needs: models such as community development corporations, housing corporations and co-ops, small business development and land trusts; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention encourage at every level loans and deposits to community development financial institutions (community loan funds, community development banks and credit unions, and micro-loan business funds) to support local community development.

Motion carried
Consent Calendar adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Messages #153-154)

END OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR

Messages from the House of Bishops
The Secretary announced that the following messages had been received from the House of Bishops:

- **HB Message #151**: D027 (Five Marks of Mission) Concurred with amendment.
- **HB Message #152**: A143 (Extension of General Convention Resolution A123 to General Convention 2012) Adopted with amendment.
- **HB Message #153**: A142 (To Recommit to Being Anti-Racists for the Next Three Triennia (Until 2018)) Adopted with amendment.
- **HB Message #154**: B025 (Equitable Education for All Our Children) Adopted with amendment.

World Mission
The House of Deputies Committee on World Mission presented its Report #35 on HB Message #149 on Resolution D025 (Commitment and Witness to Anglican Communion) and moved concurrence.

Deputy Ihiasota of Western New York moved to amend the resolution.
Proposed Amendment:
In the third resolve clause, delete the words “financial” and “Budget.”

Deputy Moss of Western Massachusetts moved the previous question on the amendment.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

The vote was taken on the proposed amendment.

Motion defeated
Amendment defeated

Debate continued on the main motion.

Deputy Clark of Central Florida, on behalf of the clergy and lay deputations of Central Florida and the clergy and lay deputations of South Carolina, called for a Vote By Orders on the main motion.

The President announced that the time for debate on the resolution had expired.

Ballot #5 — Vote By Orders
A Vote By Orders was taken on Resolution D025.

Ballot #5 taken by orders

Results of Ballot #4: Vote By Orders on Resolution A095
The President read the results of Ballot #4.

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The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #152)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A095)
Resolved, That the commemorations of Harriet Bedell, James Theodore Holly, Óscar Romero and The Martyrs of El Salvador, Tikhon, Vida Dutton Scudder and Frances Joseph Gaudet, proposed by the 75th General Convention and approved for trial use (Resolution 2006-A063), be now finally approved and entered in the Calendar of the Church Year (BCP, p. 15-30) and in future revisions of Holy Women, Holy Men: Celebrating the Saints.
Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music
The House of Deputies Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music presented its Report #10 on Resolution A097 (Authorize Trial Use of Commemorations) and moved concurrence.

Deputy Ballentine of the Virgin Islands moved to amend the resolution.

Proposed Amendment:
In the list, delete the words “Page 465, August 3, W.E.B. DuBois: first sentence of each collect, replace “black folk” with “African Americans”.”

Deputy Trambley of Northwestern Pennsylvania moved the question on the amendment and the main motion.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on the Ballentine amendment. The voice vote being inconclusive, the President called for an electronic vote. The result of the electronic vote was: Yes, 472 votes (64.1%) and No, 264 votes (35.9%).

Motion carried
Amendment adopted

A vote was taken on Resolution A097 as amended.

Motion carried
The House concurred with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #155)

Education
The House of Deputies Committee on Education presented its Report #19 on Resolution D044 (Title IV Training) and moved that the Committee be discharged because the matter was already acted on in Resolution A185.

Motion carried
Committee discharged
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #156)

Deputy Evenbeck of Indianapolis moved to suspend the Rules to immediately consider Resolution C014 (Theological Study of Christian Marriage).

Motion carried
Rules suspended

The House of Deputies Committee on Education presented its Report #22 on Resolution C014 (Theological Study of Christian Marriage) and moved adoption of a substitute.
Original Text of Resolution:
(C014)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention authorize a committee of both houses to examine the theological dimensions of Christian marriage, to develop a program for discussion in the dioceses and to report to the 77th General Convention.

Committee Substitute:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention respectfully request that the Presiding Bishop and President of the House of Deputies jointly appoint a task force to identify and explore key theological dimensions of marriage; and be it further
Resolved, That the Task Force engage with the issues raised by changing social norms and legal structures in American society; and be it further
Resolved, That it consult with married couples, lesbian and gay couples living in commitment - or, where laws permit, in civil marriage - and single adults; and be it further
Resolved, That in these discussions it consider perspectives from a variety of cultures; and be it further
Resolved, That it consult with our partners both in and beyond the Anglican Communion; and be it further
Resolved, That it deeply engage with the rich resources of moral theology in our Anglican tradition; and be it further
Resolved, That it develop and design tools for theological reflection and norms for theological discussion at a local level; and be it further
Resolved, That the Task Force report back to the 77th General Convention.

Deputy Keese of East Tennessee moved the previous question.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on substitute Resolution C014.

Motion carried
Substitute resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #215)

Point of Order
Deputy Cathcart of Oklahoma suggested that Resolution C014 was in violation of Joint Rule 9.23 on the creation of task forces. The President suggested a re-vote on the resolution based on the suggested violation.

Deputy Selnick of Ohio moved to reconsider Resolution C014 in light of the proposed violation.

Motion defeated
Reconsideration defeated
Deputy Logan of South Carolina requested a ruling from the President on the suggested violation. The President asked that the Committee on Education to withdraw the resolution, perfect it and re-submit it for action.

The Committee on Education withdrew the resolution.

Resolution withdrawn

Results of Ballot #5: Vote By Orders on Resolution D025

The Secretary read the results of Ballot #5.

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The House concurred

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #157)

Final Text of Resolution:

(D025)

Resolved, That the 76th General Convention reaffirm the continued participation of The Episcopal Church as a constituent member of the Anglican Communion; give thanks for the work of the bishops at the Lambeth Conference of 2008; reaffirm the abiding commitment of The Episcopal Church to the fellowship of churches that constitute the Anglican Communion and seek to live into the highest degree of communion possible; and be it further

Resolved, That the 76th General Convention encourage dioceses, congregations and members of The Episcopal Church to participate to the fullest extent possible in the many instruments, networks and relationships of the Anglican Communion; and be it further

Resolved, That the 76th General Convention reaffirm its financial commitment to the Anglican Communion and pledge to participate fully in the Inter-Anglican Budget; and be it further

Resolved, That the 76th General Convention affirm the value of “listening to the experience of homosexual persons,” as called for by the Lambeth Conferences of 1978, 1988 and 1998, and acknowledge that through our own listening the General Convention has come to recognize that the baptized membership of The Episcopal Church includes same-sex couples living in lifelong committed relationships “characterized by fidelity, monogamy, mutual affection and respect, careful, honest communication and the holy love which enables those in such relationships to see in each other the image of God” (2000-D039); and be it further

Resolved, That the 76th General Convention recognize that gay and lesbian persons who are part of such relationships have responded to God's call and have exercised various ministries in and on behalf of God's One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church and are currently doing so in our midst; and be it further
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention affirm that God has called and may call such individuals, to any ordained ministry in The Episcopal Church, and that God’s call to the ordained ministry in The Episcopal Church is a mystery which the Church attempts to discern for all people through our discernment processes acting in accordance with the Constitution and Canons of The Episcopal Church; and be it further

Resolved, That the 76th General Convention acknowledge that members of The Episcopal Church as of the Anglican Communion, based on careful study of the Holy Scriptures, and in light of tradition and reason, are not of one mind, and Christians of good conscience disagree about some of these matters.

Ballot #1 for General Theological Seminary Board of Trustees
Election Ballot #1 was taken for the General Theological Seminary Board of Trustees.

Ballot #1 taken

Election Results for the General Theological Seminary Board of Trustees
The Secretary read the results of the first ballot for Trustees of GTS. Newly-elected members of the GTS Board of Trustees: Ms. Margaret Christie of Newark was elected in the Lay Order for a three-year term and the Rev. Yamily Bass-Choate of New York was elected in the Clergy Order for a three-year term.

Ballot #1 for Executive Council
Election Ballot #1 was taken for members of Executive Council.

Ballot #1 taken

Election of Executive Council
The President read the results of Election Ballot #1 for member of Executive Council. Three of six members were elected in the Lay Order for six-year terms: Ms. Katie Sherrod of Fort Worth, the Rev. Canon Stephanie Turnbull Cheney of West Tennessee and Ms. Sarah Dylan Breuer of Massachusetts. No members of the Clergy Order were elected.

Deputy Babb of Springfield moved to suspend the Rules for the election of Executive Council members to provide that on all subsequent ballots the number of nominees would be twice the number plus one of the number to be elected, taken from the highest number of votes on the previous ballot.

Motion carried
Rules suspended
Stewardship and Development
The House of Deputies Committee on Stewardship and Development presented its Report #19 on Resolution D015 (Merciful and Humane Treatment of God’s Creatures) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #158)

Final Text of Resolution:

(D015)
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention support the humane and merciful treatment of all of God’s Creatures; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention urge Diocesan Environmental Commissions or Committees to provide information to educate our congregations about decisions that would affect the lives and health of endangered species, farmed food animals and domesticated animals; and be it further
Resolved, That each congregation be encouraged to refer this resolution to their outreach committee or other such venue in order to ensure the education and dissemination of information to their members about endangered species, farmed food animals and domesticated animals.

The House of Deputies Committee on Stewardship and Development presented its Report #20 on Resolution C067 (Litigation Expense Disclosure) and moved concurrence with a referral to the Standing Commission on Stewardship and Development.

Deputy Cole of the Churches in Europe moved the previous question.

Motion defeated

Debate continued on the resolution.

Deputy Land of Wyoming moved the previous question. The voice vote being inconclusive, the President called for an electronic vote. The result of the electronic vote was: Yes, 531 votes (73.1%) and No, 195 votes (26.9%).

Motion carried
Debate terminated

Deputy Prichard of Virginia appealed the ruling of the Chair. The Parliamentarian clarified that the ruling was correct under Rule 43.

A vote was taken on Resolution C067.

Motion defeated
Resolution rejected
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #159)
The House of Deputies Committee on Stewardship and Development presented its Report #21 on Resolution A081 (Accommodation for People with Disabilities) and moved concurrence.

The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #160)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A081)
Resolved, That The Episcopal Church dioceses or congregations make those reasonable accommodations necessary for the full participation of staff members or volunteers with disabilities who attend conferences or meetings on behalf of the Church.

Ecumenical Relations
The House of Deputies Committee on Ecumenical Relations presented its Report #9 on Resolution A075 (Approve Presbyterian-Episcopal Agreement) and moved concurrence with amendment.

Motion carried
The House concurred with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #161)

Communications
The House of Deputies Committee on Communications presented its Report #9 on Resolution D037 (Survey on Church Communication) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(D037)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the Department of Communications undertake a comprehensive survey to determine the most appropriate means of reaching Episcopalians. Such survey would include existing readers of Episcopal Life to determine the effectiveness and reach of The Episcopal Church's monthly newspaper and whether alternative schedules or media would better serve current readers' needs. Readers surveyed would include clergy and laity, individual subscribers and those receive Episcopal Life in conjunction with their dioceses' newspapers. The survey would also include Episcopalians who formerly or have never subscribed to Episcopal Life; and be it further
Resolved, That the survey should include: respondent demographics; which elements Episcopal Life readers or former readers find or found most and least useful in that publication; from which other sources respondents obtain news of The Episcopal Church; whether respondents have access to the Internet; whether respondents utilize social networking technologies; whether respondents now do obtain news via Episcopal Life Online or other digital Episcopal Church communications vehicles; whether respondents anticipate doing so if Episcopal Life switched to a quarterly magazine or
ceased to publish; whether respondents would subscribe to a quarterly magazine; and be it further

Resolved, That a report incorporating the results of this survey be distributed to the Church by April 1, 2010; which report would also include information on the number of households receiving Episcopal Life through printing partnerships as well as the number of individual subscribers- how many diocesan printing partners would distribute a quarterly magazine; and a complete statement of income and expense sources for the years 2007 through 2009; and be it further

Resolved, That current Episcopal Life staffing, frequency of publication, printing partner structure and news format continue until completion of the study, whose results will be used to determine the need for changes in any of these areas; and be it further

Resolved, That the Episcopal Life Board of Governors be informed of the survey data and consulted in finalizing the report and determining any changes to be made based on that report.

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the Department of Communications undertake a comprehensive survey to determine the most appropriate means of reaching Episcopalians. Such survey would include existing readers of Episcopal Life to determine the effectiveness and reach of The Episcopal Church’s monthly newspaper and whether alternative schedules or media would better serve current readers’ needs. Readers surveyed would include clergy and laity, individual subscribers and those receive Episcopal Life in conjunction with their dioceses’ newspapers. The survey would also include Episcopalians who formerly or have never subscribed to Episcopal Life; and be it further

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Resolved, That the Episcopal Life Board of Governors be informed of the survey data and consulted in finalizing the report and determining any changes to be made based on that report.
Deputy Hart of Pennsylvania moved the previous question.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on Resolution D037 as amended.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #162)

Rules of Order
The House of Deputies Committee on Rules of Order presented its Report #25 on Resolution D093 (Amend HDRO IV.7(11)) and moved adoption.

Final Text of Resolution:
(D093)
Resolved, That Rule of Order IV.7(11) of the House of Deputies be amended to read as follows:

(11) Small Congregations.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #164)

Constitution
The House of Deputies Committee on Constitution presented its Report #2 on Resolution A052 (Amend Article I, Section 2 of the Constitution) and moved adoption of a substitute.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A052)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That Article I, Section 2, of the Constitution be amended as follows:

All Bishops, unless under discipline, have seat and voice in the House of Bishops. Each Bishop of this Church having jurisdiction, every Bishop Coadjutor, every Suffragan Bishop, every Assistant Bishop, and every Bishop who by reason of advanced age or bodily infirmity, or who, under an election to an office created by the General Convention, or for reasons of missionary strategy determined by action of the General Convention or the House of Bishops, has resigned a jurisdiction, shall have a seat, voice and a vote in the House of Bishops. A majority of all Bishops entitled to vote, exclusive of Bishops who have resigned their jurisdiction or positions, shall be necessary to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

All Bishops of this Church shall have seat and voice in the House of Bishops. Each Bishop of this Church having jurisdiction, Bishop Coadjutor, Bishop Suffragan, Assistant Bishop and every Bishop holding an office created by General Convention shall have a vote in the House of Bishops.
A majority of all Bishops entitled to vote shall be necessary to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Committee Substitute:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That Article I, Section 2, of the Constitution be amended as follows:

All Bishops of this Church, except any excluded by canon or under the Rules of the House, shall have seat and voice in the House of Bishops. Each Bishop of this Church having jurisdiction, Bishop Coadjutor, Bishop Suffragan, Assistant Bishop and every bishop holding an office created by General Convention shall have a vote in the House of Bishops. A majority of all Bishops entitled to vote shall be necessary to constitute a quorum for transaction of business.

And be it further
Resolved, That this amendment to Article 1, Section 2, shall take effect immediately upon passage.

Deputy Haight of West Tennessee moved the previous question.

Motion failed

Deputy Jones of Northern Indiana moved to amend the resolution.

Proposed Amendment:
Rewrite the resolution as follows:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That Article I, Section 2, of the Constitution be amended as follows:

All Bishops of this Church, except any excluded by canon or under the Rules of the House, shall have seat and voice and vote in the House of Bishops. Each Bishop of this Church having jurisdiction, Bishop Coadjutor, Bishop Suffragan, Assistant Bishop and every bishop holding an office created by General Convention shall have a vote in the House of Bishops. A majority of all Bishops entitled to vote, exclusive of bishops who have resigned their jurisdiction or positions, shall be necessary to constitute a quorum for transaction of business.

And be it further
Resolved, That this amendment to Article 1, Section 2, shall take effect immediately upon passage.

Deputy Moss of Western Massachusetts moved the previous question on the amendment.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on the proposed amendment.

Motion defeated
Amendment defeated

Deputy Baker of Northern California moved the previous question.

Motion carried
Debate terminated
Ballot #6 — Vote By Orders
A Vote By Orders was taken on Resolution A052.

Announcements
The Secretary read the announcements.

Prayers
The President called on the Chaplain for prayers.

RECESS
The President recessed the House at 5:16 p.m. until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, July 15, 2009.
Reconvene
The President called the House to order at 9:31 a.m.

Prayers
The President called on the Chaplain for prayers.

Certification of Minutes
The House of Deputies Committee on the Certification of Minutes presented its Report #7, stating that the Committee had met, read the Minutes of the Seventh Legislative Day and certified that they were correct. The Chair moved adoption of the report.

Motion carried
Minutes accepted

Certification of Deputies
The House of Deputies Committee on Credentials presented its Report #13 for the first session of the Eighth Legislative Day. There were 417 clerical deputies and 415 lay deputies certified and seated, bringing the total count of the House to 832. The number of votes needed for a motion to prevail was 417. There were no new deputies certified and 87 changes in deputations on this day, as follows:

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The Secretary moved that the report be accepted.

Motion carried
Report accepted

Messages from the House of Bishops
The Secretary announced that the following messages had been received from the House of Bishops:

HB Message #155: B009 (Regulation and the Financial Crisis) Concurred.
HB Message #157: D061 (Establish Equitable Benefits with Credit for Earlier Service Overseas) Adopted substitute.
HB Message #159: A050 (Church Center Technology Audit) Concurred.
HB Message #160: D010 (An International Church) Concurred.
HB Message #161: B017 (Translating Website in Spanish and French) Concurred.
HB Message #162: A074 (Endorse Theological Statement on Interreligious Relations) Adopted substitute.
HB Message #163: D052 (Mission Budget Priorities) Concurred.
HB Message #164: D095 (Prison Ministry Sunday) Adopted with amendment.
HB Message #166: D032 (Non-Discrimination in Lay Employment) Adopted with amendment.
HB Message #167: D071 (Establish a Program for the Homeless Respite) Discharged, withdrawn by proposer.
HB Message #168: A185 (Proposed Title IV Revisions) Concurred.
Communications from the President
The President addressed remarks to the House regarding prioritizing resolutions and working together particularly regarding Points of Personal Privilege.

Point of Order
Deputy Logue of Georgia moved to suspend the Rules to require that no procedural motions be in order during the first five minutes of the debate.

Deputy Fontaine of Wyoming moved to amend the motion.

Proposed Amendment:
Return to the original Rules under the Special Order of the House for debate: limiting debate to 20 minutes total, with 2 minutes per speaker, eliminating the Special Order requiring that no amendments are allowed during the first five minutes.

Deputy Godden of Delaware moved the previous question on the amendment.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on the amendment.

Motion defeated
Amendment defeated

Deputy Godden of Delaware moved the previous question.

Motion carried
Debate terminated
A vote was taken on the motion.

Motion carried
Rules suspended

Results of Ballot #6: Vote By Orders on Resolution A052
The President read the results of Ballot #6.

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Motion carried
Substitute resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #166)

Ballot #2 for General Theological Seminary Board of Trustees
Election Ballot #2 was taken for the General Theological Seminary Board of Trustees.

Ballot #2 taken

Election of the General Theological Seminary Board of Trustees
The President announced that there was not an election in the clergy or lay order.

Deputy Selnick of Ohio moved that on subsequent ballots for the General Theological Seminary Board of Trustees a plurality vote be sufficient for election.

Motion defeated

Ballot #3 for General Theological Seminary Board of Trustees
Election Ballot #3 was taken for the General Theological Seminary Board of Trustees.

Ballot #3 taken

Election of the General Theological Seminary Board of Trustees
The President read the results of the second ballot for GTS Board of Trustees. Newly-elected members of the GTS Board of Trustees: Ms. Anne Clarke Brown of Vermont was elected in the Lay Order for a three-year term and the Rev. Samuel Gregory Jones of North Carolina was elected in the Clergy Order for a three-year term.

Ballot #2 for Executive Council
Election Ballot #2 was taken for members of Executive Council, three lay persons for six-year terms and two clergy persons for six-year terms.

Ballot #2 taken
Election of Executive Council
The President read the results of Election Ballot #2 for members of Executive Council. The President announced that there was not an election in the lay order. One of two members was elected in the Clergy Order for a six year term: the Rev. Silvestre Enrique Romero of El Camino Real.

Ballot #3 for Executive Council
Election Ballot #3 was taken for members of Executive Council, three lay persons for six-year terms and one clergy person for a six-year term.

Election of Executive Council
The President read the results of Election Ballot #3 for members of Executive Council. Three members were elected in the Lay Order for six-year terms: Mr. Scott Evenbeck of Indianapolis, Stephen F. Hutchinson, Esq. of Utah and Mr. Francisco Quinones-Gonzales of Puerto Rico. One member in the Clergy Order was elected for a six-year term: the Rev. Deacon Terry Starr of North Dakota.

Dispatch of Business
The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business moved to suspend the Rules to bring to the floor Resolution A177 (Denominational Health Plan) and Resolution A138 (Establishing a Mandatory Lay Employee Pension System).

Motion carried
Rules suspended

Church Pension Fund
The House of Deputies Committee on Church Pension Fund presented its Report #11 on Resolution A177 (Denominational Health Plan) and moved concurrence.

Deputy Tompkins of Western Louisiana moved to extend debate for 10 minutes.

Motion defeated

The President announced that time for debate had expired.

A vote was taken on Resolution A177.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #167)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A177) Resolved, That this church establish The Denominational Health Plan of this church for all domestic dioceses, parishes, missions and other ecclesiastical
organizations or bodies subject to the authority of this church, for clergy and lay employees who are scheduled to work a minimum of 1,500 hours annually, in accordance with the following principles:

1. The Denominational Health Plan shall be designed and administered by the Trustees and officers of the Church Pension Fund, following best industry practices for comparable plans;

2. The Denominational Health Plan shall provide that, subject to the rules of the plan administrator, each diocese has the right to make decisions as to plan design options offered by the plan administrator, minimum cost-sharing guidelines for parity between clergy and lay employees, domestic partner benefits in accordance with General Convention Resolution 1997-C024 and the participation of schools, day care facilities and other diocesan institutions (that is, other than the diocese itself and its parishes and missions) in the Denominational Health Plan;

3. The Denominational Health Plan shall provide benefits that are comparable in coverage to those benefits currently provided by the domestic dioceses and parishes of this church;

4. The Denominational Health Plan shall provide equal access to health care benefits for eligible clergy and eligible lay employees;

5. The Denominational Health Plan shall provide benefits through the Episcopal Church Medical Trust, which shall be the sole plan sponsor for such benefits and continue to be operated on a financially sound basis;

6. The Denominational Health Plan shall have a church-wide advisory committee that is representative of the broader church and appointed by the Church Pension Fund, and such church-wide advisory committee shall receive an annual report about the status of the Denominational Health Plan;

7. For purposes of this resolution, the term “domestic” shall mean ecclesiastical organizations and bodies located in the United States, including the Dioceses of Puerto Rico and Virgin Islands;

8. The Church Pension Fund shall continue to work with the Dioceses of Colombia, Convocation of American Churches in Europe, Dominican Republic, Ecuador Central, Ecuador Litoral, Haiti, Honduras, Micronesia, Taiwan and Venezuela to make recommendations with respect to the provision and funding of healthcare benefits of such dioceses under the Denominational Health Plan; and

9. The implementation of the Denominational Health Plan shall be completed as soon as practicable, but in no event later than by the end of 2012; and be it further

Resolved, That Canon I.8 shall be amended as follows:

Sec. 1. The Church Pension Fund, a corporation created by Chapter 97 of the Laws of 1914 of the State of New York as subsequently amended, is hereby authorized to establish and administer the clergy pension system, including life, accident and health benefits, of this Church, substantially in accordance with the principles adopted by the General Convention of 1913 and approved thereafter by the several Dioceses, with the view to providing pensions and related benefits for the Clergy who reach normal age of retirement, for the
Clergy disabled by age or infirmity and for the surviving spouses and minor children of deceased Clergy. The Church Pension Fund is also authorized to establish and administer the denominational health plan of this Church, substantially in accordance with the principles adopted by the General Convention of 2009 in Resolution A177, with the view to providing health care and related benefits for the eligible Clergy and eligible lay employees of this Church, as well as their eligible dependents.

Sec. 3. For the purpose of administering the pension system, the Church Pension Fund shall be entitled to receive and to use all net royalties from publications authorized by the General Convention, and to levy upon and to collect from all Parishes, Missions and other ecclesiastical organizations or bodies subject to the authority of this Church, and any other societies, organizations or bodies in the Church which under the regulations of the Church Pension Fund shall elect to come into the pension system, assessments based upon the salaries and other compensation paid to Clergy by such Parishes, Missions, and other ecclesiastical organizations or bodies for services rendered currently or in the past, prior to their becoming beneficiaries of the Fund. For the purpose of administering the denominational health plan, the Church Pension Fund shall determine the eligibility of all Clergy and lay employees to participate in the denominational health plan through a formal benefits enrollment process, and the Church Pension Fund shall be entitled to levy upon and collect contributions for health care and related benefits under the denominational health plan from all Parishes, Missions and other ecclesiastical organizations or bodies subject to the authority of this Church with respect to their Clergy and lay employees.

Dispatch of Business
The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business moved to suspend the Rules for the introduction of the Director of Forward Movement.

Motion carried
Rules suspended

Special Order of Business
The President recognized the Rev. Dr. Richard Schmidt, editor and executive director of Forward Movement. Dr. Schmidt addressed the House.

Announcements
The Secretary read the announcements.

Prayers
The President called on the Chaplain for midday prayers.

RECESS
The President recessed the House at 11:20 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.
Reconvene
The President called the House to order at 2:00 p.m.

Certification of Deputies
The House of Deputies Committee on Credentials presented its Report #14 for the second session of the Eighth Legislative Day. There were 417 clerical deputies and 415 lay deputies certified and seated, bringing the total count of the House to 832. The number of votes needed for a motion to prevail was 417. There were no new deputies certified and 54 changes in deputations on this day, as follows:

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The Secretary moved that the report be accepted.

Motion carried
Report accepted

CONSENT CALENDAR

Structure
The House of Deputies Committee on Structure presented its Report #19 on Resolution D094 (Young Adult Representation on Legislative Committees) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(D094)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention encourages the President of the House of Deputies to make every effort to appoint willing deputies under the age of 30 to legislative committees of the General Convention.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention encourage the President of the House of Deputies to make every effort to appoint willing deputies under the age of 30, regardless of prior experience, to legislative committees and CCAB’s of the General Convention.
National and International Concerns

The House of Deputies Committee on National and International Concerns presented its Report #27 on Resolution A041 (War in Iraq) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A041)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention reaffirm Resolution D020 of the 75th General Convention in confessing that “the conditions of the ‘Just War’ tradition have not been met in the national government’s decision to attack the nation of Iraq,” and also confess that our nation’s invasion and occupation of Iraq has resulted in individual and global injustices including death and maiming of countless Iraqi innocents, displacement of millions of Iraqi citizens, silent response to atrocities, illegal confinement without representation or formal charges, torture, lack of support and care for military personnel returning home and the opportunity costs of nearly $600 billion spent; and be it further
Resolved, That in repentance we urge all Episcopalians to support independent international relief efforts such as those of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent to bring healing to this deeply broken nation; and be it further
Resolved, That in striving for amendment of life we urge all Episcopalians to use Christian formation materials that stress nonviolent methods to conflict resolution and change; and be it further
Resolved, That in striving for amendment of life, we urge the President and Congress to abide by the demand of the Iraqi government to withdraw all U.S. combat forces from Iraq by December 31, 2011; and be it further
Resolved, That in striving for amendment of life we urge the President and Congress to listen to and consider deeply the voices and concerns of the Iraqi people in determining our continuing relationship with that sovereign nation, including the establishment of permanent U.S. bases and the presence of military and non-military personnel; and be it further
Resolved, That in striving for amendment of life we urge the President and Congress and our entire nation to seek wisdom from sin committed in Iraq and let that wisdom inform future relationships throughout the world; and be it further
Resolved, That we urge all Episcopalians to honor through their prayers and actions the men and women who conscientiously serve their country, some who have been killed and wounded in Iraq and some who have objected to this war.

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention commend new government strategies that seek to restore trust among nations and work to alleviate the conditions that lead to the War in Iraq reaffirm Resolution D020 of the 75th General Convention in confessing that “the conditions of the ‘Just War’ tradition have not been met in the national government’s decision to attack the nation of Iraq,” and also confess that our nation’s invasion and occupation of Iraq has resulted in individual and global injustices including death and maiming of countless Iraqi innocents, displacement of millions of Iraqi citizens, silent response to atrocities, illegal confinement without representation or
formal charges, torture, lack of support and care for military personnel returning home and the opportunity costs of nearly $600 billion spent; and be it further

Resolved, That in repentance we urge all Episcopalians to support independent international relief efforts such as those of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent to bring healing to this deeply broken nation; and be it further

Resolved, That in striving for amendment of life we urge all Episcopalians to use Christian formation materials that stress nonviolent methods to conflict resolution and change; and be it further

Resolved, That in striving for amendment of life, we urge the President and Congress to abide by the demand of the Iraqi government to withdraw all U.S. combat forces from Iraq by December 31, 2011; and be it further

Resolved, That in striving for amendment of life, we urge the President and Congress to listen to and consider deeply the voices and concerns of the Iraqi people in determining our continuing relationship with that sovereign nation, including the establishment of permanent U.S. bases and the presence of military and non-military personnel; and be it further

Resolved, That in striving for amendment of life, we urge the President and Congress and our entire nation to seek wisdom from sin committed in Iraq and let that wisdom inform future relationships throughout the world; and be it further

Resolved, That we urge all Episcopalians to honor through their prayers and actions the men and women who conscientiously serve their country, those some who have been killed and wounded in Iraq and those some who conscientiously object to this war, all war or selected wars, have objected to this war.

The House of Deputies Committee on National and International Concerns presented its Report #30 on Resolution B021 (Call for Access to DNA Testing) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:

(B021)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention urge The Episcopal Church and all Episcopalians to call on their legislators and members of Congress to ensure that all those accused and convicted have broad access to DNA testing, not only to exonerate those who are innocent but also to identify the true perpetrators of their crimes; and be it further

Resolved, That the Convention direct the Secretary of the General Convention to send copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, to appropriate members of the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives and to other appropriate officials and institutions.

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention urge The Episcopal Church and all Episcopalians to call on their legislators and members of Congress to ensure that all those accused and convicted have broad access to DNA testing, not only to exonerate those who are innocent but also to identify the true perpetrators of their crimes they have been accused or convicted of; and be it further
Resolved, That the Convention direct the Secretary of the General Convention to send copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, to appropriate members of the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives and to other appropriate officials and institutions.

The House of Deputies Committee on National and International Concerns presented its Report #31 on Resolution C012 (Scientific Integrity and Environmental Policy) and moved adoption with amendment.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(C012)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church urges that policy decisions affecting the health and well-being of humans and ecosystems must be based on scientifically evaluated, peer-reviewed data; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention supports legislative efforts to maintain the highest degree of scientific integrity, including the ability to conduct thorough, independent, peer-reviewed research and to communicate the findings of that research openly and accurately for the benefit of all.

**Committee Amendment:**

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church urges that policy decisions affecting the health and well-being of humans and ecosystems must be based on scientifically evaluated data, and any peer-reviewed data; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention supports legislative efforts to maintain the highest degree of scientific integrity, including the ability to conduct thorough, independent, peer-reviewed research and to communicate the findings of that research openly and accurately for the benefit of all.

The House of Deputies Committee on National and International Concerns presented its Report #32 on Resolution A153 (Federal Tribal Recognition) and moved adoption with amendment.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(A153)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention request The Episcopal Church’s Office of Government Relations in Washington D.C. and the bishops and Episcopalians of the Dioceses of Virginia, Southwest Virginia and Southern Virginia to call upon their elected officials in support of the federal tribal recognition of the Upper Mattaponi Tribe, the Monacan Indian Nation, the Chickahominy Tribe, the Eastern Chickahominy Tribe, the Rappahannock Tribe and the Nansemond Tribe of Virginia; and be it further

Resolved, That the 76th General Convention request The Episcopal Church’s Office of Government Relations and the bishops and Episcopalians of the Dioceses of Louisiana, Long Island, Georgia, Atlanta, Hawaii and Fond du Lac to advocate in their respective spheres of influence for the federal tribal recognition of the United Houma Nation of Louisiana, the Shinnecock Tribal Nation of New York, the Southeastern
Cherokee Council Inc. of Georgia, the Native Hawaiian Nation and the Brothertown Nation of Wisconsin.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention request The Episcopal Church’s Office of Government Relations in Washington D.C. and the bishops and Episcopalians of the Dioceses of Virginia, Southwest Virginia and Southern Virginia to call upon their elected officials in support of the federal tribal recognition of the Upper Mattaponi Tribe, the Monacan Indian Nation, the Chickahominy Tribe, the Eastern Chickahominy Tribe, the Rappahannock Tribe and the Nansemond Tribe of Virginia; and be it further
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention request The Episcopal Church’s Office of Government Relations and the bishops and Episcopalians of the Dioceses of Louisiana, Western Louisiana, Long Island, Georgia, Atlanta, Hawaii, and Fond du Lac and the six dioceses in the State of New York, to advocate in their respective spheres of influence for the federal tribal recognition of the United Houma Nation of Louisiana, the Shinnecock Tribal Nation of New York, the Southeastern Cherokee Council Inc. of Georgia, the Native Hawaiian Nation and the Brothertown Nation of Wisconsin.

The House of Deputies Committee on National and International Concerns presented its Report #34 on Resolution A044 (Ad Hoc Team on International Gangs) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A044) Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church urge that the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies appoint an ad hoc team to share resources and collaborate on a vision and concrete actions for the Church to provide the identity and belonging that many youth are currently finding in gangs; and be it further
Resolved, That membership of this team should include, but not be limited to, multiple youth representatives and multiple representatives from Province IX and should report back to the Church no later than the 77th General Convention on methods and programs of pastoral care, prevention, mentoring and intervention.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church urge that the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies Executive Council appoint an ad hoc team, a committee to share resources and collaborate on a vision and concrete actions for the Church to provide the identity, safety and sense of belonging that many youth are currently finding in gangs; and be it further
Resolved, That membership of this team, committee should include, but not be limited to, multiple youth representatives and multiple representatives from Province IX and other non-U.S. jurisdictions of The Episcopal Church, and should report back to the Church no later than the 77th General Convention on methods and programs of pastoral care, prevention, mentoring and intervention.
Social and Urban Affairs
The House of Deputies Committee on Social and Urban Affairs presented its Report #22 on Resolution A155 (To Establish a Program for the Alleviation of Domestic Poverty) and moved concurrence.

Final Text of Resolution:
(A155)
Resolved, That The Episcopal Church recognize the pressing challenges to those living in poverty and the working poor throughout this nation and call for new and innovative strategies to address issues related to nutrition, employment, childcare, education, healthcare, environment and housing, as well as equal protection under law and cultural affirmations; and be it further
Resolved, That The Episcopal Church establish a community development initiative in Native People’s communities in the new triennium, recognizing that Native People live in some of the poorest counties in the United States experiencing increasing disparities in income, economic security, health and healthcare, and quality of life; and be it further
Resolved, That this community development initiative emerge from the visions and voices of the local Native People’s communities, address community development opportunities using asset-based community development models, identify key federal, state and local advocacy issues and access the abundant human and financial resources of The Episcopal Church; and be it further
Resolved, That the Executive Council, working closely with the Advocacy Center, evaluate the community development initiative in Native People’s communities; and be it further
Resolved, That the Advocacy Center sponsor asset-based community development training held regionally throughout The Episcopal Church to hear the voices of people living in poverty and the working poor who are members of our Episcopal congregations and institutions; and be it further
Resolved, That the Executive Council report to the 77th General Convention a strategic plan for establishing domestic development programs for The Episcopal Church in the 2013-2015 triennium and beyond; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $400,000 per annum in the 2010-2012 triennium for the implementation of this resolution.

The House of Deputies Committee on Social and Urban Affairs presented its Report #23 on Resolution A166 (Parental Leave) and moved concurrence.

Final Text of Resolution:
(A166)
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church recognizes the importance of family in the life of clergy and laity employed by the Church, and urges all dioceses and congregations to establish policies for employee parental leave equally for parent(s) – clergy and laity, both in cases of birth and adoption – consistent with local employment laws and generous industry standards.
The House of Deputies Committee on Social and Urban Affairs presented its Report #24 on Resolution A110 (Bridging the Education Gap) and moved concurrence.

Final Text of Resolution:

(A110)
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention commend Resolution 2006-B018 (Endorse the National Council of Churches Policy on Rights of Children) for bold and immediate action; and be it further
Resolved, That the Standing Commission on National Concerns (SCNC) in its next triennium further study the voucher system and its impact on reducing the educational achievement gap within poor communities; and be it further
Resolved, That the National Association of Episcopal Schools (NAES) be commended for the initiatives it has taken on justice and equity, its statement on Social, Economic and Racial Mix in Episcopal schools and its Episcopal Schools Urban Alliance; and be it further
Resolved, That the Standing Committee on National Concerns encourage Episcopal Schools to cooperate with the NAES to explore and develop further new and bold educational models with underserved and economically challenged communities, focusing on systems, capacity and resources, and the story of those initiatives and efforts to be included in the SCNC Blue Book report to the 77th General Convention in 2012; and be it further
Resolved, That the Episcopal Schools, working through the NAES collaboration with the SCNC, be encouraged to further strengthen their leadership in addressing economic disparities, by finding new and bold ways to increase the availability of scholarships and sliding fee scales for elementary schools, high schools and colleges and report such findings to the SCNC for inclusion in the Blue Book report to the 77th General Convention in 2012; and be it further
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church endorse continued support of funding for the historic black Episcopal colleges.

Education
The House of Deputies Committee on Education presented its Report #21 on Resolution D077 (Commend Young Adult Ministry) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:

(D077)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention, recognize, commend and encourage those engaged in young adult and campus ministry in their continued work, acknowledging that the 74th and 75th General Conventions set as a budget priority the support of higher education and young adult ministries; and be it further
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention, which has named Christian formation with special emphasis on young adults as a continued priority, give thanks for the work undertaken in fulfillment of the funding priorities of the 74th and 75th General Conventions, namely:
  • Development of 12 new campus ministries,
• Camino: San Francisco: a young adult pilgrimage to explore the spiritual and practical implications of the UN Millennium Development Goals and alleviation of domestic poverty,
• Development of a church-wide network of diocesan young adult ministers,
• Church-wide consultations with diocesan young adult ministers and young adults to enable the Church and the Office of Young Adult and Campus Ministries to better respond with resources for young adult ministry,
• Continued support and development of domestic and international young adult internships,
• Leadership training for young adults and young adult ministers,
• A Conference for young adult clergy to provide spiritual and vocational enrichment, and
• The Young Adult Festivals at the General Conventions of 2006 and 2009 to insure and facilitate young adult participation at General Convention.

Ecumenical Relations
The House of Deputies Committee on Ecumenical Relations presented its Report #11 on Resolution A073 (Moravian Episcopal Dialogue) and moved concurrence.

Final Text of Resolution:

(A073)
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church adopt Finding Our Delight in the Lord: A Proposal for Full Communion Between The Episcopal Church; the Moravian Church-Northern Province; and the Moravian Church-Southern Province, as set forth in Resolution A073 in the Blue Book report to the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church; and be it further Resolved, That Canon I.20 be amended by adding a new subsection (3), as follows:

Sec. 3. The Episcopal Church has a relationship of full communion with the Northern and Southern Provinces of the Moravian Church in America under the terms of the Finding Our Delight in the Lord: A Proposal for Full Communion Between The Episcopal Church; the Moravian Church-Northern Province; and the Moravian Church-Southern Province, which was adopted by the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church as Resolution A073.

Communications
The House of Deputies Committee on Communications presented its Report #10 on Resolution D087 (Communications Audit) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:

(D087)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church calls upon the Standing Commission on Episcopal Church Communications to work in the coming Triennium with the Office of the Presiding Bishop, the Office of General Convention, the Office of Communication, the Information Technology department and the Archives of The Episcopal Church, and to conduct a comprehensive, integrated examination of communications policies and
practices that support all modes of communication, both internal and external; and be it further
Resolved, That the Standing Commission on Episcopal Church Communications propose
to the 77th General Convention a strategic communication plan for the next Triennium,
maximizing the use of all communication resources for the mission of the Church; and
be it further
Resolved, That the Executive Council work with the Church Center to establish clear,
strategic governance of communications in support of the mission of The Episcopal
Church.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention of The
Episcopal Church call upon direct the Standing Commission on Episcopal Church
Communications to work in the coming triennium with the Office of the Presiding
Bishop, the Office of General Convention, the Office of Communication, the
Information Technology department and The Archives of The Episcopal Church, and
to conduct a comprehensive, integrated examination of communications resources,
policies and practices that support all modes of communication, both internal and
external; and be it further
Resolved, That the Standing Commission on Episcopal Church Communications propose
to the 77th General Convention a strategic communication plan for the next triennium,
maximizing to maximize the use of all communication resources for the mission of the
Church; and be it further
Resolved, That the Executive Council work with the Church Center to establish clear,
strategic governance of communications in support of the mission of The Episcopal
Church.

The House of Deputies Committee on Communications presented its Report #11 on
Resolution D034 (Continuing Episcopal Life and Diocesan Partnerships) and moved
adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(D034)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention reaffirm
the Executive Council's Board of Governors’ oversight responsibility for Episcopal Life
(the print publication in newspaper and/or magazine form) as established when the
newspaper was founded in 1990; and be it further
Resolved, That the policies and practices of the publication and its relationship with its
printing partners be established by the Board of Governors of Episcopal Life; and be it
further
Resolved, That Executive Council restore the appointment of an Executive Council
liaison to the Board of Governors; and be it further
Resolved, That in order to strengthen its oversight role, Executive Council consider
changing the membership of the Board of Governors so that the Presiding Bishop and
President of the House of Deputies shall appoint three (3) bishops, three (3) priests
and/or deacons and six (6) lay persons; and be it further
Resolved, That Executive Council ensure that a minimum of three (3) members of the Board of Governors are drawn from editors of diocesan printing partners with Episcopal Life; and be it further
Resolved, That Episcopal Life continue to publish and circulate a monthly print publication and strengthen The Episcopal Church as a vital ministry resource for the dozens of dioceses that rely on Episcopal Life for news coverage, mailing list maintenance and printing and postal collaboration.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention reaffirm the Executive Council’s Board of Governors’ editorial oversight responsibility for Episcopal Life (the print publication in newspaper and/or magazine form) as established when the newspaper was founded in 1990; and be it further
Resolved, That its charter be updated to reflect the ways in which technology is changing how the story of The Episcopal Church is conveyed to the Church and to the world beyond; and be it further
Resolved, That the updated charter accord the Board sufficient authority to exercise its oversight of the journalistic independence of Episcopal Life content through all its media.
Resolved, That in order to strengthen its oversight role, Executive Council consider changing the membership of the Board of Governors so that the Presiding Bishop and President of the House of Deputies shall appoint three (3) bishops, three (3) priests and/or deacons and six (6) lay persons; and be it further
Resolved, That Executive Council ensure that a minimum of three (3) members of the Board of Governors are drawn from editors of diocesan printing partners with Episcopal Life; and be it further
Resolved, That Episcopal Life continue to publish and circulate a monthly print publication and strengthen The Episcopal Church as a vital ministry resource for the dozens of dioceses that rely on Episcopal Life for news coverage, mailing list maintenance and printing and postal collaboration.

The House of Deputies Committee on Communications presented its Report #12 on Resolution D058 (Creation of Information Technology Cooperative Network) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(D058)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church direct the Standing Commission on Episcopal Church Communication to organize an information technology cooperative network for dioceses and congregations of The Episcopal Church, whose charter would be to identify common information challenges across the Church that could be met with standard technology solutions: identifying best practices already in use or working with
technology providers to design and develop cost-effective, standard solutions; and be it further
Resolved, That the Standing Commission on Episcopal Church Communications will report its progress to the 77th General Convention.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church direct the Executive Council and the Standing Commission on Episcopal Church Communication to work together to organize convene a group that would organize an information technology cooperative network for dioceses, and congregations, and other institutions of The Episcopal Church, whose charter would be to identify common information challenges across the Church that could be met with standard technology solutions: identifying best practices already in use or working with technology providers to design and develop cost-effective, standard solutions; and be it further
Resolved, That the Standing Commission on Episcopal Church Communications will report its progress to the 77th General Convention; and be it further
Resolved, That a portion of the Standing Commission’s triennial budget be allocated for the implementation of this resolution.

Nominations and Elections
The House of Deputies Committee on Nominations and Elections presented its Report #1 on the appointments by the Presiding Bishop to the Board of Archives:
   The Rt. Rev. J. Neil Alexander, Bishop of Atlanta (to be reappointed for 3 years)
   The Rt. Rev. David Alvarez, Bishop of Puerto Rico

The House of Deputies Committee on Nominations and Elections presented its Report #2 on the appointments by the Presiding Bishop to the Church Deployment Board:
   The Rt. Rev. Laura Ahrens, Bishop Suffragan of Connecticut (already appointed for 3 years to fill term of the Rt. Rev. Michael Smith, Bishop of North Dakota)
   The Rt. Rev. Barry Beisner, Bishop of Northern California (to be appointed for 6 years)
   The Rt. Rev. Prince Singh, Bishop of Rochester (to be appointed for 6 years)

The House of Deputies Committee on Nominations and Elections presented its Report #3 on other nominations by the Presiding Bishop.
   Historiographer, the Rev. J. Robert Wright
   Recorder of Ordinations, Dennis Sullivan
   Custodian of Standard Book of Common Prayer, the Rev. Greg Howe

The House of Deputies Committee on Nominations and Elections presented its Report #4 on the election of Trustees of General Theological Seminary:
The House of Deputies Committee on Nominations and Elections presented its Report #5 on the election of the General Board of Examining Chaplains:

**Bishops**
- The Rt. Rev. Larry R. Benfield, D.D., Bishop of Arkansas
- The Rt. Rev. Barry R. Howe, D.D., D.Min., Bishop of West Missouri
- The Rt. Rev. Sean Rowe, Bishop of Northwestern Pennsylvania

**Priests with Pastoral Cures or in Specialized Ministries**
- The Rev. Stephen E. Moore, J.D.
- The Rev. Elena Thompson, Ph.D.
- The Rev. Canon Tanya R. Wallace

**Lay Persons**
- Br. Reginald-Martin Crenshaw, OHC, Ed.D.
- Donn F. Morgan, Ph.D.
- Kristine T. Utterback, Ph.D.

**Members of Accredited Seminary Faculties or other Educational Institutions**
- The Rev. Luis Barrios, Ph.D.
- The Rev. Lloyd Alexander Lewis, Jr., Ph.D.
- The Rev. Frederick W. Schmidt, Ph.D.

Deputy Jennings of Ohio reported that Resolution B019 had been withdrawn by Dispatch of Business.

**Motion carried**

**Consent Calendar adopted**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Messages #188, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 179, 180, 181, 174, 182, 175, 177, 178, 183, 184, 185, 187, 186)

**END OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR**

**Church Pension Fund**

The House of Deputies Committee on Church Pension Fund presented its Report #9 on Resolution A138 (Establishing a Mandatory Lay Employee Pension System) and moved concurrence.

Deputy Ruetsch of Albany moved to amend the resolution.

**Proposed Amendment:**
In the first resolve clause, delete the number “1,000” and replace with the number “1,500.”

The President announced that time for debate had expired.

A vote was taken on the amendment.

**Motion defeated**

**Amendment defeated**
A vote was taken on Resolution A138.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #176)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A138)
Resolved, That this Church establish a mandatory lay employee pension system for employees who are scheduled to work a minimum of 1,000 hours annually for any domestic Diocese, Parish, Mission or other ecclesiastical organization or body subject to the authority of the Church, in accordance with the following principles:

1. The lay employee pension system shall provide benefits that shall, initially, include defined benefit plan(s) and defined contribution plan(s);
2. If a defined benefit plan is selected, the employer assessment and/or contribution shall be not less than nine (9) percent of the employee’s compensation; if a defined contribution plan is selected, the employer shall contribute not less than five (5) percent of the employee’s compensation and match at least four (4) percent of the employee’s contributions. The Trustees of the Church Pension Fund shall have the authority to increase or decrease the assessment and/or contribution percentages required for the lay pension system;
3. Existing defined benefit plans will be permitted to continue as long as their plan design delivers pension benefits not less than the pension benefits required by this resolution, as determined by the plan administrator. If the plan does not provide the pension benefits required by this resolution, such plan shall be amended to provide for such pension benefits no later than January 1, 2012.
4. The lay employee pension system shall be designed and administered by the Trustees and officers of the Church Pension Fund; the investment managers of the system shall initially include, but not necessarily be limited to, the Church Pension Fund and, in the case of a defined contribution plan offered to school employees, TIAA-CREF;
5. The lay employee pension system will be operated on a financially sound basis, as determined by the Trustees of the Church Pension Fund;
6. Other societies, organizations or bodies in the Church not mandated to participate may, under the regulations of the Church Pension Fund, elect to come into the lay employee pension system;
7. No right or obligation to have assessments paid on compensation paid prior to plan participation will be part of the mandatory lay employee pension system;
8. Service in The Episcopal Church prior to plan implementation shall be recognized for vesting purposes;
9. The implementation of the mandatory lay employee pension system shall be completed no sooner than January 1, 2011 and no later than January 1, 2012; and

10. Further study be undertaken by the Church Pension Fund on the feasibility of inclusion of overseas Episcopal dioceses in the lay employee pension system and report back to the 77th General Convention

And be it further

Resolved, That Canon I.8 shall be amended as follows:

Sec. 1. The Church Pension Fund, a corporation created by Chapter 97 of the Laws of 1914 of the State of New York as subsequently amended, is hereby authorized to establish and administer the clergy pension system, including life, accident and health benefits, of this Church, substantially in accordance with the principles adopted by the General Convention of 1913 and approved thereafter by the several Dioceses, with the view to providing pensions and related benefits for the Clergy who reach normal age of retirement, for the Clergy disabled by age or infirmity and for the surviving spouses and minor children of deceased Clergy. The Church Pension Fund is also authorized to establish and administer the lay employee pension system of the Church, substantially in accordance with the principles adopted by the General Convention of 2009, with the view to providing pensions and related benefits for the eligible lay employees of this Church, as well as their eligible beneficiaries.

Sec. 3. For the purpose of administering the pension system, the Church Pension Fund shall be entitled to receive and to use all net royalties from publications authorized by the General Convention, and to levy upon and to collect from all Parishes, Missions and other ecclesiastical organizations or bodies subject to the authority of this Church, and any other organizations, or bodies in the Church which under the regulations of the Church Pension Fund shall elect to come into the pension system, assessments based upon the salaries and other compensation paid to Clergy by such Parishes, Missions and other ecclesiastical organizations or bodies for services rendered currently or in the past, prior to their becoming beneficiaries of the Fund. For the purpose of administering the lay employee pension system, the Church Pension Fund shall be entitled to collect from all Parishes, Missions and other ecclesiastical organizations or bodies subject to the authority of this Church, and any other societies, organizations or bodies in the Church which under the regulations of the Church Pension Fund shall elect to come into the lay employee pension system, assessments and/or contributions based upon the salaries and other compensation paid to eligible lay employees by such Parishes, Missions and other ecclesiastical organizations or bodies.
The President recessed the House to be reconvened at 2:30 p.m. for the Joint Session on Program, Budget and Finance.

JOINT SESSION FOR THE PRESENTATION BY THE JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON PROGRAM, BUDGET AND FINANCE

The President welcomed the House of Bishops and yielded the Chair to the Presiding Bishop. The Presiding Bishop called the Joint Session to order at 2:36 p.m.

The Presiding Bishop opened the session with prayer. She addressed the Joint Session and encouraged those present to “reflect on the abundance that we do know across the church even as we look at a budget that reflects the scarcity of the moment across the church.” She noted that the proposed budget would facilitate the increased development of networks to source our mission work, and reflected our ability to move into the 21st century. She added that death was reflected in this budget – death to programs and the end of some staff positions at the Church Center. She concluded, “This church, however, lives in the eternal hope of resurrection. We believe through faith that this Church will emerge more able to respond to mission.”

The Presiding Bishop introduced the officers of the Committee, Deputy Adams-McCaslin of Arkansas, Chair; the Bishop of Connecticut, Vice-Chair; and Deputy McAlpen of California, Secretary, who presented their report. The Presiding Bishop opened the floor for questions.

RECESS

The Presiding Bishop adjourned the Joint Session at 3:19 p.m. The President recessed the House of Deputies until 3:30 p.m.

Reconvene

The President called the House to order at 3:35 p.m.

Messages from the House of Bishops

The Secretary announced that the following messages had been received from the House of Bishops:

- **HB Message #181**: A102 (Authorize *Enriching Our Worship* 1, 2, 3 and 4) Adopted with amendment.
- **HB Message #182**: B029 (Consent to Episcopal Elections) Adopted.
- **HB Message #183**: D065 (Youth Seat, Voice and Vote on Vestry) Adopted substitute.
- **HB Message #184**: A079 (Addiction Education for Ordained Ministry) Adopted with amendment.
HB Message #185: B013 (Equipping the Baptized for Ministry in TEC) Concluded.
HB Message #186: D062 (Implementation of Sexual Abuse Misconduct Prevention Training) Concluded.
HB Message #187: A046 (Creation of Position of Information Officer) Concluded.
HB Message #188: A054 (Add Canon I.4.6(j)) Concluded.
HB Message #189: A058 (Amend Canons IV.6, IV.14, IV.15 and the Appendix to Title IV) Concluded.
HB Message #190: A055 (Amend Canon I.12) Concluded.
HB Message #191: A171 (On Records and Archives of the Provinces of The Episcopal Church) Concluded.
HB Message #192: A064 (Amend Canon III.4.1(a) and Add Canon III.4.9) Adopted with amendment.
HB Message #193: C068 (Congregational Wellness: Supply Clergy for Ethnic Ministries) Rejected.
HB Message #194: A163 (Mandate on NEAC AIDS Tutorial) Concluded.
HB Message #195: D049 (Continued Support for the Anglican Church of the Region of Central America) Concluded.
HB Message #196: D007 (Sudan Peace and TEC Partnership) Concluded.
HB Message #197: C061 (Amend Title III.1.2) Concluded with amendment.
HB Message #198: D018 (Address the Global Economic Crisis) Adopted with amendment.
HB Message #199: A088 (Enriching Our Worship 5) Adopted with amendment.
HB Message #201: B004 (Hymnal Revision Study) Adopted with amendment.

Dispatch of Business

The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business presented its Report #24 on the Special Order for Consideration of the Report of PB&F:

Resolved, That this House set a Special Order of Business for the purpose of considering and taking action with respect to the Report to the House of the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance on Resolution D067 on the subject of Mission and Missionary Budget of The Episcopal Church, to be implemented at 9:45 a.m. on the Ninth Legislative Day, Thursday, July 16, 2009; and be it further
Resolved, That in consideration of and action on the Report to the House of the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance on Resolution D067 the rules of debate shall be as follows:

(1) The Committee Chair shall have 10 minutes to speak to the Committee’s Report and Resolution through such of its members as shall be designated by the Chairman of the Committee, and no more than 10 minutes to respond to questions of information or clarification.

(2) The entire debate on the Report thereafter shall be limited to a total of 60 minutes.
(3) The Sections of the Report entitled “Revenues” and each subsection therein such as “Diocesan Commitments” shall be presented, debated and voted on separately. No more than 10 minutes shall be allotted for discussion and debate of the Section on Revenues.

(4) The Sections of the Report entitled respectively “Canonical,” “Corporate” and “Program” and each subsection therein shall be presented and debated sequentially and voted on separately. No more than 50 minutes shall be allotted for discussion and debate of these Sections.

(5) Each Speaker shall be limited to 2 minutes and no Speaker may speak more than once until all other speakers have been heard and the Chair grants leave to speak.

(6) To the extent practicable, the Chair will recognize speakers of opposite views in alternate succession.

(7) Only motions to amend the paragraphs of the section under debate shall be entertained until debate on paragraphs of the section under debate have been completed or until no member of the House desires to speak, whichever shall first occur.

(8) A motion to terminate debate on an amendment may not include termination of debate on the main motion.

(9) No motion to lay on the table or otherwise terminate debate on a section of the Budget shall be entertained until the conclusion of the final discussion and debate on all paragraphs of the Section under debate have been completed or until no member of the House desires to speak to the Section, whichever shall first occur.

(10) The provisions of this Special Order and limitations on debate specified in these rules may be extended, shortened, or otherwise amended without debate only by a two-thirds vote of the House.

Deputy Smylie of Wyoming moved to amend the resolution.

Proposed Amendment:
In the second resolve clause in Section 5, replace the number “2” with the number “1.”

Motion carried
Amendment adopted

A vote was taken on the Special Order as amended.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #189)

National and International Concerns
The House of Deputies Committee on National and International Concerns presented its Report #19 on Resolution D039 (Fix Our Broken Labor Laws) and moved adoption with amendment.
Original Text of Resolution:
(D039)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church urge the Congress of the United States to pass, and the President to sign it into law, labor law reform legislation designed to better protect employees seeking to engage in collective bargaining, to simplify and streamline the procedures by which employees may choose to organize, and to assist employers and employees in reaching agreement. Said legislation should contain the following elements:

1. Provide workers the choice of seeking union recognition either through an election, or through a majority sign-up on cards which are then verified by the National Labor Relations Board.
2. Adopt more effective remedies for violations of employees’ rights, comparable to the remedies for discrimination provided by existing civil rights laws.
3. Where the employers and unions are unable to reach agreement on their first collective bargaining agreement within a reasonable period of time, resolve the dispute by submitting it to mediation and neutral, binding arbitration; and be it further

Resolved, That church members and the Office of Government Relations communicate the position of The Episcopal Church on this issue to the President and Members of Congress, and advocate passage of federal legislation consistent with this resolution.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church urge the Congress of the United States to pass, and the President to sign it into law, labor law reform legislation designed to better protect employees seeking to engage in collective bargaining, to simplify and streamline the procedures by which employees may choose to organize, and to assist employers and employees in reaching agreement. Said legislation should contain the following elements:

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3. Where the employers and unions are unable to reach agreement on their first collective bargaining agreement within a reasonable period of time, resolve the dispute by submitting it to mediation and if mediation is unsuccessful, then to neutral binding arbitration; and be it further

Resolved, That church members and the Office of Government Relations communicate the position of The Episcopal Church on this issue to the President and Members of Congress, and advocate passage of federal legislation consistent with this resolution.

Deputy Kammerer of Tennessee moved to amend the resolution.
Proposed Amendment:
In the first resolve clause in Section 1, delete the words “, or through a majority sign-up on cards which are then verified by the National Labor Relations Board.”

Motion defeated
Amendment defeated

A vote was taken on Resolution D039 as amended.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #190)

The House of Deputies Committee on National and International Concerns presented its Report #20 on Resolution D012 (Support of Transgender Civil Rights) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:

(D012)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church supports the enactment of laws at the local, state and federal level that a) prohibit discrimination based on gender identity or the expression of one’s gender identity, and b) treat physical violence inflicted on the basis of a victim’s gender identity or expression as a hate crime; and be it further
Resolved, That the Secretary of Convention convey this resolution to the Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, to the Majority and Minority Leaders in the U.S. Senate, to the Chair of the National Governors Association and to the President of the U. S. Conference of Mayors.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church supports the enactment of laws at the local, state and federal level that a) prohibit discrimination based on gender identity or the expression of one’s gender identity, and b) treat physical violence inflicted on the basis of a victim’s gender identity or expression as a hate crime; and be it further
Resolved, That the Secretary of Convention convey this resolution to appropriate congressional leadership, the Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, to the Majority and Minority Leaders in the U.S. Senate, to the Chair of the National Governors Association, the President of the National Conference of State Legislatures and to the President of the U. S. Conference of Mayors.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #191)

The House of Deputies Committee on National and International Concerns presented its Report #25 on Resolution A167 (Trafficking) and moved adoption with amendment.
Original Text of Resolution:

(A167)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church calls for the protection of all victims of human trafficking, particularly women and children, providing necessary attention to their physical, psychological and social needs, and using approaches that respect victims’ rights and integrity; and be it further

Resolved, That the 76th General Convention urges its members to support legislation and action oriented to the recovery and reintegration into society of victims of human trafficking. These efforts should provide a safe, dignified and sustainable way for victims of trafficking to reintegrate into society and lead a normalized life; and be it further

Resolved, That all congregations and dioceses are urged to observe January 11, Human Trafficking Awareness Day, in their liturgical, congregational and diocesan lives, and to make use of the following litany:

FOR AN END TO THE EVILS OF TRAFFICKING

Almighty God, Judge of the nations and Protector of the helpless, we come before you today to ask for vision and courage and strength as we witness in your Name against the evils of trafficking.

We pray first for the victims of trafficking, especially women and children, whose lot is slavery and whose future is despair. As you rescued Susanna from a cruel fate at the hands of the elders, so rescue the enslaved in our day and restore their rightful dignity as your beloved creation.

Leader: “Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!

People: “Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the living of these days.”

We pray for those who traffic in human lives that they may know at first hand the wrath of God and, knowing it, may fear God and turn from their wickedness and live. As you touched and transformed the heart of John Newton with your amazing grace, so break through the barriers of greed and indifference and let their evil be turned to good.

Leader: “’Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;

People: “How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!”

We pray for the exploiters whose relentless demand for forced labor and commercial sex spells doom for the innocent in many lands. As you brought judgment on Babylon, the great city, so let your righteous will frustrate all who take part in this unholy trade.

Leader: “Fallen, fallen is the great city; for its sins are heaped as high as heaven.

People: “God has remembered its iniquities; for mighty is the Lord who judges.”

We pray for our governments which, having made a start, are left with much yet to do for the voiceless and wretched of the earth. As you moved Abraham Lincoln to act on behalf of the enslaved, so move our leaders to respond with conscience and compassion in this moment of testing.

Leader: “Shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.

People: “Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss thy kingdom’s goal.”

We pray for the religious leaders in all our communities that they may bear a bold and faithful witness to discomfort and challenge those who rest easy in the face of evil. As you moved the prophets of old and raised up Sojourner Truth to bear her witness, so
call forth prophets at the heart of our nation’s life that the impossible may be done in your strength and the undreamed of become real.

Leader: “God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power.
People: “Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour.”

We pray finally for ourselves and for all people of compassion and goodwill that we may respect the dignity of every human being, loving our neighbors as ourselves. As you have brought us out of error into truth and out of sin into righteousness, so by the witness of many bring the victims of trafficking out of death into life and rid the great city which is our world from these evils at work among us.

Leader: “Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore.
People: “Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving thee whom we adore.” Amen.


Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church calls for the protection of all victims of human trafficking, particularly women and children, providing necessary attention to their physical, psychological and social needs, and using approaches that respect victims’ rights and integrity; and be it further
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention urges its members to support legislation and action oriented to the recovery and reintegration into society of victims of human trafficking. These efforts should provide a safe, dignified and sustainable way for victims of trafficking to reintegrate into society and lead a normalized life; and be it further
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention commends the work of the Executive Council Committee on the Status of Women, as well as the Roman Catholic Women Religious in addressing human trafficking as a national and international priority and recommends that all Episcopal dioceses collaborate with all faith groups and with the Anglican Communion through the International Anglican Women’s Network to provide extensive education to expose and eradicate this insidious undercover modern day slavery; and be it further
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention commend the work of the United States Department of State and the Department of Health and Human Services’ Office of Refugee Resettlement, in its mission to bring the issue of human trafficking to international attention and to support those vulnerable to economic exploitation, most especially women and children; and be it further
Resolved, That all congregations and dioceses are urged to observe January 11, an Human Trafficking Awareness Day, in their liturgical, congregational and diocesan lives, and to make use of the following litany:

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Leader: “God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power.
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We pray finally for ourselves and for all people of compassion and goodwill that we may respect the dignity of every human being, loving our neighbors as ourselves. As you have brought us out of error into truth and out of sin into righteousness, so by the witness of many bring the victims of trafficking out of death into life and rid the great city which is our world from these evils at work among us.

Leader: “Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore.
People: “Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving thee whom we adore.” Amen.


Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment

The Chair asked the House to reconsider Resolution A167 to allow for amendments that had been missed.

Deputy Headley-Deavours of Newark moved to amend the resolution.
Proposed Amendment:
In the third paragraph of the prayer litany, delete the word “commercial.”

Deputy Headley-Deavours withdrew the amendment.

Deputy Headley-Deavours moved to amend the resolution.

Proposed Amendment:
In the fifth resolve clause, insert a period after the word “lives.” Delete the remainder of the resolution through the end of the litany.

Deputy Trambley of Northwestern Pennsylvania moved the previous question on the amendment and the main motion.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on the proposed amendment. The voice vote being inconclusive, the President called for an electronic vote. The result of the electronic vote was: Yes, 406 votes (51.1%) and No, 388 votes (48.9%).

Motion carried
Amendment adopted

A vote was taken on Resolution A167 as amended.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #192)

Point of Order
Deputy Snow of Alaska moved to suspend the Rules to take up Resolution B027 (Peace between Israel and Palestine).

Motion carried
Rules suspended

The House of Deputies Committee on National and International Concerns presented its Report #42 on Resolution B027 (Peace between Israel and Palestine) and moved adoption of a substitute.

Original Text of Resolution:
(B027)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention, considering the Church’s mission to promote peace for all God’s people, warmly applauds the initiative of President Barack Obama and his Middle East envoy, George Mitchell, to bring stronger and more resolute American diplomatic leadership to the cause of peace between Israel and Palestine and to the Middle East; and be it further Resolved, That the Convention acknowledge the tragic histories of the Jewish and Palestinian people as victims of injustice, wars, dispersion and exile, the existential fear...
Resolved, That the Convention respect the profound commitment of Israelis and Palestinians to the land they regard as their homeland and their national aspirations, and call upon the U.S. Government, in keeping with American ideals of equality, justice and human rights, to pursue a fair and balanced approach to making peace that fulfills the fundamental needs of both peoples; and be it further

Resolved, That the Convention acknowledge that peace between Israel and Palestine can be achieved only by a division of historic Palestine into two sovereign states, and that this division should be defined, more or less, by the 1949 Armistice line, with mutually agreed border adjustments; and be it further

Resolved, That the humanitarian situation in Gaza calls for the unrestricted opening of borders for both humanitarian and reconstruction resources; and be it further

Resolved, That the Convention understand and respect the religious and historic claims of both Israelis and Palestinians, as well as of Jews, Christians and Muslims, worldwide, toward the Holy City of Jerusalem and its sacred holy sites, and that a just and lasting territorial division must include a shared Jerusalem in which the State of Israel and a future State of Palestine will maintain their respective capitals; and be it further

Resolved, That the Convention recognize that the use of force, violence or arbitrary power by Israelis or Palestinians to determine the outcome of this conflict must be condemned absolutely, and that peace can be achieved only through peaceful negotiations that would lead to the emergence of a Palestinian state living side by side and at peace with Israel; and be it further

Resolved, That the Convention urge all Episcopalians to work and pray for the liberating of Israelis and Palestinians from generations of conflict, freeing the Middle East and the world from tensions wrought by this struggle, restoring harmony among Jews, Muslims and Christians worldwide for whom the Holy Land is sacred, and for creating peace based on the universal value of justice, as a compelling priority for the Church and for the United States of America.

Committee Substitute:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention, considering the Church’s mission to promote peace for all God’s people, warmly applaud the initiative of President Barack Obama and his Middle East envoy, George Mitchell, to bring stronger and more resolute American diplomatic leadership to the cause of peace between Israel and Palestine and to the Middle East; and be it further

Resolved, That we express our appreciation to Bishop Suheil Dawani and the Diocese of Jerusalem for their ongoing witness and dedication to reconciliation and peace; and be it further

Resolved, That the 76th General Convention acknowledge the tragic histories of the Jewish and Palestinian peoples as victims of injustice, wars, dispersion and exile, the existential fear and insecurity this has created for both peoples, and the distress their conflict has caused throughout the Middle East; and be it further

Resolved, That the 76th General Convention respect the profound commitment of Israelis and Palestinians to the land they regard as their homeland; and be it further
Resolved, That this Convention call upon Israelis and Palestinians to recognize one another’s right to statehood, economic viability and security, and that all other nations do likewise; and be it further
Resolved, That this Convention call for the cessation of violence by all Palestinians and Israelis; and be it further
Resolved, That this Convention call on the Government of the United States of America to practice financial transparency in all of its aid to Palestinians and to Israel; and be it further
Resolved, That this Convention call for the end of the air, water and land blockade of the Gaza Strip thereby permitting free and uninhibited access for all humanitarian assistance, for educational, reconstruction and development materials and for ordinary trade; and be it further
Resolved, That this Convention call for the wall in whatever its form around and through Palestinian land to be brought down; and be it further
Resolved, That this Convention call for an end to the on-going confiscation of Palestinian land, demolition of housing and the displacement of people; and be it further
Resolved, That this Convention call for a just resolution for Palestinian refugees; and be it further
Resolved, That this Convention call for the creation of a single, viable, sovereign Palestinian state, independent of the State of Israel, comprising all of the West Bank and Gaza Strip, with each state controlling its own water rights, and with Jerusalem serving as capital of both Israel and Palestine, in order to encourage a comprehensive and enduring peace.

Deputy Lewis of Southwest Florida moved to divide the first seven resolve clauses and from the last five resolve clauses.

Motion defeated
Division defeated

Deputy Moss of Western Massachusetts moved the previous question.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on substitute Resolution B027.

Motion carried
Substitute resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #193)

Ecumenical Relations
The House of Deputies Committee on Ecumenical Relations presented its Report #10 on Resolution D054 (Int. Eucharistic Sharing with UMC and Dialogue with Historically Af. Am. Meth. Churches) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #194)
Final Text of Resolution:

(D054)

Resolved, That the 76th General Convention give thanks for the relationship of Interim Eucharistic Sharing with the United Methodist Church and commend the work of this dialogue to dioceses and congregations of The Episcopal Church; and be it further

Resolved, That the Standing Commission on Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations continue exploring tangible ways to involve the historically African American Methodist Episcopal churches (AME, CME, AMEZ and others) in this dialogue.

Structure

The House of Deputies Committee on Structure presented its Report #18 on Resolution A158 (Continuing Resolution) and moved that the Committee be discharged because the matter was already acted on in Resolution A117.

Motion carried
Committee discharged
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #196)

Point of Order

Deputy Hofer of Long Island moved to limit debate on any resolution to 15 minutes.

Motion carried

National and International Concerns

The House of Deputies Committee on National and International Concerns presented its Report #26 on Resolution D035 (Repudiate the Doctrine of Discovery) and moved adoption of a substitute.

Original Text of Resolution:

(D035)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention declare the Christian Doctrine of Discovery - the dogma that Christian sovereigns and their representative explorers could assert dominion and title over non-Christian lands with the full blessing and sanction of the Church - as evil and opposed to our understanding of the inherent rights all humans and peoples enjoy derived from God, and that this declaration be shared with all nation states located within The Episcopal Church’s boundaries along with the United Nations; and be it further

Resolved, That this body direct the appropriate representatives of the House of Bishops and House of Deputies to write to Queen Elizabeth II, the Supreme Governor of the Church of England, requesting that her Majesty disavow, and repudiate publicly, the claimed validity of the Christian Doctrine of Discovery; this doctrine is found in the Royal Charter (Letters Patent) that Queen Elizabeth II’s predecessor, King Henry VII, issued to John Cabot and his sons in 1496 and subsequently reaffirmed by the charters of Henry Gilbert in 1583 and Walter Raleigh in 1584 and the Virginia Company charters of 1606 and 1609. These led to the colonizing dispossession of indigenous peoples from...
their lands in North America and to the dehumanization and subjugation of non-Christian peoples (which the monarchy termed “heathens” and “infidels”); and be it further

Resolved, That each diocese within The Episcopal Church be encouraged to reflect upon its, The Episcopal Church’s, and the Anglican Communion’s injustices committed against Indigenous People and encourage all Episcopalians within The Episcopal Church to seek a greater understanding of the Indigenous Peoples within geo-political boundaries claimed by the United States and other nation states located within The Episcopal Church’s boundaries, and to support those peoples in their ongoing efforts for their inherent sovereignty and fundamental human rights as peoples to be respected.

Committee Substitute:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention repudiates and renounces the Doctrine of Discovery as fundamentally opposed to the Gospel of Jesus Christ and our understanding of the inherent rights that individuals and peoples have received from God, and that this declaration be proclaimed among our churches and shared with the United Nations and all the nations and peoples located within The Episcopal Church’s boundaries. This doctrine, which originated with Henry VII in 1496, held that Christian sovereigns and their representative explorers could assert dominion and title over non-Christian lands with the full blessing and sanction of the Church. It continues to be invoked, in only slightly modified form, in court cases and in the many destructive policies of governments and other institutions of the modern nation-state that lead to the colonizing dispossession of the lands of indigenous peoples and the disruption of their way of life; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church review its policies and programs with a view to exposing the historical reality and impact of the Doctrine of Discovery and eliminating its presence in its contemporary policies, program and structures and, further, that this body directs the appropriate representatives of the House of Bishops and House of Deputies, to inform all relevant governmental bodies in The United States of its action and suggest similar and equivalent review of historical and contemporary policies that contribute to the continuing colonization of Indigenous Peoples and, further, to write to Queen Elizabeth II, the Supreme Governor of the Church of England, requesting that her Majesty disavow, and repudiate publicly, the claimed validity of the Christian Doctrine of Discovery; and be it further

Resolved, That each diocese within The Episcopal Church be encouraged to reflect upon its own history, in light of these actions and encourage all Episcopalians to seek a greater understanding of the Indigenous Peoples within the geo-political boundaries claimed by the United States and other nation states located within The Episcopal Church’s boundaries, and to support those peoples in their ongoing efforts for their inherent sovereignty and fundamental human rights as peoples to be respected; and be it further
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention direct the Office of Government Relations to advocate for the U.S. government’s endorsement of the “United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples,” which the United States has refused to endorse (only the U.S., Canada, New Zealand and Australia have failed to sign on).

Motion carried
Substitute resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #197)

Point of Order
Deputy Fish of Albany moved to limit committee presentations to 3 minutes.

Motion carried

Canons
The House of Deputies Committee on Canons presented its Report #15 on Resolution A123 (Amend Canon 1.15.10: Discipline Process Clarification) and moved to refer the resolution to the Standing Commission on Constitution and Canons.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A123)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That Canon I.15.10 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 10. In case a Member of the Clergy officiating in charge of a Congregation in a foreign land shall be accused of any offense under the Canons of this Church, it shall be the duty of the Bishop in charge of such the Congregations in that land, or if there be none, the Presiding Bishop, to fulfill the role of the Bishop under Title IV. The Bishop so acting shall summon the Council of Advice, or the Standing Committee of the Bishop’s diocese, as the case may be, and cause an inquiry to be instituted as to the truth of such accusation, and should there be reasonable grounds for believing the same to be true, the said Bishop and the Council of Advice shall appoint a Commission, consisting of three Clergy and two Lay Persons, whose duty it shall be to meet in the place where the accused resides, and to obtain all the evidence in the case from the parties interested, which shall perform the functions of a Diocesan Review Committee as provided in Title IV. The Bishop, Council of Advice or Standing Committee and Ecclesiastical Trial Court shall give to the accused all rights under the Canons of this Church which can be exercised in a foreign land. The judgment of the said Commission, solemnly made, shall then be sent to the Bishop in charge, and to the Presiding Bishop, and, if approved by them, shall be carried into effect. Provided, that no such Commission shall recommend any other discipline than admonition or removal of the Member of the Clergy from charge of said Congregation. Should the result of the inquiry of the aforesaid Commission reveal evidence tending, in their judgment, to show that said Member of the Clergy deserves a more severe discipline, all the documents in the case shall be placed in the hands of the Presiding Bishop, who may proceed against the Member of the Clergy, as far as possible, according to the Canons of the General Convention.

The judgment of the Ecclesiastical Trial Court may be appealed by the Respondent to the Court of
Review of the Province of which the Bishop in Charge is a member of the Provincial House of Bishops, or in the case of the Presiding Bishop, the Province most convenient to the Respondent.

Motion carried
Resolution referred to a Standing Commission
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #198)

The House of Deputies Committee on Canons presented its Report #16 on Resolution A057 (Canonical Implementation of Constitution Article II, Section 8 and Adjustments to the Wording of Testimonials and Consent Documents used in the Election and Consecration of Bishops) and moved to refer the resolution to the Standing Commission on Ministry Development.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A057)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That Canon III.11 is hereby amended by adding a new section 5 and renumbering the remaining sections.

Section 5. If any body empowered to elect a Bishop shall elect a person who is already a member of that sacred order, the consent process shall proceed as provided in this canon, including the requirements of section 3(b) of this canon, with only the following variations:

(a) In lieu of the testimonial required in III.11.3(a) or III.11.4(a), the testimonial shall be in the following words:

We, whose names are hereunder written, fully aware of the sanctity of the Order and Office of a Bishop, and firmly persuaded that it is our duty to bear testimony on this solemn occasion without partiality, do, in the presence of Almighty God, testify that we know of no impediment on account of which the Right Reverend A.B. ought not to be elected as Bishop/Bishop Coadjutor/Bishop Suffragan of the Diocese of _______.

We do, moreover, jointly and severally declare that we believe the Right Reverend A.B. to have been duly and lawfully elected, which election process has affirmed that he/she is of such sufficiency in learning, of such soundness in the Faith, and of such godly character as to exercise the Office of a Bishop for this cure, to the honor of God, and the edifying of the Church, and to be a wholesome example to the flock of Christ.

(Date) __________ (Signed) _______________

(b) In lieu of the testimonial required by Canon III.11.4(b), the testimonial shall be in the following words:

We, being a majority of all the members of the Standing Committee of ________, having been duly convened, being fully aware of the sanctity of the Order and Office of a Bishop, and firmly persuaded that it is our duty to bear testimony on this solemn occasion without partiality, do, in the presence of Almighty God, testify that we know of no impediment on account of which the Right Reverend A.B. ought not to serve as Bishop/Bishop Coadjutor/Bishop Suffragan of the Diocese of _______ and we hereby consent to the election of the Right Reverend A.B. as Bishop/Bishop Coadjutor/Bishop Suffragan of the Diocese of _______. In witness whereof, we have hereunto set our hands this _____ day of _______ in the year of our Lord _________.

(Signed) _______________

(c) In lieu of the Resolution required by Canon III.11.3(c), the Resolution shall be in the following words:
Resolved that the House of Deputies, fully aware of the sanctity of the Order and Office of a Bishop, and firmly persuaded that it is our duty to bear testimony on this solemn occasion without partiality, do, in the presence of Almighty God, testify that we know of no impediment on account of which the Right Reverend A.B. ought not to serve as the Bishop/Bishop Coadjutor/Bishop Suffragan of the Diocese of __________ and we hereby consent to the election of the Right Reverend A.B. as the Bishop/Bishop Coadjutor/Bishop Suffragan of the Diocese of _____.

And be it further

Resolved, That Canon III.11.3(c) is hereby amended to read as follows:

(c) The Secretary of the House of Deputies shall present the testimonials to the House and shall introduce a resolution for the House’s consideration in the following words:

Resolved that the House of Deputies, fully sensible how important it is that the Sacred Order and Office of a Bishop should not be unworthily conferred, and firmly persuaded that it is our duty to bear testimony on this solemn occasion without partiality, do, in the presence of Almighty God, testify that we know of no impediment on account of which the Reverend A.B. ought not to be ordained to that Holy Order and we hereby consent to her/his consecration. and if the House consents to the ordination of the Bishop-elect, If the House adopts the resolution, notice of its consent, certified by the President and the Secretary of the House, together with the testimonials, shall be sent to the House of Bishops.

And be it further

Resolved, That Canon III.11.4(b) is hereby amended to read as follows:

(b) Evidence of the consent of each Standing Committee shall be a testimonial in the following words, signed by a majority of all the members of the Committee:

We, being a majority of all the members of the Standing Committee of __________, and having been duly convened at __________, being fully sensible how important it is that the Sacred Order and Office of a Bishop should not be unworthily conferred, and firmly persuaded that it is our duty to bear testimony on this solemn occasion without partiality, do, in the presence of Almighty God, testify that we know of no impediment on account of which the Reverend A.B. ought not to be ordained to that Holy Order and we hereby consent to her/his consecration. In witness whereof, we have hereunto set our hands this _____ day of __________ in the year of our Lord __________.

(Signed) _________________

Motion carried

Resolution referred to a Standing Commission

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #199)

Structure

The House of Deputies Committee on Structure presented its Report #20 on Resolution B014 (Study for a Dissolution Canon) and moved to refer the resolution to the Standing Commission on Ministry Development.
Original Text of Resolution:
(B014)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention direct the formation of a Special Task Force for the study of reconciliation or dissolution of Pastoral Relations between dioceses and their bishops, including the constitutional, canonical and theological implications thereof, and to report its findings and any recommended amendments to the Constitution and/or Canons to the 77th General Convention; and be it further
Resolved, That the members of the Special Task Force include two members appointed by the Standing Commission on Constitution and Canons, two members appointed by the Standing Commission on Ministry Development and two members appointed by the House of Bishops Committee on Pastoral Development with the Bishop for the Office of Pastoral Development serving as the Consultant; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of not less than fifteen thousand dollars ($15,000) for the necessary expenses incurred during the work of the Special Task Force.

Motion carried
Resolution referred to a Standing Commission
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #200)

Social and Urban Affairs
The House of Deputies Committee on Social and Urban Affairs presented its Report #38 on Resolution D063 (Pandemic Preparedness) and moved adoption of a substitute.

Original Text of Resolution:
(D063)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church direct each diocese and province of The Episcopal Church to have in place such pastoral and health guidelines and protocols for an effective and appropriate faith community response and management of pandemic influenza outbreaks by 1 October 2009; and be it further
Resolved, That it direct that the Episcopal Church Center and its regional offices and Standing Liturgical Commission shall have in place by 1 October, information and policy needed regarding pastoral direction for gatherings, pastoral care and health guidelines and protocols for effective and appropriate responses to and the management of pandemic influenza.

Committee Substitute:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention direct each diocese to review existing emergency preparedness plans for appropriate response to pandemic disease by the fall of 2009; and be it further
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention encourage congregations to seek information on readiness for and instructions regarding pandemic disease and moral principles regarding distribution of resources in health emergencies.
A vote was taken on substitute Resolution D063.  

Motion carried  
Substitute resolution adopted  
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #216)

Ministry  
The House of Deputies Committee on Ministry presented its Report #1 on Resolution A008 (Program of Formation for Newly Elected Bishops) and moved concurrence.  

A vote was taken on Resolution A008.  

Motion carried  
The House concurred  
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #202)

Final Text of Resolution:  
(A008)  
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee of Program, Budget and Finance to consider $367,500, the canonically required and House of Bishops approved program of formation for newly-elected bishops entitled, Living Our Vows: A Peer Coaching and Residential Program, effective January 1, 2010.

The House of Deputies Committee on Ministry presented its Report #2 on Resolution A135 (Seminarian Cross-Cultural Formation) and moved concurrence.  

A vote was taken on Resolution A135.  

Motion carried  
The House concurred  
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #203)

Final Text of Resolution:  
(A135)  
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church provide funding toward cross-cultural and international experience for postulants and candidates. This funding is to be received and overseen by the Seminary Consultation on Mission (SCOM); and be it further  
Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $180,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

The House of Deputies Committee on Ministry presented its Report #3 on B007 (Amend Canon III.12.3(a)) and moved concurrence.
Deputy Dawson of Eau Claire moved the previous question.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on Resolution B007.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #204)

Final Text of Resolution:
(B007)
Resolved, That Canon III.12.3(a) be amended to read as follows:
Sec. 3. Duties
(a) A Bishop, Diocesan, Bishop Coadjutor, Bishop Suffragan or Assistant Bishop of the Diocese shall visit the Congregations within the Diocese at least once in three years. Interim visits may be delegated to another Bishop of this Church.

The House of Deputies Committee on Ministry presented its Report #4 on Resolution D029 (Amend Article VIII of the Constitution) and moved concurrence.

A vote was taken on Resolution D029.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #205)

Final Text of Resolution:
(D029)
Resolved, That the last paragraph of Article VIII of the Constitution is amended by the addition of a final sentence as follows:

No minister of such a Church ordained by other than a Bishop, apart from any such ministers designated as part of the Covenant or Instrument by which full communion was established shall be eligible to officiate under this Article.

Education
The House of Deputies Committee on Education presented its Report #20 on Resolution D085 (Ministry of the Child) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:
(D085)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention applaud the work of the Children’s Charter for the Church and calls for the next phase of the work of the Children’s Charter for the Church by requesting the Center for Evangelism and Congregational Life, lift up the stories of the ministry of the child in order to educate and transform the Church; and be it further
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance consider a budget allocation of $40,000 for the implementation of the resolution during the 2010-2012 triennium; and be it further

Resolved, That the 76th General Convention request the Center for Evangelism and Congregational Life report to the Standing Commission on Lifelong Christian Formation and Education before the 77th General Convention on the status of the continued implementation of the Children’s Charter for the Church.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #206)

Stewardship and Development
The House of Deputies Committee on Stewardship and Development presented its Report #22 on Resolution A069 (Funding Mission Funding Office) and moved concurrence.

A vote was taken on Resolution A069.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #207)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A069)
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention affirms that the imperative of raising significant financial resources to seize the mission opportunities that are before us; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention encourages the Mission Funding Initiative of The Episcopal Church and commends the Presiding Bishop for her leadership in this important area; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention directs the Presiding Bishop and the Mission Funding Advisory Board to include in their work in this triennium continued development of the case for support and appropriate evaluation of a feasible goal for this initiative which will include conversations with Bishops, clergy and lay leaders at all levels of the church; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention authorizes the Executive Council to set a bold and ambitious goal for this fund after the aforementioned conversations; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $5,000,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

The House of Deputies Committee on Stewardship and Development presented its Report #23 on Resolution A061 (Continuous Cycle of Strategic Planning) and moved concurrence.
A vote was taken on Resolution A061.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #208)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A061)

Resolved, That the 76th General Convention direct the Executive Council to create a Committee of Strategic Planning to guide the Executive Council and the Church Center in their capacities as leaders of The Episcopal Church; and be it further

Resolved, That the Committee on Strategic Planning be charged with using the best appropriate planning methods available to develop a ten-year plan, updated annually, that identifies and tracks the missional, financial, societal, cultural and other challenges and opportunities facing The Episcopal Church; considers alternative paths of action; recommends a path; defines measurable indicators of success of the selected direction and a specific timeline; details resources needed and proposes how those resources will be gathered; and be it further

Resolved, That the Committee on Strategic Planning report annually to the Executive Council except in years when General Convention meets, during which year it reports to General Convention; and be it further

Resolved, That the plan receive a revision every year and a major revision every three years in anticipation of the triennial priorities and budget process that is finalized at General Convention; and be it further

Resolved, That the Committee on Strategic Planning consist of fourteen persons with voice and vote: the Presiding Officers; three bishops, three ordained priests or deacons and six lay persons all jointly appointed by the Presiding Officers, at least three and no more than six of whom will be members of Executive Council; and be it further

Resolved, That the Presiding Bishop appoint two or three senior members of Church Center staff one of whom shall be from the Mission Funding office to serve on the Committee on Strategic Planning with voice, but no vote; and be it further

Resolved, That the work of the Committee on Strategic Planning be guided and supported by an external consultant working with senior Church Center staff; and be it further

Resolved, That minutes of the meetings of the Committee on Strategic Planning be distributed to the Presiding Officers and staff of the Church Center to one level below Center Directors; and be it further

Resolved, That the Budgetary Funding Task Force continue for the next Triennium to complete their interviews and research regarding diocesan support to The Episcopal Church; and be it further

Resolved, That the Church Center Staff, Executive Council and the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance shall use the strategic plan as a tool in the preparation of the triennial draft budget of The Episcopal Church; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $300,000 (including funding for the Budgetary Funding Task Force) for the implementation of this resolution.

The House of Deputies Committee on Stewardship and Development presented its Report #24 on Resolution C070 (Memorializing the Genesis Covenant) and moved concurrence.

A vote was taken on Resolution C070.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #209)

Final Text of Resolution:
(C070)
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church affirm that The Episcopal Church become a signatory to the Genesis Covenant, thereby making a public commitment to work to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from every facility it maintains by a minimum of 50% within ten years.

The House of Deputies Committee on Stewardship and Development presented its Report #25 on Resolution B018 (Stewardship of Resources) and moved concurrence.

A vote was taken on Resolution B018.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #210)

Final Text of Resolution:
(B018)
Resolved, That the Joint Committee on Program, Budget and Finance is requested to present a Budget to the General Convention that reduces the expenses for interim meetings of all Committees, Commissions, Agencies and Boards by one-half for the Triennium; and be it further

Resolved, That funding for domestic and foreign missionary projects, including the Millennium Development Goals be directly increased by a dollar amount equal to that by which the expenses for interim meetings of Committees, Commissions, Agencies and Boards is decreased; and be it further

Resolved, That the Budgetary Funding Task Force is requested to consider ways in which the funding of mission be the priority in future budgets of The Episcopal Church and report to the 77th General Convention of The Episcopal Church.
The House of Deputies Committee on Stewardship and Development presented its Report #26 on Resolution B008 (Amend Canon I.7.3 to add 3(b)) and moved to concur with a referral to the Standing Commission on Constitution and Canons.

**Final Text of Resolution:**

(B008)

Resolved, That Canon I.7.3 be amended to read as follows:

A new section added to be 1.7. Sec.3(b) - that would change the former 1.7. Sec.3 to 1.7.Sec.3(a)

Sec. 3. (b) No Vestry, Trustee or other Body, authorized by Civil or Canon Law to hold, manage, or administer the trusts or permanent funds of any Parish, Mission, Congregation or Institution, shall expend or otherwise encumber those funds in a manner inconsistent with standard business practice without the written consent of the Bishop and Standing Committee of the Diocese of which the Parish, Mission, Congregation or Institution is a part except under such regulations as may be prescribed by Canon of the Diocese.

A vote was taken on Resolution B008.

**Motion carried**

Resolution referred to a Standing Commission

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #211)

**Ecumenical Relations**

The House of Deputies Committee on Ecumenical Relations presented its Report #12 on Resolution A074 (Endorse Theological Statement on Interreligious Relations) and moved concurrence.

Deputy Frantz-Dale of New Hampshire moved to delay consideration of Resolution A074 until the Ninth Legislative Day. The voice vote being inconclusive, the President called for an electronic vote.

An electronic vote was taken on the motion to delay consideration. The result of the electronic vote was: Yes, 412 votes (53.2%) and No, 362 votes (46.8%).

**Motion defeated**

Deputy Martin of Dallas moved the previous question.

**Motion carried**

Debate terminated

A vote was taken on Resolution A074.

**Motion carried**

The House concurred

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #212)
Final Text of Resolution:
(A074)

Resolved, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church adopt the following statement as a foundation upon which it engages in interreligious dialogue; and be it further

Resolved, That this statement be commended to dioceses and congregations and shared with our ecumenical and interreligious partners.

I. Introduction

1. We affirm the foundational Gospel proclamation that “Jesus is Lord” (I Corinthians 12:3 NRSV here and hereafter), and therefore Jesus’ Summary of God’s Law: “love the Lord your God with all your hearts, with all your souls, and with all your minds, and to love your neighbor as yourself” (Mark 12:29-31; BCP, Catechism, page 851). For this reason we reach out in love and genuine openness to know and to understand those of other religions.

Therefore, we commend to all our members: dialogue for building relationships, the sharing of information, religious education and celebration with people of other religions as part of Christian life,

1. dialogue begins when people meet each other
2. dialogue depends upon mutual understanding, mutual respect and mutual trust
3. dialogue makes it possible to share in service to the community
4. dialogue is a medium of authentic witness by all parties and not an opportunity for proselytizing.

We believe that such dialogue may be a contribution toward helping people of different religions grow in mutual understanding and making common cause in peacemaking, social justice and religious liberty. We further encourage dioceses, congregations and other organizations of The Episcopal Church to initiate such dialogue in partnership with other Christian Churches and in consultation with other provinces of the Communion, where appropriate.

2. As we engage other religious traditions, our work must be grounded in thoughtful exploration of and reflection on the appropriate ways to profess Christianity in the context of other religious traditions. This document is an initial reflection on why we are participating in multi-religious relationships. It explores the contexts for doing so and seeks to discern the unique contribution of The Episcopal Church to such relationships. As Christians we celebrate and affirm our witness to the gospel of Jesus Christ. “He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation” (Colossians 1:15). We rejoice in our call to spread the good news of God’s love and reconciliation through engaging in life-enhancing relationships with all of God’s people.

II. Historical Context

3. The Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion have had a long interest and involvement in interreligious matters, which have historically been
addressed in the context of mission. Prominent Episcopalians were involved in the first World Parliament of Religions in 1893. The Episcopal Church and Anglican Communion were well represented at the 1910 Edinburgh Missionary Conference, which was called to discuss cooperation in the global mission field and gave birth to the modern ecumenical movement. In the decades that followed, the Anglican Communion and The Episcopal Church were influenced by the important theologies of mission developed by John V. Taylor (Bishop of Winchester and General Secretary of the Church Mission Society) and Lesslie Newbigin (a minister of the Church of Scotland and later a Bishop in the Church of South India). In The Episcopal Church, engagement with Native American culture has resulted in the establishment of significant missionary presence in certain areas.

4. The groundbreaking 1965 document from Vatican Council II, Nostra Aetate (In Our Time), helped to inaugurate a new era of dialogue between Christians and those of other religions. In the Anglican Communion, the 1988 Lambeth Conference issued a major report commending dialogue with people of other faiths as part of Christian discipleship and mission. It also produced the first Anglican Communion document on dialogue with Abrahamic traditions, “Jews, Christians and Muslims: The Way of Dialogue.” This document was recommended for study; and the Provinces were asked to initiate talks wherever possible on a tripartite basis with both Jews and Muslims. Other important resources we have used here include “Generous Love: the Truth of the Gospel and the Call to Dialogue,” issued in 2008 by the Network for Interfaith Concerns (NIFCON) of the Anglican Communion; the Archbishop of Canterbury’s 2007 reply to “A Common Word,” an overture from Muslim scholars for dialogue with Christians; and “Relations with Other World Religions,” Section F of the 2008 Lambeth Conference Indaba Reflections.

5. The Episcopal Church’s primary participation in interreligious dialogue has taken several forms:
   • Ecumenical efforts with other Christians, through the Interfaith Relations Commission of the National Council of Churches of Christ. The 1999 Assembly of the National Council of Churches unanimously approved a policy statement giving a theological rationale for participating in interreligious dialogue.
   • International efforts through the Anglican Communion Office, including the Network for Interfaith Concerns.
   • Particular initiatives taken by the Presiding Bishop as primate and chief pastor of the church.
   • Task force initiatives, first the Presiding Bishop’s Advisory Committee on Interfaith Relations (through 1997) and then the Standing Commission on Ecumenical Relations (from 1997-2003).
   • Diocesan, congregational and individual efforts in peace making and interreligious dialogue.
6. In addition, in response to the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, Episcopal Relief and Development funded the Interfaith Education Initiative, a three-year program in conjunction with the Office of Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations that surveyed the interfaith work of The Episcopal Church and developed educational resources for interreligious dialogue. This project culminated in a conference held at Washington National Cathedral in 2004, and in the publication of the “IEI Manual on Interfaith Dialogue.”

7. In 2003, the General Convention officially located oversight of the church’s interreligious work with the Standing Commission on Ecumenical Relations, which was renamed the Standing Commission on Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations (SCEIR).

III. Current Context
8. As the Indaba Reflections from Lambeth note, “The contexts within which the Church ministers around the world vary widely and the potential for interfaith dialogue will vary accordingly” (¶ 93). The following paragraphs are an attempt to note some of the ways in which our context informs our approach to interreligious relations.

9. Today the picture of the world we have to carry is of the earth seen from space. Borders and boundaries are fluid, easily fractured and unstable. The peoples of the earth will either survive together or perish together. Paradoxically our entire world is, at the same time, housed inside the flat screens of computers that provide immediate access to almost anyone or anything at anytime, anywhere on the planet. Crises and conflicts that were once local matters and seemed to be none of our concern are now global. Social strife, political upheaval and violence—predominantly fueled by greed and/or religious fanaticism—are not distant from us.

10. In the United States, the naive image of the world as a safe and stable place was shattered on September 11, 2001. Those killed in the attacks on the World Trade Center in New York came from many lands, prayed in many languages, called God by many names. They are a true microcosm of the shifting reality of who lives in the United States today, citizens and foreign nationals alike. For the first time in decades, people in the United States experienced what other people in other lands have experienced for generations: fear, grief and loss following from an assault on their homeland, the devastation of their people and the shattering of a sense of well being. While grief and loss are certainly appropriate, fear is the opposite of truth, and fear has led some people of all religions to collude with, participate in and justify political acts of violence and oppression which dishonor all concepts of the Sacred.

11. As Episcopalians, we recognize that our neighbors come from a variety of different beliefs and backgrounds, and we are unfamiliar with many of if not most of them. Christians continue to struggle to find common ground and mutual respect with Jews and Muslims who are fellow children of Abraham.
Whether we intend to or not, we impact and are impacted in return—powerfully and profoundly—by each other's lives, cultures and beliefs. For each of us, the neighbor often seems to be the Other rather than the one whom Christ calls us to receive as a gift and to love as we would be loved ourselves.

12. In contemporary local and global contexts, The Episcopal Church faces crucial opportunities and challenges for developing new creative relationships with people of other religious heritages. Throughout the world, people of different religions can be seen searching for compatible if not common ways toward justice, peace and sustainable life. Our theological and ecclesial heritage offers significant resources for participating in this global quest.

IV. Scripture, Reason and Tradition as Resources in Interreligious Dialogue
13. As part of the Anglican Communion, The Episcopal Church seeks to be a community living in obedience to the Word of God revealed through Scripture, and to identify the contemporary message of that Word through bringing the insights of tradition and reason, to theological reflection on interreligious relations.

Scripture and Reason
14. We understand the Holy Scriptures to be inspired by the Holy Spirit of God and at the same time the work of human authors, editors and compilers. “All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction and for training in righteousness” (2 Timothy 3:16). The Scriptures “contain all things necessary for salvation” (BCP, 513). In the Scriptures we discover the nature of God, by their witness to Jesus Christ, in their record of his teaching and through their proclamation of the Good News of God’s Reign for all people. We believe the Holy Spirit continues to guide us in our growing understanding of the Scriptures, which are always to be interpreted in the widest possible context of God’s redeeming love for all people. Throughout our history, Episcopalians have wrestled with varying interpretations of the Scriptures. Such differences are to be expected and appreciated as a direct consequence of our dynamic relationship with the Word of God and our experience of faith over time.

15. Christianity’s Holy Scriptures reveal to us both the invitation and the direction to engage with people of other religions. In Genesis 1:26 we meet the loving God who created all people and all nations, and the awesome majesty of creation bids us humbly acknowledge that the fullness of God’s intention is beyond the scope of our limited understanding; God’s gracious love is not confined to the Christian community alone. Because of our faith in the incarnation of God in Jesus Christ, we expect to meet God in our neighbor, whom God commands us to love as we love ourselves (Mark 12:29-31).

16. The sixteenth-century Anglican theologian Richard Hooker helped form our tradition of Scriptural interpretation. In his major work, Of the Laws of Ecclesiastical Polity, Hooker argued that the Holy Spirit requires the church to use Reason to interpret scripture. For Hooker, the Scriptures reveal to us
essential truths about God and ourselves that we cannot learn by any other means. In other matters of human life, God expects us to use our minds in order to reason together and thus discover, through conversation, debate and argument, the right way forward. This requires respect for the opinions of other people of good will.

17. This Biblically-based respect for the diversity of understandings that authentic, truth-seeking human beings have is essential for communal reasoning and faithful living. The revelation of God in Christ calls us therefore to participate in our relationship with God and one another in a manner that is at once faithful, loving, lively and reasonable. This understanding continues to call Episcopalians to find our way as one body through various conflicts. It is not a unity of opinion or a sameness of vision that holds us together. Rather, it is the belief that we are called to walk together in Jesus’ path of reconciliation not only through our love for the other, but also through our respect for the legitimacy of the reasoning of the other. Respect for reason empowers us to meet God’s unfolding world as active participants in the building of the Kingdom and to greet God’s diverse people with appropriate welcome and gracious hospitality.

Tradition

18. Tradition is also an important aspect of Anglican theological understanding. As Anglicans we have always understood ourselves to be in continuity with the Catholic faith reaching back to the ancient, patristic church; we therefore hold the church’s tradition in high regard. Anglicans have used tradition to inform our common reasoning as the church responds to new challenges and developments, using accumulated wisdom to show how similar challenges have been met in the past. For example, the English Reformers allowed tradition to shape the reformation of the Christianity they had received. Similarly, the founders of The Episcopal Church also placed great emphasis in tradition by continuing important beliefs and practices of the Church of England, such as its liturgy and ministry, and adapting them to the new context of the American republic, as in the American revival of the ancient practice of electing bishops. Tradition informed and shaped how Anglicans in these contexts responded to new situations.

19. Historically The Episcopal Church encountered religious pluralism and engaged in interreligious relations in the context of the foreign mission field. In many cases this work was the product of dedicated missionaries called to spread the Gospel in faithfulness to the Great Commission. We are also aware that in many cases this work went hand in hand with American expansionism in a combination of mission and empire. We need no better example than the ship sent to the newly-conquered Philippines that carried William Howard Taft as appointed governor and Charles Henry Brent as missionary bishop. We are shaped by these traditions: we are inspired by the energy, engagement and faithfulness to the Gospel exhibited in the Anglican missionary engagement. Yet we recognize the need to be aware of the socio-religious implications of mission.
20. In turn, we hope that these examples from our history will help to shape future interreligious relationships. We pray for the same energy, engagement and faithfulness to the Gospel that the Anglican missionary traditions display. We hope that these traditions will in turn shape our future relationships as missional ones of dialogue and companionship. “Companions in Transformation,” the official Global Mission vision statement adopted at the 2003 General Convention, emphasizes the importance of dialogue and companionship in engagement with other religious traditions. We believe the theological principles articulated there are also part of creating new traditions in interreligious relations, informed in classic Anglican fashion by our past.

21. We believe that interreligious work will carry forth God’s intention for God’s creation. It will provide us the opportunity to reflect the love of God we know through our redemption through the Incarnation of Christ; and it will provide us with the opportunity to build faithful communities that live out the majesty of God’s will for the earth with more depth and in more forms than we currently experience within the limitations of our own rich religious community. And we believe that Episcopalians find our best resources in our historic understandings of Scripture, reason and tradition to engage in this work of transformation.

V. Salvation in Christ and Interreligious Relations
22. The most sensitive aspects of interreligious relations concerns any religion’s claims to unique or exclusive authority or revelation, including Christian traditions and teachings such as the incarnation, cross and the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Christians affirm that God “has created all men and women in his image, and he wishes all to enjoy that fullness of life in his presence which we know as salvation” (Generous Love, Section 1). We also recognize that our efforts toward this goal are futile without the assistance of God in Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit. We are dependent on the grace of God—God’s unconditional, undeserved love for those God has made. The source of salvation is God alone. Christians believe salvation comes through Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

23. As Christians “we are saved by grace through faith, and this is not our own doing, but the gift of God, not the result of works so that no one may boast. For we are what God has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God has prepared beforehand to be our way of life” (Ephesians 2: 8-10). In various ways, language of salvation refers to a form of deliverance from sin and the finiteness of this life as we experience it, with all its hardships and joys. Our hope of salvation expresses our expectation that we shall share in the life of God, and do so not only after death, but now.

24. The Christian scriptures proclaim that Jesus is “the Word made flesh” (John 1:14) and as such he is “the Way and the Truth and the Life” (John 14:6). As stated in our creeds (Apostles’ and Nicene) and liturgy, Jesus Christ is the full revelation of God. Since God has chosen to share our life, we affirm that God is intensely concerned about every human life. Among Christians, Episcopalians
have a particular appreciation of this teaching, in that we believe that the coming of God in Christ has already begun to transform all of creation.

25. The human response to God’s incarnate love was “to crucify the Lord of Glory” (1 Corinthians 2:8). The cross is the Christian symbol and act of self-emptying, humility, redemptive suffering, sacrificial self-giving and unvanquished love. We believe that we have been reconciled to God through the cross.

26. In the resurrection we believe “Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death and giving life to those in the tomb” (BCP, p. 483). By our baptism into Christ’s death and resurrection we enjoy new life as members of the Body of Christ, called therefore to become ourselves ambassadors of reconciliation (Romans 6:4; 2 Corinthians 5:14-20).

27. Professing salvation in Christ is not a matter of competing with other religious traditions with the imperative of converting one another. Each tradition brings its own understanding of the goal of human life to the interreligious conversation. Christians bring their particular profession of confidence in God’s intentions as they are seen in and through the incarnation, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. As the bishops at Lambeth 2008 noted, “The purpose of dialogue is not compromise, but growth in trust and understanding of each other’s faith and traditions. Effective and meaningful dialogue will only take place where there is gentleness, honesty and integrity. In all of this, we affirm that Christianity needs to be lived and presented as ‘a way of life,’ rather than a static set of beliefs (¶ 89).”

28. Claiming Jesus as the Way, therefore, requires us to “respect the dignity of every human being” (BCP, p. 305). This grounds our expectation that we shall discover new insights and develop new relationships through interreligious dialogue. In mutual encounters and shared ascetic, devotional, ethical and prophetic witness, we dare to hope that God will reveal new and enriching glimpses of a reconciled humanity.

VI. Mission and Evangelism

29. Another sensitive and important aspect of interreligious relations concerns how we as Christians are called to offer life abundant (John 10:10) and to “make disciples of all nations” (Matthew 28:16-20). Christianity (including Anglicanism) is an actively evangelical religion. As we consider mission and evangelism in a pluralistic, globalized world, we are mindful of our particular cultural contexts. We are aware that The Episcopal Church is an international church, with congregations in over sixteen different nations. We are also part of the larger Anglican Communion. We should always be mindful of how encounters with people of other religions in the United States may have differences as well as similarities with encounters in different contexts outside the U.S. We seek to be informed by the experience and reflection of our sisters and brothers living among men and women of many religious traditions in many
nations. We stand in solidarity with each other, each seeking in our own circumstances to be faithful to the Gospel.

30. We have spoken in this statement of the need to love one’s neighbor. We see that love taking a variety of forms. Commitment to justice and mutual respect is the paramount consideration for some, for whom the practice of Christian love is the most powerful witness to the truth of the Gospel. Others, while not denying the witness of faithful lives, believe that love demands the verbal proclamation of the Gospel and an open invitation to all people to be reconciled to God in Christ. Still others understand evangelization as our participation in God’s transformation of human society. The love of God that Jesus expressed in presence, compassion, healing and justice: this we are called to live in mission. The reconciliation that God offers a sinful and broken world in Jesus’ death and resurrection: this is the hope we offer the world in mission. As we seek to respond to God’s call to love our neighbor, we all must seek to avoid ways of interaction which do violence to the integrity of human persons and communities.

31. We look for a way forward in the theology of companionship, as articulated in Companions in Transformation. This statement, produced by the Standing Commission on World Mission, reflects important developments in The Episcopal Church’s understanding of how we participate in global mission; it is currently in a process of reception and review by the Church. Companions in Transformation outlines different ways in which Episcopalians are called to engage in mission and witness, and we believe these ways are also important in the service of interreligious dialogue. Companions states that a church participating in God’s mission may not be able to solve the anguish, violence and injustice suffered by companion churches. Even so, simply being present in the place of fear, loss and isolation expresses the love of Christ. We seek to be in companionship with our interreligious partners as we present ourselves in a variety of ways:

- Witness: “You are witnesses of these things,” said Jesus to his disciples (Luke 24:48). Witness in word means sharing the story of what God has done with us in light of the story of what God has done in Christ Jesus. Such witness is a natural and inevitable fruit of life in Christ, and it is the heart of evangelism as a mission imperative. Sharing the story with those who have never heard it is a crucial gift. Sharing our story with others must be part of a dialogue in which we listen to the stories others share with us, whether from places of little faith or from other religious paths. The religious diversity of the 21st century, like that of the early centuries of Christianity, calls us to hold together the multiple tasks of listening, learning, and bearing witness to Christ.

- Pilgrim: Pilgrims grow in their knowledge of God, learning as much as they share, receiving as much as they give. The humility of this orientation and the eagerness to learn from companions nurtures deep and lasting relationships. The pilgrim motif opens the door to true mutuality, where, as the 1966 Anglican Congress said about partnership,
“all are givers and all are receivers.”

- **Servant:** Servanthood means that we listen to the stated needs of our companions and look for signs of God’s work in them. It means that we seek to meet Christ in all situations. For Episcopalians, authentic servanthood is a crucial counter to the assumptions we develop on the basis of our extraordinary access to the power of information, technology and money. Servanthood is a key mark for our church as a whole, though it is sometimes perceived as a domineering church in a superpower nation.

- **Prophet:** In companionship we often find our views of political, racial and economic relationships in the world challenged and transformed. Episcopalians in the 21st century are called to prophesy both to our own church and to the world church that the Body of Christ may be a mustard seed of God’s Jubilee in the world, working justice for the whole human family from all faiths.

- **Ambassador:** In addition to witnessing in word and deed as ambassadors of Christ, in companionship with interfaith partners we are ambassadors of our own church. As Episcopalians in dialogue, we must be aware always that companions are experiencing the vision, faithfulness and integrity of The Episcopal Church through our conversation, conduct and life. The role of ambassador also entails a commitment to represent fairly the life of The Episcopal Church. We should not be hesitant in being Episcopalian Christians, just as our interreligious partners are not hesitant in being faithful Muslims, Jews, Buddhists, Hindus, Jains, Sikhs, Bahai or other faiths, as we are in dialogue with each other.

- **Host:** “Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet,” said Abraham to the three strangers who appeared at Mamre (Genesis 18:4). “Let it be to me according to your word,” said Mary to the angel Gabriel (Luke 1:38). God is not forcible but invites a response of hospitality. As we engage in interreligious dialogue, hospitality must be central in our response. Hospitality means that we listen to what our companions say, offer them opportunities to experience the breadth of our church and care for one another. We are likewise called to be generous and hospitable with those whom God brings to us, always respecting the practices and customs of our partners.

- **Sacrament:** As the body of Christ, the church is a sacrament of Christ, an outward and visible sign of Christ’s inward and spiritual grace. We are called to be signs of God’s mission to reconcile all people with one another and with God in Christ. The people and communities we meet are likewise sacramental signs of God’s global presence. This sacramental emphasis helps us to retain an incarnational focus on people, relationships and community, where God truly lives and where the most lasting impacts are made.

32. We are called and committed to be in companionship and partnership in interreligious dialogue in these different ways. We believe that religions must
stand together in solidarity with all who are suffering and witness to the dignity of every human being. In these ways, presence in mission becomes a courageous mode of peace-making in a violent world. With ecumenical and interreligious groups, initiatives to encourage contact and dialogue and to advocate for religious freedom are imperative for reconciliation amid today’s heightened tensions among religions. God is calling us to join hands with all, and to speak out when religious freedom is curtailed and when the social, environmental, economic or political welfare of communities is damaged. We believe that authentic Christian witness and evangelism that serve God’s mission are compatible with authentic interreligious dialogue.

33. At the outset of this statement, we recalled that one hundred and twenty years ago in the Chicago Quadrilateral, The Episcopal Church formulated a definition of what it considered essential to engage in ecumenical relations. Today Christianity lives and serves in a global setting in which all of God’s human creation is challenged to find common ground for our mutual flourishing. Interreligious relations are vital to this. In seeking to articulate for this century the principles to be considered for authentic interreligious relations and dialogue, we offer three gifts from The Episcopal Church and the Anglican way:

- Our comprehensive way of thinking by which we balance Scripture, reason and tradition in relationship building;
- Our belief system that centers on the incarnation of God in Christ, and on the Crucified One who leads us to self-emptying, forgiveness and reconciliation; and
- Our practice of focusing mission in terms of service, companionship and partnership between people as demonstrative of God’s embrace of human life.

34. These gifts are especially suited for our time. The late Martin Luther King, Jr., celebrated in Lesser Feasts and Fasts, foresaw a time when as one all human beings of every religion would have to learn to choose “a non-violent coexistence” over a “violent co-annihilation,” and to seek community over chaos. Interreligious relations are no longer about competing religions but about mutual demonstrations of Love Incarnate. We close this statement encouraged by Dr. King’s word: “Love is the key that unlocks the door which leads to ultimate reality. This Hindu-Muslim-Christian-Jewish-Buddhist belief about human reality is beautifully summed up in the first Epistle of St. John: ‘Let us love one another; for love is of God; and everyone that loves is born of God and knows God. The one who loves not does not know God, for God is love. If we love one another God dwells in us, and God’s love is perfected in us.’”
Structure
The House of Deputies Committee on Structure presented its Report #21 on Resolution A141 (Continuation of EC Committee on HIV/AIDS) and moved that the Committee be discharged because the matter was already acted on in Resolution A117.

Motion carried
Committee discharged
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #213)

Special Order of Business
Deputy Jennings of Ohio moved to suspend the Rules to consider Resolution D020 (Provincial Acceptance of Anglican Covenant).

Motion carried
Rules suspended

World Mission
The House of Deputies Committee on World Mission presented its Report #50 on Resolution D020 (Provincial Acceptance of Anglican Covenant) and moved adoption of a substitute.

Original Text of Resolution:
(D020)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church make a provisional commitment to abide by the terms of the Anglican Covenant proposed in the most recent text of the Covenant Design Group (the “Cambridge-Ridley” draft); and be it further
Resolved, That the text of the proposed covenant be commended to the various dioceses of this church for study and comment during the coming triennium; and be it further
Resolved, That the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies appoint a Special Task Force to determine what constitutional and/or canonical measures may be necessary in order to make a permanent commitment to the Covenant; and be it further
Resolved, That this Special Task Force prepare a report to the 77th General Convention of The Episcopal Church that includes draft legislation that could be considered should the Convention decide to make a permanent commitment to the Covenant.

Committee Substitute:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General of The Episcopal Church commend the Anglican Covenant proposed in the most recent text of the Covenant Design Group (the “Ridley Cambridge Draft”) and any successive drafts to the dioceses for study and comment during the coming triennium; and be it further
Resolved, That dioceses report on their study to the Executive Council in keeping with Resolution 2006-A166; and be it further
Resolved, That Executive Council prepare a report to the 77th General Convention of The Episcopal Church that includes draft legislation concerning this Church’s response to an Anglican Covenant; and be it further
Resolved, That dioceses and congregations be invited to consider the Anglican Covenant proposed draft as a document to inform their understanding of and commitment to our common life in the Anglican Communion.

Deputy King of Western New York moved the previous question.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on substitute Resolution D020.

Motion carried
Substitute resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #214)

Point of Order
Deputy Dyer of Missouri moved to suspend the Rules to extend the deadline for all legislation originating in this house to the end of the Ninth Legislative Day.

Motion defeated

Deputy Snow of Alaska moved to suspend the Rules to place all resolutions with a motion to discharge on the Consent Calendar.

Motion carried
Rules suspended

Announcements
The Secretary read the announcements.

Prayers
The President called on the Chaplain for prayers.

RECESS

The President recessed the House at 6:16 p.m. until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 16, 2009.
Reconvene
The President called the House to order at 9:33 a.m.

Prayers
The President called on the Chaplain for prayers.

Certification of Minutes
The House of Deputies Committee on the Certification of Minutes presented its Report #8 stating that the Committee had met, read the Minutes of the Eighth Legislative Day and certified that they were correct. The Chair moved adoption of the report.

Motion carried
Minutes adopted

Certification of Deputies
The House of Deputies Committee on Credentials presented its Report #15 for the first session of the Ninth Legislative Day. There were 417 clerical deputies and 415 lay deputies certified and seated, bringing the total count of the House to 832. The number of votes needed for a motion to prevail was 417. There were no new deputies certified and 96 changes in deputations on this day, as follows:

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The Secretary moved that the report be accepted.  

Motion carried  
Report accepted

Messages from the House of Bishops
The Secretary announced that the following messages had been received from the House of Bishops:

- **HB Message #202**: C083 (Support for Day Laborers) Adopted.
- **HB Message #203**: A078 (Annual Recovery Sunday) Adopted with amendment.
- **HB Message #204**: C056 (Liturgies for Blessings) Adopted substitute.

Dispatch of Business
The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business announced that it was time to consider Resolution D067. The Parliamentarian reviewed the rules for debate on the Budget.

Deputy Logue of Georgia moved to reconsider the previous action on Rule 24.  

Motion carried  
Reconsideration adopted
Deputy Ferrell of North Carolina moved the previous question.  

**Motion carried**  
**Debate terminated**

A vote was taken to suspend Rule 24 for the day, which would allow the House to take up new matters in addition to motions to concur with the House of Bishops.  

**Motion carried**  
**Rules suspended**

**Program, Budget and Finance**  
The Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance presented its Report #2 on Resolution D067 (Mission and Missionary Budget of The Episcopal Church) and moved adoption.

**Original Text of Resolution:**  
(D067)  
_Resolved_, the House of Bishops concurring, That the Budget for The Episcopal Church for the next triennium be adopted as set forth:  

1.0 The Budget for The Episcopal Church for the period January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2012, which shall be a unified budget including Canonical, Corporate and Program (mission) portions, is adopted at a total of $141,271,984.00.  

1.1 The Canonical portion, providing for the contingent expenses of the General Convention, the stipend of the Presiding Bishop and the expenses of that office, the expenses of the President of the House of Deputies and Church Pension Fund assessments is adopted at a total of $23,224,447.00 as follows:  

- For the year 2010 $ 6,984,630.00  
- For the year 2011 $ 7,110,068.00  
- For the year 2012 $ 9,129,748.00

1.2 The Corporate portion, providing for the requirements for the administrative support of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society offices, is adopted at a total of $30,824,297.00 as follows:  

- For the year 2010 $ 10,360,457.00  
- For the year 2011 $ 10,129,112.00  
- For the year 2012 $ 10,334,729.00

1.3 The Program (mission) portion, providing for support for the mission and ministry (restricted and unrestricted) of the Church, is adopted at a total of $86,807,787.00 as follows:  

- For the year 2010 $ 28,787,593.00  
- For the year 2011 $ 28,736,457.00  
- For the year 2012 $ 29,283,736.00
2.0 The funding policy for the period January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2012 is adopted, based on a single asking of the dioceses. After a $120,000 exemption from total income, a single asking shall be applied at the rates of 21% for 2010, 20% for 2011 and 19% for 2012 of the balance of income to the diocese, reported in the diocesan financial statements for the year two years prior to the year to which the pledge is applied [e.g.: 2010 asking is to be based on 2008 actual income figures]. “Income” includes (1) all congregational giving to the diocese, (2) all unrestricted investment and endowment income to the diocese, (3) restricted investment and endowment income to the diocese which covers costs in the operating budget, and (4) other earnings from investments or enterprises. It is intended that income shall include revenues that fund normal operating and program expenses of the dioceses. It is not intended to include pass-through income that is used for expenses for programming that are simply administered by the dioceses, or that would not be otherwise funded by contributions from parishes or out of investment income.

2.1 We rejoice with dioceses that have moved toward, and those that give at and above 21%. Such giving creates a strong financial basis for vital mission and witness of The Episcopal Church. We encourage all our dioceses to adopt the full asking; then we could allocate an additional 6 million dollars each year toward fulfilling the mission priorities which we have embraced in the 76th General Convention.

2.2 For the budgetary period income from diocesan commitments, totaling $79,162,193.00 is anticipated as follows:
   - For the year 2010 $ 28,333,000.00
   - For the year 2011 $ 26,374,340.00
   - For the year 2012 $ 24,454,853.00

2.3 For the budgetary period 2010-2012, payment by the dioceses of the asking shall be made in twelve equal monthly payments.

2.4 All additional income, other than from the asking of the dioceses, totaling $62,109,791.00, is projected as follows:
   - For the year 2010 $ 20,952,373.00
   - For the year 2011 $ 20,467,048.00
   - For the year 2012 $ 20,691,370.00

2.5 A General Ordination fee is hereby authorized, which fees shall be added to the funding from dioceses and applied to the expenses of examination as appropriated in the budget. A candidate for Holy Orders eligible for examination and so certified by the diocesan bishop shall not be disqualified for examination because the fee has not been paid.

2.6 General Convention registration and exhibitors fees are hereby authorized, which fees shall be added to the funding from dioceses and applied to the expenses of the 2012 General Convention, and for no other purpose.

3.0 In the exercise of their respective authorities, the Executive Council of the General Convention and the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance shall be subject to the following policies:

3.1 Each year, the Executive Council, with the advice of the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance, shall adjust the budget to the
assured income of the Executive Council so as to carry out the Budget for The Episcopal Church for that year on a balanced budget basis.

3.2 The fiscal year shall begin January 1.

3.3 If, in any year, the total anticipated income for budget support is less than the amount required to support the budget approved by the General Convention, the Canonical portion of the Budget for The Episcopal Church shall have funding priority over all other budget areas.

3.4 Undesignated bequests and legacies received during the budgetary period shall be set aside in the general endowment fund of which only the income shall be used for the general purposes of the Society.

3.5 Designated bequests and legacies received during the budgetary period shall be set aside in specific funds of which only the income shall be used for the purposes so designated.

3.6.1 Each Committee, Commission, Agency and Board (CCAB) proposing to the General Convention any resolution with funding implications shall present to the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance a detailed budget in support of its plan(s), including cost estimates from contractors and suppliers for all goods and services, but not later than six months before the opening day of the General Convention.

3.6.2 Subsequent editions of the Report and Proposal of the Presiding Bishop and Executive Council to the General Convention contain the following information for each year of the preceding triennium:

- A description of the actual income and expenditures of the DFMS, relating the expenditures to the Church’s priorities with accompanying narrative
- Endowment balance and total investment return, with accompanying narrative
- Posting of this report on The Episcopal Church website when it is released to the Bishops and Deputies

Deputy Strimer of Olympia moved to amend the resolution.

**Proposed Amendment:**
Increase the $457,245 allocated for Episcopal Life in 2010 (Proposed Budget, p. 1, 1.22) by $1,157,691 for a 2010 total amount of $1,614,936.

The President announced that time had expired for discussion on revenues.

A vote was taken on the amendment.

Motion defeated
Amendment defeated

Deputy Coyne of Western Massachusetts moved to amend the resolution.

**Proposed Amendment:**
In section 2.0 after the words “at the rates of,” insert the words “up to.”
The President ruled the amendment out of order. The time allotted for discussion on revenues had expired.

Deputy Jennings of Ohio moved to amend the resolution.

**Proposed Amendment:**
Increase the $390,499 allocated for House of Deputies Staff Cost (Proposed Budget, p. 3, 1. 141) by $51,000 ($17,000 per year) for a total budgeted amount of $441,499. Decrease the $150,000 allocated for Strategic Planning, Chief Operating Officer (Proposed Budget, p. 1, 1. 49) by $51,000 ($17,000 per year) for a reduced budgeted amount of $99,000.

Deputy Cole of the Churches in Europe moved the previous question on the amendment.

**Motion carried**
**Debate terminated**

A vote was taken on the amendment. The voice vote being inconclusive, the President called for an electronic vote. The result of the electronic vote was: Yes, 394 votes (49.6%) and No, 400 votes (50.4%).

**Motion defeated**
**Amendment defeated**

Deputy Hayashi of Chicago moved to amend the resolution.

**Proposed Amendment:**
Decrease the $2,028,511 total for General Convention-Site and Facilities (Proposed Budget, p. 3, 1. 124) by $250,000. Create a new line item entitled Study to Move Episcopal Church Center Out of New York funded in the amount of $250,000.

Deputy Krislock of Spokane moved the previous question on the amendment.

**Motion carried**
**Debate terminated**

A vote was taken on the amendment.

**Motion defeated**
**Amendment defeated**

Deputy Cole of Colorado moved to reconsider the Jennings amendment regarding movement of funds from the Strategic Planning, Chief Operating Officer line item to the House of Deputies Staff Cost line item. The voice vote being inconclusive, the President called for an electronic vote. The result of the electronic vote was: Yes, 307 votes (38.2%) and No, 496 votes (61.8%).

**Motion defeated**
**Reconsideration defeated**
Deputy Brown of Vermont moved the previous question on the canonical portion of the budget.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

Deputy Brown of Vermont moved to amend the resolution.

**Proposed Amendment:**
Increase the $226,312 allocated for E-Life Printing Costs (Proposed Budget, p. 10, 1. 452) by $384,862 for a total budget amount of $611,174; increase the $359,040 allocated for E-Life Mailing Costs (Proposed Budget, p. 10, 1. 453) by $20,092 for a total budget amount of $379,132 and increase the $186,036 allocated for Other Costs, Episcopal Life (Proposed Budget, p. 10, 1. 456) by $51,401 for a total budget amount of $237,437.

The President announced that the time allotted for the morning session had expired, and the budget discussion would continue during the afternoon session.

**Announcements**
The Secretary read the announcements.

**Prayers**
The President called on the Chaplain for midday prayers.

**RECESS**
The President recessed the House at 11:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

**AFTERNOON SESSION**

**Reconvene**
The President called the House to order at 2:01 p.m.

**Certification of Deputies**
The House of Deputies Committee on Credentials presented its Report #16 for the second session of the Ninth Legislative Day. There were 417 clerical deputies and 415 lay deputies certified and seated, bringing the total count of the House to 832. The number of votes for a motion to prevail was 417. There were no new deputies certified and 47 changes in deputations on this day, as follows:

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The Secretary moved that the report be accepted.

Motion carried
Report accepted
CONSENT CALENDAR

World Mission
The House of Deputies Committee on World Mission presented its Report #51 on Resolution D026 (Five Marks of Mission as Strategic Priorities for TEC) and moved that the Committee be discharged.

The House of Deputies Committee on World Mission presented its Report #52 on Resolution D027 (Five Marks of Mission) and moved concurrence.

Final Text of Resolution:
(D027)
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention adopt the following “Five Marks of Mission” as articulated by the Anglican Consultative Council and addressed to the Anglican Communion:
- To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom
- To teach, baptize and nurture new believers
- To respond to human need by loving service
- To seek to transform unjust structures of society
- To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth
And be it further
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention recommend the Five Marks of Mission as the five top strategic priorities for The Episcopal Church, and request Program, Budget and Finance and the Executive Council to center the budget for the 2013-2015 triennium around these strategic priorities; and be it further
Resolved, That Convention recommits The Episcopal Church to mutual responsibility and interdependence in the Body of Christ with the provinces and churches of the Anglican Communion in keeping with “A Covenant for a Communion in Mission” commended by the Anglican Consultative Council (ACC13-2005); and be it further
Resolved, That the Secretary of the General Convention communicate the substance of this resolution to: The Archbishop of Canterbury, the General Secretary of the Anglican Communion, the Standing Committee of the Anglican Consultative Council and Primates and the leadership of the churches and provinces of the Anglican Communion.

The House of Deputies Committee on World Mission presented its Report #53 on Resolution C087 (Repeal B033) and moved that the Committee be discharged because the matter was already acted on in Resolution D025.

National and International Concerns
The House of Deputies Committee on National and International Concerns presented its Report #36 on Resolution D078 (Ban Cluster Bombs) and moved adoption.
Original Text of Resolution:

(D078)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention urge President Obama and the United States Congress to ban the use, export, stockpiling and production of cluster munitions.

The House of Deputies Committee on National and International Concerns presented its Report #37 on Resolution C005 (Endorse the Clergy Letter Project) and moved that the Committee be discharged.

The House of Deputies Committee on National and International Concerns presented its Report #38 on Resolution D076 (Support for Immigration Equality for Same-Sex Couples) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:

(D076)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church support the passage by both Houses of Congress and its signing into law by the President of the United States of a law which would provide immigration equality for same-sex couples by permitting a citizen or permanent resident to sponsor an immigrant partner for permanent residence in the United States.

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church urge that the leadership of both Houses of Congress assure fairness in immigration and specifically provide support the passage by both Houses of Congress and its signing into law by the President of the United States of a law that would provide immigration equality for same-sex couples by permitting a citizen or permanent resident alien to sponsor an immigrant partner for permanent residence in the United States.

The House of Deputies Committee on National and International Concerns presented its Report #39 on Resolution D042 (Support Passage of Equal Rights Amendment) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:

(D042)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church renew its historic support of passage of the Equal Rights Amendment to the U.S. Constitution; and be it further

Resolved, That this renewal include petitioning for passage of the Equal Rights Amendment in the 111th Congress through submission of this resolution to the office of Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney, lead sponsor of the ERA in the House of Representatives; and be it further

Resolved, That a request be sent by this Convention for inclusion of its support to be posted on the “Supporters” page of the Equal Rights Amendment website.
Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church in support of the theological principle that all humans are created in the image of God, renew its historic support of passage of the Equal Rights Amendment to the U.S. Constitution; and be it further
Resolved, That given a renewed interest in this renewal include petitioning for passage of the Equal Rights Amendment in the 111th Congress, that the General Convention direct the Office of Government Relations to make known our support for the Amendment's passage to appropriate Congressional bodies through submission of this resolution to the office of Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney, lead sponsor of the ERA in the House of Representatives; and be it further
Resolved, That a request be sent by this Convention for inclusion of its support to be posted on the “Supporters” page of the Equal Rights Amendment website.

The House of Deputies Committee on National and International Concerns presented its Report #40 on Resolution D031 (Support for Climate Change Action) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(D031)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention urge President Obama and Congressional leaders to commit the United States to a course of action, in collaboration with the other nations of the world, to rapidly lower atmospheric carbon (CO2) to no more than 350 parts per million (ppm); and be it further
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention direct the Washington Office of Government Relations of The Episcopal Church to actively promote such action by our government; and be it further
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention endorse the call for a Global Day of Climate Action on October 24, 2009, to join together as one planet to commit to making the changes necessary to preserve this Earth into future generations.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention urge President Obama and Congressional leaders to commit the United States to a course of action, in collaboration with the other nations of the world, to rapidly lower the output of atmospheric carbon (measured as CO2) to no more than 350 parts per million (ppm) by 25% by 2020 and by 80% by 2050; and be it further
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The House of Deputies Committee on National and International Concerns presented its Report #43 on Resolution A036 (Haiti) and moved adoption with amendment.
**Original Text of Resolution:**

(A036)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention stand in solidarity with the people of Haiti as they struggle to recover from recent natural disasters, political turmoil, economic hardship, social dislocation and environmental degradation; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention commend to all Episcopalians the Diocese of Haiti as a model of faithful ministry through its extensive and exemplary network of educational, medical and cultural institutions serving the people of Haiti; and be it further

Resolved, That the Convention urge the National Association of the Episcopal Schools in the United States to partner with the Diocese of Haiti in supporting its 253 educational institutions serving over 80,000 Haitian students; and be it further

Resolved, That the Convention urge the Society for the Increase of the Ministry to recognize and support the Theological Seminary of Haiti in its continuing efforts to instruct and counsel the next generation of Episcopal clergy in the Church’s largest diocese; and be it further

Resolved, That the Convention urge congregations and dioceses within the Church to support the Diocese of Haiti through companion relationships; and be it further

Resolved, That the Convention support the Presiding Bishop and the Office of Government Relations in their continuing efforts to work with the United States government to increase disaster and developmental assistance to Haiti; to extend trade preferences for Haitian exports to the United States; to secure accelerated debt cancellation for Haiti; and to designate Temporary Protected Status to Haitian immigrants living in the United States.

**Committee Amendment:**

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Resolved, That the General Convention commend the non-violence work of the Diocese of Haiti in collaboration with the Episcopal Peace Fellowship; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention commend the efforts of the Presiding Bishop and the Office of Government Relations for their contribution to the negotiations that led to the cancellation of $1.2 billion in indebtedness; and be it further

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Resolved, That the General Convention request that the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $25,000 for the ongoing implementation of non-violence training.

The House of Deputies Committee on National and International Concerns presented its Report #44 on Resolution A033 (Peace and Reconciliation in Southern Sudan) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A033)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention commends to Episcopalians the report The Search for Peace and Reconciliation in Southern Sudan, published by a joint delegation of bishops in The Episcopal Church and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America that traveled to the Sudan in April 2008; and urges continued advocacy and prayer from all Episcopalians for peace with justice in the Sudan as outlined in this report, specifically: (1) Renewed international commitment to the successful political implementation of Sudan’s Comprehensive Peace Agreement; (2) Increased and better-coordinated economic-development and investment efforts, both public and private, in Southern Sudan; and (3) Internationally coordinated efforts to care for and resettle the more-than 600,000 refugees and persons who have been displaced internally as a consequence of the Sudan’s long-running conflicts.

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention commends to Episcopalians the report The Search for Peace and Reconciliation in Southern Sudan, published by a joint delegation of bishops in the following recommendations of a joint delegation of bishops of The Episcopal Church and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America that traveled to the Sudan in April 2008; and urges continued advocacy and prayer from all Episcopalians for peace with justice in the Sudan as outlined in this report, specifically:

1. Renewed international commitment to the successful political implementation of Sudan’s Comprehensive Peace Agreement;
2. Increased and better-coordinated economic-development and investment efforts, both public and private, in Southern Sudan; and
3. Internationally coordinated efforts to care for and resettle the more-than 600,000 refugees and persons who have been displaced internally as a consequence of the Sudan’s long-running conflicts;
4. Condemnation of all violence perpetrated against refugees and internally displaced people (IDPs), specifically including the rape of women and girls in Darfur and elsewhere.
And be it further
Resolved, That The Episcopal Church acknowledge the pleas of the Archbishop of The Episcopal Church of Sudan that urgent action be taken by all concerned parties to ensure the faithful implementation of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA) to prevent the deteriorating situation in Sudan from escalating into full scale war; and be it further
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention urge the United States government to urgently request that nations who serve as guarantors of the CPA establish measures to hold parties to the CPA accountable for its fair and transparent implementation, including the fair resolution of border disputes, the equitable sharing of resources, and the carrying out of safe and fair elections, and to assure that non-compliance have consequences; and be it further
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention urge the United States and its international partners request that the United Nations Mission in Sudan continue peacekeeping duties that include monitoring the peace process and intervening in conflicts to prevent loss of life, violence and widespread displacement.

The House of Deputies Committee on National and International Concerns presented its Report #45 on Resolution D088 (Health Care in the U.S.) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(D088)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention urge the President of the United States, Barack Obama, and the Congress of the United States of America, to pass legislation this year guaranteeing adequate healthcare and insurance for every citizen of the United States of America; and be it further
Resolved, That the Secretary of the General Convention be directed to forward this resolution to the President, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the Vice-President of the United States (who serves as the presiding officer of the Senate).

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention urge the President of the United States, Barack Obama, and the Congress of the United States of America, to pass, and the President of the United States to sign legislation by the end of 2009 this year guaranteeing adequate healthcare and insurance for every citizen of the United States of America; and be it further
Resolved, That the Secretary of the General Convention be directed to forward this resolution to the President and congressional leaders, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the Vice President of the United States (who serves as the presiding officer of the Senate).

The House of Deputies Committee on National and International Concerns presented its Report #46 on Resolution D060 (Reject Nuclear Options) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(D060)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention call upon U.S. political leaders to order the dismantling of existing nuclear weapons and nuclear
power plants in the United States, while urging other nations to do likewise; and be it further
Resolved, That no production of new nuclear weaponry and/or nuclear power plants be undertaken by this nation.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention commend the President’s recent invitation to nations to scale down the world’s nuclear weapons stockpile; and be it further
Resolved, That this Convention call upon U.S. policy makers political leaders to determine a timely process for order the dismantling of existing U.S. nuclear weapons and nuclear power plants in the United States, while urging other nations to do likewise; and be it further
Resolved, That this church urge the President and Congress to explore a moratorium on production of new nuclear arms no production of new nuclear weaponry and/or nuclear power plants be undertaken by this nation.

The House of Deputies Committee on National and International Concerns presented its Report #48 on Resolution D084 (Solidarity with the Church and People of Pakistan) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(D084)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church expresses its solidarity with the Church of Pakistan, especially the Diocese of Peshawar, which borders Afghanistan; and be it further
Resolved, That The Episcopal Church facilitate the visit to the United States of one or more representatives of the Church of Pakistan to speak to the American people about the situation in Pakistan, and what Christians in the USA can do to help; and be it further
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church call upon the belligerent parties to seek a peaceful resolution of the difficulties in Pakistan; and be it further
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church calls upon the international community to provide food, clothing, shelter and medical care for the people of Pakistan who have fled from their homes, including those who are refugees in their own country, because of the ongoing fighting; and be it further
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church calls upon the government of the United States to cease using pilotless drones and missiles to attack targets within the territory of Pakistan; and be it further
Resolved, That church members and the Office of Government Relations communicate the position of The Episcopal Church on this issue to the President and Members of Congress, and advocate passage of federal legislation consistent with this resolution; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of two thousand dollars ($2,000) for the implementation of this resolution.
Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church express its solidarity with the Church of Pakistan and the whole Christian community in Pakistan and especially the Diocese of Peshawar, which borders Afghanistan; and be it further
Resolved, That The Episcopal Church facilitate the visit to the United States of one or more representatives of the Christian community in Church of Pakistan to speak to the American people about the situation in Pakistan, and what Christians in the USA can do to help; and be it further
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church call upon all the belligerent parties to seek a peaceful resolution of the difficulties in Pakistan; and be it further
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church call upon the international community to provide food, clothing, shelter and medical care for the people of Pakistan who have fled from their homes, both including those who are refugees and those who are internally displaced persons, especially the persecuted Christian community in their own country, because of the ongoing fighting; and be it further
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church call upon the government of the United States to cease using pilotsless drones and missiles to attack targets within the territory of Pakistan; and be it further
Resolved, That church members and the Office of Government Relations communicate the position of The Episcopal Church on this issue to the President and leaders members of both houses of Congress, and advocate passage of federal legislation consistent with this resolution; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of two thousand dollars ($2,000) for the implementation of this resolution.

The House of Deputies Committee on National and International Concerns presented its Report #49 on Resolution C064 (Endorsement of the Earth Charter) and moved concurrence.

Final Text of Resolution:
(C064)
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention endorse the Earth Charter including its Preamble and direct the Secretary of General Convention to refer it to an interim body for recommendations as to specific action steps including the provision of biblical, theological and spiritual resources for environmental justice; and be it further
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention encourage dioceses, congregations, agencies and individuals to take action consonant with the Earth Charter locally, nationally and internationally.

The House of Deputies Committee on National and International Concerns presented its Report #51 on Resolution C084 (A Right to Human Identity) and moved to refer the resolution to the Standing Commission on Social Justice and Public Policy.
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention urge all dioceses to adopt the following statement: Personal history is a fundamental human right and knowledge of one’s entire parentage should be assumed as part of a person’s natural property; and be it further

Resolved, That the 76th General Convention urge all dioceses to adopt the following statement: That all state legislatures be urged to establish procedures that would enable adoptees (upon reaching legal age) to secure current information regarding their historical heritage, medical history and genetic derivation without the necessity of court action.

Social and Urban Affairs
The House of Deputies Committee on Social and Urban Affairs presented its Report #26 on Resolution A164 (Commendations to Presiding Bishops) and moved concurrence.

Final Text of Resolution:

(A164)

Resolved, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church commend the 24th, 25th and 26th Presiding Bishops of The Episcopal Church for their faithful issuance of an annual World AIDS Day message; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention call upon all congregations and worshiping communities of the Church to observe World AIDS Day with worship and educational programs; and be it further

Resolved, That these events be used as an opportunity to form pastoral and liturgical responses to the HIV/AIDS pandemic both at home and overseas.

The House of Deputies Committee on Social and Urban Affairs presented its Report #27 on Resolution B025 (Equitable Education for All Our Children) and moved concurrence.

Final Text of Resolution:

(B025)

Resolved, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church meeting in Anaheim, California urge dioceses to encourage every congregation to develop a partnership with a local public school; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention urge every Episcopalian to give 40 hours a year in support of public education through direct service, participation in community based educational enrichment opportunities, advocacy and/or teacher support; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention call upon the United States government to support policies and funding priorities that support equity in public education for all young people; and be it further

Resolved, That the results of these efforts be communicated to the 77th General Convention.
The House of Deputies Committee on Social and Urban Affairs presented its Report #28 on Resolution A143 (Extension of General Convention Resolution A123 to General Convention 2012) and moved concurrence.

Final Text of Resolution:

(A143)

Resolved, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church agree to extend Resolution A123, which was passed at the 75th General Convention, through the 2013-2015 triennium; and be it further

Resolved, That, as directed by Resolution 2006-A123, the General Convention encourage each diocese to continue over the next six years a process to gather information in its community on (1) the complicity of The Episcopal Church in the institution of slavery and in the subsequent history of segregation and discrimination, (2) examples of resistance to slavery and discrimination and (3) the economic benefits derived by The Episcopal Church from the transatlantic slave trade and the institution of slavery; and be it further

Resolved, That dioceses consult with the anti-racism officer of The Episcopal Church for resources to aid them in doing this work; and be it further

Resolved, That the information gathering be used as the foundation for truth telling, confession, apology, forgiveness, repentance and reconciliation; and be it further

Resolved, That each diocese, as requested by Resolution 2006-A123, name a Day of Repentance and on that day hold a Service of Repentance; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention require all dioceses to report their results to the 77th and 78th General Conventions.

The House of Deputies Committee on Social and Urban Affairs presented its Report #30 on Resolution D004 (Task Force on Older Adult Ministries) and moved concurrence.

Final Text of Resolution:

(D004)

Resolved, That the 76th General Convention authorize the creation of a 12 member Task Force on Older Adult Ministries to determine programs currently being offered by congregations, dioceses and provinces, to establish a method of sharing this information, and to explore ways the Church can expand this ministry to connect with one another in intergenerational opportunities; and be it further

Resolved, That the Task Force would formulate a comprehensive plan to raise awareness and address the emerging crisis in health, care giving and faith issues which cross generational and economic lines with emphasis on support of Congregational, Diocesan and Provincial programs for older adult ministry; and be it further

Resolved, That the Task Force will be comprised of individuals with a background in this ministry area and will represent a cross section of our church; and be it further
Resolved, That the Task Force will work collaboratively with the Evangelism and Congregational Life Center and report annually to the Executive Council and provide a complete written report to the 77th General Convention; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $35,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

The House of Deputies Committee on Social and Urban Affairs presented its Report #31 on Resolution D032 (Non-Discrimination in Lay Employment) and moved concurrence.

Final Text of Resolution:
(D032)
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention commit The Episcopal Church not to discriminate in employment of lay employees based on race, color, sex, national origin, age, familial status, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression.

The House of Deputies Committee on Social and Urban Affairs presented its Report #32 on Resolution D090 (Inclusive Church Paper Work) and moved concurrence.

Final Text of Resolution:
(D090)
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church recommends and encourages all bodies of The Episcopal Church to utilize all available resources to revise and adapt forms to be fully inclusive of all people: by including lines not only for one’s legal name, but also for one’s preferred name as well as one’s gender identity and pronoun preference.

The House of Deputies Committee on Social and Urban Affairs presented its Report #33 on Resolution D095 (Prison Ministry Sunday) and moved concurrence.

Final Text of Resolution:
(D095)
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention urge all dioceses and congregations to focus on ways to minister to God’s children behind bars, those returning to the community and their families and victims.

Ministry
The House of Deputies Committee on Ministry presented its Report #7 on Resolution A191 (Ministry Formation) and moved concurrence.

Final Text of Resolution:
(A191)
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Ministry Development to convene a task force to revise and develop guidelines
and identify best practices for the formation, education and evaluation of ordained ministers; and be it further

Resolved, That the Standing Commission on Ministry Development report their recommendations to the House of Bishops in the second year of the triennium, gain their input and recommend to the 77th General Convention guidelines and canonical changes; and be it further

Resolved, That the Standing Commission on Ministry Development consider for inclusion on the task force members of the Commission, the Council of Seminary Deans, deans of other seminaries, the House of Bishops Theological Education Committee, the General Board of Examining Chaplains and representatives of other formation programs; and be it further

Resolved, That a staff member from the Episcopal Church Center whose responsibility is the oversight of theological education be appointed to and serve as a resource to the task force; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $45,000 to implement this resolution.

The House of Deputies Committee on Ministry presented its Report #8 on Resolution C080 (Lay Leadership and Ministry Development) and moved concurrence.

Final Text of Resolution:

(C080)

Resolved, That the 76th General Convention call upon the Executive Council, provinces, dioceses and congregations to promote and develop the discernment that all of daily life and work is ministry, calling for the intentional exercise of the Baptismal Covenant promises in all sectors of public as well as private life; and be it further

Resolved, That, as mandated in Canons III.1 and 2, Executive Council urge and assist diocesan Commissions on Ministry to promote and develop programs that will engage baptized persons in ministry discernment, and support congregations in providing processes for such discernment in community; and be it further

Resolved, That the Office of Lay Leadership and Ministry Development and the Standing Commission on Ministry Development be directed to assist provinces and dioceses in concrete ways that support the full realization of the ministries of the baptized, both on Sunday and beyond, so that parishes may serve as ministry development “base camps” for all who seek to live their faith in every part of daily life.

The House of Deputies Committee on Ministry presented its Report #9 on Resolution C013 (Support for Those Studying for Ordained Ministry) and moved concurrence.

Final Text of Resolution:

(C013)

Resolved, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to provide funding
in the coming triennium in the amount of $100,000 in year one, $150,000 in year two and $200,000 in year three for the purpose of providing needs-based scholarships for postulants and candidates for ordination; and be it further

Resolved, That said funds be administered and distributed to needy students through the existing Scholarship Program of the Society for the Increase of the Ministry (SIM), said Society having an established record of 151 years experience in administering scholarship grants to postulants and candidates for ordination; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention direct SIM to report annually to the Executive Council on this work and its effectiveness in meeting the needs of the future ordained leaders of this Church and that the Executive Council, in turn, provide a full report to the 77th General Convention; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $450,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

The House of Deputies Committee on Ministry presented its Report #10 on Resolution A181 (Amend Canon III.15.2(a)) and moved concurrence.

Final Text of Resolution:

(A181)

Resolved, That Canon III.15.2 (a) is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2. (a) The General Board of Examining Chaplains, with professional assistance, shall prepare at least annually a General Ordination Examination covering the subject matter set forth in Canon III.8.5 (g), and shall conduct, administer and evaluate it in respect to those Candidates for Holy Orders who have been identified to the Board by their several Bishops.

The House of Deputies Committee on Ministry presented its Report #11 on Resolution A180 (General Ordination Exam Fee) and moved concurrence.

Final Text of Resolution:

(A180)

Resolved, That the authorization for the General Board of Examining Chaplains to charge a fee for the General Ordination Examination be continued for the next triennium, such fee not to exceed $500 per candidate; this authorization is granted with the proviso that fees shall be reduced or waived, at the Administrator's discretion, for qualified candidates who are unable to obtain funds for the stated fee.

The House of Deputies Committee on Ministry presented its Report #12 on Resolution A179 (Budget Appropriation for the GBEC) and moved concurrence.

Final Text of Resolution:

(A179)

Resolved, That the following amount be appropriated from the General Convention budget for the General Board of Examining Chaplains: $187,407 in 2010; $194,323
in 2011; and $201,877 in 2012; for a total of $583,607 for the triennium; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention commend the General Board of Examining Chaplains for their increasing use of secure, electronic tools over the last triennium, and encourage further study and application of secure online collaborative technology with the intent to reduce costs; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $583,607 (total proposed before recovery of exam fees) for the implementation of this resolution.

The House of Deputies Committee on Ministry presented its Report #15 on Resolution A175 (Amend Canon III.16, Section 1) and moved concurrence.

Final Text of Resolution:

(A175)
Resolved, That the first sentence of Canon III.16 be amended as follows:

CANON 16: Of the Board for Church Deployment
Sec. 1. (a) There shall be a Board for Transition Ministry of the General Convention, consisting of twelve members, four of whom shall be Bishops, four of whom shall be Presbyters or Deacons and four of whom shall be Lay Persons.

(b) The Bishops shall be appointed by the Presiding Bishop. The Priests or Deacons and Lay Members shall be appointed by the President of the House of Deputies. All appointments to the Board shall be subject to the confirmation of the General Convention.

(c) The Members shall serve terms, beginning with the adjournment of the meeting of the General Convention at which their appointments are confirmed and ending with the adjournment of the second regular meeting thereafter. The members shall not serve successive terms.

(d) At each regular meeting of the General Convention one-half of the membership shall be appointed to serve full terms.

(e) Vacancies shall be filled by appointment by the Presiding Bishop or by the President of the House of Deputies, as appropriate. Such appointments shall be for the remaining unexpired portion of the members’ terms, and, if a regular meeting of the General Convention intervenes, appointments for terms extending beyond such meetings shall be subject to confirmation of the General Convention. Members appointed to fill the vacancies shall not thereby be disqualified from appointment to full terms thereafter.

The House of Deputies Committee on Ministry presented its Report #16 on Resolution A145 (Racism in the Discernment, Seminary, Ordination and Deployment Process) and moved concurrence.
Final Text of Resolution:
(A145)
Resolved, That a study be conducted to research and analyze diocesan processes to recruit persons of color to pursue ordination and analyze how persons of color are deployed to parishes; and be it further
Resolved, That the Office of Anti-Racism and Gender Equality design a methodology for collecting data from persons of color who have been in the discernment, seminary, ordination processes within the previous eight years after the passage of this resolution to determine what their experiences have been, including barriers and facilitating factors; and be it further
Resolved, That this data be gathered and that a report generated along with appropriate resolutions to the 77th General Convention of The Episcopal Church, which will recommend necessary remedies to alleviate the present situation.

The House of Deputies Committee on Ministry presented its Report #17 on Resolution A080 (Ministry Discernment for Disabled Persons) and moved concurrence.

Final Text of Resolution:
(A080)
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention direct provincial Commissions on Ministry networks in the next triennium to address the access and welcome of qualified persons with disabilities to begin ministry discernment as described in Title III of the Constitution and Canons of The Episcopal Church; and be it further
Resolved, That their findings be shared with bishops diocesan and diocesan Commissions on Ministry in order to encourage persons with disabilities to begin ministry discernment and to educate them about the process.

The House of Deputies Committee on Ministry presented its Report #18 on Resolution A106 (Plan to Limit Help Ordinands Repay Accumulated Educational Debt) and moved concurrence.

Final Text of Resolution:
(A106)
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention recognize the crisis of educational debt for those preparing for ordained ministry in the Church; and be it further
Resolved, That the Society for the Increase of the Ministry be commended for developing a three-phase, comprehensive plan to limit, manage and help ordinands successfully repay accumulated educational debt; and be it further
Resolved, That the Standing Commission on Ministry Development, in consultation and coordination with the Society for the Increase of the Ministry and the Episcopal Church Center, disseminate information about the Society for the Increase of the Ministry’s plan to limit, manage and help ordinands successfully repay accumulated educational debt to all diocesan Bishops and diocesan Commissions on Ministry.
The House of Deputies Committee on Ministry presented its Report #19 on Resolution A150 (Endorsement for the Oklahoma Consultation for Leaders in Indigenous Ministry) and moved concurrence.

**Final Text of Resolution:**

(A150)

Resolved, That the 76th General Convention endorses the collaboration between the Executive Council's Committee on Indigenous Ministries and the Indigenous Theological Institute for 2010 Oklahoma Consultation for leaders in Indigenous ministry.

The House of Deputies Committee on Ministry presented its Report #20 on Resolution A149 (Support for the Indigenous Theological Training Institute (ITTI)) and moved concurrence.

**Final Text of Resolution:**

(A149)

Resolved, That the 76th General Convention requests the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $175,000 for each year of the triennium for a total of $525,000 for support of the Indigenous Theological Training Institute; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $525,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

The House of Deputies Committee on Ministry presented its Report #21 on Resolution A103 (Development of a Web Site on Continuing Education) and moved concurrence.

**Final Text of Resolution:**

(A103)

Resolved, That the 76th General Convention, in recognition of Title III.4.2(b), III.7.5, III.9.1 and III.12.2, authorize the development of a web site for the purposes of providing examples of best practices in continuing education, providing links to suitable continuing education opportunities and providing examples of how to record the continuing education of licensed ministers, deacons, priests and bishops; and be it further

Resolved, That the administration of the web site reside at the Episcopal Church Center, with suitable staffing provided; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention requests the Joint Standing Commission on Program, Budget and Finance to consider an annual budget allocation of up to $20,000 to implement this resolution.

The House of Deputies Committee on Ministry presented its Report #22 on Resolution A104 (Multicultural Leadership Development) and moved concurrence.
Final Text of Resolution:

(A104)
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention recognize the importance of cultural diversity in the dioceses; and be it further
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention affirm the importance of cultural diversity and multicultural leadership development; and be it further
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention request that dioceses of The Episcopal Church consider a specific yearly budget allocation for the implementation of multicultural leadership development to support a diocesan strategic plan designed for the creation and sustaining of multicultural ministry, utilizing “Meeting on New Ground;” and be it further
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention reconvene the Task Force that created Meeting on New Ground to study the dioceses involved in such ministry, gather resources for developing and sustaining multicultural ministry and to report on the progress to the 77th General Convention; and be it further
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $10,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

The House of Deputies Committee on Ministry presented its Report #23 on Resolution A007 (House of Bishops Budget Appropriation for Next Triennium) and moved concurrence.

Final Text of Resolution:

(A007)
Resolved, That there be appropriated from the budget of the General Convention the sum of $51,000 for the expenses of the House of Bishops Committee on Pastoral Development for the 2010-2012 triennium; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $51,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

Education

The House of Deputies Committee on Education presented its Report #23 on Resolution D064 (Youth Meeting in Europe) and moved adoption of a substitute.

Original Text of Resolution:

(D064)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That an event be held in Geneva (Switzerland) to consist of 50 young adults (ages 18-25) from congregations in The Episcopal Church; and be it further
Resolved, That the program of the event focus on the global economy and community, and include experiencing the work of the World Council of Churches, the United Nations, the World Health Organization and other international agencies involved in implementation of the MDGs; and be it further
Resolved, That the Convention request the Program, Budget and Finance Committee to consider a budget allocation of $50,000 for implementation of this resolution, to be
used as scholarships for those who might not otherwise be able to attend. The criteria for allocating the scholarships (as well as the mechanism for their distribution) should be determined by the Office of Young Adult Ministry.

Committee Substitute:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention gives thanks for the growing presence of young people and their faithful witness throughout the Church, as well as the programming undertaken due to the priority for young adult ministry established at the 74th and 75th General Conventions; and be it further

Resolved, That a group of 30 young adults (ages 18-30) from predominantly under-resourced areas across The Episcopal Church, make a pilgrimage to 1) Geneva, Switzerland where they will engage, through opportunities for service and experiential learning, with international agencies involved in the implementation of the Millennium Development Goals, such as the World Council of Churches, the United Nations agencies and the World Health Organization, 2) Taize for a spiritual retreat, and 3) the American Cathedral in Paris, France to celebrate connections made with young people in the Convocation of American Churches in Europe. The pilgrimage will help strengthen and equip the young adults for more effective leadership in their local context, having widened their perspective and deepened their faith through engagement with a contextual experience of the Gospel; and be it further

Resolved, That the 76th General Convention encourage the Office of Young Adult and Campus Ministries to implement this resolution; and that the Office report its work to the 77th General Convention.

The House of Deputies Committee on Education presented its Report #24 on Resolution D092 (Reaffirm) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:

(D092)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church reaffirm campus ministry as a fundamental component of mission (2006 A041 and 2003 A066) and continue its financial commitment supporting the establishment of new ministries on college and university campuses; and be it further

Resolved, That these monies be disbursed using the process established by the Office for Young Adult and Campus Ministries (in conjunction with the Provincial Coordinators for Campus Ministry) in the last two triennia, thereby eliminating any need to gather decision makers to establish a process and allowing 100% of the funds to go directly to funding these new ministries; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $500,000 for the implementation of this resolution over the next triennium.

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church reaffirm campus ministry as a fundamental component of mission (2006 A041 and 2003 A066) and continue its financial commitment supporting the establishment of new ministries on college and university campuses; and be it further
Resolved, That these monies be disbursed using the process established by the Office for Young Adult and Campus Ministries (in conjunction with the Provincial Coordinators for Campus Ministry) in the last two triennia, thereby eliminating any need to gather decision makers to establish a process and allowing 100% of the funds to go directly to funding these new ministries; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $500,000 for the implementation of this resolution over the next triennium.

Communications

The House of Deputies Committee on Communications presented its Report #13 on Resolution C052 (Increased Media Coverage of Global Crises) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:

(C052)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church call upon all television news outlets in the United States to increase coverage of global crises and the U.S. response to them, particularly:

- efforts to realize the Millennium Development Goals,
- the ongoing peace process between north and south Sudan, and
- the ongoing genocide in Darfur

And be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of this Convention send a copy of this resolution to the programming offices of CNN, MSNBC, CNBC and FoxNews, and to the news divisions of NBC, ABC, CBS and FOX; and be it further

Resolved, That all dioceses, congregations and individuals in The Episcopal Church are strongly urged to lobby the news media on local, regional and national levels to increase the breadth and depth of coverage of these issues.

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church call upon all television news outlets in the United States to increase coverage of global crises and the U.S. response to them, particularly:

- efforts to realize the Millennium Development Goals,
- the ongoing peace process between north and south Sudan, and
- the ongoing genocide in Darfur

And be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of this Convention send a copy of this resolution to the programming offices of CNN, MSNBC, CNBC and FoxNews, and to the news divisions of NBC, ABC, CBS and FOX; and be it further
Resolved, That all dioceses, congregations and individuals in The Episcopal Church are strongly urged to call upon the news media on local, regional and national levels to increase the breadth and depth of coverage of these issues.

Motion carried
Consent Calendar adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Messages #217-230, 261, 232-243, 245-249, 257, 250-256)

END OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR

Messages from the House of Bishops
The Secretary announced that the following messages had been received from the House of Bishops:

HB Message #205: A099 (Additional Commons) Adopted with amendment.
HB Message #206: D080 (World Hunger Relief-Episcopal Relief and Development Fund) Re-referred to Planning and Arrangements.
HB Message #207: D055 (Reaffirm Tithe as Minimum Standard) Adopted.
HB Message #208: D051 (“The 80-Cent Solution:” Support for World Missionaries) Adopted with amendment.
HB Message #210: A097 (Authorize Trial Use of Commemorations) Concurred.
HB Message #211: A075 (Approve Presbyterian-Episcopal Agreement) Concurred.
HB Message #212: D037 (Survey on Church Communication) Rejected.
HB Message #213: A057 (Canonical Implementation of Constitution Article II, Section 8 and Adjustments to the Wording of Testimonials and Consent Documents used in the Election and Consecration of Bishops) Concurred.
HB Message #214: B014 (Study for a Dissolution Canon) Concurred.

Special Order of Business
The President called on the Parliamentarian to explain the Special Order under which debate would continue on the budget.

[Editor’s Note. The Special Order of Business was adopted on the Eighth Legislative Day.]

Deputy King of Western New York moved to amend the Special Order of Business.
Proposed Amendment:
In the second resolve clause in Section 4, delete the words “and voted on separately.”

Deputy Kammerer of Tennessee moved to amend the amendment.

Proposed Amendment:
In the second resolve clause in Section 3, delete the words “and voted on separately.”

Motion carried
Amendment adopted

A vote was taken on the King amendment.

Motion carried
Amendment adopted

Deputy Hamilton of Maine moved to amend the Special Order of Business.

Proposed Amendment:
In the second resolve clause in Section 4, delete the word “sequentially” and allow debate on any section of the budget during the time remaining for debate.

Motion carried
Amendment adopted

Debate resumed on the budget. The proposed amendment by Deputy Brown of Vermont was on the floor for consideration.

Deputy Ambler of Maine moved the previous question on the amendment.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on the amendment.

Motion defeated
Amendment defeated

Deputy Mollegen of Connecticut moved to amend the resolution.

Proposed Amendment:
Restore the funds that were eliminated from the Development Office, Mission Funding (Proposed Budget, p. 5, 1. 185-196) by transferring up to $3 million from the Additional Draw from Short-term Reserve (Proposed Budget, p. 1, 1. 20).

Deputy Roehrich of Pittsburgh moved the previous question on the amendment.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on the amendment.

Motion defeated
Amendment defeated
Deputy Cavin of Michigan moved to amend the resolution.

**Proposed Amendment:**
Reinstate funding for Women’s Ministry (Proposed Budget, p. 7, l. 276) of $60,000 per year for a total budgeted amount of $180,000; change the name of Women’s Ministry line item to Office of Women’s Ministry and Gender Equity; and charge the Executive Council with allocating funding for this amendment.

Deputy Lloyd of Massachusetts moved the previous question on the amendment.

**Motion carried**
**Debate terminated**

A vote was taken on the amendment.

**Motion defeated**
**Amendment defeated**

Deputy Hart of Pennsylvania moved to extend debate by 10 minutes.

**Motion defeated**

Deputy Ota of California moved to amend the resolution.

**Proposed Amendment:**
Restore funding for Total Racial Justice (Proposed Budget, p. 6, l. 222) of $90,000 per year for a total budgeted amount of $270,000 with funding raised by contributions from dioceses.

**Motion defeated**
**Amendment defeated**

The President announced that time for debate on the budget had expired.

A vote was taken on Resolution D067.

**Motion carried**
**Resolution adopted**
* (Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #244)

Deputy Fontaine of Wyoming called on a moment of silence for employees affected by the budget.

The Chaplain offered prayers.

**Point of Order**
Deputy Logue of Georgia moved to suspend the Rules to require that no procedural motions be in order during the first three minutes of debate.

**Motion carried**
Dispatch of Business

The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business presented its Report #25 on Resolution the Special Order for Consideration of C056:

Resolved, That in consideration of and action on the anticipated Report to the House of Legislative Committee No. 13 on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music on the subject of Resolution C056 (Liturgies for Blessings) the rules of debate shall be as follows:

1. The entire debate on the Report shall be limited to a total of 35 minutes.
2. The Committee shall have no more than 5 minutes to speak to the Committee's Report and Resolution through such of its members as shall be designated by the Chair of the Committee, and no more than 5 minutes to respond to questions of information or clarification.
3. Each Speaker, other than the members of the Committee, shall be limited to one (1) minute and no Speaker may speak more than once on the same question, until all other speakers have been heard and the Chair grants leave to speak.
4. To the extent practicable, the Chair will recognize speakers of opposite views in alternate succession.
5. No amendment or substitute shall be entertained until there shall have been 15 minutes of debate on the main question or until there are no further members who desire to speak to the main question, whichever shall first occur.
6. No motion to lay on the table or otherwise terminate debate upon the main motion shall be in order before the time limits provided in these rules shall have expired or there are no further members who desire to speak on an amendment, substitute or the main motion, whichever first occurs.
7. This Special Order will be heard Friday, July 17, 2009 at 9:30 a.m.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #231)

World Mission

The House of Deputies Committee on World Mission presented its Report #32 on Resolution A134 (Mission Partners) and moved adoption of a substitute.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A134)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church build upon the work of Companions in Transformation; and recognizing our desire to work towards mutuality in mission, we resolve to change the name of all our mission personnel in ministry around the Anglican Communion from “Missionary” to “Mission Partner.”

Committee Substitute:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church direct the Standing Commission on World Mission to continue its
exploration of the appropriate role, function, ministry, nomenclature and support of
global missionaries of this Church in the 21st century; and be it further
Resolved, That within eighteen months of this Convention, the Standing Commission on
World Mission report its findings and recommendations to the Executive Council and
the 77th General Convention for appropriate action by each body.

Motion carried
Substitute resolution adopted

[Editor's Note: The action of the House was not communicated to the House of
Bishops.]

National and International Concerns
The House of Deputies Committee on National and International Concerns presented
its Report #28 on Resolution D048 (Adoption of a “Single Payer” Universal Health Care Program) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(D048)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th Convention of The Episcopal
Church urge passage of federal legislation establishing a “single payer” universal health
care program which would provide health care coverage for all of the people of the
United States; and be it further
Resolved, That The Episcopal Church shall work with other people of good will to finally
and concretely realize the goal of universal health care coverage; and be it further
Resolved, That church members and the Office of Government Relations communicate
the position of The Episcopal Church on this issue to the President and Members of
Congress, and advocate passage of legislation consistent with this resolution.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th Convention of The Episcopal
Church urge passage of federal legislation establishing a “single payer” universal health
care program which would provide health care coverage for all of the people of the
United States; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention direct the Office of Government Relations to assess, negotiate
and deliberate the range of proposed federal health care policy options in the effort to reach the goal of
universal health care coverage, and to pursue short-term, incremental, innovative and creative approaches
to universal health care until a “single payer” universal health care program is established; and be it
further
Resolved, That The Episcopal Church shall work with other people of good will to finally
and concretely realize the goal of universal health care coverage; and be it further
Resolved, That church members and the Office of Government Relations communicate
the position of The Episcopal Church on this issue to the President and Members of
Congress, and advocate passage of legislation consistent with this resolution.
Deputy Moss of Western Massachusetts moved the previous question.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on Resolution D048. The voice vote being inconclusive, the President called for an electronic vote. The result of the electronic vote was: Yes, 404 votes (50.4%) and No, 398 votes (49.6%).

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #258)

The House of Deputies Committee on National and International Concerns presented its Report #29 on Resolution C023 (Defense of Marriage Statutes) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(C023)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention reject the belief that the existence of marriage, civil union or domestic partnership between same-sex individuals has a detrimental effect on opposite-sex marriage; and be it further
Resolved, That the Convention call on all Episcopalians to work against the passage of so-called “Defense of Marriage” state statutes and state constitutional amendments, and, in states where such statutes or constitutional amendments already exist, to work for their repeal.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention reject the belief that the existence of marriage, civil union or domestic partnership between same-sex individuals has a detrimental effect on opposite-sex marriage; and be it further
Resolved, That the Convention call on all Episcopalians to work against the passage of so-called “Defense of Marriage” state statutes and state constitutional amendments, and, in states where such statutes or constitutional amendments already exist, to work for their repeal.

Referenced Statutory Language:
28 U.S.C. Section 1738C reads as follows: “No State, territory or possession of the United States, or Indian Tribe, shall be required to give effect to any public act, record or judicial proceeding of any other State, territory, possession or tribe respecting a relationship between persons of the same sex that is treated as a marriage under the laws of such other State, territory, possession or tribe or a right or claim arising from such relationship.”
1 U.S.C. Section 7 reads as follows: “In determining the meaning of any Act of Congress, or any ruling, regulation or interpretation of the various administrative bureaus and agencies of the United States, the word ‘marriage’ means only a legal union between one man and one woman as husband and wife, and the word ‘spouse’ refers only to a person of the opposite sex who is a husband or a wife.”

Deputy Holt of Central Florida on behalf of the Lay and Clergy Deputations of Central Florida and the Lay and Clergy Deputations of Albany called for a Vote by Orders on Resolution C023.

Deputy Trambley of Northwestern Pennsylvania moved the previous question.  

**Motion carried**  
**Debate terminated**

**Ballot #7 — Vote By Orders**  
A Vote By Orders was taken on Resolution C023.

**Ballot #7 taken by orders**

Deputy Snow of Alaska moved to suspend the Rules to immediately consider Resolution C023 (Condemnation of Torture).  

**Motion carried**  
**Rules suspended**

The House of Deputies Committee on National and International Concerns presented its Report #33 on Resolution C023 (Condemnation of Torture) and moved adoption with amendment.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(C020)  
**Resolved,** the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention condemn the use of torture and the practice of extraordinary rendition by the United States and any government, individual or organization in any location in the world; and be it further  
**Resolved,** That the General Convention call upon the United States government, and all governments, individuals and organizations in any location in the world to comply with Geneva Conventions and the United Nations’ Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the administration of Justice, enacting policies to prevent its use both domestically and abroad.

**Committee Amendment:**

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention condemn the use of torture and the practice of extraordinary rendition by the United States and any government, individual or organization in any location in the world; and be it further  
Resolved, That Episcopalians shall not engage in, order or assist in the torture of any human being, and shall not counsel the use of torture for intelligence gathering or any other purpose; and be it further  
Resolved, That lawyers who are Episcopalians and dioceses are urged to procure or provide pro bono legal counsel to help defend any Episcopalian in military, police, civilian, governmental or contractor
service who faces discharge or disciplinary action for refusing to order, engage or assist in torture, or for refusing to approve or to provide counsel justifying the use of torture for any purpose, or who faces discharge or disciplinary action for exposing such practices; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention call upon the United States government, and all governments, individuals and organizations in any location in the world to comply with Geneva Conventions and the United Nations’ Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the administration of Justice, enacting policies to prevent its use or torture and extraordinary rendition both domestically and abroad; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention call upon the President and Congress to devise and implement truth and reconciliation-based methods of accountability to make transparent to the American people governmental practices or torture and extraordinary rendition.

Motion carried

Resolution adopted with amendment

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #259)

Deputy Snow of Alaska moved to suspend the Rules to immediately consider Resolution B031 (Hope for Reconciliation in Honduras).

Motion carried

Rules suspended

The House of Deputies Committee on National and International Concerns presented its Report #47 on Resolution B031 (Hope for Reconciliation in Honduras) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:

(B031)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention recognize that the June 28, 2009 coup in Honduras has resulted in a complex and troubling situation for our brothers and sisters there; and be it further

Resolved, That this Convention call for dialogue between those of differing views, with respect and tolerance for all, and the hope of bringing reconciliation to the people of Honduras; and be it further

Resolved, That this Convention call upon Costa Rican President Oscar Arias who is seeking to negotiate a solution to the crisis to do so by listening to all sides and working for a resolution that is beneficial to all Hondurans; and be it further

Resolved, That this Convention go on record in opposition to the actions of the Organization of American States in suspending Honduras from participation in its workings; and be it further

Resolved, That this Convention call upon the World Bank and Inter-American Development Bank to reverse decisions to suspend aid and loans to Honduras, actions which will only be detrimental to the Honduran people; and be it further

Resolved, That this Convention ask that the Government of the United States not take actions that will penalize the people of Honduras; and be it further

Resolved, That this Convention call upon all Episcopalians to pray for the people of Honduras and to continue the important and meaningful diocesan and parish companion relationships with Honduras.
Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention recognize that the events of June 28, 2009 coup in Honduras have resulted in a complex and troubling situation for our brothers and sisters there; and be it further Resolved, That this Convention call for dialogue between those of differing views, with respect and tolerance for all, and the hope of bringing reconciliation to the people of Honduras; and be it further Resolved, That this Convention call upon Costa Rican President Oscar Arias who is seeking to negotiate a solution to the crisis to do so by listening to all sides and working for a resolution based on democratic inclusiveness that is beneficial to all Hondurans; and be it further Resolved, That this Convention request that the Organization of American States reconsider the decision to suspend Honduras from participation in its workings; and be it further Resolved, That this Convention call upon the international lending organizations to continue investments; World Bank and Inter-American Development Bank to reverse decisions to suspend aid and loans to Honduras, actions in order to adequately care for which will only be detrimental to the Honduran people; and be it further Resolved, That this Convention ask that the Government of the United States not take actions that will penalize the people of Honduras; and be it further Resolved, That this Convention call upon all Episcopalians to pray for the people of Honduras and to continue the important and meaningful diocesan and parish companion relationships with Honduras.

Deputy Holt of Central Florida moved to amend the resolution.

Proposed Amendment:
Reinstate the original resolution. In the first resolve clause, delete the word “coup.”

Deputy Kirk of Delaware moved the previous question on the amendment.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on the amendment.

Motion defeated
Amendment defeated

Deputy Lawton of California moved to amend the resolution.

Proposed Amendment:
Delete the fourth resolve clause.

Deputy Hart of Pennsylvania moved the previous question on the amendment.

Motion carried
Debate terminated
A vote was taken on the amendment.  

Motion defeated  
Amendment defeated

Deputy Moss of Western Massachusetts moved the previous question on the main motion.  

Motion carried  
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on Resolution B031 as amended.  

Motion carried  
Resolution adopted with amendment  
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #260)

Deputy Ambler of Maine moved to reconsider Resolution D048 (Adoption of a “Single Payer” Universal Health Care Program).  

Motion defeated  
Reconsideration defeated

Dispatch of Business
The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business announced that it was time for the Special Order for election of members to the Joint Nominating Committee for Presiding Bishop.

Election of Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop — Ballot #1
Election Ballot #1 was taken for the Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop.

Ballot #1 taken

Deputy Ambos of New Jersey moved to suspend the Rules so that in the event of an invalid ballot, only the half with the invalid vote would be disqualified.  

Motion failed

Deputy Evenbeck of Indianapolis moved to suspend the Rules to immediately consider Resolution D096 (Prevention of Domestic Violence).  

Motion carried  
Rules suspended

Education
The House of Deputies Committee on Education presented its Report #25 on Resolution D096 (Prevention of Domestic Violence) and moved adoption with amendment.
Original Text of Resolution:
(D096)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention speak out clearly against the widespread practice of domestic violence; and be it further
Resolved, That members of General Convention covenant to pray for victims and their families; and be it further
Resolved, That we urge the appropriate interim bodies to review and recommend the utilization of existing training developed for domestic violence prevention, in order to counter the culture which sustains it; and be it further
Resolved, That the Convention encourage all Episcopal clergy and lay leadership to take responsibility to participate in such training as may be available to them.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention speak out clearly against the widespread practice of domestic violence; and be it further
Resolved, That members of General Convention covenant to pray for victims and their families; and be it further
Resolved, That we urge the appropriate interim bodies to review and recommend the utilization of existing training developed for domestic violence prevention, in order to counter the culture which sustains it; and be it further
Resolved, That the Convention strongly encourage all Episcopal bishops and other clergy and lay leadership to take responsibility to participate in such training as may be available to them; and be it further
Resolved, That clergy take leadership in making such information and training available to their congregations and the community.

Deputy King of Western New York moved the previous question.
Motion carried
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on Resolution D096 as amended.
Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #262)

Privilege and Courtesy
The House of Deputies Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #1 on Resolution D097 (Episcopal Relief and Development Resolution of Commendation) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:
(D097)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church commend the work of Episcopal Relief and Development as a powerful example of how we as Christians can live out our baptismal covenant and work towards healing a hurting world; and be it further
Resolved, That acting as the international development agency of The Episcopal Church, Episcopal Relief and Development’s success in the 2006-2009 triennium at reaching many millions of people in more than 40 countries around the world is a testament to our Church’s commitment to answering Jesus’ call in Matthew 25:40 to do unto the least of these what we would do for Him; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church celebrate Episcopal Relief and Development’s efforts at surpassing the Millennium Development Goals Inspiration Fund’s financial and programmatic objectives; and be it further

Resolved, That Episcopal Relief and Development’s focus on alleviating hunger, promoting health, creating economic opportunities and providing disaster relief worldwide empowers vulnerable people to live the lives of dignity that they deserve; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church should support Episcopal Relief and Development as the agency continues to engage Episcopalians in the global effort to reach the Millennium Development Goals and serve our neighbors in need through its programs.

**Motion carried**

**Resolution adopted**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #263)

The House of Deputies Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #2 on Resolution D086 (Express Gratitude to Thomas K. Chu) and moved adoption.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(D086)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church give thanks to Almighty God for the ministry of Thomas K. Chu to enable the participation of children, youth and young adults in the work and worship of conventions from 1994 to 2006; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention recognize with great appreciation the faithful and dedicated service of Thomas K. Chu to The Episcopal Church from 1989 to 2008 and wish him well in his future endeavors.

**Motion carried**

**Resolution adopted**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #264)

The House of Deputies Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #3 on Resolution D068 (Gratitude to Custodian of the *Book of Common Prayer*) and moved adoption.
Original Text of Resolution:
(D068)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th Convention recognize with great appreciation the faithful, collegial and innovative work over the past six years of the Custodian of the Book of Common Prayer, Gregory Howe, particularly in advancing the development of liturgical translations and texts that honor the cultural, national, ethnic and linguistic integrity and richness of our Church.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #265)

The House of Deputies Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #4 on Resolution A147 (Claiming our Identity and Promoting Anglican Partnerships) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A147)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention commend the work of the Anglican Indigenous Network, a recognized network of the Anglican Consultative Council.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #266)

The House of Deputies Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #5 on Resolution B002 (Commend the College of Bishops) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:
(B002)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention express its appreciation to the College for Bishops, its Board of Directors, Advisory Committee and staff for the College’s excellent work in providing formational programs for new bishops, assistance to dioceses in transition and continuing education opportunities for all bishops of this Church; and be it further
Resolved, That this Convention commends the programs of the College for Bishops to dioceses and bishops as a significant ongoing resource for leadership education, formation and health.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #267)

The House of Deputies Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #6 on Resolution D047 (Episcopal Service Corps) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(D047)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention commend the work of the Episcopal Service Corps in raising up future leaders for the
Church and the world through offering opportunities for young adults to spend a year servicing those in need and discerning vocation in the context of simple and sustainable Christian community.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention commend the work of the Episcopal Service Corps in raising up future leaders for the Church and the world through offering opportunities for young adults to spend a year providing services to servicing those in need and discerning vocation in the context of simple and sustainable Christian community.

 Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #268)

The House of Deputies Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #7 on Resolution D070 (Charles M. Crump, Jr.) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:

(D070)
Whereas, Charles M. Crump, Jr. served diligently and loyally as a Deputy of General Convention from 1958 through 2006 - 17 consecutive General Conventions; and
Whereas, The 76th General Convention recognizes with sadness his absence from the 76th General Convention; now therefore be it
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention, meeting in Anaheim, California, warmly greet Charles M. Crump, Jr., commend him for his years of service to The Episcopal Church and send its heartfelt greetings and best wishes to him from all of the General Convention Deputies, Alternates and from the House of Bishops.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That Whereas, Charles M. Crump, Jr. served diligently and loyally as a Deputy of General Convention from 1958 through 2006, seventeen consecutive General Conventions; and this Whereas, The 76th General Convention recognizes with sadness his absence from the 76th General Convention; now therefore and be it further
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention, meeting in Anaheim, California, warmly greet Charles M. Crump, Jr., commend him for his years of service to The Episcopal Church and send its heartfelt greetings and best wishes to him from all of the General Convention Deputies, Alternates and from the House of Bishops.

 Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #269)

The House of Deputies Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #8 on Resolution B026 (Commending Reforming Dioceses) and moved adoption with amendment.
Original Text of Resolution:
(B026)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That Episcopalians in the Dioceses of Fort Worth, Pittsburgh, Quincy and San Joaquin - lay and clergy - be commended for their unflagging efforts to continue to live as witnesses to the mission of The Episcopal Church during recent difficult times as they reorganize their continuing dioceses in that same spirit; and be it further
Resolved, That the leadership in each of those four continuing dioceses be commended for their similar efforts, including in particular the Rt. Rev. Edwin F. Gulick, Provisional Bishop of the Diocese of Fort Worth; the Rt. Rev. Robert H. Johnson, Assisting Bishop of the Diocese of Pittsburgh; the Rt. Rev. John C. Buchanan, Provisional Bishop of the Diocese of Quincy; and the Rt. Rev. Jerry A. Lamb, Provisional Bishop of the Diocese of San Joaquin; and be it further
Resolved, That the deputations from those four continuing dioceses be extended a special welcome to the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That Episcopalians in the Dioceses of Fort Worth, Pittsburgh, Quincy and San Joaquin - lay and clergy - be commended for their unflagging efforts to continue to live as witnesses to the mission of The Episcopal Church during recent difficult times as they reorganize their continuing dioceses in that same spirit; and be it further
Resolved, That the leadership in each of those four continuing dioceses be commended for their similar efforts, including in particular the Rt. Rev. Edwin F. Gulick, Provisional Bishop of the Diocese of Fort Worth; the Rt. Rev. Robert H. Johnson, Assisting Bishop of the Diocese of Pittsburgh; the Rt. Rev. John C. Buchanan, Provisional Bishop of the Diocese of Quincy; and the Rt. Rev. Jerry A. Lamb, Provisional Bishop of the Diocese of San Joaquin, and especially the strong lay leadership of each diocese; and be it further
Resolved, That the deputations from those four continuing dioceses be extended a special welcome to the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church.

Deputy Quinn of Pittsburgh moved to amend the resolution.

Proposed Amendment:
In the first and second resolve clauses, re-insert the words “continuing.”

Motion carried
Amendment adopted

A vote was taken on Resolution B026 as amended.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #270)

The House of Deputies Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #9 on Resolution D057 (Congratulations to the Bible and Common Prayer Book Society) and moved adoption with amendment.
Original Text of Resolution:
(D057)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church congratulates the Bible and Common Prayer Book Society and commends it for its continued work and ministry.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church congratulate the Bible and Common Prayer Book Society on its 200th birthday and commends it for its continued work and ministry.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #271)

Canons
The House of Deputies Committee on Canons presented its Report #18 on Resolution A053 (Amend Canon I.4.1(c)) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A053)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That Canon I.4.1(c) is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 1. (c) Except as its membership may include additional persons elected prior to the adjournment of the meeting of the General Convention in 1976 for terms which have not expired, [T]he Executive Council shall be composed (a) of twenty members elected by the General Convention, of whom four shall be Bishops, four shall be Presbyters or Deacons, and twelve shall be Lay Persons who are confirmed adult communicants in good standing (two Bishops, two Presbyters or Deacons, and six Lay Persons to be elected by each subsequent regular meeting of the General Convention); (b) of eighteen members elected by the Provincial Synods; (c) of the following ex officis members: the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies; and (d) the Vice-President, the Secretary and the Treasurer of the Executive Council, who shall have seat and voice but no vote. Each province shall be entitled to be represented by one Bishop or Presbyter or Deacon canonically resident in a diocese which is a constituent member of the province and by one Lay Person who is a confirmed adult communicant in good standing of a diocese which is a constituent member of the province, and the terms of the representatives of each province shall be so rotated that two persons shall not be simultaneously elected for equal terms.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That Canon I.4.1(c) is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 1. (c) Except as its membership may include additional persons elected prior to the adjournment of the meeting of the General Convention in 1976 for terms which have not expired, [T]he Executive Council shall be composed (a) of twenty members elected by the General Convention, of whom four shall be Bishops, four
shall be Presbyters or Deacons, and twelve shall be Lay Persons who are confirmed adult communicants in good standing (two Bishops, two Presbyters or Deacons, and six Lay Persons to be elected by each subsequent regular meeting of the General Convention); (b) of eighteen members elected by the Provincial Synods; (c) of the following ex officis members: the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies; and (d) the Vice-President, the Secretary and the Treasurer of the Executive Council, who shall have seat and voice but no vote. Each Province shall be entitled to be represented by one Bishop or Presbyter or Deacon canonically resident in a Diocese which is a constituent member of the Province and by one Lay Person who is a confirmed adult communicant in good standing of a Diocese which is a constituent member of the Province, and the terms of the representatives of each Province shall be so rotated that two persons shall not be simultaneously elected for equal terms.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #272)

Structure
The House of Deputies Committee on Structure presented its Report #22 on Resolution A035 (Establish Standing Commission on the Environment) and moved adoption of a substitute.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A035)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention establish the Standing Commission on the Environment; and be it further
Resolved, That this Standing Commission be consistent in size and authority with the other Standing Commissions of the Church, and have as its membership consist of people with professional skills and training in the sciences, communication and education to help Episcopalians and others deeply understand and find ways to respond to the environmental crisis, both personally and in our congregations and organizations and in the witness and work of our Office on Governmental Affairs; and be it further
Resolved, That the triennial budget be $45,000, with enough extra money for a start-up meeting with the Presiding Bishop and President of the House of Deputies or their designees and with staff who will work with the Commission.

Committee Substitute:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention urge the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies to establish a Group to evaluate the current system of standing commissions as a method “to study and draft policy proposals on major subjects considered to be of continuing concern to the mission of the Church” (Canon I.1.2a); and be it further
Resolved, That the Group explore and consider proposing alternative methods and structures for accomplishing this task of proposing policy, including mission priorities; and be it further
Resolved, That no new Standing Commissions be established at the 76th General Convention; and be it further
Resolved, That the Group report its findings to the 77th General Convention of The Episcopal Church.

Motion carried
Substitute resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #273)

Deputy Pitts of Louisiana moved to suspend the Rules to immediately consider Resolution D066 (Official Youth Presence Vote).

Motion carried
Rules suspended

The House of Deputies Committee on Structure presented its Report #30 on Resolution D066 (Official Youth Presence Vote) and moved adoption of a substitute.

Original Text of Resolution:
(D066)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That each Diocese at its Diocesan Convention that takes place one year prior to General Convention, elect one youth to run as its provincial representative to General Convention as the Official Youth Presence; and be it further
Resolved, That each elected Diocesan candidate send a biographical profile with credentials to the convener of the next Synod meeting; and be it further
Resolved, That two youth and one alternate be elected at each Provincial Synod meeting that takes place one year prior to General Convention for the two seats allotted for each Province on the Official Youth Presence; and be it further
Resolved, That those candidates elected at Provincial meetings be part of the General Convention Official Youth Presence and have seat, voice and vote on the floor of General Convention.

Committee Substitute:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the youth of the Church have seat, voice and vote as Deputies in the House of Deputies; and be it further
Resolved, That, to implement this, the following amendments to the Constitution be approved on first reading:
Amend Article I, Section 4 of the Constitution as follows:
Sec. 4. The Church in each Diocese which has been admitted to union with the General Convention, each area Mission established as provided by Article VI, and the Convocation of the American Churches in Europe, shall be entitled to representation in the House of Deputies by not more than four ordained persons, Presbyters or Deacons, canonically resident in the Diocese and not more than four Lay Persons, confirmed adult communicants of this Church, in good standing in the Diocese but not necessarily domiciled in the Diocese; but the General Convention by Canon may reduce the representation to not fewer than two Deputies in each order. Each Diocese, and the Convocation of the American
Churches in Europe, shall prescribe the manner in which its Deputies shall be chosen.

There shall also be entitled to representation in the House of Deputies the youth of the Church, who shall be represented by eighteen Lay Persons who shall be Deputies, two each of whom shall be confirmed communicants in good standing, but not necessarily domiciled, in a Diocese in each Province. Deputies representing the youth shall not be less than sixteen years of age, nor more than eighteen years of age, as of the first legislative day of the General Convention for which they are chosen. The Canons of the General Convention shall prescribe the manner in which the Deputies representing the youth shall be chosen.

To constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, the Clerical order shall be represented by at least one Deputy in each of a majority of the Dioceses entitled to representation, and the Lay order shall likewise be represented by at least one Deputy in each of a majority of the Dioceses entitled to representation.

Amend Article I, Section 5 of the Constitution as follows:

Sec. 5. The vote on all questions which come before the House of Deputies shall be governed by the following provisions, supplemented by such procedural provisions as the House of Deputies may adopt in its Rules of Order:

Unless a greater vote on any question is required by this Constitution or by the Canons in cases not specifically dealt with by this Constitution or unless a vote by orders on a question is required, the affirmative vote of a majority of all of the Deputies present and voting shall suffice to carry any question. A vote by orders on any question shall be taken if required for that question by this Constitution or by the Canons or if the Clerical or Lay representation from three or more separate Dioceses shall so request at the time of the call for the vote on that question. In all cases of a vote by orders, the vote of each order, Clerical and Lay, shall be counted separately, each order in each Diocese shall have one vote, and a vote in the affirmative by an order in a Diocese shall require the affirmative vote of a majority of the Deputies present in that order in that Diocese. In all cases of a vote by orders, the Deputies representing the youth shall have one vote in the Lay order, and a vote in the affirmative by the Deputies representing the youth shall require the affirmative vote of a majority of the Deputies representing the youth present. To carry in the affirmative any question being voted on by orders requires concurrence in the affirmative by both orders and, unless a greater vote is required by this Constitution or by the Canons in cases not specifically dealt with by this Constitution, concurrence in the affirmative by an order requires the affirmative vote in that order by a majority of the Dioceses (including, in the Lay order, the Deputies representing the youth) present in that order.

And be it further

Resolved, That the manner in which Youth Deputies shall be chosen be referred to the Standing Commission on Constitution and Canons to propose such amendments to the Canons and other appropriate procedures to implement the foregoing proposed amendments to the Constitution and report such proposals to the 77th General Convention.
Deputy Ferrell of North Carolina moved to refer the resolution to the Standing Commission on Constitution and Canons.

Deputy Moss of Western Massachusetts moved the previous question.  

**Motion carried**  
**Debate terminated**

A vote was taken on Resolution D066.  

**Motion carried**  
**Resolution referred to a Standing Commission**  
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #275)

**Results of Ballot #7: Vote By Orders on Resolution C023**

The Secretary read the results of Ballot #7 including the no and divided votes by diocese.  

**Motion carried**  
**Resolution adopted with amendment**  
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #295)

Deputy Gould of Massachusetts, on behalf of the Lay and Clergy deputations of Massachusetts, made a motion to reconsider Resolution C023. The President ruled that, since some voting results were in question, the motion would be postponed until the votes could be corrected.

**Privilege and Courtesy**

The House of Deputies Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #10 on Resolution A085 (Commendation for the Work of Proclaiming Education for All) and moved adoption.

**Original Text of Resolution:**  
(A085)  
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That 76th General Convention commends the work of Proclaiming Education for All (PEALL) and expresses its gratitude to PEALL members for their efforts to begin the work of providing comprehensive Christian education and formation to all levels of The Episcopal Church.  

**Motion carried**  
**Resolution adopted**  
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #276)

**Rules of Order**

The House of Deputies Committee on Rules of Order presented its Report #28 on Resolution A001 (Amend Rules of Order VII.21) and moved adoption with amendment.
Original Text of Resolution:  
(A001)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That Rule VII.21 on the Joint Standing Committee on Nominations in the Rules of Order be amended as follows:

21. Except for the Secretary and the Treasurer of the General Convention, the said Committee is instructed to nominate a number, equal to at least twice the number of vacancies, which shall be broadly representative of the constituency of this Church; to prepare biographical sketches of all nominees; and to include such nominations and sketches in *The Blue Book*, or otherwise to circulate them among Bishops and Deputies well in advance of the meeting of the next succeeding General Convention; this procedure, however, *except for nominations for the Board of the Church Pension Fund* not to preclude further nominations from the floor in the appropriate House of the General Convention.

Committee Amendment:  
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That Rule VII.21 on the Joint Standing Committee on Nominations in the Rules of Order be amended as follows:

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Motion carried  
Resolution adopted with amendment  
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #277)

Final Text of Resolution:  
(A001)
Resolved, That Rule VII.21 on the Joint Standing Committee on Nominations in the Rules of Order be amended as follows:

21. Except for the Secretary and the Treasurer of the General Convention, the said Committee is instructed to nominate a number, equal to at least twice the number of vacancies, which shall be broadly representative of the constituency of this Church; to prepare biographical sketches of all nominees; and to include such nominations and sketches in *The Blue Book*, or otherwise to circulate them among Bishops and Deputies well in advance of the meeting of the next succeeding General Convention; this procedure, however, *except for nominations for the Board of the Church Pension Fund*, shall not preclude further nominations from the floor in the appropriate House of the General Convention.
Social and Urban Affairs
The House of Deputies Committee on Social and Urban Affairs presented its Report #29 on Resolution A142 (To Recommit to Being Anti-Racists for the Next Three Triennia (Until 2018)) and moved concurrence.

Deputy Cosby of Pennsylvania moved to amend the resolution.

Proposed Amendment:
In the second resolve clause, restore the words “and oppression.”

Deputy Cassidy of Indianapolis moved the previous question on the amendment.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on the amendment.

Motion defeated
Amendment defeated

Deputy Dawson of Eau Claire moved the previous question.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on Resolution A142.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #279)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A142)
Resolved, That The Episcopal Church recommit and declare itself to be dedicated to continuing to work against the sin of racism; and be it further
Resolved, That the Office of Anti-Racism and Gender Equality continue to design and deliver anti-racism, classism and ethnic discrimination training that examines factors and circumstances which maintain racism, classism and ethnic discrimination in the Church and in civil society; and be it further
Resolved, That all dioceses and provinces receive anti-racism training if they have not already done so or renew training that has been previously taken; and be it further
Resolved, That dioceses and provinces develop programs and ministries to dismantle and eradicate structures of racism, both internally and externally, and integrate the practices of anti-racism into their ongoing life; and be it further
Resolved, That the Anti-Racism Committee of Executive Council develop a monitoring and reporting process for the dioceses, and that dioceses make annual reports to the Anti-Racism Committee of Executive Council.
Deputy Randle of Virginia moved to revise Rule 6 to place the Consent Calendar for consideration immediately following conclusion of the Special Order for Resolution C056, in order to allow the House of Bishops time to act on resolutions originating in this House.

Motion carried
Rules suspended

Deputy Fleener of Western Michigan moved to suspend the Rules of Order to take up resolutions requiring concurrence by the House of Bishops if they are on the Consent Calendar.

Motion carried
Rules suspended

Privilege and Courtesy
The House of Deputies Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #11 on Resolution D098 (Recognition of House of Deputies Leadership) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:
(D098)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the House of Deputies of the 76th General Convention acknowledge the leadership of the House of Deputies, their practice of wisdom, patience, fortitude, courage, humor and kindness on a biblical scale, and that the Deputies express profound gratitude especially to Dr. Bonnie Anderson, the Reverend Brian N. Prior and the Reverend Dr. Gregory Straub, and their assistants whom we consider “Heroes of the House.”

Deputy Ballentine of the Virgin Islands moved to consider all resolutions from Privilege and Courtesy in a single vote.

Motion carried
Rules suspended

The House of Deputies Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #12 on Resolution D099 (Appreciation for J. Jon Bruno and the Host City of Anaheim) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:
(D099)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention express gratitude to Bishop J. Jon Bruno and the Diocese of Los Angeles for their gracious hospitality and generous participation in hosting the 76th General Convention; and be it further
Resolved, That we express our appreciation to the City of Anaheim and the Anaheim Convention Center and its Staff for their magical welcome, diligent and friendly service, perfect weather and luscious landscape.
The House of Deputies Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #13 on Resolution D100 (Appreciation for the Work of our Presiding Bishop) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:
(D100)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention give thanks and praise for the ministry and leadership of the Primate of The Episcopal Church, Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori, for her leadership and ability to aviate, navigate and communicate through these challenging times, and for her grace and prayerful presence among us.

The House of Deputies Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #14 on Resolution D101 (Appreciation for Frank Wade and Those Who Prayed for the Work of Convention) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:
(D101)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the House of Deputies of the 76th General Convention give hearty thanks to Deputy Frank Wade for his comforting godly encouragement, his deep understanding of the sorts and conditions of the Deputies of the House, his articulation of concern for us and his spiritual leadership through prayer during the Legislative Sessions of this Convention; and be it further Resolved, That we express with thanksgiving our appreciation for the congregations and individuals throughout The Episcopal Church, Anglican Communion and the wider community who have held us in prayer for the work of this convention.

The House of Deputies Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #15 on Resolution D102 (Appreciation for the Ministry of Brian Grieves) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:
(D102)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention give high praise and thanksgiving to the ministry and dedication of the Rev. Canon J. Brian Grieves,
- as the Peace and Justice Officer for The Episcopal Church and currently the Senior Director of its Four Mission Centers;
- as priest and former camp director in the Diocese of Hawaii for ten years and where he has remained canonically resident;
- as the Director of the Advocacy Center which includes the Office of Government Relations as well as staff who work on issues of peacemaking, anti-racism, native American/indigenous ministries and social and economic justice. This ministry extended throughout the world, particularly Palestine/Israel, Philippines, Korea, Japan and South Africa, and included ethnic and economic justice in the United States;
- as leader of the Anglican Peace with Justice Network and countless commissions and boards in the United States and abroad;
- as a strong leader of Jubilee Ministries, anti-racism training and advocacy work in Washington, particularly with the MDG’s;
- as a man loved and admired for his support of staff and unyielding commitment to the role of the Church and its mission of peace and justice for all; and be it further

Resolved, That we express our deep and abiding affection and appreciation to the Rev. Canon Brian J. Grieves, for his twenty-one years of serving under three Presiding Bishops, having been known and loved by all as a leader, servant and friend and invaluable resource to countless committees and commission members, not to mention deputies and bishops, who have sought his help in preparing reports and resolutions. As a fierce supporter of justice and peace for all people, he has generously given of his time and energy in the most pleasant manner, never showing any signs of uneasiness but with a demeanor of gentleness and a warm smile.

The House of Deputies Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #16 on Resolution D103 (Appreciation for the Official Youth Presence) and moved adoption.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(D103)  
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention give thanks for the Official Youth Presence, the chaperones and members of the Episcopal Peace Fellowship Young Adult Presence, other youth and young adult participants and all who have taken such an active part in many aspects of the convention by attending hearings, legislative sessions, worship and speaking to both Houses of the Convention.

The House of Deputies Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #17 on Resolution D104 (Appreciation for Winnie Varghese) and moved adoption.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(D104)  
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the House of Deputies of the 76th General Convention express grateful appreciation for the House of Deputies Voting Secretary, the Reverend Winnie Varghese whose humor, patience, ability to summon the powers of techies and guidance through the intricate matters of voting by orders, elections and resolutions have kept us on task and in order.

The House of Deputies Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #18 on Resolution D105 (Recognition of Participants in Daily Eucharists) and moved adoption.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(D105)  
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention express its praise and thanksgiving for all those who contributed their talents and gifts to our daily Eucharists: to the Volunteers who ushered us; to the Altar Guild who set the Table; to the Eucharistic ministers who distributed the Banquet; to the artists who surrounded us with their visual prayers; to the Liturgists who ordered our services; to
the musicians and dancers who fed our hearts; and particularly to those who presided, preached, read and assisted at the altar and fed our minds and souls.

The House of Deputies Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #19 on Resolution D106 (Appreciation for GC Staff, Committee Members, Volunteers and Vendors) and moved adoption.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(D106)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention express its gratitude to the entire General Convention staff, to the Legislative Committee Chairs, Co-Chairs, Secretaries, members and Legislative Aides; and be it further

Resolved, That we share our appreciation with the numerous volunteers from the Diocese of Los Angeles, surrounding Dioceses and throughout The Episcopal Church who registered, directed and informed participants in this convention through the Houses, Exhibit Hall, hotel meeting rooms and the Convention Center with cheerfulness and patience; and be it further

Resolved, That we thank exhibitors and vendors who informed and cared for us in the Exhibit Hall, giving us a greater appreciation and understanding for a myriad of ministries and opportunities for the next three years, and feeding us spiritually and physically while we were here.

The House of Deputies Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #20 on Resolution D108 (Appreciation for Visiting Bishops, Ecumenical Friends and Guests from Anglican Communion) and moved adoption.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(D108)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention express its gratitude for the presence of the many visiting bishops in our midst who have come to share with us their wisdom, insight and unique perspectives from around the world; and be it further

Resolved, That the 76th General Convention express its appreciation for the invaluable presence, gifts and ministry of our ecumenical guests, and affirm our mutual intention to work and pray together as daughters and sons of the same Creator; and be it further

Resolved, That the 76th General Convention commend with thankfulness all of the guests present from throughout the Anglican Communion, and thank them for the words, witness and wisdom so generously shared with us.

The House of Deputies Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #21 on Resolution D107 (Thanksgiving for Presence of Archbishop of Canterbury) and moved adoption.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(D107)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention give high praise and thanksgiving for the ministry and leadership of the Archbishop of
Canterbury, the Most Reverend and Right Honorable Doctor Rowan Douglas Williams, and express our gratitude for his grace and prayerful presence among us.

Deputy Schneider of Western North Carolina moved to amend Resolution D105.

**Proposed Amendment:**
After the words “the Altar Guild who set the Table,” add the words “to the Table Hosts;”

A vote was taken on the amendment.

**Motion carried**
**Amendment adopted**

A single vote was taken on the resolutions from Privilege and Courtesy.

**Motion carried**

**Privilege and Courtesy Resolutions adopted**
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Messages #281-291)

**Rules of Order**
The House of Deputies Committee on Rules of Order presented its Report #26 on Resolution A002 (Amend Rules of Order VII.19) and moved the resolution, recommending rejection.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(A002)
*Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That Rule VII.19 on the Joint Standing Committee on Nominations be amended as follows:*

19. The Joint Standing Committee on Nominations shall be composed of three Bishops, three Presbyters and six Lay Persons. *Members who are Lay Persons or Presbyters must be deputies to the most recently concluded General Convention and will serve throughout the entire triennium of their appointment.*

**Motion carried**
**Resolution adopted**

Deputy Snow moved to reconsider Resolution A002 (Amend Rules of Order VII.19) as the House was directed to vote yes for rejection, when it should have been directed to vote no to reject the resolution.

**Motion carried**

A vote was taken on Resolution A002.

**Motion defeated**
**Resolution rejected**
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #280)

The House of Deputies Committee on Rules of Order presented its Report #27 on Resolution A010 (Amend Rule 2 HDRO) and moved adoption.
Final Text of Resolution:

(A010)
Resolved, That Rule of Order 2 of the House of Deputies be amended to read as follows:

2. The daily sessions of the House shall be opened with prayer, and prayer for Missions shall be had daily at midday. Any deputy may request the President to call for prayer at other times, and the President may initiate such prayer as deemed appropriate.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #296)

World Mission
The House of Deputies Committee on World Mission presented its Report #36 on Resolution B015 (Amend Constitution Article I.4 (First Reading)) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:

(B015)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That lines 3 and 4 and 11 of Article I.4 of the Constitution (page 2) be amended to change the name of the “Convocation of the American Churches in Europe” to “Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe” as follows:

Sec. 4. The Church in each Diocese which has been admitted to union with the General Convention, each area Mission established as provided by Article VI, and the Convocation of the American Episcopal Churches in Europe, shall be entitled to representation in the House of Deputies by not more than four ordained persons, Presbyters or Deacons, canonically resident in the Diocese and not more than four Lay Persons, confirmed adult communicants of this Church, in good standing in the Diocese but not necessarily domiciled in the Diocese; but the General Convention by Canon may reduce the representation to not fewer than two Deputies in each order. Each Diocese, and the Convocation of the American Episcopal Churches in Europe, shall prescribe the manner in which its Deputies shall be chosen.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That lines 3 and 4 and 11 of Article I.4 of the Constitution (page 2) be amended to change the name of the “Convocation of the American Churches in Europe” to “Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe” as follows:

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Convention by Canon may reduce the representation to not fewer than two Deputies in each order. Each Diocese, and the Convocation of the American Episcopal Churches in Europe, shall prescribe the manner in which its Deputies shall be chosen.

Motion carried

Resolution adopted with amendment

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #293)

Deputy Jennings of Ohio moved to suspend the Rules to immediately consider Resolution D075 (Mission, the Heartbeat of the Church).

Motion carried

Rules suspended

The House of Deputies Committee on World Mission presented its Report #55 on Resolution D075 (Mission, the Heartbeat of the Church) and moved adoption of a substitute.

Original Text of Resolution:

(D075)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th Convention of The Episcopal Church commend, endorse and embrace our Presiding Bishop’s statement that the heartbeat of the Church is mission; and be it further

Resolved, That this convention encourage our Church to pursue our mission with renewed vigor on each and every level of our common life.

Committee Substitute:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church commend, endorse and embrace the Presiding Bishop’s statement (July 8, 2009) that “the heartbeat of the Church is mission;” and be it further

Resolved, That as a sign of our commitment to Christ’s mission, the 76th General Convention challenges dioceses and congregations to participate in one new or ongoing project that engages in a relationship with another part of the Body of Christ in the world; and be it further

Resolved, That the Standing Commission on World Mission be directed to develop strategies to enable and to support individuals, congregations and dioceses of The Episcopal Church to engage in mission activities which further our participation in God’s mission.

Motion carried

Substitute resolution adopted

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #294)

Corrected Results of Ballot #7: Vote By Orders on Resolution C023

The President called on the Secretary to read the corrected voting results on Resolution C023:

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Deputy Gould of Massachusetts withdrew his motion to reconsider Resolution C023.

Motion withdrawn

Announcements
The Secretary read the announcements.

The President called on the deputation from Liberia to bring greetings to the House.

Prayers
The President called on the Chaplain for prayers.

RECESSION

The President recessed the House at 6:14 p.m. until 9:00 a.m. on Friday, July 17, 2009.
**Reconvene**
The President called the House to order at 9:01 a.m.

**Prayers**
The President called on the Chaplain for prayers.

**Certification of Minutes**
The House of Deputies Committee on the Certification of Minutes presented its Report #9 stating that the Committee had met, read the Minutes of the Ninth Legislative Day and certified that they were correct. The Chair moved adoption of the report.

  *Motion carried*

  *Minutes adopted*

**Certification of Deputies**
The House of Deputies Committee on Credentials presented its Report #17 for the first session of the Tenth Legislative Day. There were 417 clerical deputies and 415 lay deputies certified and seated, bringing the total count of the House to 832. The number of votes needed for a motion to prevail was 417. There were no new deputies certified and 76 changes in deputation on this day, as follows:

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Wyoming
Linda Fleming  Daniel Land
Wyoming
John Smylie  Warren Murphy

The Secretary moved that the report be accepted.

Motion carried
Report accepted

Messages from the House of Bishops
The Secretary announced that the following messages had been received from the House of Bishops:

HB Message #216: A178 (Establish the First Sunday in Lent as Episcopal Relief and Development Sunday) Adopted with amendment.

HB Message #217: A100 (Liturgical Translation) Adopted.

HB Message #218: A094 (Recruiting Music Leaders) Adopted.

HB Message #219: C002 (Commend the Rev. Dr. Pauli Murray to LFF) Referred to the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music.

HB Message #220: C003 (Commemoration of John Jay) Referred to the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music.

HB Message #221: C006 (Commemoration of Brother William West Skiles) Referred to the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music.

HB Message #222: C016 (Commemoration of the Rev. Frederick B. Howden, Jr.) Referred to the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music.

HB Message #223: C021 (Commend Sts. Andronicus and Junia to LFF) Referred to the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music.


HB Message #225: D008 (Add Thecla to Calendar) Referred to the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music.

HB Message #226: D001 (Creation Cycle of the Pentecost Season) Referred to the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music.

HB Message #227: C086 (Commend Dr. James Markham Ambler to LFF) Referred to the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music.

HB Message #228: C066 (James Solomon Russell to LFF) Referred to the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music.
HB Message #229: C065 (Endorse Saint’s Feast Day) Referred to the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music.


HB Message #231: C058 (Commend Manteo and Virginia Dare to LFF) Referred to the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music.

HB Message #232: C057 (Commend the Rev. Dr. Pauli Murray to LFF) Referred to the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music.


HB Message #234: D082 (Study Pastoral and Organizational Issues in Dioceses without a Bishop) Adopted with amendment.

HB Message #235: A123 (Amend Canon 1,15,10: Discipline Process Clarification) Referred to the Standing Commission on Constitution and Canons.

HB Message #236: A170 (Observed of First Ordination of Women to the Priesthood) Referred to the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music.

HB Message #237: C034 (Creation Cycle of the Pentecost Season) Referred to the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music.

HB Message #238: D005 (An Alternative Baptismal Covenant) Rejected.

HB Message #239: C078 (Liturgy for Loss of Companion Animal) Adopted with amendment.

HB Message #240: A105 (Fresh Start) Adopted.

HB Message #241: D002 (Amend Canon III.10.2(a)(2)) Rejected.


HB Message #244: C014 (Theological Study of Christian Marriage) Referred to the Executive Council.

HB Message #245: D085 (Ministry of the Child) Concurred.

HB Message #246: D077 (Commend Young Adult Ministry) Concurred.

HB Message #247: D034 (Continuing Episcopal Life and Diocesan Partnerships) Rejected.

HB Message #248: D067 (Mission and Missionary Budget of The Episcopal Church) Concurred.

HB Message #249: D094 (Young Adult Representation on Legislative Committees) Concurred.

HB Message #250: B012 (Pastoral Generosity in Addressing Civil Marriage) Postponed.

HB Message #251: B022 (Indigenous Artifacts) Adopted.
Suspend Rules
Deputy Duncan of Western New York moved to suspend House Rule 24 for the remainder of the Convention.

Motion carried
Rule suspended

Special Order of Business
Deputy Hall of San Joaquin moved to reconsider Resolution C023 (Defense of Marriage Statutes).

Deputy Green of San Diego moved the previous question.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

A vote was taken to reconsider Resolution C023.

Motion defeated

CONSENT CALENDAR

Canons
The House of Deputies Committee on Canons presented its Report #17 on Resolution A056 (Amend Canon III.11.4(a)) and moved adoption with referral to the Standing Commission on Constitution and Canons.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A056)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That Canon III.11.4 (a) is hereby amended to read as follows:

(a) If the date of the election of a Bishop occurs more than one hundred and twenty days before the meeting of the General Convention, The Standing Committee of the Diocese for which the Bishop has been elected shall by its President, or by some person or persons specially appointed, immediately send to the Presiding Bishop and to the Standing Committees of the several Dioceses:

1. a certificate evidence of the election by the Secretary of the Bishop-elect by the Convention of the Diocese,
2. bearing a statement that evidence of that the Bishop-elect’s having been duly ordered Deacon and Priest,
3. and a certificate as to evidence that the Bishop-elect’s has been thoroughly examined as to that person’s medical, psychological and psychiatric condition, and examination required in Sec. 3(b) of this Canon have been received
4. and that a testimonial signed by a constitutional majority of the Convention must also be delivered in the following form:
We, whose names are hereunder written, fully sensible of how important it is that the Sacred Order and Office of a Bishop should not be unworthily conferred, and firmly persuaded that it is our duty to bear testimony on this solemn occasion without partiality, do, in the presence of Almighty God, testify that we know of no impediment on account of which the Reverend A.B. ought not to be ordained to that Holy Office. We do, moreover, jointly and severally declare that we believe the Reverend A.B. to have been duly and lawfully elected and to be of such sufficiency in learning, of such soundness in the Faith, and of such godly character as to be able to exercise the Office of a Bishop to the honor of God and the edifying of the Church, and to be a wholesome example to the flock of Christ.

(Date) __________ (Signed) _______________

(b) The Presiding Bishop, shall without delay, shall notify every Bishop of this Church exercising jurisdiction and to the several Standing Committees, of the Presiding Bishop's receipt of the certificates mentioned in this section and request a that he or she has received the certificate of election. Not more than one hundred and twenty days after certificate of election has been sent, each Bishop of this Church exercising jurisdiction shall provide the Presiding Bishop with a written statement of consent or withholding of consent.

(d) Each Standing Committee, in Not more than one hundred and twenty days after the sending by the electing body of the certificate of the election has been sent, each Standing Committee shall respond by sending the Standing Committee of the diocese for which the Bishop is elected, either the testimonial of consent or in the form set out in paragraph (d) (a)(4) of this section or written notice of its refusal to give consent. If a majority of the Standing Committees of all the Dioceses consents to the ordination of the Bishop-elect, the Standing Committee of the diocese for which the Bishop is elected shall then forward the evidence of the consent, with the other necessary documents described in Sec. 3(a) of this Canon, to the Presiding Bishop. If the Presiding Bishop receives sufficient statements to indicate a majority of those Bishops consents to the ordination, the Presiding Bishop shall, without delay, notify the Standing Committee of the diocese for which the Bishop is elected and the Bishop-elect of the consent.

(c) Evidence of the consent of each Standing Committee shall be a testimonial in the following words, signed by a majority of all the members of the Committee:

The House of Deputies Committee on Canons presented its Report #17 on Resolution B008 (Amend Canon I.7.3 to add 3(b)) and moved adoption with referral to the Standing Commission on Constitution and Canons.

Original Text of Resolution:

(B008)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That Canon I.7.3 be amended to read as follows:

A new section added to be 1.7.Sec.3(b) - that would change the former 1.7.Sec.3 to 1.7.Sec.3(a)

Sec. 3 (b) No Vestry, Trustee or other Body, authorized by Civil or Canon Law to hold, manage or administer the trusts or permanent funds of any Parish, Mission, Congregation or Institution,
shall expend or otherwise encumber those funds in a manner inconsistent with standard business practice without the written consent of the Bishop and Standing Committee of the Diocese of which the Parish, Mission, Congregation or Institution is a part except under such regulations as may be prescribed by Canon of the Diocese.

Structure
The House of Deputies Committee on Structure presented its Report #23 on Resolution D074 (Research New Locations of 2015 General Convention) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(D074)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the Joint Standing Committee on planning and arrangements be asked to research and consider the feasibility of using a university campus as the site of the 78th General Convention in 2015.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the Joint Standing Committee on planning and arrangements be asked to research and consider the feasibility of using a university campus as the site of future General Conventions the 78th General Convention in 2015.

The House of Deputies Committee on Structure presented its Report #24 on Resolution A162 (Domestic Strategy Committee on AIDS Crisis) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A162)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church direct Executive Council with the assistance of the Committee on HIV/AIDS to convene a domestic strategy meeting for the purpose of developing a comprehensive response to the HIV/AIDS crisis by The Episcopal Church during triennium 2010-2012; and be it further
Resolved, That the information gathered become the genesis of a response by our Church to improve the universal health of our members and ultimately all God’s children; and be it further
Resolved, That the Committee on HIV/AIDS report the outcome of this work to the 77th General Convention.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church urge direct Executive Council with the assistance of the Committee on HIV/AIDS and National Episcopal AIDS Coalition to convene a domestic strategy meeting for the purpose of developing a comprehensive response to the HIV/AIDS crisis by The Episcopal Church during triennium 2010-2012; and be it further
Resolved, That the information gathered become the genesis of a response by our Church to improve the universal health of our members and ultimately all God’s children; and be it further
Resolved, That the Committee on HIV/AIDS report the outcome of this work to the 77th General Convention.

The House of Deputies Committee on Structure presented its Report #26 on Resolution A005 (Analysis of Budgeting Process) and moved adoption with amendment.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(A005)  
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church mandate and provide funds in an amount not to exceed $50,000 for the Standing Commission on the Structure of the Church in conjunction with the Standing Commission on Constitution and Canons to conduct a professional comprehensive analysis of the budgeting process and budget of The Episcopal Church during the Triennium 2010-2012, paying particular attention to the relationship between the General Convention (and its officers and committees), the Executive Council (and its officers and committees), the Presiding Bishop and the staff of The Episcopal Church; and be it further 

Resolved, That the study address any conflicts and ambiguities among the Canons, Joint Rules of Order, Executive Council and Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society Bylaws and actual practice with the goal of eliminating these conflicts and ambiguities so that the roles and functions of various bodies and offices regarding the creation, adoption, revision, oversight and all other aspects of the budgeting process and budget are clear; and be it further 

Resolved, That the Standing Commission on Structure offer a report on the analysis with appropriate recommendations and any proposed changes to the Constitution and Canons of The Episcopal Church, the Joint Rules of Order and the Bylaws of Executive Council and the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society to the 77th General Convention for its consideration and action.

**Committee Amendment:**

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church mandate and provide funds in requests Program, Budget and Finance to consider an amount not to exceed $50,000 for the Standing Commission on the Structure of the Church in conjunction with the Standing Commission on Constitution and Canons to conduct a professional comprehensive analysis of the budgeting process and budget of The Episcopal Church during the Triennium 2010-2012, paying particular attention to the relationship between the General Convention (and its officers and committees), the Executive Council (and its officers and committees), the Presiding Bishop and the staff of The Episcopal Church; and be it further 

Resolved, That the study address any conflicts and ambiguities among the Canons, Joint Rules of Order, Executive Council and Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society Bylaws and actual practice with the goal of eliminating these conflicts and ambiguities so that the roles and functions of various bodies and offices regarding the creation, adoption, revision, oversight and all other aspects of the budgeting process and budget are clear; and be it further
Resolved, That the Standing Commission on Structure offer a report on the analysis with appropriate recommendations and any proposed changes to the Constitution and Canons of The Episcopal Church, the Joint Rules of Order and the Bylaws of Executive Council and the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society to the 77th General Convention for its consideration and action.

The House of Deputies Committee on Structure presented its Report #27 on Resolution C074 (Creation of Standing Commission on Women) and moved that the Committee be discharged because the matter was already acted on in Resolution A035.

The House of Deputies Committee on Structure presented its Report #29 on Resolution D033 (Continuous Cycle of Strategic Planning) and moved that the Committee be discharged because the matter was already acted on in Resolution A061.

The House of Deputies Committee on Structure presented its Report #32 on Resolution A121 (Amend Canon I.2.1: Joint Committee Mandate) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A121)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That Canon I.2.1 be amended by adding a new subsection (e), with succeeding subsections to be re-lettered as necessary, to read as follows:

Sec. 1(e) The Joint Nominating Committee shall develop and manage a process for providing nominees to the General Convention at which a Presiding Bishop is to be elected. The process shall include 1) providing the names of not fewer than three members of the House of Bishops for consideration by the House of Bishops and the House of Deputies in the choice of a Presiding Bishop; 2) providing a timely process for any bishop or deputy to express the intent to nominate any other member of the House of Bishops from the floor at the time the Joint Nominating Committee presents its nominees to the joint session of the two Houses, and for the Bishop so nominated to be included in the information distributed about the nominees; 3) providing pastoral care for each bishop being considered for nomination, the bishop’s family, and his or her diocese; and 4) providing transition assistance to the Presiding Bishop and the Presiding Bishop-elect.

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That Canon I.2.1 be amended by adding a new subsection (e), with succeeding subsections to be re-lettered as necessary, to read as follows:

Sec. 1(e) The Joint Nominating Committee shall develop and manage a process for providing nominees to the General Convention at which a Presiding Bishop is to be elected. The process shall include 1) providing the names of not fewer than three members of the House of Bishops for consideration by the House of Bishops and the House of Deputies in the choice of a Presiding Bishop; 2) providing a timely process for any bishop or deputy to express the intent to nominate any other member of the House of Bishops from the floor at the time the Joint Nominating Committee presents its nominees to the joint session of the two Houses, and for the Bishop so nominated to be included in the information distributed about the nominees; 3) providing pastoral
care for each bishop being considered for nomination, the bishop’s family, and his or her diocese; and 4) providing transition assistance to the Presiding Bishop and the Presiding Bishop-elect.

The House of Deputies Committee on Structure presented its Report #33 on Resolution A133 (Amend Canon I.1.2(n)(11)) and moved that the Committee be discharged because the matter was already acted on in Resolution A119.

The House of Deputies Committee on Structure presented its Report #34 on Resolution A139 (Diocesan Reconfiguration Study) and moved that the Committee be discharged because the matter was already acted on in Resolution A127.

The House of Deputies Committee on Structure presented its Report #35 on Resolution A116 (Amend Canon I.4.3: Establish Audit Committee) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A116)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That Canon I.4.3 is hereby amended by adding a new subsection (g), with succeeding subsections to be re-lettered, to read as follows:

Sec. 3(g) Upon joint nomination of the Chair and Vice-Chair, the Executive Council shall appoint a Joint Audit Committee of the Council and the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society. The Committee shall be composed of six members, one of whom shall be a member of the Executive Council’s Committee on Administration and Finance, one from the membership of the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance, and the remaining four shall be members of the Church-at-large, having experience in general business practices. The members shall be elected triennially and may serve two terms, after which a full triennium must elapse before being eligible for re-election. The Chair and Vice-Chair of Council shall designate the Chair of the Committee from among its members. The Audit Committee shall regularly review the financial statements relating to all funds under the management or control of the Council and the Society and shall report thereon at least annually to the Council and the Society.

Upon recommendation of the Audit Committee, the Executive Council shall employ on behalf of the Council and the Society an independent Certified Public Accountant firm to audit annually all accounts under the management or control of the Council and Society. After receipt of the annual audit, the Audit Committee shall recommend to the Council and Society what action to take as to any matters identified in the annual audit and accompanying management letter. The operations of the Audit Committee shall be set out in an Audit Committee Charter. The Audit Committee shall review, at least annually, the Committee’s Charter and recommend any changes to the Executive Council for approval.

And be it further Resolved, That all of the current members of the Audit Committee have their respective terms extended until December 31, 2009; and be it further Resolved, That the Joint Rules of Order are hereby amended by deleting Rule 11:

Two members of the Joint Standing Committee shall be appointed by the Chair of the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to the Audit Committee of the Executive Council. The Audit Committee is required to report to
the General Convention or the Executive Council when the General Convention is not in session, through the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance (PB&F) at each PB&F Executive Committee meeting and each PB&F Committee meeting of the whole. PB&F shall present the reports of its actions on audit to the General Convention at each regular meeting thereof.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That Canon I.4.3 is hereby amended by adding a new subsection (g), with succeeding subsections to be re-lettered, to read as follows:

Sec. 3(g) Upon joint nomination of the Chair and Vice-Chair, the Executive Council shall elect a Joint Audit Committee of the Council and the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society. The Committee shall be composed of six members, one of whom shall be a member of the Executive Council’s Committee on Administration and Finance, one from the membership of the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance, and the remaining four shall be members of the Church-at-large, having experience in general business practices. The members shall be elected triennially and may serve two terms, after which a full triennium must elapse before being eligible for re-election. The members shall serve for a term of three years beginning on January 1 following a regular meeting of the General Convention or immediately following their appointment, whichever comes later, and continue until a successor is appointed, and may serve two consecutive terms, after which a full triennium must elapse before being eligible for re-election. The Chair and Vice-Chair of Council shall designate the Chair of the Committee from among its members. The Audit Committee shall regularly review the financial statements relating to all funds under the management or control of the Council and the Society and shall report thereon at least annually to the Council and the Society.

Upon recommendation of the Audit Committee, the Executive Council shall employ on behalf of the Council and the Society an independent Certified Public Accountant firm to audit annually all accounts under the management or control of the Council and Society. After receipt of the annual audit, the Audit Committee shall recommend to the Council and Society what action to take as to any matters identified in the annual audit and accompanying management letter. The operations of the Audit Committee shall be set out in an Audit Committee Charter. The Audit Committee shall review, at least annually, the Committee’s Charter and recommend any changes to the Executive Council for approval.

And be it further
Resolved, That all of the current members of the Audit Committee have their respective terms extended until December 31, 2009; and be it further
Resolved, That the Joint Rules of Order are hereby amended by deleting Rule 11:
Two members of the Joint Standing Committee shall be appointed by the Chair of the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to the Audit Committee of the Executive Council. The Audit Committee is required to report to the General Convention or the Executive Council when the General Convention is not in session, through the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance (PB&F) at each PB&F Executive Committee meeting and each PB&F Committee meeting of the whole. PB&F shall present the reports of its actions on audit to the General Convention at each regular meeting thereof.
Consecration of Bishops
The House of Deputies Committee on Consecration of Bishops presented its Report #6 on Resolution D050 (Bishop Election in Diocesis de Ecuador Central) and moved that the Committee be discharged because the matter was already acted on at this Convention.

World Mission
The House of Deputies Committee on World Mission presented its Report #34 on Resolution B016 (Amend Canons I.9(1), II.3(6)(d), III.5(1)(b), and V.2(1)) and moved that the Committee be discharged.

The House of Deputies Committee on World Mission presented its Report #37 on Resolution D040 (Amend Canon I.4.2(g)) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:
(D040)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That Canon I.4.2 (g) is hereby amended to read as follows:

The Council shall elect representatives of the Church’s members of the Anglican Consultative Council (ACC) and of other Anglican and ecumenical bodies for which no other procedure is provided. Members of the ACC representing The Episcopal Church shall report to each General Convention using the schedule and format required for Standing Commissions in Canon I.1.2 (j) and (k), and shall provide comprehensive written or oral reports to Executive Council at Council’s next meeting following each meeting of the ACC.

The House of Deputies Committee on World Mission presented its Report #38 on Resolution C007 (Consent to Episcopal Elections) and moved that the Committee be discharged because the matter was already acted on in Resolution D025.

The House of Deputies Committee on World Mission presented its Report #39 on Resolution C010 (Repeal of GC2006 B033) and moved that the Committee be discharged because the matter was already acted on in Resolution D025.

The House of Deputies Committee on World Mission presented its Report #40 on Resolution C015 (Consent to Episcopal Elections) and moved that the Committee be discharged because the matter was already acted on in Resolution D025.

The House of Deputies Committee on World Mission presented its Report #41 on Resolution C024 (Consent to Episcopal Elections) and moved that the Committee be discharged because the matter was already acted on in Resolution D025.

The House of Deputies Committee on World Mission presented its Report #42 on Resolution C033 (Affirming the Canonical Process) and moved that the Committee be discharged because the matter was already acted on in Resolution D025.
The House of Deputies Committee on World Mission presented its Report #43 on Resolution C036 (Repeal of GC2006 B033) and moved that the Committee be discharged because the matter was already acted on in Resolution D025.

The House of Deputies Committee on World Mission presented its Report #44 on Resolution C039 (Reaffirmation of Conformity to Canon III.1.2) and moved that the Committee be discharged because the matter was already acted on in Resolution D025.

The House of Deputies Committee on World Mission presented its Report #45 on Resolution C045 (Inclusion of All Persons in Life of Church) and moved that the Committee be discharged because the matter was already acted on in Resolution D025.

The House of Deputies Committee on World Mission presented its Report #46 on Resolution C054 (Regarding GC 2006 B033) and moved that the Committee be discharged because the matter was already acted on in Resolution D025.

The House of Deputies Committee on World Mission presented its Report #47 on Resolution D013 (Ministry and Witness) and moved that the Committee be discharged because the matter was already acted on in Resolution D025.

The House of Deputies Committee on World Mission presented its Report #48 on Resolution D021 (Baptized Entitled to All Sacraments) and moved that the Committee be discharged because the matter was already acted on in Resolution D025.

The House of Deputies Committee on World Mission presented its Report #49 on Resolution D022 (Consecration of Qualified Candidates) and moved that the Committee be discharged because the matter was already acted on in Resolution D025.

The House of Deputies Committee on World Mission presented its Report #54 on Resolution B019 (Recognition of Anglican Women’s Empowerment (AWE)) and moved adoption of a substitute.

**Original Text of Resolution:**
(B019)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church recognize and affirm the advocacy and work of Anglican Women’s Empowerment as an integral part of the mission, ministry and outreach of The Episcopal Church; and be it further
Resolved, That the mission and ministry of Anglican Women’s Empowerment be continued as an outreach initiative of The Episcopal Church to the Anglican Communion.

**Committee Substitute:**
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church recognize and affirm the advocacy and ongoing contribution of Anglican Women’s Empowerment, a group of women in The Episcopal Church whose
mission is to support and affirm the nurturing and empowerment of adult women and young girls throughout the Anglican Communion.

The House of Deputies Committee on World Mission presented its Report #57 on Resolution C046 (Amend Canon III.1.3) and moved that the Committee be discharged because the matter was already acted on in Resolution C061.

The House of Deputies Committee on World Mission presented its Report #58 on Resolution C001 (Adding Gender Identity to Canons) and moved that the Committee be discharged because the matter was already acted on in Resolution C061.

The House of Deputies Committee on World Mission presented its Report #59 on Resolution D073 (Theological Statement Supporting Full Participation) and moved that the Committee be discharged because the matter is being considered by other groups within the Church.

The House of Deputies Committee on World Mission presented its Report #60 on Resolution D072 (Urging Participation) and moved that the Committee be discharged because the matter is being considered by other groups within the Church.

National and International Concerns
The House of Deputies Committee on National and International Concerns presented its Report #35 on Resolution A037 (Prayer for Wall Around Bethlehem to Come Down) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A037)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention, urge every Episcopalian and every Episcopal Church and every Episcopal diocese, to pray, especially in Advent and during the Christmas season, for the Wall around Bethlehem and all other barriers to come down:

“Almighty God, Creator of the wonderful complex diversity of humanity; you have fashioned us in your image and commanded us to love one another;

Reach down your divine hand so that the wall shall come down in Bethlehem, the birthplace of your Son, the Prince of Peace; And may the crumbling walls herald the fall of all barriers that divide us.

Bind us together so that love gives rise to an abundance of tenderness among all people; and may our hearts like Mary’s magnify the Lord, and may your love shower down throughout the world so all divisions are scattered and washed away.

We ask this all with expectant hearts through Christ Jesus, our Lord, Amen.”
The House of Deputies Committee on National and International Concerns presented its Report #41 on Resolution C048 (Support for Employment Non-discrimination Act) and moved adoption of a substitute.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(C048)  
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church support the passage of ENDA by both Houses of Congress and its signing into law by the President of the United States; and be it further  
Resolved, That sexual orientation, gender identity and gender expression be included as classes protected by ENDA.

**Committee Substitute:**

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church support the extension of existing federal laws that prohibit employment discrimination to include discrimination because of sexual orientation or gender identity and expression along with those prohibitions based on race, gender, religion, national origin, age and disability; and be it further  
Resolved, That the Secretary of General Convention convey this resolution to appropriate congressional leaders and to the President of the United States.

The House of Deputies Committee on National and International Concerns presented its Report #52 on Resolution C044 (The Earth Charter) and moved that the Committee be discharged because the matter was already acted on in Resolution C064.

The House of Deputies Committee on National and International Concerns presented its Report #53 on Resolution B011 (UN Declaration on Rights of Indigenous Peoples) and moved that the Committee be discharged because the matter was already acted on in Resolution D035.

The House of Deputies Committee on National and International Concerns presented its Report #54 on Resolution B028 (Immigration Reform) and moved that the Committee be discharged because the matter was already acted on in Resolution B006.

The House of Deputies Committee on National and International Concerns presented its Report #55 on Resolution A038 (Reaffirm Resolution 1991-A149) and moved that the Committee be discharged because the matter was already acted on in Resolution B027.

The House of Deputies Committee on National and International Concerns presented its Report #56 on Resolution A040 (Single Sovereign State of Palestine) and moved that the Committee be discharged because the matter was already acted on in Resolution B027.

The House of Deputies Committee on National and International Concerns presented its Report #57 on Resolution D030 (End the Blockade of the Gaza Strip) and moved
that the Committee be discharged because the matter was already acted on in Resolution B027.

The House of Deputies Committee on National and International Concerns presented its Report #58 on Resolution C059 (Disavowal of the Doctrine of Discovery) and moved that the Committee be discharged because the matter was already acted on in Resolution D035.

The House of Deputies Committee on National and International Concerns presented its Report #59 on Resolution D059 (Support President’s Commitment to Help Bring Peace) and moved that the Committee be discharged because the matter was already acted on in Resolution B027.

The House of Deputies Committee on National and International Concerns presented its Report #60 on Resolution A039 (Wall Around Palestine) and moved that the Committee be discharged because the matter was already acted on in Resolution B027.

Social and Urban Affairs
The House of Deputies Committee on Social and Urban Affairs presented its Report #25 on Resolution A109 (Model Prisoner Ministry) and moved concurrence.

Final Text of Resolution:

(A109)

Resolved, That the 76th General Convention commit to the Biblical call to “proclaim release to the captives” and to “set the prisoners free;” and be it further

Resolved, That justice must be done for victims and offenders alike; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church be firmly committed to a system of justice that seeks to provide prisoners with assistance both before and after their release, including alternatives to prison where appropriate, and programs in prison that offer offenders the chance to learn job skills and complete education; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church seek to address the concern of prisons built in remote areas resulting in further separation of families thus making the situation for juvenile offenders particularly difficult; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church commit the sum of $100,000 to develop and implement a model program based on the above action called for in this resolution, in partnership with interested others, at an appropriate penal facility in the United States; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church recognize and express its gratitude to the many ministries of the Church, including those of prison chaplains and volunteers, parishes and dioceses that work to support prisoners and their families; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $100,000 for the implementation of this resolution.
Resolution D018 was removed from the Consent Calendar and will be placed on a calendar for the Afternoon Session.

Resolution withdrawn

The House of Deputies Committee on Social and Urban Affairs presented its Report #35 on Resolution C083 (Support for Day Laborers) and moved concurrence.

**Final Text of Resolution:**
(C083)
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention commend the actions of elected officials and community leaders who have established and are establishing sites at which day laborers are treated fairly and in a manner which befits their communities; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention call upon the dioceses of The Episcopal Church to recognize and support these efforts and those involved in endeavoring to create a just environment for day-labor employment.

The House of Deputies Committee on Social and Urban Affairs presented its Report #36 on Resolution A078 (Annual Recovery Sunday) and moved concurrence.

**Final Text of Resolution:**
(A078)
Resolved, That every congregation in The Episcopal Church be encouraged to raise awareness of recovery issues in a way suited to the particular congregation.

**Church in Small Communities**
The House of Deputies Committee on Church in Small Communities presented its Report #1 on Resolution A113 (Strengthening Small Congregations) and moved concurrence.

**Final Text of Resolution:**
(A113)
Resolved, That the Standing Commission for Small Congregations in partnership with the Office of Congregational Vitality publish information about effective ministry practices for small congregations currently evolving and being developed in small congregations and dioceses; and be it further
Resolved, That the Standing Commission for Small Congregations collaborate with other CCABs, networks and organizations throughout the Church (such as Living Stones, Domestic Missionary Partnership, Ministry Developer's Collaborative, Native American and other ethnic specific ministries, Episcopal Appalachian Ministries, Rural Ministry Network, Center for Baptismal Living, Church Deployment Office) around issues and concerns related to the strengthening of small congregations; and be it further
Resolved, That the Standing Commission for Small Congregations continue strategic discussions with the Church Pension Fund regarding compensation and benefit issues for participating ordained and non-ordained persons serving small congregations; and be it further
Resolved, That the Standing Commission for Small Congregations be an active participant in current and future conversations throughout the Church related to seminary education and other vehicles of life-long Christian Formation for ordained and non-ordained leaders serving small congregations; and be it further

Resolved, That the Standing Commission for Small Congregations plan with the General Convention Office to make the mission, ministry and vitality of small congregations a major emphasis of the 77th General Convention.

The House of Deputies Committee on Church in Small Communities presented its Report #2 on Resolution A148 (Doing Justice and Alleviating Poverty; Identity; Growing Congregations; Strengthening Governance and Foundations for Mission; Promoting Anglican Partnerships) and moved concurrence.

Final Text of Resolution:

(A148)  
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention urgently request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to increase by 25% the base budget support awarded at General Convention 2006 to each of the three “aided dioceses” (South Dakota, North Dakota, Alaska) and the Navajoland Area Mission for ministry with Native people in the 2010-2012 triennial budget; and be it further

Resolved, That the 76th General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance maintain the current level of funding in the Draft Budget (382,200) for the Program Budget of the Office of Native Ministries (line 210) in the 2010-2012 triennial budget.

The House of Deputies Committee on Church in Small Communities presented its Report #3 on Resolution B030 (Domestic Mission Resolution) and moved concurrence.

Final Text of Resolution:

(B030)  
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention direct the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society to facilitate and encourage companion domestic mission relationships among dioceses and congregations within The Episcopal Church, and especially with the member dioceses of the Domestic Missionary Partnership (DMP); and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention direct the Executive Council in collaboration with the DMP to study the needs of and recommend ways to expand domestic mission and to report to the 77th General Convention.

Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music
The House of Deputies Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music presented its Report #12 on Resolution A088 (Enriching Our Worship 5) and moved concurrence.
Final Text of Resolution:

(A088)
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention receives Rachel’s Tears, Hannah’s Hopes (found on page 205 of this Blue Book Report) as the response of the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to Resolution D047, Post-Abortion Healing Services, of the 74th General Convention; and be it further
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention authorize the use of Rachel’s Tears, Hannah’s Hopes to be added to the Enriching Our Worship series for the 2010-2012 triennium, under the direction of the diocesan bishop or ecclesiastical authority with the following changes:
BB page 222: Delete “As long as we live, she too will live, for she is part of us, we remember her.”
BB page 223, Commendation, line 3; delete “saints” and insert “children”
BB page 223, Dismissal: add “Alleluia. Alleluia.” at end of each line.
BB page 224, paragraph 1: delete first sentence.
BB page 224, paragraph 1: insert at beginning of paragraph: Sometimes people feel themselves carrying unresolved guilt over an abortion, or mishaps of pregnancy and infertility. Relationships can also be damaged in these processes. We recognize that all of these situations have a tragic dimension and call for great pastoral sensitivity to the needs of the woman and others involved.

The House of Deputies Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music presented its Report #14 on Resolution B004 (Hymnal Revision Study) and moved concurrence.

Final Text of Resolution:

(B004)
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention authorize Church Publishing Incorporated, working with the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music, to conduct a feasibility study on the need for revision of The Hymnal 1982 by speaking to congregations, dioceses and all seminaries of this Church, and to report its findings to the 77th General Convention. All costs associated with said study will be borne by Church Publishing Incorporated.

Church Pension Fund
The House of Deputies Committee on Church Pension Fund presented its Report #10 on Resolution D053 (Strengthening Lay Employee CREDO as a Church Pension Plan Benefit) and moved concurrence.

Final Text of Resolution:

(D053)
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention affirm the Church Pension Group for its abiding vision and support of CREDO as a wellness benefit of the pension plans for clergy and lay employees of The Episcopal Church; and be it further
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention recognize that during the past 12 years, CREDO conferences have instilled and encouraged the commitment to
wellness in the workplace, home and church in 4,500 Deacons and Priests, 120 bishops and nearly 300 lay employees; and be it further

Resolved, That the 76th General Convention encourage the Church Pension Group to explore ways to expand its support for Lay Employee CREDO so that all God’s ministers are better able to understand their work as a vocational call, to more deeply embrace their lives as a faithful response to that call, and to work and live in the embrace of God’s care and deep desire for human wellness; and be it further

Resolved, That employers and supervisors of lay employees of The Episcopal Church encourage and support the participation of eligible lay employees who are invited to participate in a CREDO conference as an extension and deepening of their professional lives and consider the time away as work time rather than vacation days.

The House of Deputies Committee on Church Pension Fund presented its Report #12 on Resolution D061 (Establish Equitable Benefits with Credit for Earlier Service Overseas) and moved concurrence.

Final Text of Resolution:
(D061)
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention commends the Church Pension Group for its ongoing study of retirement benefits for clergy originally ordained in another Anglican Jurisdiction who have become participants of the Clergy Pension Plan and for its response to Resolution D075 of the 75th General Convention in 2006.

The House of Deputies Committee on Church Pension Fund presented its Report #13 on Resolution B024 (Cuban Annuity) and moved concurrence.

Final Text of Resolution:
(B024)
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church encourages the establishment of a benevolent fund that will provide the clergy of The Episcopal Church in Cuba with an annuity upon retirement and requests the Presiding Bishop to take all such actions as the Presiding Bishop deems necessary or desirable to carry out the intent of this resolution.

Stewardship and Development
The House of Deputies Committee on Stewardship and Development presented its Report #27 on Resolution A107 (Financial Support for Those Studying Ordained Ministry) and moved to concur with a referral to the Standing Commission on Ministry.

Final Text of Resolution:
(A107)
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance consider an initial budget allocation in the amount of $450,000 from the Canonical Budget of the General Convention to the Society for the Increase of the Ministry (“SIM”) during the next triennium to be
used solely for the financial support of persons studying for ordained ministry and as a supplement to the financial support of those persons already provided by SIM; and it is requested that the budget allocation be paid in the amount of $100,000 in 2010; $150,000 in 2011; and $200,000 in 2012; and be it further
Resolved, That SIM be requested to report annually to the SCMD and the Executive Council on its work in support of persons studying for ordained ministry and its use of the funds provided from the canonical budget to supplement SIM’s work; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $450,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

The House of Deputies Committee on Stewardship and Development presented its Report #28 on Resolution C072 (Support for Seminarians) and moved to concur with a referral to the Standing Commission on Ministry.

Final Text of Resolution:
(C072)
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention fund needs-based scholarships for Episcopal seminarians in the coming Triennium; and be it further
Resolved, That funding be in the amount of $100,000 in year one, $150,000 in year two and $200,000 in year three; and be it further
Resolved, That these funds be administered and distributed to seminarians through the existing Scholarship Program of the Society for the Increase of the Ministry (SIM); and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention direct SIM to report annually to the Executive Council on this work and its effectiveness in meeting the needs of the future ordained leaders of this Church and that the Executive Council, in turn, provide a full report to 77th General Convention; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation for the triennium totaling $450,000.00 for the implementation of this resolution.

The House of Deputies Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #1 on Resolution A031 (Commendatory Resolution) and moved to refer the resolution to the Standing Commission on World Mission.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A031)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention commends the world-wide peacemaking efforts of the Presiding Bishop during her first triennium, especially on a visit to North and South Korea in November 2007, in support of Korean reunification in her work to support the Communion-wide efforts for further steps to reunification under the inspiring leadership of the Anglican Church of Korea; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention also commends the visit of the Presiding Bishop to the Philippines in June 2008 and her role in exposing the deplorable human rights
abuses by elements of the Philippine government in the policy of politically motivated killings and disappearances of civic and socially conscious leaders; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention commends the Presiding Bishop and other Episcopalians who have worked to support the search for peace and reconciliation in the interrelated conflicts in the Sudan, Northern Uganda and the Democratic Republic of the Congo, particularly in support of the peacemaking efforts of The Episcopal Church of the Sudan, the Church of Uganda and the Anglican Church in the Congo; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention commends the Presiding Bishop and her predecessor, the Right Reverend Frank T. Griswold, for their work toward reconciliation between the United States and Cuba, an end to the U.S. embargo against Cuba and a strengthening of the rights and wellbeing of Cuban citizens; and in support of partnerships between dioceses in the United States and The Episcopal Church of Cuba; and also commends the efforts of the Church Pension Group in the past triennium to increase the limit imposed by the U.S. Government on the level of pension benefits that may be paid legally by the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America to its ordained clergy in the Cuban Church.

Motion carried
Consent Calendar adopted

END OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR

Dispatch of Business
The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business announced that it was time to consider Resolution C056. The Parliamentarian reviewed the rules for debate on Resolution C056.

Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music
The House of Deputies Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music presented its Report #13 on Resolution C056 (Liturgies for Blessings) and moved concurrence.

Deputy Fish of Albany on behalf of the Lay and Clergy Deputations of Albany and the Clergy Deputation of Central Florida called for a Vote by Orders on Resolution C056.

The President announced that the time for debate had expired.

The President called on the Chaplain for prayer.
Ballot #8 — Vote By Orders
A Vote By Orders was taken on Resolution C056.

Ballot #8 taken by orders

Structure
The House of Deputies Committee on Structure presented its Report #25 on Resolution A184 (Study Effective Levels for Deployment of Church Resources) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A184)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church direct the Budgetary Funding Task Force to continue its study as to how and at what level(s) of the church’s structures its resources may be most efficiently deployed to communicate, foster and support our common mission.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church direct the Budgetary Funding Task Force to continue its study as to how and at what level(s) of the church’s structures our its resources may be most efficiently deployed to communicate, foster and support our common mission.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #332)

The House of Deputies Committee on Structure presented its Report #28 on Resolution A127 (Directions for the Future) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A127)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention charge the Standing Commission on the Structure of the Church to consider the relationship of Agencies to the structure of The Episcopal Church and make recommendations to the 77th General Convention concerning the same; and be it further
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention charge the Standing Commission on the Structure of the Church to consider the role and term of the Presiding Bishop and report its considerations to a future meeting of the General Convention concerning the same; and be it further
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention charge the Standing Commission on the Structure of the Church to examine the role of Chancellors in the structure of The Episcopal Church and make recommendations to the 77th General Convention concerning the same; and be it further
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention charge the Standing Commission on the Structure of the Church to examine the role of Parliamentarians in the structure of The Episcopal Church and make recommendations to the 77th General Convention; and be it further
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention charge the Standing Commission on the Eradication of Racism or the Standing Commission on the Structure of the Church to
examine the cultural homogeneity of the Canons, and the propriety of the Canons being applied within the diversity of the Church, and make recommendations to a future meeting of the General Convention concerning the same; and be it further
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention charge the Standing Commission on the Structure of the Church to examine the budgeting process of the Church and make recommendations to the 77th General Convention regarding the same; and be it further
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention charge the Standing Commission on the Structure of the Church to examine the Provincial Leadership Conference and the Church’s provincial structure, and make recommendations to a future meeting of the General Convention concerning the same.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention charge the Standing Commission on the Structure of the Church to consider the relationship of Agencies to the structure of The Episcopal Church and make recommendations to the 77th General Convention concerning the same; and be it further
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention charge the Standing Commission on the Structure of the Church to consider the role and term of the Presiding Bishop and report its considerations to a future meeting of the General Convention concerning the same; and be it further
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention charge the Standing Commission on the Structure of the Church to examine the role of Chancellors in the structure of The Episcopal Church and make recommendations to the 77th General Convention concerning the same; and be it further
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention charge the Standing Commission on the Structure of the Church to examine the role of Parliamentarians in the structure of The Episcopal Church and make recommendations to the 77th General Convention; and be it further
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention charge the Standing Commission on the Structure of the Church to undertake a study and report to the 77th General Convention on the current diocesan configuration and suggest whether adjustments thereto would be appropriate.

Deputy Allport of Hawaii moved to amend the resolution.
Proposed Amendment:
Add an additional resolve clause that states: “Resolved, That the 76th General Convention charge the Standing Commission on the Structure of the Church to examine appropriate means and changes to the Rules of Order to prioritize and consolidate the work of legislation at General Convention and make recommendations to the Executive Council, President of the House of Deputies, Council of Advice, Presiding Bishop and the House of Bishops for future action.”

Deputy Snow of Alaska moved to amend the amendment.

Proposed Amendment:
At the end of the proposed resolve clause after the word “action,” add the words “and to report to the next General Convention.”

Deputy Dawson of Eau Claire moved the previous question on the Snow amendment.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on the Snow amendment.

Motion carried
Amendment adopted

Deputy Johnson of Minnesota moved to amend the amendment.

Proposed Amendment:
In the proposed resolve clause, delete the words “Standing Commission on the Structure of the Church” and replace with the words “Standing Commission on Constitution and Canons.”

Deputy Green of San Diego moved the previous question on the Johnson amendment.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on the Johnson amendment.

Motion carried
Amendment adopted

Deputy Green of San Diego moved the previous question on the Allport amendment.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

Deputy Coyne of Western Massachusetts moved to divide the question between the original resolution and the new resolve clause.

Motion defeated
A vote was taken on the Allport amendment as amended.

Motion carried
Amendment adopted

A vote was taken on Resolution A127 as amended.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #344)

Announcements
The Secretary read the announcements.

Prayers
The President called on the Chaplain for midday prayers.

RECESS
The President recessed the House at 11:25 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Reconvene
The President called the House to order at 2:00 p.m.

Certification of Deputies
The House of Deputies Committee on Credentials presented its Report #18 for the second session of the Tenth Legislative Day. There were 416 clerical deputies and 413 lay deputies certified and seated, bringing the total count of the House to 829. The number of votes needed for a motion to prevail was 415. There were no new deputies certified and 28 changes in deputations on this day, as follows:

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The Secretary moved that the report be accepted.  

**Motion carried**

**Report accepted**

**Messages from the House of Bishops**
The Secretary announced that the following messages had been received from the House of Bishops:

- **HB Message #252**: E018 (Election of the Court of Review of the Trial of a Bishop) Adopted.
- **HB Message #253**: E019 (Election of the Court for the Trial of a Bishop) Adopted.
- **HB Message #254**: E020 (Election of the Court for the Trial of a Bishop for an Offense of Doctrine) Adopted.
- **HB Message #255**: E021 (Presiding Bishop’s Appointments to the Title IV Review Committee) Adopted.
- **HB Message #256**: E023 (Election of the Vice-President, Secretary and Registrar of the House of Bishops) Adopted.
- **HB Message #257**: A041 (War in Iraq) Concurred.
- **HB Message #258**: C076 (Prayers for the Life and Loss of a Companion Animal) Discharged, already acted on at this Convention.
- **HB Message #259**: C077 (Revised Eucharistic Prayer C for Trial Use) Rejected.
- **HB Message #260**: B026 (Commending Reforming Dioceses) Concurred.
- **HB Message #261**: A167 (Trafficking) Concurred.
- **HB Message #262**: D012 (Support of Transgender Civil Rights) Concurred.
- **HB Message #263**: B021 (Call for Access to DNA Testing) Concurred.
- **HB Message #264**: C012 (Scientific Integrity and Environmental Policy) Concurred.
- **HB Message #265**: A153 (Federal Tribal Recognition) Concurred.
Results of Ballot #8: Vote By Orders on Resolution C056
The President read the results of Ballot #8.

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The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #356)

Final Text of Resolution:
(C056)
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention acknowledge the changing circumstances in the United States and in other nations, as legislation authorizing or forbidding marriage, civil unions or domestic partnerships for gay and lesbian persons is passed in various civil jurisdictions that call forth a renewed pastoral response from this Church, and for an open process for the consideration of theological and liturgical resources for the blessing of same gender relationships; and be it further
Resolved, That the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music, in consultation with the House of Bishops, collect and develop theological and liturgical resources and report to the 77th General Convention; and be it further
Resolved, That the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music, in consultation with the House of Bishops, devise an open process for the conduct of its work inviting participation from provinces, dioceses, congregations and individuals who are engaged in such theological work, and inviting theological reflection from throughout the Anglican Communion; and be it further
Resolved, That bishops, particularly those in dioceses within civil jurisdictions where same-gender marriage, civil unions or domestic partnerships are legal, may provide generous pastoral response to meet the needs of members of this Church; and be it further
Resolved, That this Convention honor the theological diversity of this Church in regard to matters of human sexuality; and be it further
Resolved, That the members of this Church be encouraged to engage in this effort.
Election Results: Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop

The President read the results of Election Ballot #1. The House of Deputies reports the election of the following to the Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop:

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Dispatch of Business

The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business presented its Report #26 to authorize the Secretary to refer incomplete matters to appropriate interim bodies and moved adoption.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #357)

Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music

The House of Deputies Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music presented its Report #11 on Resolution A102 (Authorize Enriching Our Worship 1, 2, 3 and 4) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #358)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A102)

Resolved, That the 76th General Convention authorize continuing use of Enriching Our Worship 1: The Daily Office, Great Litany and Eucharist; Enriching Our Worship 2: Ministry with the Sick and Dying and Burial of a Child; Enriching Our Worship 3: Burial Rites for Adults together with a Rite for the Burial of a Child; and Enriching Our Worship 4: The Renewal of Ministry and the Welcoming of a New Rector or other Pastor, during the 2010-2012 Triennium, under the direction of the diocesan bishop or ecclesiastical authority; and be it further
Resolved, That these liturgical texts be freely available in electronic format on the internet.

Deputy Candler of Atlanta moved to suspend the Rules to consider all remaining resolutions from Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music.

Motion carried
Rules suspended

The House of Deputies Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music presented its Report #15 on Resolution B020 (Add Thurgood Marshall to Liturgical Calendar) and moved concurrence.

A vote was taken on Resolution B020.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #359)

Final Text of Resolution:
(B020)
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention call upon the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to add Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall to the liturgical Calendar of this Church now.

The House of Deputies Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music presented its Report #16 on Resolution A099 (Additional Commons) and moved concurrence.

Deputy Michell of Dallas moved to remove the section on “The Blessed Virgin Mary, Godbearer” and to consider it separately.

Motion defeated

Deputy Williams of Western New York moved to amend the resolution.

Proposed Amendment:
Correct the prefaces in the sections “The Blessed Virgin Mary, Godbearer.”

The Chair ruled that, assuming this was a typographical error, it could be handled administratively.

Deputy Lewis of Southwest Florida moved to amend the resolution.

Proposed Amendment:
Restore the words “blessed virgin” wherever it had been deleted in the section “The Blessed Virgin Mary, Godbearer.”
Deputy Hart of Pennsylvania moved the previous question on the amendment.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on the Lewis amendment.

Motion defeated
Amendment defeated

Deputy Ferrell of North Carolina moved the previous question on the main motion.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on Resolution A099.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #360)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A099)
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention authorize for inclusion in Holy Women, Holy Men: Celebrating the Saints (Lesser Feasts and Fasts 2009) commons for Artists and Writers, The Blessed Virgin Mary, God-bearer, Care of God's Creation, Goodness of God’s Creation, On the Occasion of a Disaster, On the Anniversary of a Disaster, Prophetic Witness in the Church, Prophetic Witness in Society, Reconciliation and Forgiveness, and Scientists and Environmentalists, as follows:

Artists and Writers

I
Collect: Eternal God, light of the world and Creator of all that is good and lovely: We bless thy name for inspiring [N. and] all those who, with images and words, hath filled us with desire and love for thee; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

II
Collect: Eternal God, light of the world and Creator of all that is good and lovely: We bless your name for inspiring [N. and] all those who with images and words have filled us with desire and love for you; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Psalm 90: 14-17
Lessons
1 Chronicles 29:14b-19
2 Corinthians 3:1-3
John 21:15-17, 24-25
I

Preface: Because in the beauty of holiness thou hast called us to worship thee; and hast given faithful artists and writers to illumine our prayer from age to age.

II

Preface: Because in the beauty of holiness you call us to worship you, and you have given to illumine our prayer from age to age.

The Blessed Virgin Mary, Godbearer

I

Collect: Almighty God, by thy saving grace thou didst call Mary of Nazareth to be the mother of thine only Son: inspire us by the same grace to follow her example of bearing God to the world. We pray through Jesus Christ her son our Savior. Amen.

II

Collect: Almighty God, of your saving grace you called Mary of Nazareth to be the mother of your only begotten Son: Inspire us by the same grace to follow her example of bearing God to the world. We pray through Jesus Christ her son our Savior. Amen.

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Holy God, we magnify they Name for calling the blessed Virgin Mary to bear thy Word of hope to the poor, the hungry and those who have no voice: Give unto us thy grace and strength, that we might proclaim thy Good News in every age, with every tongue; through Jesus Christ our Savior, in the power of thy Holy Spirit. Amen.

II

Holy God, we magnify your Name for calling the blessed Virgin Mary to bear your Word of hope to the poor, the hungry and those who have no voice: Give us grace and strength to proclaim your Good News in every age, with every tongue; through Jesus Christ our Savior, in the power of your Holy Spirit. Amen.

Psalm

34:1-8

Lessons

Isaiah 43:9-13, 19a
1 Corinthians 1:26-31
Luke 1:42-55

I

Preface: Because even as blessed Mary didst consent to become God-bearer for the world, thou hast called us to bear thy Word to all whom our lives touch.
II

Preface: Because as blessed Mary consented to become God-bearer for the world you call us to bear your Word to all whom our lives touch.

Care of God’s Creation

I

Collect: Bountiful Creator, thou openest thy hand to satisfy the needs of every living creature: Make us continually thankful for thy loving providence, and grant that we, remembering the account we must one day give, may be faithful stewards of thine abundance, for the benefit of the whole creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom all things are made, who live and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

II

Collect: Bountiful Creator, you open your hand to satisfy the needs of every living creature: Make us always thankful for your loving providence, and grant that we, remembering the account we must one day give, may be faithful stewards of your abundance, for the benefit of the whole creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom all things were made, and who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Psalm 145:1-7, 22

Lessons
1 Kings 4:29-30, 33-34
Acts 17:24-31
John 1:1-5, 9-14

I

Preface: For thou hast brought us into being and called us to care for the earth.

II

Preface: Because you have brought us into being and called us to care for the earth.

Goodness of God’s Creation

I

Collect: God of creation, we thank thee for all that thou hast made and called good: Grant that we may rightly serve and conserve the earth, and live at peace with all thy creatures; through Jesus Christ, the firstborn of all creation, in whom thou art reconciling the whole world unto thyself. Amen.

II

Collect: God of creation, we thank you for all that you have made and called good: Grant that we may rightly serve and conserve the earth, and live at peace with all your creatures; through Jesus Christ, the firstborn of all creation, in whom you are reconciling the whole world to yourself. Amen.
I
Preface: Because in thy loving kindness, thou hast brought the whole creation into being and blessed its goodness.

II
Preface: Instead of a preface, Prayer D is recommended for use with this proper.

On the Occasion of a Disaster
I
Collect: Compassionate God, whose Son Jesus wept at the grave of his friend Lazarus: Draw near to us in this time of sorrow and anguish, comfort those who mourn, strengthen those who are weary, encourage those in despair and lead us all to fullness of life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Redeemer, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen.

II
Collect: Compassionate God, whose Son Jesus wept at the grave of his friend Lazarus: Draw near to us in this time of sorrow and anguish, comfort those who mourn, strengthen those who are weary, encourage those in despair and lead us all to fullness of life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Redeemer, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen.

Psalm 
104: 24-31
Romans 1:20-23
Mark 16:14-15

Lessons
Job 14:7-9
Job 14:7-9

or
Romans 8:35-38
or Revelation 21:1-7
or Romans 8:18-25

or Mark 13:14-27

Preface of God the Son or Preface of the Commemoration of the Dead

On the Anniversary of a Disaster
I
Collect: God of steadfast love, who didst lead thy people through the wilderness: Be with us as we remember [and grieve]. By thy grace, lead us,
we pray, in the path of new life, in the company of thy saints and angels; through Jesus Christ, the Savior and Redeemer of the world. Amen.

II

_Collect:_ God of steadfast love, who led your people through the wilderness: Be with us as we remember [and grieve]. By your grace, lead us in the path of new life, in the company of your saints and angels; through Jesus Christ, the Savior and Redeemer of the world. Amen.

_Psalm_  
60:1-5  
or 130  
or 80:1-7  
or 23

_Lessons_  
Job 14:7-13  
or Jeremiah 31:15-20  
or Romans 8:35-38  
or Revelation 21:1-7  
or Romans 8:18-25  
or Luke 6:20-26  
or Mark 13:14-27

Preface of God the Son or Preface of the Commemoration of the Dead

Prophetic Witness in the Church

I  
_Collect:_ Gracious Father, we pray for thy holy Catholic Church. Fill it with all truth, in all truth with all peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where in anything it is amiss, reform it. Where it is right, strengthen it; where it is in want, provide for it; where it is divided, reunite it; for the sake of Jesus Christ thy Son our Savior, who with thee and the Holy Spirit livest and reignest, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

II  
_Collect:_ Gracious Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church. Fill it with all truth, in all truth with all peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where in anything it is amiss, reform it. Where it is right, strengthen it; where it is in want, provide for it; where it is divided, reunite it; for the sake of Jesus Christ your Son our Savior, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

_Psalm_  
12:1-7

_Lessons_  
Ezekiel 34:1-6, 20-22  
Acts 22:30-23:10  
Matthew 21:12-16

I  
_Preface:_ For thou dost cleanse and renew thy Church by the witness of thy saints, calling people in every age to holiness of life through the indwelling of thy Holy Spirit.
II

Preface: For you cleanse and renew your Church by the witness of your saints, calling people in every age to holiness of life through the indwelling of your Holy Spirit.

Prophetic Witness in Society

I
Collect: Almighty God, whose prophets hath taught us righteousness in the care of thy poor: By the guidance of thy Holy Spirit, grant that we may do justice, love mercy and walk humbly in thy sight; through Jesus Christ, our Judge and Redeemer, who liveth and reigneth, with thee and the same Spirit ever one God. Amen.

II
Collect: Almighty God, whose prophets taught us righteousness in the care of your poor: By the guidance of your Holy Spirit, grant that we may do justice, love mercy and walk humbly in your sight; through Jesus Christ, our Judge and Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you and the same Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Psalm Lessons
2:1-2, 10-12 Isaiah 55:11-56:1
10-12 Acts 14:14-17, 21-23
12 Mark 4:21-29

I
Preface: Because in every age thou hast called brave souls to proclaim righteousness for the transformation of the world, that all may welcome the coming of thy holy reign.

II
Preface: Because in every age you have called brave souls to proclaim righteousness for the transformation of the world, that all may welcome the coming of your holy reign.

Reconciliation and Forgiveness

I
Collect: God of compassion, thou hast reconciled us in Jesus Christ who is our peace: Enable us to live as Jesus lived, breaking down walls of hostility and healing enmity. Give us grace to make peace with those from whom we are divided, that, forgiven and forgiving, we may ever be one in Christ; who with thee and the Holy Spirit reignest for ever, one holy and undivided Trinity. Amen.

II
Collect: God of compassion, you have reconciled us in Jesus Christ who is our peace: Enable us to live as Jesus lived, breaking down walls of hostility and healing enmity. Give us grace to make peace with those from whom we
are divided, that, forgiven and forgiving, we may ever be one in Christ; who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns for ever, one holy and undivided Trinity. Amen.

Psalm 51:1-17

Lessons
Genesis 8:12-17, 20-22
Hebrews 4:12-16

I

Preface: Because by the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ thou hast reconciled all things to thyself, not counting our sins against us and renewing our hearts to forgive as we have been forgiven.

II

Preface: Because by the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ you have reconciled all things to yourself, not counting our sins against us and renewing our hearts to forgive as we have been forgiven.

Scientists and Environmentalists

I

Collect: God of grace and glory, thou didst create and sustain the universe in majesty and beauty: We thank you for [N. and] all in whom thou hast planted the desire to know thy creation and to explore thy work and wisdom. Lead us, like them, to understand better the wonder and mystery of creation; through Christ thine eternal Word, through whom all things were made. Amen.

II

Collect: God of grace and glory, you create and sustain the universe in majesty and beauty: We thank you for [N. and] all in whom you have planted the desire to know your creation and to explore your work and wisdom. Lead us, like them, to understand better the wonder and mystery of creation; through Christ your eternal Word, through whom all things were made. Amen.

Psalm 34:8-14

Lessons
Genesis 2:9-20
2 Corinthians 13:1-6
John 20:24-27

I

Preface: Because thou dost inspire us to seek thy face in the wonders of thy creation. Because, Holy God, mysterious and manifest, thou hast inspired searchers to know thee through thy creation, and revealest thy work, that thy people may rejoice in thy many gifts.

II
Preface: Because you inspire us to seek your face in the wonders of your creation.

The House of Deputies Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music presented its Report #17 on Resolution A178 (Establish the First Sunday in Lent as Episcopal Relief and Development Sunday) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #361)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A178)
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church encourage dioceses, congregations and individuals to remember and support the life-saving work of Episcopal Relief and Development during Lent through prayer and a special offering that will help heal a hurting world; and be it further
Resolved, That any costs incurred by the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society to implement this action shall be reimbursed by Episcopal Relief and Development, provided such costs are approved by Episcopal Relief and Development in advance.

The House of Deputies Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music presented its Report #18 on Resolution A100 (Liturgical Translation) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #362)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A100)
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music and the Standing Commission for Constitution and Canons to organize a meeting of Liturgists and Canonists to consider and review the language and intent of Title II, Canon 3, Sec. 5, and to report their findings to the 77th General Convention.

The House of Deputies Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music presented its Report #19 on Resolution A094 (Recruiting Music Leaders) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #363)
Final Text of Resolution:

(A094)
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to consult with musicians from the variety of Episcopal music and educational organizations and devise an action plan for the recruitment and training of people, especially youth, to become Episcopal Church music leaders; and be it further
Resolved, That the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music evaluate the plan and report back to the 77th General Convention.

The House of Deputies Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music presented its Report #20 on Resolution C078 (Liturgy for Loss of Companion Animal) and moved concurrence.

A vote was taken on Resolution C078.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #364)

Final Text of Resolution:

(C078)
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention reaffirm that all animals are a part of All Creation, for which we are called to be stewards of God’s gifts; and be it further
Resolved, That The Episcopal Church embrace the opportunity for pastoral care for people who grieve the loss of a companion animal; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to develop liturgical resources to observe the loss of a companion animal and that it report its work to the 77th General Convention.

Deputy Cooley of Colorado moved to suspend the Rules to consider the next 16 resolutions from Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music (report numbers 21-36) by a single vote noting that all 16 resolutions were being concurred with a referral to the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music.

Deputy Jones of Northern Indiana moved to amend the request to suspend the Rules to remove Resolution A170 from the single vote list.

Motion carried
Amendment adopted

Deputy King of Western New York moved to amend the request to suspend the Rules to remove Resolution C062 from the single vote list.

Motion carried
Amendment adopted
Deputy Russell of San Diego moved the previous question on the motion to suspend the Rules.

A vote was taken on the motion to suspend the Rules.  
**Motion carried**  
**Rules suspended**

The House of Deputies Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music presented its Report #21 on Resolution A170 (Observance of First Ordination of Women to the Priesthood) and moved to concur with referral to the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music.

Deputy Jones of Northern Indiana moved to amend the resolution.  
**Proposed Amendment:**  
After the words “first ordinations,” insert the words “after January 1, 1977.”

Deputy Hart of Pennsylvania moved the previous question on the amendment.  
**Motion carried**  
**Debate terminated**

A vote was taken on the amendment.  
**Motion defeated**  
**Amendment defeated**

A vote was taken on Resolution A170.  
**Final Text of Resolution:**  
(A170)  
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church direct the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to consider adding an observance to the Church calendar commemorating the first ordinations of women to the priesthood in The Episcopal Church.

**Motion carried**  
Resolution referred to a Standing Commission  
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #398)

The House of Deputies Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music presented its Report #30 on Resolution C062 (Addition of Feast Day for Saint Andronicus and Saint Junia) and moved to concur with referral to the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music.

A vote was taken on Resolution C062.  
**Final Text of Resolution:**  
(C062)  
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention add to the calendar on a trial use basis a feast day on May 17 for Saints Andronicus and Saint Junia, Apostles,
mentioned in Romans 16:7, and venerated for 1400 years in Eastern Orthodoxy and for over three decades in some Anglican Churches in the U.S.A. and Canada.

Motion carried
Resolution referred to a Standing Commission
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #399)

The House of Deputies Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music then moved resolutions for a single vote.

The House of Deputies Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music presented its Report #22 on Resolution C002 (Commend the Rev. Dr. Pauli Murray to LFF) and moved to concur with referral to the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music.

Final Text of Resolution:
(C002)
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention commend the name of the Rev. Dr. Pauli Murray to the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music for its consideration of the possible addition of the Rev. Dr. Pauli Murray to the Calendar of The Episcopal Church recognizing July 1st, the date of her death, as the date of commemoration and request that it report on this matter to the 77th General Convention.

The House of Deputies Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music presented its Report #23 on Resolution C003 (Commemoration of John Jay) and moved to concur with referral to the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music.

Final Text of Resolution:
(C003)
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention commend the name of John Jay to the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music for its consideration of the possible addition of Chief Justice Jay to the Calendar of The Episcopal Church for commemoration on May 17th, the day of his death, and request that it report on this matter to the 77th General Convention.

The House of Deputies Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music presented its Report #24 on Resolution C006 (Commemoration of Brother William West Skiles) and moved to concur with referral to the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music.

Final Text of Resolution:
(C006)
Resolved, That The Episcopal Church Calendar be revised to include the Commemoration of Brother William West Skiles, Deacon, Monk and Missionary, on December 8.

The House of Deputies Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music presented its Report #25 on Resolution C016 (Commemoration of the Rev. Frederick
B. Howden, Jr.) and moved to concur with referral to the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music.

**Final Text of Resolution:**
(C016)

Resolved, That application be made to the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to designate December 11 as the annual commemoration of the life and work of the Rev. Frederick B. ‘Ted’ Howden in the liturgical calendar *Lesser Feasts and Fasts*.

The House of Deputies Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music presented its Report #26 on Resolution C021 (Commend Sts. Andronicus and Junia to LFF) and moved to concur with referral to the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music.

**Final Text of Resolution:**
(C021)

Resolved, That the 76th General Convention commend the names of St. Andronicus and Junia to the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music for its consideration of the possible addition of St. Andronicus and Junia for commemoration on an appropriate date to the Calendar of The Episcopal Church and request that it report on this matter to the 77th General Convention.

The House of Deputies Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music presented its Report #27 on Resolution C034 (Creation Cycle of the Pentecost Season) and moved to concur with referral to the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music.

**Final Text of Resolution:**
(C034)

Resolved, That the 76th General Convention establish a liturgical Creation Cycle of the Pentecost Season from St. Francis’ Day to Advent, for the purpose of affirming the sacredness of God’s creation, of spreading hope about God’s reconciling work in creation and an understanding of environmental stewardship and ecological justice; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to develop prayers and other liturgical materials celebrating a Pentecost Season Creation Cycle for inclusion in the next edition of the *Book of Occasional Services* and that it report its work to the 77th General Convention.

The House of Deputies Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music presented its Report #28 on Resolution C057 (Commend the Rev. Dr. Pauli Murray to LFF) and moved to concur with referral to the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music.

**Final Text of Resolution:**
(C057)

Resolved, That the 76th General Convention commend the name of the Rev. Dr. Anna Pauline (Pauli) Murray to the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music.
for its consideration of the possible addition of the Rev. Dr. Pauli Murray to the Calendar of The Episcopal Church, recognizing July 1st, the date of her death, as the date of commemoration, and request that it report on this matter to the 77th General Convention.

The House of Deputies Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music presented its Report #29 on Resolution C058 (Commend Manteo and Virginia Dare to LFF) and moved to concur with referral to the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music.

Final Text of Resolution:
(C058)
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention commend the names of Manteo and Virginia Dare to the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music for its consideration of the possible addition of Manteo and Virginia Dare to the Calendar of The Episcopal Church, recognizing August 18th, the date of Virginia Dare’s birth, as the date of commemoration, and request that it report on this matter to the 77th General Convention.

The House of Deputies Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music presented its Report #31 on Resolution C065 (Endorse Saint’s Feast Day) and moved to concur with referral to the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music.

Final Text of Resolution:
(C065)
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention add to the calendar on a trial use basis a feast day for Saints Andronicus and Junia, Apostles, mentioned in Romans 16:7 and venerated for 1400 years in Eastern Orthodoxy and for over three decades in Anglican Churches in the U.S.A. and Canada on May 17th.

The House of Deputies Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music presented its Report #32 on Resolution C086 (Commend Dr. James Markham Ambler to LFF) and moved to concur with referral to the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music.

Final Text of Resolution:
(C086)
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention commend the name of Dr. James Markham Ambler to the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music for its consideration of the possible addition of Dr. James Markham Ambler to the Calendar of The Episcopal Church, recognizing October 30, the date of his death, as the date of commemoration, and request that it report on this matter to the 77th General Convention.

The House of Deputies Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music presented its Report #33 on Resolution C066 (James Solomon Russell to LFF) and moved to concur with referral to the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music.
Final Text of Resolution:

(C066)

Resolved, That the 76th General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to undertake the revision of *Lesser Feast and Fasts* by including the Venerable Archdeacon James Solomon Russell, on March 28, the date of the end of his earthly life; and be it further

Resolved, That the following propers be considered for that feast day:

Traditional Collect
Almighty God, in thy wisdom thou gavest to thy servant James Solomon Russell the courage to establish a college in which the lives of many are enriched and the truth of thy word is heard: Help us, we pray, to know and trust the power of thy love and follow faithfully where thou dost lead; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who livest and reignest with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Contemporary Collect
Almighty God, in your wisdom you gave your servant James Solomon Russell the courage to establish a college in which the lives of many are enriched and the truth of your word is heard: Help us, we pray, to know and trust the power of your love and follow faithfully where you lead; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Propers:
First Lesson: 1 Kings5:1-12
Psalm 127
Gospel: John 14:8-14
Preface of a Saint 1

The House of Deputies Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music presented its Report #34 on Resolution D001 (Creation Cycle of the Pentecost Season) and moved to concur with referral to the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music.

Final Text of Resolution:

(D001)

Resolved, That the 76th General Convention establish a liturgical Creation Cycle of the Pentecost Season from St. Francis’ Day to Advent, for the purpose of affirming the sacredness of God’s creation, of spreading hope about God’s reconciling work in creation and an understanding of environmental stewardship and ecological justice; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to develop prayers and other liturgical materials celebrating a Pentecost Season Creation Cycle for inclusion in the next edition of the *Book of Occasional Services* and that it report its work to the 77th General Convention.

The House of Deputies Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music presented its Report #35 on Resolution D056 (Adding Gifford Pinchot to Holy
Women, Holy Men) and moved to concur with referral to the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music.

Final Text of Resolution:
(D056)
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention add Gifford Pinchot, Environmentalist, 1946, to the Calendar of Lesser Feasts and Fasts on April 22nd.

The House of Deputies Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music presented its Report #36 on Resolution D008 (Add Thecla to Calendar) and moved to concur with referral to the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music.

Final Text of Resolution:
(D008)
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention propose the commemoration of Thecla on September 23 in the Calendar of the Church Year and authorize trial use thereof for the triennium 2010-2012, with the following propers:

I God of liberating power, thou didst raise up thy servant Thecla, who allowed no obstacle or peril to inhibit her from bearing witness to new life in Jesus Christ: Empower courageous evangelists amongst us, that men and women everywhere may experience the freedom thou dost offer them in thy kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who livest and reignest with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

II God of liberating power, you raised up your servant Thecla, who allowed no obstacle or peril to inhibit her from bearing witness to new life in Jesus Christ: Empower courageous evangelists among us, that men and women everywhere may experience the freedom you offer to them in the realm of God; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Psalm 91:9-16
Exodus 1:15-21
2 Timothy 3:10-12
John 4:23-30, 39-42

Preface of Apostles and Ordinations

Motion carried
Resolutions referred to a Standing Commission
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Messages #365, 390, 382, 391-392, 380, 393, 379, 381, 377, 394, 396-397, 378)

Deputy Ballentine of Virgin Islands moved to suspend the Rules in order that the remaining committees be allowed to make all their reports at one time.

Motion carried
Rules suspended
Ministry
The House of Deputies Committee on Ministry presented its Report #13 on Resolution A176 (Amend Canon III.16, Section 2) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #366)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A176)
Resolved, That Canon III.16.2 be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2. The duties of the Board shall be:
(a) To oversee the Office for Transition Ministry.
(b) To provide support for the training of bishops and diocesan personnel in the transition ministry processes.
(c) To study the transition ministry needs and trends in The Episcopal Church and in other Christian bodies.
(d) To issue and distribute such reports and information concerning transition ministry as it deems helpful to the Church.
(e) To cooperate with the Centers for Mission and the other Boards, Commissions and Agencies which are concerned with transition ministry, and particularly with the Executive Council.
(f) To report on its work and the work of the Office for Transition Ministry at each regular meeting of the General Convention.
(g) To report to the Executive Council annually as part of its accountability to the Council for the funding which the Office for Transition Ministry receives.
(h) To work in cooperation with the Church Center Staff.
(i) To fulfill other responsibilities assigned to it by the General Convention.

The House of Deputies Committee on Ministry presented its Report #14 on Resolution A169 (Annual Data Gathering About Episcopal Elections; Clergy Compensation) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #367)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A169)
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church directs the Office of Pastoral Development to maintain annual statistics about numbers of women and men in elections to the episcopate and to report them annually to the Church; and be it further

Resolved, That the Convention directs the Office for Transition Ministry in consultation with the Church Pension Fund, diocese and other appropriate
agencies to gather data annually about 1) clergy compensation by gender, and 2) numbers of all male and female clergy, and to broadly disseminate the report by electronic and other means on an annual basis.

The House of Deputies Committee on Ministry presented its Report #24 on Resolution A051 (Amend Article VIII of the Constitution) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #368)

Final Text of Resolution
(A051)
Resolved, That the last paragraph of Article VIII of the Constitution be amended to read as follows:

A bishop may permit an ordained minister in good standing in a church with which this Church is in full communion as specified by the Canons who has made the foregoing declaration, or a minister ordained in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America or its predecessor bodies who has made the promise of conformity required by that church in place of the foregoing declaration to officiate on a temporary basis as an ordained minister of this Church.

The House of Deputies Committee on Ministry presented its Report #25 on D006 (Amend Canon III.9.12-21) and moved concurrence.

A vote was taken on Resolution D006.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #369)

Final Text of Resolution:
(D006)
Resolved, That Canon III.9.12-21 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 12. Reconciliation of Disagreements Affecting the Pastoral Relation
When the pastoral relationship in a parish between a Rector and the Vestry or Congregation is imperiled by disagreement or dissension, and the issues are deemed serious by a majority vote of the Vestry or the Rector, either party may petition the Ecclesiastical Authority, in writing, to intervene and assist the parties in their efforts to resolve the disagreement. The written petition shall include sufficient information to inform the Ecclesiastical Authority and the parties involved of the nature, causes and specifics of the disagreements or dissension imperiling the pastoral relationship. The Ecclesiastical Authority shall initiate such proceedings as are deemed appropriate under the circumstances for that purpose by the Ecclesiastical Authority, which may include the appointment of a consultant or licensed
mediator. The parties to the disagreement, following the recommendations of the Ecclesiastical Authority, shall labor in good faith that the parties may be reconciled. Whenever the Standing Committee is the Ecclesiastical Authority, it shall request the Bishop of a neighboring Diocese to perform the duties of the Ecclesiastical Authority under this Canon.

Sec. 13. Dissolution of the Pastoral Relation

A) Except upon mandatory resignation by reason of age, a Rector may not resign as Rector of a parish without the consent of its Vestry, nor may any Rector canonically or lawfully elected and in charge of a Parish be removed there from by the Vestry against the Rector’s will, except as hereinafter provided.

B) If for any urgent reason a Rector or majority of Vestry based on a vote in a duly-called meeting desires a dissolution of the pastoral relation, and the parties cannot agree, either party may give notice in writing to the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese with a copy available to the Rector or Vestry. Such notice shall include sufficient information to inform the Ecclesiastical Authority and all parties involved of the nature, causes and specifics requiring the dissolution of the pastoral relationship. If the parties have participated in mediation or consultation processes under III.9.12, a separate report from the mediator or consultant will be submitted to the Ecclesiastical Authority with copies available to the Rector and Vestry. Whenever the Standing Committee is the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese, it shall request the Bishop of another Diocese to perform the duties of the Bishop under this Canon.

C) Within sixty days of receipt of the written notice, the Bishop Diocesan or the Bishop exercising authority under this canon may initiate further mediation and reconciliation processes between Rector and Vestry in every way which the Bishop deems proper. The Bishop may appoint a committee of at least one Presbyter and one Lay Person, none of whom may be members of or related to the Parish involved, to interview the Rector and Vestry and report to the Bishop on the cooperation and responsiveness of the parties involved in the processes required by the Bishop. A copy of this report shall be available to the Vestry and Rector.

D) If the differences between the parties are not resolved after completion of mediation or other reconciliation efforts or actions prescribed by the Bishop, the Bishop shall proceed as follows:

(1) The Bishop shall give written notice to the Rector and Vestry that a godly judgment will be rendered in the matter after consultation with the Standing Committee and that either party has the right within ten days to request in writing an opportunity to confer with the Standing Committee before it consults with the Bishop. The Bishop’s written notification shall inform the Standing Committee and the parties involved of the nature, causes and specifics of the unresolved disagreements or dissension imperiling the pastoral relationship.
(2) If a timely request is made, the President of the Standing Committee shall set a date for the conference, which shall be held within thirty days.

(3) At the conference, each party shall be entitled to attend, be represented and present its position fully.

(4) Within thirty days after the conference or after the Bishop’s notice if no conference is requested, the Bishop shall confer with and receive the recommendation of the Standing Committee; thereafter the Bishop, as final arbiter and judge, shall render a written godly judgment.

(5) Upon the request of either party, the Bishop shall explain the reasons for the judgment. If the explanation is in writing, copies shall be delivered to both parties. Either party may request the explanation be in writing.

(6) If the pastoral relation is to be continued, the Bishop shall require the parties to agree on definitions of responsibility and accountability for the Rector and the Vestry.

(7) If the relation is to be dissolved:

(a) The Bishop shall direct the Secretary of the Convention to record the dissolution.

(b) The judgment shall include such terms and conditions including financial settlements as shall seem to the Bishop just and compassionate.

(8) In either event, the Bishop shall offer appropriate supportive services to the Priest and the Parish.

E) In the event of the failure or refusal of either party to comply with the terms of the judgment, the Bishop may impose such penalties as may be set forth in the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese; and in default of any provisions for such penalties therein, the Bishop may act as follows:

(1) In the case of a Rector, suspend the Rector from the exercise of the priestly office until the Priest shall comply with the judgment.

(2) In the case of a Vestry, invoke any available sanctions including recommending to the Convention of the Diocese that the Parish be placed under the supervision of the Bishop as a Mission until it has complied with the judgment.

F) For cause, the Bishop may extend the time periods specified in this Canon, provided that all be done to expedite these proceedings. All parties shall be notified in writing of the length of any extension.

G) (1) Statements made during the course of proceedings under this Canon are not discoverable nor admissible in any proceedings under Title IV provided that this does not require the exclusion of evidence in any proceeding under the Canons which is otherwise discoverable and admissible.

(2) In the course of proceedings under this Canon, if a charge is made by the Vestry against the Rector that could give rise to a
disciplinary proceeding under Title IV, all proceedings under this Canon with respect to such charge shall be suspended until the charge has been resolved or withdrawn.

_H) Sections 12 or 13 of this Canon shall not apply in any Diocese whose Canons are otherwise consistent with Canon III.9._

**Note:** All subsequent Canons in Title III would be renumbered.

The House of Deputies Committee on Ministry presented its Report #26 on Resolution B029 (Consent to Episcopal Elections) and moved concurrence.

Deputy Dawson of Eau Claire moved the previous question.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on Resolution B029. The voice vote being inconclusive, the President called for an electronic vote. The result of the electronic vote was: Yes, 467 votes (63.6%) and No, 267 votes (36.4%).

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #370)

**Final Text of Resolution:**
(B029)

*Resolved*, That the 76th General Convention amend Article II, Section 2 of the Constitution of the Episcopal Church as follows:

Sec. 2. No one shall be ordained and consecrated Bishop until the attainment of thirty years of age; nor without the consent of a majority of the Standing Committees of all the Dioceses and the consent of a majority of the Bishops of this Church exercising jurisdiction. No one shall be ordained and consecrated Bishop by fewer than three Bishops.

The House of Deputies Committee on Ministry presented its Report #28 on Resolution A079 (Addiction Education for Ordained Ministry) and moved concurrence.

A vote was taken on Resolution A079.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #371)

**Final Text of Resolution:**
(A079)

*Resolved*, That every course of study for the ordained ministry of the Church include education in the nature of addiction, in the identification, practices of
intervention and treatment of addiction, and in Twelve-Step programs for recovery from addiction; and be it further
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Ministry Development to consider changes to the ordination canons to further promote such study; and be it further
Resolved, That each diocese commit to continue to address the issues of education, prevention, intervention and treatment in support of its congregations, clergy, laity and employees.

The House of Deputies Committee on Ministry presented its Report #29 on Resolution A064 (Amend Canon III.4.1(a) and Add Canon III.4.9) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #372)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A064)
Resolved, That Canon III.4.1(a) is hereby amended to read as follows:
Sec. 1. (a) A confirmed communicant in good standing or, in extraordinary circumstances, subject to guidelines established by the Bishop, a communicant in good standing, may be licensed by the Ecclesiastical Authority to serve as Pastoral Leader, Worship Leader, Preacher, Eucharistic Minister, Eucharistic Visitor, Evangelist or Catechist. Requirements and guidelines for the selection, training, continuing education and deployment of such persons, and the duration of licenses shall be established by the Bishop in consultation with the Commission on Ministry.

And be it further
Resolved, That Canon III.4.9 is hereby added as follows:
Sec. 9. An Evangelist is a lay person who presents the good news of Jesus Christ in such a way that people are led to receive Christ as Savior and follow Christ as Lord in the fellowship of the Church. An Evangelist assists with the community’s ministry of evangelism in partnership with the Presbyter or other leader exercising oversight of the congregation, or as directed by the Bishop.

The House of Deputies Committee on Ministry presented its Report #31 on Resolution D081 (Bishop Voting Provisions) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #376)

Final Text of Resolution:
(D081)
Resolved, That the Standing Commission on Constitution and Canons review all the provisions of the Constitution, Canons and Rules of Order of the House of
Bishops in which voting by Bishops or in the House of Bishops is set forth for clarity and consistency.

The House of Deputies Committee on Ministry presented its Report #32 on Resolution A105 (Fresh Start) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #373)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A105)
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention commend the Fresh Start program as a resource for clergy and congregations in transition in The Episcopal Church; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention affirm both the office of Ordained Ministry and CDO: the Office for Transitions Ministry within the Mission Leadership Center of the Episcopal Church Center, the Episcopal Church Foundation, CREDO Institute, Inc., and the fifty-nine dioceses currently engaged in Fresh Start programs as an outstanding model of collaborative partnerships within The Episcopal Church; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention affirm and commend the nationwide Fresh Start staff, coordinators and faculty for their contributions to the dioceses of The Episcopal Church in the form of exceptional facilitator training and curriculum; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention continue to fund the nationwide Fresh Start program in the next triennium in the amount of $225,000 ($75,000 per year); and be it further
Resolved, That the Fresh Start partners report back to the 77th General Convention regarding the program’s continued positive impact upon clergy, congregations and dioceses; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $225,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

The House of Deputies Committee on Ministry presented its Report #33 on Resolution D082 (Study Pastoral and Organizational Issues in Dioceses without a Bishop) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #375)

Final Text of Resolution:
(D082)
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention encourage the Pastoral Development Committee of the House of Bishops and the Standing Commission on Ministry
Development to study the short-term and long-term pastoral and organizational issues arising within a diocese in a time of extra-ordinary and/or problematic Episcopal transitions and report their findings along with any recommended actions to the 77th General Convention of The Episcopal Church.

The House of Deputies Committee on Ministry presented its Report #30 on Resolution A186 (Refer Impairment of Clergy Issue of Standing Commission on Ministry Development) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #374)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A186)
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention, having received the report and recommendations of the Title IV Task Force II regarding possible canonical amendments by which to address the needs and circumstances of Members of the Clergy who may be impaired by physical, mental or substance abuse-related causes, hereby refers this issue to the Standing Commission on Ministry Development for further study and recommendations to the 77th General Convention.

The President announced that action on Resolution A051 (Amend Article VIII of the Constitution) required a Vote by Orders as it was a second reading. The President ruled that the House reconsider the resolution.

Ballot #9: Vote By Orders
A Vote By Orders was taken on Resolution A051.

Ballot #9 taken by orders

Messages from the House of Bishops
The Secretary announced that the following messages had been received from the House of Bishops:

HB Message #274: C029 (Choice of Lectionary) Rejected.
HB Message #275: A151 (In Support of Addition to Lesser Feasts and Fasts of Paul Cuffe and Samson Occum) Discharged, already acted on at this Convention in Resolution A096.
HB Message #276: C085 (Add the Rt. Rev. E. Thomas Demby to LFF) Discharged, already acted on at this Convention in Resolution A096.
HB Message #277: D087 (Communications Audit) Concurred.
HB Message #278: D058 (Creation of Information Technology Cooperative Network) Concurred.
HB Message #279: D060 (Reject Nuclear Options) Concurred.
Stewardship and Development
The House of Deputies Committee on Stewardship and Development presented its Report #30 on Resolution D051 (“The 80-Cent Solution:” Support for World Missionaries) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #384)

Final Text of Resolution:
(D051)
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention commend the “80-Cent Solution’ for World Mission” effort to promote grassroots support for missionaries from The Episcopal Church serving around the world, by inviting contributions of eighty cents (or the equivalent in currencies other than U.S. dollars) per year for each year of the forthcoming triennium, from all baptized members of this Church who are also thereby members of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, with a goal of doubling missionaries of The Episcopal Church; and be it further
Resolved, That the funds received be placed in a trust fund of the DFMS to be used at the discretion of the Mission Personnel Office of The Episcopal Church for the support of such missionaries after consulting with the Presiding Bishop and the Treasurer.

The House of Deputies Committee on Stewardship and Development presented its Report #31 on Resolution D055 (Reaffirm Tithe as Minimum Standard) and moved concurrence.

A vote was taken on Resolution D055.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #383)

Final Text of Resolution:
(D055)
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention reaffirm the tithe as the minimum standard of giving for Episcopalians; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention Secretariat is requested to make provisions for the members of each House conveniently to indicate that they either are tithing or are firmly committed to tithing within five years, by signing their name and clearly printing their name and diocese, or, if they feel it inappropriate to make such a private matter public, signing and clearly printing the word “Anonymous” and giving either their state of residence or the state or foreign country where they were born; and be it further

Resolved, That the record of names and “Anonymous” signings be published in the Convention Journal and in such other Church publications as the Presiding Bishop may designate.

Resolution D080 was withdrawn by the Committee on Stewardship and Development.

Social and Urban Affairs
The House of Deputies Committee on Social and Urban Affairs presented its Report #34 on Resolution D018 (Address the Global Economic Crisis) and moved concurrence.

A vote was taken on Resolution D018.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #386)

Final Text of Resolution:
(D018)
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention recognizes the reality of the global economic crisis that has left the human community both in the United States and around the world in dire economic circumstances; and that we in The Episcopal Church are complicit in the crisis in that we have too often embraced an unrestrained free-market form of capitalism that results in predatory practices of lending and income generation divorced from systems of accountability; and be it further

Resolved, That this Convention thanks the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Rev. Rowan Williams, for his leadership and teaching offering a Christian response to the global economic crisis including his contributions at this Convention in the Presiding Officer’s Forum; and be it further

Resolved, That this Convention urges the House of Bishops to extend their teaching in their March 2009 “Pastoral Letter” by developing a “Pastoral Teaching Resource” on God’s mission and the global economic crisis as soon as possible in the next triennium; and be it further

Resolved, That this Convention invite dioceses and parishes in The Episcopal Church to focus the season of Lent 2010 as a time of penitential reflection on the brokenness of the global economic order and its reformation in light of the Gospel using resources developed by such agencies and organizations as: the House of Bishops Theology Committee, Episcopalians for Global
Reconciliation, the 2010 Trinity Institute “Building an Ethical Economy” and the Episcopal Network of Economic Justice; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention suggest that diocesan deputations address the global economic crisis in their own contexts utilizing the lessons and methods of the “Public Narrative Project” introduced at this Convention, and/or other community organizing principles consistent with the “Public Narrative Project.”

National and International Concerns

The House of Deputies Committee on National and International Concerns presented its Report #61 on Resolution B022 (Indigenous Artifacts) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #387)

Final Text of Resolution:
(B022)
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention endorse the commitment of the Diocese of Oregon to partner with the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, Oregon, in seeking return of Pacific Northwest Tribal artifacts, collectively known as “The Summers Collection,” now in the possession of the British Museum.

Education

The House of Deputies Committee on Education presented its Report #26 on Resolution C014 (Theological Study of Christian Marriage) and moved to concur with a referral to the Executive Council.

Final Text of Resolution:
(C014)
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention respectfully request that the Presiding Bishop and President of the House of Deputies jointly appoint a task force of not more than twelve (12) persons, consisting of theologians, pastors and educators, to identify and explore key theological and historical dimensions of marriage; and be it further
Resolved, That the Task Force work with Executive Council staff, and other experts as consultants and coordinators; and be it further
Resolved, That the Task Force engage with the issues raised by changing social norms and legal structures in American and other societies; and be it further
Resolved, That it consult with married couples, lesbian and gay couples living in commitment – or, where laws permit, in civil marriage – and single adults; and be it further
Resolved, That in these discussions it consider perspectives from a variety of cultures; and be it further
Resolved, That it consult with our partners both in and beyond the Anglican Communion; and be it further
Resolved, That it deeply engage with the rich resources of moral theology in our Anglican tradition; and be it further

Resolved, That it develop and design tools for theological reflection and norms for theological discussion at a local level; and be it further

Resolved, That the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance consider an allocation of $30,000.00 during the next triennium; and be it further

Resolved, That the Task Force report back to the 77th General Convention with annual reports to the Executive Council.

Motion carried

Resolution referred to the Executive Council
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #388)

Constitution

The House of Deputies Committee on Constitution presented its Report #1 on Resolution A052 (Amend Article I, Section 2 of the Constitution) and moved to concur with a referral to the Standing Commission on Constitution and Canons.

A vote was taken on Resolution A052.

Final Text of Resolution:

(A052)

Resolved, That Article I, Section 2, of the Constitution be amended as follows:

All Bishops of this Church, except any excluded by canon or under the Rules of the House, shall have seat and voice in the House of Bishops. Each Bishop of this Church having jurisdiction, Bishop Coadjutor, Bishop Suffragan, Assistant Bishop and every bishop holding an office created by General Convention shall have a vote in the House of Bishops. A majority of all Bishops entitled to vote shall be necessary to constitute a quorum for transaction of business.

And be it further

Resolved, That this amendment to Article 1, Section 2, shall take effect immediately upon passage.

Motion carried

Resolution referred to a Standing Commission
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #389)

World Mission

The House of Deputies Committee on World Mission presented its Report #56 on Resolution C061 (Amend Title III.1.2) and moved the resolution, recommending rejection.

Deputy King of Western New York moved the previous question.

Motion carried

Debate terminated
A vote was taken on Resolution C061. The voice vote being inconclusive, the President called for an electronic vote. The result of the electronic vote was: Yes, 424 votes (60.1%) and No, 282 votes (39.9%).

Motion carried
Resolution rejected
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #395)

Messages from the House of Bishops
The Secretary announced that the following messages had been received from the House of Bishops:

- **HB Message #286**: A036 (Haiti) Concluded.
- **HB Message #287**: D017 (Cancellation of Third World Debt) Concluded.
- **HB Message #288**: D035 (Repudiate the Doctrine of Discovery) Concluded.
- **HB Message #289**: C011 (Governmental Policies for Environmental Stewardship) Concluded.
- **HB Message #290**: B027 (Peace between Israel and Palestine) Rejected.
- **HB Message #292**: A042 (First Use Military Action) Concluded.

Results of Ballot #9: Vote By Orders on Resolution A051
The President read the results of Ballot #9.

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The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #368)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A051)
Resolved, That the last paragraph of Article VIII of the Constitution be amended to read as follows:

A bishop may permit an ordained minister in good standing in a church with which this church is in full communion as specified by the Canons who has made the foregoing declaration, or a minister ordained in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America or its predecessor bodies who has made the promise of conformity required by that church in place of the foregoing declaration to officiate on a temporary basis as an ordained minister of this church.
Special Order of Business
The President thanked the people who had contributed significantly to the 76th General Convention.

The Secretary announced that the House of Bishops had completed all remaining legislation from the House of Deputies and had adjourned. The Secretary added that there was one piece of legislation requiring the concurrence of the House and as soon as it was received the House would take action. Once addressed, the House would have completed its business.

The President addressed closing remarks to the House.

National and International Concerns
The House of Deputies Committee on National and International Concerns presented its Report #29 on HB Message #298 on Resolution C023 (Defense of Marriage Statutes) and moved to concur with a referral to the Executive Council.

Final Text of Resolution:
(C023)
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention call on Congress to repeal the so-called “Defense of Marriage” statute passed on September 21, 1996 [Public Law No. 104-199, 110 Stat. 2419, codified at 1 U.S.C. § 7 and 28 U.S.C. § 1738C]; and be it further
Resolved, That the Convention call on all Episcopalians to work against the passage of so-called “Defense of Marriage” state statutes and state constitutional amendments, and, in states where such statutes or constitutional amendments already exist, to work for their repeal.

Referenced Statutory Language:
28 U.S.C. Section 1738C reads as follows: “No State, territory, or possession of the United States, or Indian Tribe, shall be required to give effect to any public act, record or judicial proceeding of any other State, territory, possession or tribe respecting a relationship between persons of the same sex that is treated as a marriage under the laws of such other State, territory, possession or tribe, or a right or claim arising from such relationship.”

1 U.S.C. Section 7 reads as follows: “In determining the meaning of any Act of Congress, or any ruling, regulation or interpretation of the various administrative bureaus and agencies of the United States, the word ‘marriage’ means only a legal union between one man and one woman as husband and wife, and the word ‘spouse’ refers only to a person of the opposite sex who is a husband or a wife.”

Motion carried
Resolution referred to the Executive Council

[Editor’s Note: The Action of the House was not communicated to the House of Bishops as they had already adjourned.]
Announcements
The Secretary read the announcements.

Prayers
The President called on the Chaplain for prayers.

Adjournment
The President adjourned the House sine die at 4:55 p.m.
Appendix C  
Day Ten

House of Deputies Necrology

Arkansas
The Rev. Dr. Peggy Bosmyer  
Richard De Woody
The Rev. Richard Milwee

Dallas
Joseph Irion Worsham

Delaware
Margaret “Peggy” Ann Delaplane

Easton
The Rev. Richard E. Hayes

Liberia
Emmanuel S. Koroma

Maine
Mary Blagg

Minnesota
Susan Lindley

Missouri
John M. Drescher, Jr.

North Dakota
Arthur Raymond

Rhode Island
The Rev. Robert Duffy

Southeast Florida
Nancy Vaughn Owen-Grant

Southwest Virginia
Elizabeth “Betty” Dobbins

Spokane
The Hon. George T. Shields  
The Rev. James Vevea

Springfield
Arthur L. Casebeer

Utah
Stewart M. Hanson  
John “Jack” W. Losse

West Missouri
The Very Rev. Earl Cavanaugh  
Virgnia McGaughey
Doctor Anne Marie Shannon

Western Massachusetts
The Rev. J. Gollan Root

Wyoming
The Hon. Richard Thomas
PART III

HOUSE OF BISHOPS
INTERIM MEETINGS
INTERIM MEETING OF THE HOUSE OF BISHOPS

CAMP ALLEN, NAVASOTA, TX, MARCH 16 – 21, 2007
Call to Order
The Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Roll Call
The official register of the Conference was accepted as the roll call.

Recognition of the Senior Bishop
The Rt. Rev. David Reed, resigned Bishop of Kentucky had been the senior bishop present at the meeting, but left before the business session began. The Rt. Rev. Leo Frade was introduced as the senior bishop present for the business meeting.

Change of Status
The Presiding Bishop called on the Secretary, The Rt. Rev. Kenneth L. Price Jr. to register the official changes in the membership of the House. They are as follows.

Elections and/or Consecrations

Election Consented to at General Convention
- Mark H. Andrus, Installed Diocesan of California on July 22, 2006
- David Mitchell Reed, Consecrated Bishop Suffragan of West Texas on August 26, 2006
- Steven Todd Ously, Consecrated Coadjutor of Eastern Michigan on September 9, 2006
- William Howard Love, Consecrated Coadjutor of Albany on September 16, 2006
- Barry L. Beisner, Consecrated Coadjutor of Northern California on September 20, 2006
- Dena A Harrison, Consecrated Bishop Suffragan of Texas on October 7, 2006

Elections and Consents since General Convention
- Nathan D. Baxter, Consecrated Bishop of Central Pennsylvania on October 21, 2006
- Larry R. Benfield, Consecrated Bishop of Arkansas on January 6, 2007
- Mark M Beckwith, Consecrated Bishop of Newark on January 27, 2007
- Dabney T. Smith, Consecrated Coadjutor of SW Florida on March 10, 2007
- Robert L. Fitzptrick, Consecrated Bishop of Hawaii on March 10, 2007
Elected and Consented to, Consecration scheduled
  Thomas E. Breidenthal, to be consecrated Bishop of Southern Ohio on April 28, 2007

Elections held, Consents not yet received
  Shannon Sherwood Johnston, Coadjutor of Virginia
  Laura J. Ahrens, Bishop Suffragan of Connecticut

Resignations
  Bertram Nelson Herlong, effective October 31, 2006
  Katharine Jefferts Schori as Bishop of Nevada, effective November 1, 2006
  William J. Skilton as Bishop Suffragan of South Carolina December 31, 2006
  John P. Croneberger as Bishop of Newark, effective January 27, 2007
  Daniel W. Herzog as Bishop of Albany, January 31, 2007
  David John Bena as Bishop Suffragan of Albany, January 31, 2007
  Rodney R. Michel as Bishop Suffragan of Long Island, effective March 1, 2007

Consents received, Resignation scheduled before next meeting
  Robert D. Rowley Jr. as Bishop of Northwestern Pennsylvania, on August 31, 2007
  Robert Moody as Bishop of Oklahoma, on September 15, 2007

Resignation scheduled before next meeting, consent needed
  Robert Ihloff as Bishop of Maryland, on April 10, 2007

It was moved and seconded that the resignation of Bishop Ihloff be accepted.  Motion passed
  Resignation accepted

Removal
  David J Bena, resigned Bishop Suffragan of Albany, to the Anglican Province of
  Nigeria as of March 6, 2007.

Deaths
  July 14, 2006
  The Rt. Rev. George Mosley Murray
  Retired Bishop of Central Gulf Coast

  July 17, 2006
  The Rt. Rev. Bennett Jones Sims
  Retired Bishop of Atlanta

  August 16, 2006
  The Rt. Rev. Herbert Thompson
  Retired Bishop of Southern Ohio
January 26, 2007
The Rt. Rev. William Gillette Weinhauser
Retired Bishop of Western North Carolina

Reports
The Presiding Bishop then called on The Rt. Rev. Claude Payne who was joined by The Rt. Revs. Gayle Harris, Robert Johnson, Gene Robinson, Peter Lee and Wayne Wright. Bishop Payne then delivered the official Annual Report of The Church Pension Fund.

The Presiding Bishop then called on The Rt. Rev. Henry Parsley who introduced the other members of the Theology Committee. They are The Rt. Revs. Paul Marshall, Joe Burnett, Jeffrey Steenson, David Alvarez, Steven Miller, Robert Ihloff and Carolyn Irish. Bishop Parsley explained that this Committee has been charged with addressing the question of “Who we are as a Church?” He said they will approach this from four perspectives:
1. Why this matters – what is the value of The Anglican Communion, our catholicity and shared mission.
2. Who we are as a Church?
3. Thoughts about the Windsor Report, General Convention’s response and the Primates’ Communique.
4. Affirmations and Questions to be addressed in this conversation.

Special Business of the House
The Presiding Bishop called on The Rt. Rev. Clay Matthews of The Pastoral Development Office who shared documentation from The Diocese of North Carolina calling The Rt. Rev. William Gregg to be assisting bishop there. Given this call, it was moved and seconded that the resignation of The Rt. Rev. William Gregg as Bishop of Oregon be accepted.

Motion passed
Resignation accepted

Mind of the House
The Presiding Bishop then called for discussion of Mind of the House Resolutions.

The first was moved by The Rev. Tom Shaw. It was seconded and a lengthy discussion followed resulting in eight motions for amendment. Five of these passed and three failed. A motion to divide the resolution and vote on each paragraph separately also failed.

Motion passed
Resolution passed

The Rt. Rev. John Howe then moved a Statement to the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Primate's Standing Committee which seconded.

Motion passed
Resolution passed
A fourth Mind of the House Resolution, proposed by The Rt. Revs. Wilfrido Ramos-Orench and Ted Gulick, was withdrawn as its subject matter was covered in other resolutions.

Motion withdrawn

A fifth Mind of the House Resolution was moved by The Rt. Rev. Mark Andrus. It was seconded and discussed. It was then moved and seconded that this be referred to the Writing Committee for the subject matter to be included in their Word to The Church.

Motion passed
Resolution referred to Writing Committee

Other Business
A request was made that a letter of support be send to the Rt. Rev. Orlando J. Guerrero of the Diocese of Venezuela whose attendance at this meeting was prevented by unsettled conditions in his country. The Presiding Bishop instructed the Secretary to write this letter on behalf of the House.

Reading of the Minutes
A motion was made to dispense with the reading of the Minutes of the last meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

RECESS

Evening Prayer followed the Business meeting, and the evening was free.

Wednesday
March 21, 2007

Reconvene
Following Morning Prayer and Bible study the Town Hall Meeting was reconvened with the following reports:

Property
Bishop Stacy Sauls reported for the Task Force on Property. This group of bishops and lawyers is funded by Executive Council and the Pension Fund, but as yet has made no expenditures, their work being a gift to the Church. Bishop Sauls presented an extensive report on activities throughout the Church.

Church Center
Following this intense report, the Presiding Bishop asked the House to shift gears and introduced Linda Watt, the new Executive Officer for 815. Most recently she was
Ambassador to Panama. In explaining her job, she reported she oversees finance, human resources and administration. She generates ideas and implements actions for the Presiding Bishop. She oversees the Mission Program and Outreach of the National Church. She then distributed a survey asking for feedback on how 815 can function better.

Message to God's People
The first draft of the Message to God's People was then presented and discussion followed.

Environmental Sustainability
Next there was a report on Environmental Sustainability - Darkens into Day by Bishops Charles Jenkins, Philip Duncan, Duncan Gray and Bruce McPherson. Bishop Gray spoke of the isolation and need for continued contact, interaction and prayer, and the need for financial assistance. Bishop Jenkins spoke of a church plant in the 9th Ward and of three large units offering medical, food and pastoral assistance that roll out very day. He also spoke of advocacy for public education, health care and the need for assistance with clergy salaries, building a church in the 9th ward, and an urban Ministry Center. Bishop MacPherson spoke of how his diocese is ministering to refugees but did not express a need for money at this time. Bishop Duncan spoke of flooding and tornados in his diocese.

Federal Ministries
Following Eucharist and lunch, the House reconvened and Bishop George Packard spoke on his ministry and the need for our support of Iraq returnees. He also shared that there are 141 federal chaplains and 498 diocesan ones.

Other Business
Bishop Nedi Rivera spoke of applying the M.G.’s: particularly on what to do when we are in New Orleans, what in ongoing on in dioceses and what is needed to address the M.G.’s.

The visiting bishops from Mexico then addressed the House.

Bishop Dick Chang distributed a handout from the Episcopal Identity Project.

Bishop Clay Mathews drew the attention of the House to the College for Bishops' Web Site.

Bishop Mark Sisk spoke on the General Convention agreement with the Untied Methodists.
Message to God’s People
A Second Draft of a Message to God's People was distributed and after much editing was approved with applause.

Motion passed
Message approved

Adjournment
Following Evening Prayer, a festive celebration dinner was held and the House adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Secretary
Appendix A
Camp Allen, Texas

Mind of the House Resolution Addressed to the Executive Council

Resolved, The House of Bishops affirms its desire that The Episcopal Church remain a part of the councils of The Anglican Communion; and
Resolved, The meaning of the Preamble to the Constitution of The Episcopal Church is determined solely by The General Convention of The Episcopal Church; and
Resolved, The House of Bishops believes The proposed Pastoral Scheme of The Dar es Salaam Communiqué of February 19, 2007, would be injurious to The Episcopal Church; and urges that The Executive Council decline to participate in it; and
Resolved, The House of Bishops pledges itself to continue to work to find ways of meeting the pastoral concerns of the Primates that are compatible with our own polity and canons.
Appendix B
Camp Allen, Texas

Message to the Archbishop of Canterbury and
the Members of the Primates’ Standing Committee

We, the Bishops of the Episcopal Church, meeting in Camp Allen, Navasota, Texas, March 16-21, 2007, have considered the requests directed to us by the Primates of the Anglican Communion in The Communiqué dated February 19, 2007.

Although we are unable to accept the proposed Pastoral Scheme, we declare our passionate desire to remain in full constituent membership in both the Anglican Communion and the Episcopal Church.

We believe that there is an urgent need for us to meet face to face with the Archbishop of Canterbury and members of the Primate’s Standing Committee, and we hereby request and urge, that such a meeting be negotiated by the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church and the Archbishop of Canterbury at the earliest possible opportunity.

We invite the Archbishop and members of the Primate’s Standing Committee to join us at our expense for three days of prayer and conversation regarding these important matters.
Appendix C
Camp Allen, Texas

A Statement from the House of Bishops

We, the Bishops of the Episcopal Church, meeting at Camp Allen, Navasota, Texas, for our regular Spring Meeting, March 16-21, 2007, have received The Communiqué of February 19, 2007, from the Primates of the Anglican Communion meeting at Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. We have met together for prayer, reflection, conversation, and listening during these days and have had The Communiqué much on our minds and hearts, just as we know many in our Church and in other parts of the world have had us on their minds and hearts as we have taken counsel together. We are grateful for the prayers that have surrounded us.

We affirm once again the deep longing of our hearts for The Episcopal Church to continue as a part of the Anglican Communion. We have gone so far as to articulate our self-understanding and unceasing desire for relationships with other Anglicans by memorializing the principle in the Preamble of our Constitution. What is important to us is that the Episcopal Church is a constituent member of a family of Churches, all of whom share a common mother in the Church of England. That membership gives us the great privilege and unique opportunity of sharing in the family’s work of alleviating human suffering in all parts of the world. For those of us who are members of the Episcopal Church, we are aware as never before that our Anglican Communion partners are vital to our very integrity as Christians and our wholeness. The witness of their faith, their generosity, their bravery, and their devotion teach us essential elements of gospel-based living that contribute to our conversion.

We would therefore meet any decision to exclude us from gatherings of all Anglican Churches with great sorrow, but our commitment to our membership in the Anglican Communion as a way to participate in the alleviation of suffering and restoration of God’s creation would remain constant. We have no intention of choosing to withdraw from our commitments, our relationships, or our own recognition of our full communion with the See of Canterbury or any of the other constituent members of the Anglican Communion. Indeed, we will seek to live fully into, and deepen, our relationships with our brothers and sisters in the Communion through companion relationships, the networks of Anglican women, the Anglican Indigenous Network, the Francophone Network, our support for the Anglican Diocese of Cuba, our existing covenant commitments with other provinces and dioceses, including Liberia, Mexico, Central America, Brazil, and the Philippines, our work as the Episcopal Church in many countries around the world, especially in the Caribbean, Latin America, Europe, and Taiwan, and countless informal relationships for mission around the world.

Since our General Convention of 2003, we have responded in good faith to the requests we have received from our Anglican partners. We accepted the invitation of the Lambeth Commission to send individuals characteristic of the theological breadth of our Church to meet with it. We happily did so. Our Executive Council voluntarily
acceded to the request of the Primates for our delegates not to attend the 2005 meeting of the Anglican Consultative Council in Nottingham. We took our place as listeners rather than participants as an expression of our love and respect for the sensibilities of our brothers and sisters in the Communion even when we believed we had been misunderstood. We accepted the invitation of the Primates to explain ourselves in a presentation to the same meeting of the Anglican Consultative Council. We did so with joy.

At the meeting of our House of Bishops at Camp Allen, Texas in March, 2004, we adopted a proposal called Delegated Episcopal Pastoral Oversight as a means for meeting the pastoral needs of those within our Church who disagreed with actions of The General Convention. Our plan received a favorable response in the Windsor Report. It was not accepted by the Primates. At our meeting in March 2005, we adopted a Covenant Statement as an interim response to The Windsor Report in an attempt to assure the rest of the Communion that we were taking them seriously and, at some significant cost, refused to consecrate any additional bishops whatsoever as a way that we could be true to our own convictions without running the risk of consecrating some that would offend our brothers and sisters. Our response was not accepted by the Primates. Our General Convention in 2006 struggled mightily and at great cost to many, not the least of whom are our gay and lesbian members, to respond favorably to the requests made of us in The Windsor Report and The Primates’ Dromantine Communiqué of 2005. We received a favorable response from the Joint Standing Committee of the Anglican Consultative Council and the Primates, which found that our effort had substantially met the concerns of The Windsor Report with the need to clarify our position on the blessing of same sex relationships. Still, our efforts were not accepted by the Primates in The Dar es Salaam Communiqué.

Other Anglican bishops, indeed including some Primates, have violated our provincial boundaries and caused great suffering and contributed immeasurably to our difficulties in solving our problems and in attempting to communicate for ourselves with our Anglican brothers and sisters. We have been repeatedly assured that boundary violations are inappropriate under the most ancient authorities and should cease. The Lambeth Conferences of 1988 and 1998 did so. The Windsor Report did so. The Dromantine Communiqué did so. None of these assurances has been heeded. The Dar es Salaam Communiqué affirms the principle that boundary violations are impermissible, but then sets conditions for ending those violations, conditions that are simply impossible for us to meet without calling a special meeting of our General Convention.

It is incumbent upon us as disciples to do our best to follow Jesus in the increasing experience of the leading of the Holy Spirit. We fully understand that others in the Communion believe the same, but we do not believe that Jesus leads us to break our relationships. We proclaim the Gospel of what God has done and is doing in Christ, of the dignity of every human being, and of justice, compassion, and peace. We proclaim the Gospel that in Christ there is no Jew or Greek, no male or female, no slave or free. We proclaim the Gospel that in Christ all God’s children, including women, are full and equal participants in the life of Christ’s Church. We proclaim the Gospel that in Christ
all God’s children, including gay and lesbian persons, are full and equal participants in the life of Christ’s Church. We proclaim the Gospel that stands against any violence, including violence done to women and children as well as those who are persecuted because of their differences, often in the name of God. The Dar es Salaam Communiqué is distressingly silent on this subject. And, contrary to the way the Anglican Communion Network and the American Anglican Council have represented us, we proclaim a Gospel that welcomes diversity of thought and encourages free and open theological debate as a way of seeking God’s truth. If that means that others reject us and communion with us, as some have already done, we must with great regret and sorrow accept their decision.

With great hope that we will continue to be welcome in the councils of the family of Churches we know as the Anglican Communion, we believe that to participate in the Primates’ Pastoral scheme would be injurious to the Episcopal Church for many reasons.

First, it violates our church law in that it would call for a delegation of primatial authority not permissible under our Canons and a compromise of our autonomy as a Church not permissible under our Constitution.

Second, it fundamentally changes the character of the Windsor process and the covenant design process in which we thought all the Anglican Churches were participating together.

Third, it violates our founding principles as the Episcopal Church following our own liberation from colonialism and the beginning of a life independent of the Church of England.

Fourth, it is a very serious departure from our English Reformation heritage. It abandons the generous orthodoxy of our Prayer Book tradition. It sacrifices the emancipation of the laity for the exclusive leadership of high-ranking Bishops. And, for the first time since our separation from the papacy in the 16th century, it replaces the local governance of the Church by its own people with the decisions of a distant and unaccountable group of prelates.

Most important of all it is spiritually unsound. The pastoral scheme encourages one of the worst tendencies of our Western culture, which is to break relationships when we find them difficult instead of doing the hard work necessary to repair them and be instruments of reconciliation. The real cultural phenomenon that threatens the spiritual life of our people, including marriage and family life, is the ease with which we choose to break our relationships and the vows that established them rather than seek the transformative power of the Gospel in them. We cannot accept what would be injurious to this Church and could well lead to its permanent division.

At the same time, we understand that the present situation requires intentional care for those within our Church who find themselves in conscientious disagreement with the actions of our General Convention. We pledge ourselves to continue to work with
them toward a workable arrangement. In truth, the number of those who seek to divide our Church is small, and our Church is marked by encouraging signs of life and hope. The fact that we have among ourselves, and indeed encourage, a diversity of opinion on issues of sexuality should in no way be misunderstood to mean that we are divided, except among a very few, in our love for the Episcopal Church, the integrity of its identity, and the continuance of its life and ministry.

In anticipation of the traditional renewal of ordination vows in Holy Week we solemnly declare that “we do believe the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the Word of God, and to contain all things necessary to salvation; and we do solemnly engage to conform to the doctrine, discipline, and worship of the Episcopal Church.” (Book of Common Prayer, page 513)

With this affirmation both of our identity as a Church and our affection and commitment to the Anglican Communion, we find new hope that we can turn our attention to the essence of Christ’s own mission in the world, to bring good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to liberate the oppressed, and to proclaim the year of The Lord’s favor (Luke 4:18-19). It is to that mission that we now determinedly turn.
Appendix D
Camp Allen, Texas

A Message to God's People

As we prepare for Easter and the joyous celebration of the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, we send you greetings from Navasota, Texas where we gathered for the Spring Meeting of the House of Bishops. We represent fifteen sovereign nations, the fifty United States of America, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, and Micronesia bearing witness to the Gospel of Our Lord and the wonders of Christ's redeeming work in the world. We were reminded of the health and vitality of our Church as our new Presiding Bishop recounted her travels. We have experienced a sense of identity, clarity, and purpose in fulfilling our vocation as bishops. We were blessed by the presence of the Primate and the House of Bishops of the Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico. Together we discovered a growing unity as we seek the mind of Christ. Our meeting was marked by a spirit of thanksgiving and respect, lived in a rich rhythm of worship, work, study, and rest.

That spirit moved us deeper into our focus on mission for Christ. In that context we discussed the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), the Primates' Communiqué, the draft Anglican Communion Covenant, as well as a number of other mission opportunities.

The central theme of the address by the Rev. Dr. Ian Douglas of the Episcopal Divinity School was that "the mission of the Church is to participate in the mission of God". This observation set the tone for our study and discussion of the MDGs. We gave special attention to the challenge of environmental sustainability, the theme of a presentation by Dr. John Pine of Louisiana State University who addressed the environmental implications of global climate change.

We heard from the Rev. Dr. Ephraim Radner and the Rev. Dr. Katherine Grieb, members of the Covenant Drafting Committee, each of whom brought a distinct perspective regarding the proposed Covenant. Their presentations, which are available on line, will inform further conversations as the drafting process continues prior to the Lambeth Conference of 2008.

Mission concerns received attention in a variety of workshops and presentations, including: the rebuilding of the Gulf Coast, Darkness into Day campaign, TEAM (Toward Effective Anglican Mission), TEAC (Theological Education within Anglican Communion), Bishops Working for a Just Society, issues facing returning military personnel from Iraq and Afghanistan and their families, as well as immigration and border issues viewed from both the United States and Mexican perspectives. The fourth anniversary of the war in Iraq was marked by a prayer vigil for peace. Then, in both formal and informal ways, members of the House expressed their strong desire to keep God's mission at the center of the life of the Church.
We also heard a well-documented report by the House of Bishops' Task Force on Property Disputes on the history and strategy of groups, including some in the Network of Anglican Communion Dioceses and Parishes (NACDAP) and others, to remove congregations and church property from the Episcopal Church. This report will be made available at a later date. We commend it, once publicly available, to diocesan Standing Committees.

We had an extended and thoughtful discussion of the Communiqué from the Primates Meeting in Dar es Salaam, which represents the beginning of a longer process of response that will continue through the coming months.

It is our strong desire to remain within the fellowship of the Anglican Communion. The Primates' Communiqué, however, raises significant concerns. First among these is what is arguably an unprecedented shift of power toward the Primates, represented, in part, by the proposed "Pastoral Scheme." This proposed plan calls for the appointment of a Primatial Vicar and Pastoral Council for The Episcopal Church whose membership would consist of "up to five members; two nominated by the Primates, two by the Presiding Bishop, and a Primate of a Province of the Anglican Communion nominated by the Archbishop of Canterbury to chair the Council." We believe this proposal contravenes the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church. Moreover, because it is proposed that this scheme take immediate effect, we were compelled, at this March meeting, to request that the Executive Council of the Episcopal Church decline to participate in this aspect of the Communiqué's requests. Nonetheless, we pledge to continue working to find a way of meeting the pastoral concerns raised by the Primates that are compatible with our own Church's polity and canons. We should note that our recommendation to Executive Council not to participate in the Pastoral Scheme, though not unanimously endorsed by this House, came at the conclusion of long and gracious conversation.

Finally, we believe that the leaders of the Church must always hold basic human rights and the dignity of every human being as fundamental concerns in our witness for Christ. We were, therefore, concerned that while the Communiqué focuses on homosexuality, it ignores the pressing issues of violence against gay and lesbian people around the world, and the criminalization of homosexual behavior in many nations of the world.

The Theology Committee of the House of Bishops was charged with the responsibility of developing a teaching guide for consideration of both the Primates' Communiqué and the proposed draft Covenant for the Anglican Communion. We anticipate this guide will be available by late May for use by bishops and dioceses in preparation for the September meeting of the House of Bishops.

The bishops unanimously affirmed a Mind of the House Resolution inviting the Archbishop of Canterbury and the members of the Primates' Standing Committee to meet, at a time of their choosing, with the House of Bishops.
As we prepare to celebrate the Paschal Mystery we call for your prayers for and commitment to God's mission of making all things new.

For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. (2 Corinthians 4:5)
INTERIM MEETING OF THE HOUSE OF BISHOPS

INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL, NEW ORLEANS, LA, SEPTEMBER 19 – 25, 2007
Call to Order
The House moved into its official Business Meeting, beginning with an Executive Session.

Bishop Steenson
Bishop Jeffrey Steenson shared his intention to resign as a bishop in the Episcopal Church by the end of the year. He read a statement giving his reasons which was then distributed.

Communication from the Presiding Bishop
The Presiding Bishop announced that C. I. Jones will be restored but asked that if any wanted to use him in for an episcopal act, she be called first.

The Presiding Bishop summarized the status of several bishops:
  Bishop Cox has been presented for abandonment of the communion.
  Action on Bishop McBurney is pending.
  Bishops Herzog and Pope have renounced orders.
  No action on Bishop Bena pending formal notification.
  Bishop Fairfield has resigned from the House.

Recognition of the Senior Bishop
The Rt. Rev. Bill Sanders, #587, resigned Bishop of Tennessee was recognized as the Senior Bishop present and he addressed the House.

Change of Status
The Secretary then announced the formal status changes since the last meeting of the House of Bishops.

Elections and/or Consecrations
Elected and Consented to, Consecration scheduled
  Mary Gray-Reeves, to be consecrated Bishop of El Camino Real on November 10, 2007.

Consecrations
  Thomas Breidenthal, Bishop Diocesan in Southern Ohio, April 28, 2007
  Shannon S. Johnston, Bishop Coadjutor in Virginia, May 26, 2007
  Laura Ahrens, Bishop Suffragan in Connecticut, June 30, 2007
  Sean Rowe, Bishop Diocesan in Northwestern Pennsylvania, September 8, 2007
Edward Konieczny, Bishop Diocesan in Oklahoma, September 15, 2007
Gregory Rickel, Bishop Diocesan in Olympia, September 15, 2007

Resignation
Mark MacDonald, Bishop of Alaska

Removals
Daniel Herzog
Clarence Pope

Restoration
C. I. Jones

Deaths
April 24, 2007
The Rt. Rev. Robert Wolterstorff
Resigned Bishop of San Diego

June 3, 2007
The Rt. Rev. James Kelsey
Bishop of Northern Michigan

June 7, 2007
The Rt. Rev. Stephen Jecko
Resigned Bishop of Florida

June 14, 2007
The Rt. Rev. Frederick Putnam
Resigned Bishop of Navajoland Area Mission

July 28, 2007
The Rt. Rev. Edward Jones
Resigned Bishop of Indianapolis

August 30, 2007
The Rt. Rev. Donald Davis
Resigned Bishop of Northwestern Pennsylvania

The Presiding Bishop called for a moment of silence in their honor.

Presiding Bishop’s Report
The Presiding Bishop reported on her official acts for the past year, a copy of which is attached to the Secretary’s Minutes.

Ministry Development
Wallis Ohl gave a report from the Standing Commission on Ministry Development, on B006 (The Educational Debt of Seminarians).
Delegated Episcopal Pastoral Oversight
Clay Mathews reported on Delegated Episcopal Pastoral Oversight (DEPO) in the various dioceses. After distributing a list of instances of DEPO several bishops made corrections and additions.

Report of the Presiding Bishop
The Presiding Bishop made her official report. She explained the objectives of her diocesan visits. She tries to make them 3-4 day events in which she seeks to spend time, listen, talk with clergy and laity, bishops who are in attendance if it is a consecration, visit ministry sites and opportunities for a public forum. She sees communion surrounding this visit as opportunities for evangelism and a chance to talk about mission work in the Episcopal Church.

Other matters from the Presiding Bishop were as follows:
There will be a Webcast on October 16 at 3:00 EDT hosted by Trinity, Wall Street. She asked bishops to stand ready for a possible HOB meeting in the Fall. Dates will go out later.
She announced that pastoral work with bishops is still overseen by Clay Mathews.
She announced that Rayford High and Duncan Gray had been added as two more Episcopal Visitors.
She shared that the Anglican Center in Rome needs a new director and representative from Canterbury to the Holy See.
She then reported that her visits in the past year had taken her to 26 dioceses and several places outside the U.S., with trips to Korea and China slated for the Fall.

Bishop Jefferts Schori then reported on her oversight of the staff at the Church Center in New York and reorganization this is occurring there. She introduced The Rev. Charles Robertson, who is succeeding Canon Carl Gerdau as the new Canon to the Presiding Bishop. He spoke on the reorganization as well and passed out a chart explaining it.

Following a break, Wayne Wright brought a new draft from the Writing Committee now titled “A Response to Questions and Concerns Raised by the Anglican Communion Primates.” This report was discussed in plenary with thirty five bishops speaking.

RECESS

The House then broke for lunch.

Reconvene
Following lunch, the Presiding Bishop clarified that Bishop C. I. Jones, although reinstated as a bishop, has no status in this House as per the Rules of Order.
Commendation of Senator Landrieu
A statement was then read by Charles Jenkins commending Senator Landrieu for work done in relation to New Orleans.

Motion passed
Statement adopted

Communication from the Presiding Bishop
The Presiding Bishop then announced two more Episcopal Visitors, Philip Duncan and Rodney Michel.

The Presiding Bishop then reported on her discussion held with the Executive Committees of the ACC and Primates Joint Standing Committees in which she shared the main points that would be in the document the House was perfecting. She said they seemed pleased with the work done and understood the church must keep this issue before the larger communion. They will issue their report at a later time.

Response to Primates
Draft #4 of the Response was then distributed and perfected. The Writing Committee was sent back to create its final version.

Statement on Racism
After a break, John Rabb presented a statement on racism.

Motion passed
Statement adopted

Resolution to Congress
It was then moved and seconded the Resolution of the House of Bishops of the Episcopal Church of the United States of America to be presented to the Congress of the United States distributed to the House on September 20, 2007, be adopted.

The suggestion was made to change the phrase “The Deep South” in paragraph ten to “we in our country”.

Motion passed
Statement adopted with amendment

Communication from the Presiding Bishop
The Presiding Bishop made some concluding remarks commenting on our interconnectedness and interdependence, the importance that we share our stories of our experiences in Louisiana and Mississippi with our dioceses and on the sacrifices we are often called upon to make as part of living together.
The House expressed its thanks to Katharine Jefferts Schori for her leadership and to the National Episcopal Health Ministry for the Prayer Shawls.

**Federal Ministries**
Georg Packard then presented a Statement on Iraq and the Troops.

- Motion passed
- Statement adopted

**Message to God’s People**
Wayne Wright presented, on behalf of the Writing Committee, a “Message of our Meeting in New Orleans.”

- Motion passed
- Statement adopted

**Response to Primates**
Wayne then presented the final version of “A Response to Questions and Concerns Raised by the Anglican Communion Primates.”

Two amendments were proposed; one minor amendment which failed, and one which passed.

- Motion passed
- Statement adopted with amendment

**Adjournment**
The meeting was then adjourned.

In the evening, a final dinner was held in which the following retiring bishops were honored: Bill Persell, Jack McKelvey and Bill Skilton. In addition, Carl Gerdau, who is also retiring and thus was attending his last meeting, was also honored and presented with a certificate which contained the signatures and wax seals of the rings of all the bishops attending the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,
Secretary
Appendix A
New Orleans, Louisiana
A Message to God’s People

“Thus says the Lord of hosts: Old men and women shall again sit in the streets of Jerusalem, each with staff in hand . . . And the streets city shall be full of boys and girls playing in its streets.”
Zechariah 8:4-5

Greetings in the Name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, in whose Name we serve and in whose Cross we glory.

We gathered this week in New Orleans in solidarity with the people of the Gulf Coast region as they continue the challenging work of rebuilding lives and communities devastated by Hurricane Katrina. We also gathered with the deep desire to rebuild trust and confidence with our partners in the Anglican Communion. Rebuilding is difficult work, but God invites us through our baptism to the challenging work of reconciliation, in communities and relationships. We have witnessed the remarkable continuing miracle of renewal in the myriad efforts of people from all over the world who are participating in the rebuilding of New Orleans and other communities along the Gulf Coast. We give thanks to God for their witness and pray that the ongoing work of reconciliation within the Anglican Communion can also bear as forceful a witness to the glory and grace of God.

We express our sincere and heartfelt thanks to our guests, the Archbishop of Canterbury and members of the Joint Standing Committee of the Anglican Consultative Council and the Primates. In accepting our invitation to join our meeting, they have both honored us and assisted us in our discernment. Their presence is a living reminder of the unity that is Christ’s promised gift in the power of the Holy Spirit. We also thank The Most Reverend Katharine Jefferts Schori for her thoughtful and strong leadership as she approaches the first anniversary of her ministry as our Presiding Bishop.

Our shared experience of study, dialogue, worship and prayer strengthens our passionate commitment to maintain full participation in the councils of the Anglican Communion. More than one hundred fifty bishops and their spouses attended this meeting. The spirit of our meeting was enriched as we brought a remarkable diversity of perspective and experience to our common work.

We are grateful for the warm and generous hospitality shown us by our brothers and sisters of the dioceses of Louisiana and Mississippi. We are deeply moved and inspired by their faith and courage in the wake of Hurricane Katrina. The scope of the destruction was beyond comprehension. Even after two years the needs are very great. Many of the bishops, spouses and our Anglican guests were privileged to join in the ongoing ministry of rebuilding in both dioceses during our meeting. Through our work
and conversation we and our guests were able to experience conditions first hand and to observe how both dioceses are addressing issues of education, racism, poverty, peace and ecological justice. These challenges are common to us all.

One of the highlights of our week in New Orleans was the ecumenical service held in the Ernest Morial Convention Center. The Archbishop of Canterbury preached, an ecumenical and multiracial contemporary choir sang, and ecumenical leaders participated. Irving Mayfield, Jr. renowned New Orleans trumpeter and artist in residence at Christ Church Cathedral delighted us with traditional New Orleans jazz. The bishops presented a total offering of almost one million dollars gathered from all the dioceses of the Episcopal Church for continuing reconstruction in Louisiana and Mississippi. In a resolution adopted by the House we commended United States Senator Mary Landrieu for submitting the Congress the “Gulf Coast Re-building” Act. We also called our Church to a “unanimous commitment to healing the radical affront to God that racism constitutes.”

In his sermon the Archbishop of Canterbury quoted from prophet Zechariah. Zechariah paints a poetic picture of a renewed city in which all people live in blessing and peace. There is a great distance between the inspired vision of Zechariah and the reality of our own lives. The Archbishop challenged us to work and pray for justice and peace on earth.

We affirm the ongoing commitment of The Episcopal Church to the Millennium Development Goals as a framework for our engagement in mission work around the world. A presentation by Dr. Paul Farmer, whose groundbreaking medical work in Haiti and elsewhere is well known, deepened our appreciation for the spiritual and practical opportunities which these goals offer us. Dr. Gus Newport guided in reflections on our experiences and asked us as moral teachers to take our reflections home. National Episcopal Health Ministries provided prayer shawls for all the bishops, spouses, and guests. They are a sign to us of God’s enfolding love and the prayers that surround us.

In March 2007 we affirmed the “deep longing of our hearts that The Episcopal Church continue as a part of the Anglican Communion.” At this meeting we engaged in significant discussions about important Communion matters. We deliberated and offered responses to questions and concerns raised by our Anglican partners. We believe that these responses will provide clarity and point toward next steps in an ongoing process of dialog.

While we acknowledge that we are not of one mind in all things, we strive to be of one heart. At the beginning of our meeting, our Presiding Bishop reminded us that to go forward in rebuilding our relationships we will need to cooperate with the Spirit and to create a space for the Spirit to work. We recognize that this requires real sacrifice from all, yet we know that the Cross of Christ leads to life. Communion in Christ requires that all of us come to the foot of the Cross. When we gather, we pray that we will greet one another with compassion and thanksgiving.
The spirit of this meeting was good. We were always keenly aware of the prayers that surround us. We give thanks for the faithful women, men, and children who in Christ’s Name give so much to support the ministries of our Church. These blessings cannot be counted.
Appendix B

New Orleans, Louisiana

Response to Questions & Concerns of the Anglican Communion Primates

In accordance with Our Lord’s high priestly prayer that we be one, and in the spirit of Resolution A159 of the 75th 16 General Convention, and in obedience to his Great Commission to go into the world and make disciples, and in gratitude for the gift of the Anglican Communion as a sign of the Holy Spirit’s ongoing work of reconciliation throughout the world, we offer the following to The Episcopal Church, the Primates, the Anglican Consultative Council (ACC), and the larger Communion, with the hope of “mending the tear in the fabric” of our common life in Christ.

“I do it all for the sake of the Gospel so that I might share in its blessings.”
1 Corinthians 9:23

Introduction

The House of Bishops expresses sincere and heartfelt thanks to the Archbishop of Canterbury and members of the Joint Standing Committee of the Anglican Consultative Council and the Primates for accepting our invitation to join us in New Orleans. By their presence they have both honored us and assisted us in our discernment. Their presence was a living reminder of the unity that is Christ’s promised gift in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Much of our meeting time was spent in continuing discernment of our relationships within the Anglican Communion. We engaged in careful listening and straightforward dialogue with our guests. We expressed our passionate desire to remain in communion. It is our conviction that The Episcopal Church needs the Anglican Communion, and we heard from our guests that the Anglican Communion needs The Episcopal Church.

The House of Bishops offers the following responses to our Anglican Communion partners. We believe they provide clarity and point toward next steps in an ongoing process of dialogue. Within The Episcopal Church the common discernment of God’s call is a lively partnership among laypersons, bishops, priests, and deacons, and therefore necessarily includes the Presiding Bishop, the Executive Council, and the General Convention.

Summary

- We reconfirm that resolution B033 of General Convention 2006 (The Election Of Bishops) calls upon bishops with jurisdiction and Standing Committees “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.”
We pledge as a body not to authorize public rites for the blessing of same-sex unions.

We commend our Presiding Bishop’s plan for episcopal visitors.

We deplore incursions into our jurisdictions by uninvited bishops and call for them to end.

We support the Presiding Bishop in seeking communion-wide consultation in a manner that is in accord with our Constitution and Canons.

We call for increasing implementation of the listening process across the Communion and for a report on its progress to Lambeth 2008.

We support the Archbishop of Canterbury in his expressed desire to explore ways for the Bishop of New Hampshire to participate in the Lambeth Conference.

We call for unequivocal and active commitment to the civil rights, safety, and dignity of gay and lesbian persons.

Discussion

Resolution B033 of the 2006 General Convention

The House of Bishops concurs with Resolution EC011 of the Executive Council. This Resolution commends the Report of the Communion Sub-Group of the Joint Standing Committee of the Anglican Consultative Council and the Primates of the Anglican Communion as an accurate evaluation of Resolution B033 of the 2006 General Convention, calling upon bishops with jurisdiction and Standing Committees “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.”1 The House acknowledges that non-celibate gay and lesbian persons are included among those to whom B033 pertains.

Blessing of Same-Sex Unions

We, the members of the House of Bishops, pledge not to authorize for use in our dioceses any public rites of blessing of same-sex unions until a broader consensus emerges in the Communion, or until General Convention takes further action. In the near future we hope to be able to draw upon the benefits of the Communion-wide listening process. In the meantime, it is important to note that no rite of blessing for persons living in same-sex unions has been adopted or approved by our General Convention. In addition to not having authorized liturgies the majority of bishops do

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1 The Communion Sub-Group noted that “the resolution uses the language of ‘restraint’, and the group noted that there has been considerable discussion since General Convention about the exact force of that word. By requiring that the restraint must be expressed in a particular way – ‘by not consenting …’; however, the resolution is calling for a precise response, which complies with the force of the recommendation of the Windsor Report.” The group also noted “that while the Windsor Report restricted its recommendation to candidates for the episcopate who were living in a same gender union, the resolution at General Convention widened this stricture to apply to a range of lifestyles which present a wider challenge. The group welcomed this widening of the principle, which was also recommended by the Windsor Report, and commend it to the Communion.”
not make allowance for the blessing of same-sex unions. We do note that in May 2003 the Primates said we have a pastoral duty “to respond with love and understanding to people of all sexual orientations.” They further stated, “…[I]t is necessary to maintain a breadth of private response to situations of individual pastoral care.”

**Episcopal Visitors**

We affirm the Presiding Bishop’s plan to appoint episcopal visitors for dioceses that request alternative oversight. Such oversight would be provided by bishops who are a part of and subject to the communal life of this province. We believe this plan is consistent with and analogous to Delegated Episcopal Pastoral Oversight (DEPO) as affirmed by the Windsor Report (paragraph 152). We thank those bishops who have generously offered themselves for this ministry. We hope that dioceses will make use of this plan and that the Presiding Bishop will continue conversation with those dioceses that may feel the need for such ministries. We appreciate and need to hear all voices in The Episcopal Church.

**Incursions by Uninvited Bishops**

We call for an immediate end to diocesan incursions by uninvited bishops in accordance with the Windsor Report and consistent with the statements of past Lambeth Conferences and the Ecumenical Councils of the Church. Such incursions imperil common prayer and long-established ecclesial principles of our Communion. These principles include respect for local jurisdiction and recognition of the geographical boundaries of dioceses and provinces. As we continue to commit ourselves to honor both the spirit and the content of the Windsor Report, we call upon those provinces and bishops engaging in such incursions likewise to honor the Windsor Report by ending them. We offer assurance that delegated episcopal pastoral care is being provided for those who seek it.

**Communion-wide Consultation**

In their communiqué of February 2007, the Primates proposed a “pastoral scheme.” At our meeting in March 2007, we expressed our deep concern that this scheme would compromise the authority of our own primate and place the autonomy of The Episcopal Church at risk. The Executive Council reiterated our concerns and declined to participate. Nevertheless, we recognize a useful role for communion-wide consultation with respect to the pastoral needs of those seeking alternative oversight, as well as the pastoral needs of gay and lesbian persons in this and other provinces. We encourage our Presiding Bishop to continue to explore such consultation in a manner that is in accord with our Constitution and Canons.

**The Listening Process**

The 1998 Lambeth Conference called all the provinces of the Anglican Communion to engage in a “listening process” designed to bring gay and lesbian Anglicans fully into the Church’s conversation about human sexuality. We look forward to receiving initial
reports about this process at the 2008 Lambeth Conference and to participating with others in this crucial enterprise. We are aware that in some cultural contexts conversation concerning homosexuality is difficult. We see an important role for the Anglican Consultative Council (ACC) in this listening process, since it represents both the lay and ordained members of our constituent churches, and so is well-placed to engage every part of the body in this conversation. We encourage the ACC to identify the variety of resources needed to accomplish these conversations.

The Lambeth Conference

Invitations to the Lambeth Conference are extended by the Archbishop of Canterbury. Those among us who have received an invitation to attend the 2008 Lambeth Conference look forward to that gathering with hope and expectation. Many of us are engaged in mission partnerships with bishops and dioceses around the world and cherish these relationships. Lambeth offers a wonderful opportunity to build on such partnerships.

We are mindful that the Bishop of New Hampshire has not yet received an invitation to the conference. We also note that the Archbishop of Canterbury has expressed a desire to explore a way for him to participate. We share the Archbishop’s desire and encourage our Presiding Bishop to offer our assistance as bishops in this endeavor. It is our fervent hope that a way can be found for his full participation.

Justice and Dignity for Gay and Lesbian Persons

It is of fundamental importance that, as we continue to seek consensus in matters of human sexuality, we also be clear and outspoken in our shared commitment to establish and protect the civil rights of gay and lesbian persons, and to name and oppose at every turn any action or policy that does violence to them, encourages violence toward them, or violates their dignity as children of God. We call all our partners in the Anglican Communion to recommit to this effort. As we stated at the conclusion of our meeting in March 2007: “We proclaim the Gospel of what God has done and is doing in Christ, of the dignity of every human being, and of justice, compassion and peace. We proclaim the Gospel that in Christ there is no Jew or Greek, no male or female, no slave or free. We proclaim the Gospel that in Christ all God’s children, including women, are full and equal participants in the life of Christ’s Church. We proclaim the Gospel that in Christ all God’s children, including gay and lesbian persons, are full and equal participants in the life of Christ’s Church. We proclaim the Gospel that stands against any violence, including violence done to women and children as well as those who are persecuted because of their differences, often in the name of God.”
INTERIM MEETING OF THE HOUSE OF BISHOPS

CAMP ALLEN, NAVASOTA, TX, MARCH 7 – 12, 2008
Call to Order
The Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and offered an opening prayer.

Quorum
The Rt. Rev. Kenneth Price, Secretary, announced sixty eight bishops were needed to constitute a majority of those bishops present. He declared that a quorum was present to conduct business.

Consent for Elections
It was also announced that forms for certain consents requiring only bishops with jurisdiction had been distributed and should be filled out by the appropriate bishops and returned to the secretary for transmittal to the Presiding Bishop’s office. These were as follows:

- Episcopal consent for the election of a Bishop Coadjutor for Ecuador Central
- Episcopal consent for the election of a Bishop Coadjutor for Puerto Rico
- Episcopal consent for the election of a Bishop Coadjutor for Texas
- Episcopal consent for the election of a Bishop Coadjutor for South Dakota
- Episcopal consent for the election of a Bishop Coadjutor for Long Island

Changes in Status
The official acts since the last meeting on September 25, 2007 in New Orleans were then announced.

Elections and/or Consecrations
Consecrations
- Mary Gray-Reeves, Bishop Diocesan in El Camino Real, November 10, 2007
- Dan Thomas Edwards, Bishop Diocesan in Nevada, January 5, 2008
- John McKee Sloan, Bishop Suffragan in Alabama, January 12, 2008
- Mark Joseph Lawrence, Bishop Diocesan in South Carolina, January 26, 2008
- Jeffrey Dean Lee, Bishop Diocesan in Chicago, February 2, 2008

Elected and Consented to, Consecration scheduled
Stephen T. Lane, to be consecrated Bishop Coadjutor of Maine on May 3, 2008.

Announcement of election, Consents pending
Prince G. Singh, Bishop Diocesan of Rochester

Appointments of Resigned Bishops
John Croneberger as Assistant Bishop in Bethlehem
Michael Creighton as Assistant Bishop in Maryland
William Skilton as Assistant Bishop in Dominican Republic
James Ottley as Assistant Bishop in Long Island
Keith Whitmore as Assistant Bishop in Atlanta

Resignations

Resignations not needing consent
Carol Gallagher, Assistant Bishop in Newark
Steven Charleston, Dean of Episcopal Divinity School, as of June 30

Renunciations
John B. Lipscomb, Resigned Bishop of Southwest Florida
Howard S. Meeks, Resigned Bishop of Western Michigan
Jeffrey N. Steenson, Resigned Bishop of Rio Grande
Terrance Kelshaw, Resigned Bishop of Rio Grande

Inhibitions
Charles E. Bennison Jr., Bishop of Pennsylvania, October 31, 2007
John-David Schofield, Bishop of San Joaquin, January 11, 2008

Deaths
September 29, 2007
The Rt. Rev. Donald J. Davis
Resigned Diocesan of Northwestern Pennsylvania

November 23, 2007
The Rt. Rev. William Harvey Wolfrum
Resigned Suffragan of Colorado

February 29, 2008
The Rt. Rev. Clarence Hobgood
Resigned Suffragan of Armed Forces

A moment of silence was observed for those bishops deceased.

Recognition of Senior Bishop
Bishop Leo Frade was introduced as the Senior Bishop present

Recognition of Newest Bishop
The Rt. Rev. Sylvestre Romero was then introduced as the newly approved Assistant Bishop of New Jersey. In the presence of the House, he signed the Oath of Conformity and was welcomed into full membership in the House of Bishops.

Deposition of Bishops
The House then took up the matter of the deposition of John David Schofield. Bishop Jefferts Schori reviewed the process and timeline that led to placing this matter before the House.
She noted the John David Schofield had attempted by letter to resign from the House. She explained that a bishop may not resign his or her jurisdiction while inhibited. Questions and discussion followed.

The resolution was then moved and seconded, with the proper accompanying explanation:

On January 9, 2008, the Title IV Review Committee certified to the Presiding Bishop, pursuant to Canon IV.9.1, that the Rt. Rev. John-David Schofield, Bishop of the Diocese of San Joaquin, has repudiated the Doctrine, Discipline, and Worship of the Episcopal Church and has abandoned the Communion of the Church by, inter alia, departing from the Episcopal Church and purporting to take his Diocese with him into affiliation with the Province of the Southern Cone. In the intervening two months since the Presiding Bishop gave notice to Bishop Schofield of the foregoing certification, Bishop Schofield has failed to submit to the Presiding Bishop sufficient retraction or denial of the actions found by the Title IV Review Committee. Accordingly, the Presiding Bishop has presented the matter to the House of Bishops and requested consent to Bishop Schofield’s Deposition.

The chaplains then led the House in a time of prayer, and there followed table discussion regarding the action before the House and a plenary session. Nineteen people spoke in the plenary session.

Motion passed
Resolution passed

Final Text of Resolution:
Resolved, that pursuant to Canon IV.9.2 of the Episcopal Church, the House of Bishops hereby consents to the Deposition from the ordained ministry of the Rt. Rev. John-David Schofield, Bishop of the Diocese of San Joaquin.

Another resolution was then moved and seconded, with the proper accompanying explanation:

On May 29, 2007, the Title IV Review Committee certified to the Presiding Bishop, pursuant to Canon IV.9.1, that the Rt. Rev. William Jackson Cox, Bishop Suffragan of the Diocese of Maryland, resigned, has repudiated the Doctrine, Discipline, and Worship of the Episcopal Church and has abandoned the Communion of the Church by, inter alia, departing from the Episcopal Church and stating his intention to continue to perform episcopal acts solely under the oversight and jurisdiction of a bishop outside the Episcopal Church without conforming to the Constitution and
Canons of the Episcopal Church. In the intervening two months since the Presiding Bishop gave notice to Bishop Cox of the foregoing certification, Bishop Cox has failed to submit to the Presiding Bishop sufficient retraction or denial of the actions found by the Title IV Review Committee. Accordingly, the Presiding Bishop has presented the matter to the House of Bishops and requested consent to Bishop Cox’s Deposition.

The chaplains then led the House in a time of prayer, and there followed table discussion regarding the action before the House followed and a plenary session. Ten people spoke in the plenary session.

**Motion passed**

**Resolution passed**

**Final Text of Resolution:**

*Resolved, that pursuant to Canon IV.9.2 of the Episcopal Church, the House of Bishops hereby consents to the Deposition from the ordained ministry of the Rt. Rev. William Jackson Cox, Bishop Suffragan of the Diocese of Maryland, resigned.*

Following these actions, the Presiding Bishop reminded the House of our continuing need to reach out to these our brothers. The Rt. Rev. Jeffrey Lee suggested issuing a statement from the House stating its sadness in these matters and the Presiding Bishop suggested that such a statement be brought to the afternoon session of the business meeting.

**Theology**

The Rt. Rev. Henry Parsley then made a report on behalf of the Theology Committee offering a Proposal for the Theological Study of Same Sex Relationships.

**Bishop Duncan**

The Presiding Bishop then explained that in the case of the Rt. Rev. Robert Duncan, no action would be taken at this meeting. The Review Committee had found that he had abandoned the communion but the three senior bishops did not vote to inhibit him. Since the required sixty days for a response by Bishop Duncan had not elapsed, the House could not act at this meeting.

**San Joaquin**

The Rt. Rev. Mark Lawrence inquired about the canonical status of the Standing Committee in the Diocese of San Joaquin. David Beers, Chancellor to the Presiding Bishop, stated that the Presiding Bishop did not recognize their authority. He explained that there exists public evidence that a majority of the Standing Committee supported the actions of John David Schofield and had voted to remove certain clauses from the diocesan constitution. Chancellor Beers told the house that the Diocese of San Joaquin would be holding a special convention to elect a Provisional Bishop and new members
of the Standing Committee. Candidates signing the Oath of Conformity as members of the Episcopal Church would be eligible for election at the convention. The Presiding Bishop then announced her intention to nominate the Rt. Rev. Jerry Lamb for this position.

RECESS

The meeting recessed for the celebration of the Holy Eucharist and lunch.

Reconvene

The business session reconvened at 2:00 and the committee on Resignations of Bishops presented recommendations for the following:

- Consent to resignation of William Persell as Bishop of Chicago
- Consent to the resignation Jack McKelvey as Bishop of Rochester
- Consent to the resignation of Keith Whitmore as Diocesan of Eau Claire

Consent in all three cases was given by a voice vote.

Theology

The House then returned to the report of the Theology Committee with The Rt. Rev. Joe Burnett speaking for the Rt. Rev. Henry Parsley who had to leave. Following discussion the report was received by acclimation.

The Presiding Bishop then asked for discussion regarding three options for the next meeting of the House to take place to discuss the matter of Bishop Duncan. The options were to take up this matter at a called meeting in May, at a meeting during Lambeth, or to wait for the currently scheduled meeting in September. Twenty one people spoke on this issue. The Rt. Rev. Clay Mathews reported that documents pertinent to this issue would be posted on the College for Bishops web site. There was no sentiment expressed for meeting on this issued to take place at Lambeth. It was decided to poll the House respective to a meeting in May and for all bishops to hold the dates of September 17-19 for a meeting with September 16 as a travel day.

The Rt. Revs Clay Mathews, Neil Alexander and Don Johnson then called attention to the annual report of the College of Bishops and lifted up the work done by the College. This work includes attending to the emotional health and wellness of bishops, spouses and partners and assistance given for episcopal elections and transitions. Bishop Johnson also pointed out that the college also helps to equip bishops for the work that must be done, and shapes how bishops work together. There is a need for funding support, and thanks was given to those bishops who are supporting that work through their contributions.

Other Business

Dispatch of Business then presented additional resolutions for consideration.
**INTERIM MEETING**

The Rt. Rev. Mark Sisk moved a Resolution on Lambeth and it was seconded. Questions and comments were made by two bishops.

| Motion passed |
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| Resolution passed |

The Rt. Rev. Chris Epting moved the following resolution on torture by waterboarding and it was seconded by The Rt. Rev George Packard.

| Motion passed |
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| Resolution passed |

**Final Text of Resolution:**

Resolved, that the House of Bishops expresses its dismay at President George W. Bush's veto of the bill banning torturous interrogation techniques such as "waterboarding." As followers of the One who said, "Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you...do to others as you would have them do to you." (Luke 6:27-28, 31) we find this method of interrogation morally unacceptable and call upon members of Congress to override this veto.

The Presiding Bishop was asked to send a copy of the resolution to the United Methodist Church.

**Final Text of Resolution:**

Calling on the reconciling love of our Lord Jesus Christ and mindful of our call to be servants of one another and of the mission and ministry of the whole church, we have taken the action of consenting to the deposition of our two brother bishops, John-David Schofield and William Cox. This outcome is the painful culmination of a lengthy process of conciliation and review led by two Presiding Bishops. While earnest voices were raised asking if there were other alternatives at this time, the conclusion of the House of Bishops is that this action is based on the facts presented to us and is necessary for the ongoing integrity of The Episcopal Church. We seek also to respond to the needs of the people of the Diocese of San Joaquin. We are saddened by what we believe to be this necessary action and we have taken it only after deep prayer and serious conversation. We also wish to express our continuing commitment to work for reconciliation with our brothers and the People of God who have been the recipients of their pastoral leadership and care through the years.
Minutes
It was then announced that minutes of this meeting will be circulated to the Rt. Revs. Wayne Wright and Don Johnson and then posted on the College of Bishops web site and circulated to the membership.

Since the minutes of the last meeting in New Orleans had been posed and circulated, motion was made to dispense with their reading.

Motion passed
Resolution passed

Adjournment
Following numerous thanks by the Presiding Bishop, the formal business session was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Secretary
Appendix A
Camp Allen, Texas

Statement on the Lambeth Conference

Give to your Church, O God,
  a bold vision and a daring charity,
  a refreshed wisdom and a courteous understanding,
that the eternal message of your Son
  may be acclaimed as the good news of the age;
through him who makes all things new,
even Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.¹

We, the House of Bishops of the Episcopal Church, approaching the forthcoming Lambeth Conference, are mindful of the hurt that is being experienced by so many in our own Episcopal Church, in other Provinces of our global communion, and in the world around us. While the focus of this hurt seems centered on issues of human sexuality, beneath it we believe there is a feeling of marginalization by people of differing points of view. Entering into Holy Week, our response is to name this hurt and to claim our hope that is in Christ.

As the Lambeth Conference approaches, we believe we have an enormous opportunity, in the midst of struggle, to be proud of our heritage, and to use this particular time in a holy way by affirming our rich diversity. The health of such diversity is that we are dealing openly with issues that affect the entire global community. Thus, even as we acknowledge the pain felt by many, we also affirm its holiness as we seek to be faithful to our Lord Jesus Christ.

Even though we did not all support the consecration of the Bishop of New Hampshire, we acknowledge that he is a canonically elected and consecrated bishop in this church. We regret that he alone among bishops ministering within the territorial boundaries of their dioceses and provinces, did not receive an invitation to attend the Lambeth Conference.

We appeal to the faithful of the Episcopal Church and the faithful in the wider, global Anglican family, to focus and celebrate our unity in the comprehensiveness of diversity. In union with Christian tradition through the centuries, we are willing to face challenges that precipitate struggle as a means towards reconciliation.

During our meeting we have been praying for a "daring charity and courteous understanding." With this intent and guided by the Holy Spirit, we go to the Lambeth Conference spiritually united and praying that God will sanctify our struggles and unify us for Christ's mission to a hurting world.

¹ This Franciscan-inspired prayer was offered by our chaplains during this meeting of the House of Bishops.
INTERIM MEETING OF THE HOUSE OF BISHOPS

LITTLE AMERICA HOTEL, SALT LAKE CITY, UT, SEPTEMBER 17 – 19, 2008
Call to Order
The business meeting of the House was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori. Prayers were offered by Chaplain Carol Wade and the roll of bishops was called by Secretary Bishop Kenneth Price. It was determined that the 127 bishops present represented significantly more than a quorum. Bishop Clifton Daniel moved, on behalf of the Dispatch of Business Committee, the agenda for the day. It was adopted.

Bishop Duncan
The Presiding Bishop then recognized Vice President Bishop Dick Chang, who moved that the House go into a Committee of the Whole to discuss the matter of the deposition of Bishop Robert Duncan. Parliamentarian Bishop John Buchanan explained that as a Committee of the Whole no minutes would be taken and no motions made. The rest of the morning session was spent as a committee of the whole in which 21 bishops spoke.

RECESS
The morning section of the business session recessed for Holy Eucharist at 11:45 a.m. and lunch.

Reconvene
The business session resumed at 2:00 and the Committee of the Whole continued with 14 more speakers.

When no more speakers requested to be recognized the Presiding Bishop declared the Committee of the Whole to be ended and the motion was made and seconded, with explanation included:

On December 17, 2007, the Title IV Review Committee certified to the Presiding Bishop, pursuant to Canon IV.9.1, that the Rt. Rev. Robert W. Duncan, Bishop of the Diocese of Pittsburgh, had “abandoned the communion of this Church by an open renunciation of the Doctrine, Discipline or Worship of this Church.” In the intervening months since the Presiding Bishop gave notice to Bishop Duncan of the foregoing certification, Bishop Duncan has failed to submit to the Presiding Bishop sufficient retraction or denial of the actions found by the Title IV Review Committee. Accordingly, the
Presiding Bishop has presented the matter to the House of Bishops and requested consent to Bishop Duncan’s Deposition.

Bishop William Love then called for division by the following statement:

We the undersigned being voting members of the House of Bishops, hereby call for division of each and every vote of this House on any matter put to vote with respect to the status of the Bishop of Pittsburgh as a bishop and member of this House of Bishops and that each member’s vote, whether it be aye or nay, be entered in the journal.

The statement was signed by Bishops William Love, James Adams, David Reed, Michael Smith, Edward Little, Geralyn Wolf, Mark Lawrence, John Howe and Bruce MacPherson.

The chair ruled that the roll would be called on the final vote.

Bishop Michael Smith made a challenge that was then seconded, regarding the chair’s ruling that no inhibition was needed before the house considered deposition. The matter was put to a vote.

Motion failed
Chair upheld

Bishop Lawrence made a challenge that was then seconded, regarding the chair’s ruling that the requisite votes for deposition would be arrived at by a majority of the bishops eligible to vote who were present at this meeting. The matter was put to a vote.

Motion failed
Chair upheld

Prayer was then offered by Chaplain Carol Wade and the roll was called on the matter of the deposition of Bishop Robert Duncan.

Motion passed
Resolution passed

Final Text of Resolution:
Resolved, that pursuant to Canon IV.9.2 of the Episcopal Church, the House of Bishops hereby consents to the Deposition from the ordained ministry of the Rt. Rev. Robert W. Duncan, Bishop of the Diocese of Pittsburgh.

Recognition of New Bishops
The Rules of Order call for the introduction of new bishops at each business meeting. The Presiding Bishop had introduced them the day before. They are:
Bishop Steven Lane, Bishop Diocesan of Maine
Bishop Prince Singh, Bishop Diocesan of Rochester
Bishop Eugene Sutton, Bishop Diocesan of Maryland
Bishop Paul Lambert, Bishop Suffragan of Dallas

The Rev. Brian Thom, elected Bishop Diocesan of Idaho, was also introduced. His consents have been received but he is not yet consecrated.

**Necrology**
The following bishops, who have died since our last meeting, also were remembered with a moment of silence. They are:
- Bishop Robert Spears, Rochester, resigned
- Bishop Ronald Haines, Washington, resigned
- Bishop Frank Vest, Southern Virginia, resigned
- Bishop Jose Gonzalez, Newark, resigned

**Communication from the Presiding Bishop**
The Presiding Bishop explained that in the matter of inhibited Bishop Charles Bennison of Pennsylvania, we are still waiting a verdict from the Trial Court. Bishop Allen Bartlett will continue serving as Assisting Bishop of the Diocese of Pennsylvania until December 31. The Presiding Bishop will meet with the Standing Committee on October 3 to discuss next steps.

After comments from six bishops regarding a desire to be clear in explaining the actions of the House regarding the deposition of Bishop Duncan, the House shared in prayer and took a brief break.

**Resignation of Bishops**
Bishop Chilton Knudsen, reporting for the Committee on the Resignation of Bishops, moved that the resignations of Bishops Harry Bainbridge and Wallis Ohl both be accepted, the canonical reason being “advanced age.”

- **Motions passed**
- Resignations accepted

**Minutes**
The agenda as set forth in the Rules of Order is the reading of the minutes of the last meeting. Motion was made to dispense with this reading as the minutes are posted on the College of Bishop web site.

- **Motion passed**
- Resolution passed

**Other Business**
Several announcements were made, Bishop Epting reported on ecumenical and interreligious issues coming to General Convention. These include full communion with the Moravians, a modest proposal for relations with the Presbyterians and principles
and approaches to be used in interreligious talks. He also announced his office is now in Omaha, Nebraska.

**Adjournment**
The Presiding Bishop then called on bishops to reflect on the actions of this meeting, and after 13 bishops spoke, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Secretary
Appendix A
Salt Lake City, Utah

Record of Votes Cast Regarding the Deposition of Bishop Duncan

The motion passed by a vote of 88 Ayes, 35 Nays, and 4 Abstentions.

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INTERIM MEETING OF THE HOUSE OF BISHOPS

KANUGA CONFERENCE CENTER,
HENDERSONVILLE, NC,
MARCH 13 – 18, 2009
Call to Order
The business meeting of the House of Bishops was called to order at 2:07 p.m. by the Presiding Bishop, the Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori, and a prayer was offered by Chaplain Geoffrey Tristan.

Roll Call
The Rt. Rev. Kenneth L. Price Jr., Secretary, presented an overview of the terminology for bishops to be used in the roll call process, explaining that the term “assisting bishop” is not a canonical designation and would no longer be used when the role was called. For the purpose of the roll call, active bishops serving as Bishops Diocesan, Bishop Coadjutor, Bishops Suffragan or Assistant Bishops (filling a position authorized by the diocesan convention which they are serving) would be called by position. All resigned bishops, will be called by name even if they are temporarily serving in a diocese. The roll of bishops was called, with 126 bishops being present. Sixty six bishops were needed to be present to constitute a quorum, and it was declared that a quorum was present.

The agenda for this meeting was adopted.

Recognition of the Senior Bishop
The senior bishop present, the Rt. Rev. David Reed, was recognized.

Changes in Status
The following official acts which have occurred since the last meeting in Salt Lake City on September 18, 2008 were noted for the Minutes.

Elections and/or Consecrations

Consecrations
  Brian James Thom, Bishop Diocesan in Idaho, October 11, 2008
  C. Andrew Doyle, Bishop Coadjutor in Texas, November 22, 2008
  Herman Hollerith IV, Bishop Diocesan in Southern Virginia, February 13, 2009

Elected and Consented to, Consecration scheduled

Announcement of election, Consents pending
  Kevin Lee Thew Forrester, Bishop Diocesan of Northern Michigan
Appointments of Bishops currently serving other dioceses
- Rustin Kimsey, Alaska
- Bavi Rivera, Eastern Oregon (remains Suffragan Olympia)
- Ted Gullick, Fort Worth (remains Diocesan, Kentucky)
- Allen Bartlett, Pennsylvania until April 1
- Rodney Michel, Pennsylvania, after April 1
- Robert H. Johnson, Pittsburgh

Renunciations
- William C. Wantland, Resigned Diocesan of Eau Claire - Jan. 15, 2009
- Henry Scriven, Assistant, Pittsburgh, Jan. 15, 2009

Depositions

Deaths
- Francisco Reus-Froylan, resigned Diocesan, Puerto Rico – Nov. 19, 2008

The Presiding Bishop called upon the Rt. Rev. Nathan Baxter to present an overview of the process to elect the next Bishop Suffragan of Federal Chaplaincies to succeed the Rt. Rev George Packard in March 2010.

The Rt. Rev. Clay Matthews called upon the Rt. Rev. Bruce Caldwell to present the Norms and Core Values for the House of Bishops for the 2009 General Convention.


The Presiding Bishop introduced Anne Rudig, the new Director of Communications for the Episcopal Church who explained the reorganization of the communication department and then, along with Neva Rae Fox, gave an overview of the plans for communications at the upcoming General Convention.

The Rt. Rev. Andrew Smith introduced a letter to the Diocese of Forth Worth.

The secretary was asked to send the letter to the Diocese of Forth Worth, and edited letters to the Dioceses of San Joaquin, Quincy and Pittsburgh.

The Rt. Rev. Bavi Rivera suggested that the offering from the Eucharist be given to the Discretionary Fund of the newly elected Bishop of Ecuador Central. This was approved by consensus.
The Rt. Rev. Francisco Duque thanked the Presiding Bishop for her support and
attention to the Church in Latin America. The Presiding Bishops spoke of her last trip
there and urged the bishops to visit and learn about the vitality of the Church in that
region.

Resignation of Bishops
The Rt. Rev. Victor Scantlebury reported out three recommendations from the
Committee on Privilege and Courtesy concerning bishops who have resigned their
positions for reasons not covered in the Constitution and Canons. The committee
recommends:

The Rt. Rev. Johncy Itty be given seat and voice in the House of Bishops.
Motion passed
Resolution adopted

The Rt. Rev. Carol Gallagher be given seat and voice in the House of Bishops.
Motion passed
Resolution adopted

The Rt. Rev. Mark MacDonald be given seat and voice in the House of Bishops.
After discussion as to whether his position with the Anglican Church and Canada fell
within the provisions of the Constitution and Canons, it was moved and seconded that
this matter be referred to the Convention Committee on Constitution and Canons.
Motion failed

It was then moved to amend the recommendation for Bishop MacDonald to add the
word “vote.”
Motion passed
Resolution adopted with amendment

The Rt. Rev. Neil Alexander reported for the Committee on Consecration (and
Resignation) of Bishops. The House voted to approve the recommendation of the
Committee to accept the resignations of the following bishops as described in the
Constitution:
The Rt. Rev. Carolyn Tanner Irish as Bishop Diocesan in the Diocese of Utah
The Rt Rev. Don Taylor as Assistant Bishop in the Diocese of New York
The Rt. Rev. Don Wimberly as Bishop Diocesan in the Diocese of Texas

The Rt. Rev. Pierre Whalon then moved a resolution, which was seconded.
Motion passed
Resolution adopted
Final Text of Resolution:
The House of Bishops asks the Standing Commission on Constitution and Canons to explore ways and propose possible constitutional and canonical changes which would allow the House of Bishops to grant vote in the House of Bishops to bishops serving in positions not otherwise identified in our constitution and canons, which serve the missionary strategy of this church.

Theology
The Rt. Rev Henry Parsley gave a brief report for the Theology Committee. He thanked the members of the committee for their work. He reported that their study on just war would be published in the Blue Book and that the Committee was continuing its work on communion of the unbaptized (open communion). He also reported that a pastoral letter on the environment was being developed. Finally, he reported that he hoped a draft of a study on same sex relationships would be ready in about a year.

Minutes
It was moved and seconded to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the last meeting held in Salt Lake City, Utah, September 18, 2008.

Motion passed

RECESS

The meeting was recessed until the next day so that the Bishops could hear from and then interview the three nominees for Ecuador Central.

Tuesday
March 17, 2009

MORNING SESSION

Reconvene
The meeting was reconvened at 10:15 a.m. The Bishops heard from the Rt. Rev. Wilfrido Ramos-Orench how the Diocese of Ecuador Central was unable to elect a bishop through its normal election process and therefore is asking the House of Bishops to conduct that election under the provisions of Title III, Canon 11.1(b)(1).

The three nominees were introduced. They were:

The Rev. Thomas Mansella, of the Diocese of Virginia, language services coordinator for the Episcopal Church.

The Rev. Canon Servio R. Moscoso, of the Diocese of New Jersey, rector of Iglesia San José in Elizabeth.


Following statements from each of the three nominees, the bishops were divided into three groups to interview each of the three separately.
RECESS

The meeting was then recessed by the Presiding Bishop.

EVENING SESSION

Reconvene
The formal business meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by the Presiding Bishop.

The Rt. Rev. Clay Matthews showed a preview copy of the DVD “Who Are We”

Open discussion was held on the election about to occur and following prayers, ballots were cast for the election of the Bishop of Ecuador Central. Bishops Arthur Williams, Richard Chang, John Buchanan and Chilton Knudsen then retired to count the ballots.

While the ballots were being counted, the bishops conducted open discussion regarding the requested consents for the Rev. Kevin Thew Forrester who has been elected Bishop Diocesan of Northern Michigan. Twelve bishops spoke to this matter.

The results of the election for the Bishop of Ecuador Central were announced as follows:

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The Presiding Bishop declared that the Rev. Luis Fernando Ruiz had been elected, and asked that the results of the election be kept confidential until all the nominees had been informed. The Doxology was sung. Consents from the House of Deputies will be received at General Convention.

A courtesy resolution was moved and seconded by the Rt. Rev. Herman Hollerith and the Rt. Rev. Nathan Baxter.

Motion passed
Resolution adopted

Final Text of Resolution:
We, the Episcopal House of Bishops gathered at Kanuga, N.C., offer congratulations to Saint Paul’s College and Robert Lee Satcher, PhD, on the occasion of his inauguration as its 9th President. We acknowledge Dr. Satcher’s life long faithful vocation as an Episcopalian, radiology scientist, educator and administrator in historically black Colleges and universities.

We are also inspired by the College’s history, beginning in 1888 with James Solomon Russell, a former slave who became an Episcopal priest and missionary
in Southern Virginia. Archdeacon Russell established St. Paul’s College an approximately 20 congregations, a number of which survive today.

It is our prayer that St. Paul’s College, during Dr. Satcher’s tenure, will experience new growth and success in its mission to academically, professionally and spiritually prepare African American youth and youth of other heritages, to be effective leaders for the 21st. Century.

Personal Privilege
The Rt. Rev. Jean Zache Duracin asked for a point of personal privilege to bring greetings from Haiti and to thank the House for its solidarity during difficult times. He also thanked the Presiding Bishop for her support and presence and the Episcopal Relief and Development for its ongoing support. He then went on to describe the unrest and tenuous conditions in his country.

The Rt. Rev. Pierre Whalon moved a resolution which was duly seconded.

Motion passed
Resolution adopted

Final Text of Resolution:
Resolved, that the House of Bishops ask the Secretary of the House to send a letter to President Barack Obama, to go on record as opposing the deportation of Haitian refugees from the United States, and asking President Obama to use all his powers to prevent this.

The request was then extended to include writing to all Episcopal Representatives and Senators.

A first draft of a Pastoral Letter was presented and after discussion returned to committee for further refinement. [Editor’s Note: A revised draft of the letter was subsequently passed on the last day of the meeting.]

Building on a presentation made in the non-business portion of the meeting by The Rev. Anthony Guileen, the Rt. Rev. Wilfrido Ramos-Orench made a resolution which was duly seconded.

Motion passed
Resolution adopted

Final Text of Resolution:
Resolved, We the Episcopal House of Bishop gathered at Kanuga, North Carolina, during the dates of March 14-18, 2009, do endorse the vision laid out in the document “The Episcopal Church’ Strategic Vision for reaching Latinos/Hispanics,” and to seek ways possible to make such vision a viable one.
The Rt. Rev. Tom Ely, on behalf of the House, expressed appreciation to the Rt. Rev. Sanford Hampton for maintaining the House of Bishops Prayer List. The bishops gave him an ovation.

Adjournment
The meeting was closed by prayer from Chaplain Carol Wade, and the Presiding Bishop declared the official business meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Secretary
Appendix A
Hendersonville, North Carolina

Letter to the Diocese of Forth Worth

To our brothers and sisters in Christ in the Diocese of Forth Worth,

Blessing and peace in the Name of our Lord Jesus.

We the bishops of the Episcopal Church meeting in North Carolina send to you our deepest and heartfelt greetings.

We thank God for the power and constancy of your faith as you pray and work to rebuild the Diocese of Forth Worth. We are aware of the challenges laid upon you and we pledge ourselves in prayer an partnership for the task which you have begun.

Know that the bishops of the Episcopal Church stand shoulder to shoulder with you, and that we encourage you as you seek in the generosity and grace of Christ Jesus to revitalize the life and mission of your diocese for the sake of God’s Kingdom.

We rejoice in the mission and fellowship we share with you in this Church. And we pray for every blessing in Christ among you as we seek together to serve Christ and bring the gospel news to all people.

In Christ Jesus,

The House of Bishops
Kanuga Conference Center
North Carolina
Appendix B
Hendersonville, North Carolina

Preamble for Commitment and Core Values

We, the Bishops of the Episcopal Church gathered in our March 2009 meeting, call ourselves to the leadership and agreements expressed below as we move forward in the mission of the Church.

We seek to be a mission-minded Church as an expression of our core values encompassed in the Great Commandment, calling us to be a community of love in which all can find their place.

The Experience of General Convention
We, as bishops in community, will designate a time each day in which to share our faith in meaningful conversation with each other. We desire to pause for prayer, spiritual reflection, and discernment during the work of Convention, especially when we are engaged in more difficult and challenging conversations and decisions.

We recognize the usefulness of a variety of action tools, including legislation, continuing conversation, and consensus. We ask that the Convention determine the most timely and appropriate means of proceeding, recognizing the variety of tools available and the potential gain and consequence of each tool used. On sensitive issues, we will be willing to suspend the Rules of Order and go into discussion in smaller groups before proceeding.

We will be diligent in identifying those questions best served by technical response and those requiring adaptive work.

Commitments in Preparation for Convention
We will operate and speak from an experience of Communion within which we seek to discover the way forward in areas of disagreement.

We will encourage our deputations to be fully and broadly informed, to increase our capacity for deep listening (especially when engaged in difficult and discomforting debate and conversation), so that we, as a Convention and people of faith, can make the best decisions available to us at this time in our life.

We recognize our unique responsibility to guard the faith, unity and discipline of the Church while at the same time reaffirming that the House of Deputies and House of Bishops share a mutuality of governance, representing the whole of our Church.

We commit to be in dialogue with bishops and deputies who speak from a perspective different from our own, and to pray for the whole of the conversation at convention. We encourage our deputations to seek such conversation and prayers.
The Core Values

A review of the past covenants made by the House, conducted by the Pastoral Development Committee, reveals seven core values that are supported by observable behavior and are intended to serve us both when we are in session and out, as we strive to follow Christ and be faithful to the baptismal covenant and our ordination vows as bishops of God’s church:

1) ATTENDANCE, as demonstrated by full participation in meetings and worship. As the Body of Christ, all members are significant, the Body is diminished by the absence of some, and we have vowed to “share with [our] fellow bishops in the government of the whole Church” (BCP 518).

2) FULL AND INTENTIONAL INCORPORATION in the House, as demonstrated by engagement with the work of the College for Bishops and rotation of leadership in core and working groups during meetings of the House. “For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us; prophecy, in proportion to faith” (Rom 12:1ff). We have also promised to “share in the leadership of the Church” (BCP 517).

3) COLLEGIALITY, as demonstrated in our mutual respect for each other and our attention to how our individual and corporate actions affect the Church.

"But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it. (1Cor 12:24b-26)

"Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for bread, will give a stone? Or if the child asks for a fish, will give a snake? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good things to those who ask him! In everything do to others as you would have them do to you; for this is the law and the prophets. (Matt 7:9ff)

4) MUTUAL RESPECT, as demonstrated by respectful listening and talking, and increased attention to avoid mean-spiritedness, with appropriate confidentiality. To demonstrate EQUALITY IN COMMUNICATION in core and working groups as well as conversations in plenary sessions.

We have promised to “respect the dignity of every human being” and to “seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself” (BCP 305).

"Whoever becomes humble like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. (Matt 18:4)

5) COLLECTIVE WISDOM, as demonstrated in retaining materials that need further attention from one meeting to the next, and in learning from each other.
A bishop in God’s holy Church is called to be one with the apostles… You are called to guard the faith, unity, and discipline of the Church… With your fellow bishops you will share in the leadership of the Church. (BCP 517)

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit? I believe in … the communion of saints. (BCP 304)

6) DIRECTNESS IN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE COMMUNICATIONS, as demonstrated by a “check it out, talk it out” covenant.

Let your word be “Yes, Yes” or “No, No”; anything more than this comes from the evil one. (Mat 5:37)

For I fear that when I come, I may find you not as I wish, and that you may find me not as you wish; I fear that there may perhaps be quarreling, jealousy, anger, selfishness, slander, gossip, conceit, and disorder. (2 Cor 12:11)

Your joy will be to follow him who came, not to be served, but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many. (BCP 517)

7) ACCOUNTABILITY, as demonstrated in past work to involve conversation and prayer before moving toward controversial actions.

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord? (BCP 304)

Will you be faithful in prayer, and in the study of Holy Scripture, that you may have the mind of Christ? (BCP 518)

Are you persuaded that God has called you to the office of bishop? (BCP 517)
Dear Mr. President,

We, the bishops of The Episcopal Church, write to you with one voice to request that you extend Temporary Protected Status (TPS) to Haitians in the United States. This would, as you know, allow Haitians to live and work legally in this country until it is safe to return. They could also send some desperately needed money to their families in Haiti to help with reconstruction.

We know Haiti well, as it is the largest diocese of our Church. We have just added the founder of the Diocese of Haiti, Bishop James Theodore Holly, to our calendar of saints. Besides his extraordinary work that continues on from strength to strength, he was the first African-American bishop of The Episcopal Church.

Many of us, including our Presiding Bishop, the Most Reverend Katharine Jefferts Schori, have visited the country in recent months. The devastation visited upon that nation, both natural and political, is incalculable. Yet our nation’s policies concerning Haitians in the United States only make things even worse.

Last September, the Department of Homeland Security announced the extension of TPS to nationals from El Salvador, Honduras, and Nicaragua, countries also suffering from the effects of natural disasters. Haiti was conspicuously absent from that list, despite the fact that it meets all the political and environmental criteria. Your predecessor received a letter in February 2008 from Haiti’s President, René Préval, requesting that the United States extend TPS to Haitians in the United States. This request went unanswered. If these other nations qualify, certainly Haiti, which is in an even worse condition, should be at the top of list.

Instead, we continue to pursue punitive policies of detention, often in conditions that are shamefully unacceptable: lack of medical care, warehousing of families in prisons with criminals, lengthy stays in custody. Even worse, we continue to deport Haitians to a country in utter ruin, compounding that nation’s misery, and often condemning the deportees to a life even worse than they found in American custody.

At present, 30,000 such Haitians await deportation. We ask you, Mr. President, to intervene forcefully and effectively to reverse our present discriminatory policies and help Haitians in the United States live and work here temporarily, sending money home until Haiti can receive them back. We also request that your Administration throw its full support to the passage of H.R. 144, the Haitian Protection Act of 2009.

We unanimously resolved at our recent meeting of our House of Bishops to write to you, Mr. President, and ask that you end these immoral, discriminatory and irrational
policies toward Haitians and their country. At a time when our own nation faces dire economic conditions, it is unconscionable that we would export more misery to the poorest and weakest country in the western hemisphere.

We are well aware of the enormous challenges that you face, and we pledge you our support in bringing about healthy change in the United States and the world. Please know, Mr. President, that every day you and yours are in the prayers of Episcopalian in the United States and the other fifteen countries where our church exists.

Your servants in Christ,

The Bishops of the Episcopal Church
I have learned to be content with whatever I have. I know what it is to have little, and I know what it is to have plenty. In any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of being well fed and of going hungry, of having plenty and of being in need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

(Philippians 4:11b – 13)

As the House of Bishops gather at the Kanuga Camp and Conference Center for our annual Spring Retreat, we are mindful of the worsening financial crisis around us. We recognize there are no easy solutions for the problems we now face. In the United States there is a 30% reduction of overall wealth, a 26% reduction in home values and a budget deficit of unprecedented proportions. Unemployment currently hovers at over 8% and is estimated to top 10% by the end of the year. There are over 8 million homes in America that are in foreclosure. Consumer confidence is at a 50 year low.

Unparalleled corporate greed and irresponsibility, predatory lending practices, and rampant consumerism have amplified domestic and global economic injustice. The global impact is difficult to calculate, except that the poor will become poorer and our commitment to continue our work toward achieving the Millennium Development Goals by 2015 is at great risk. A specter of fear creeps not only across the United States, but also across the world, sometimes causing us as a people to ignore the Gospel imperative of self-sacrifice and generosity, as we scramble for self-preservation in a culture of scarcity.

The crisis is both economic and environmental. The drought that grips Texas, parts of the American South, California, Africa and Australia, the force of hurricanes that have wreaked so much havoc in the Caribbean, Central America and the Gulf Coast, the ice storm in Kentucky—these and other natural disasters related to climate change—result in massive joblessness, driving agricultural production costs up, and worsening global hunger. The wars nations wage over diminishing natural resources kill and debilitate not only those who fight in them, but also civilians, weakening families, and destroying the land. We as a people have failed to see this connection, compartmentalizing concerns so as to minimize them and continue to live without regard to the care of God’s creation and the stewardship of the earth’s resources that usher in a more just and peaceful world.

In this season of Lent, God calls us to repentance. We have too often been preoccupied as a Church with internal affairs and a narrow focus that has absorbed both our energy and interest and that of our Communion – to the exclusion of concern for the crisis of suffering both at home and abroad. We have often failed to speak a compelling word of commitment to economic justice. We have often failed to speak truth to power, to name the greed and consumerism that has pervaded our culture, and we have too often allowed the culture to define us instead of being formed by Gospel values.
While our commitment to the eradication of extreme poverty through the eight Millennium Development Goals moves us toward the standard of Christ’s teaching, we have nevertheless often fallen short of the transformation to which Christ calls us in our own lives in order to live more fully into the Gospel paradigm of God’s abundance for all.

Everyone is affected by the shrinking of the global economy. For some, this is a time of great loss—loss of employment, of homes, of a way of life. And for the most vulnerable, this “downturn” represents an emergency of catastrophic proportions. Like the Prodigal who comes to his senses and returns home, we as the people of God seek a new life. We recognize in this crisis an invitation into a deeper simplicity, a tightening of the belt, an expanded Lenten fast, and a broader generosity. God’s abundant mercy and forgiveness meet and embrace us, waiting to empower us through the Holy Spirit to face the coming days.

In a time of anxiety and fear the Holy Spirit invites us to hope. Anxiety, when voiced in community can be heard, blessed and transformed into energy and hope, but if ignored, swallowed or hidden, fear and anxiety can be corrosive and lead to despair. We Christians claim that joy and hope emerge for those who have the courage to endure suffering. In his letter to the Romans, St. Paul goes so far as to boast of his suffering, because “suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.” Our current crisis presents us with opportunities to learn from our brothers and sisters of faith in other parts of the world who have long been bearers of hope in the midst of even greater economic calamity.

We can also learn from our spiritual ancestors, who found themselves in an economic and existential crisis that endured for forty years – on their journey from Egypt to Israel. While they groaned in Egypt, they murmured at Sinai – at least at first. And then after their groaning, complaining and reverting to old comforts of idol worship, they were given Grace to learn and understand what the Lord wanted to teach them.

They learned that they needed the wilderness in order to recover their nerve and put their full trust in God—and to discover their God-given uniqueness, which had been rubbed away during their captivity in Egypt. They adopted some basic rules that enabled them to live in a community of free people rather than as captives or slaves – the God given Ten Commandments. And perhaps most importantly, our spiritual ancestors discovered that the wilderness is a unique place of God’s abundance and miracle, where water gushed out of a rock and manna appeared on the desert floor – food and drink miraculously provided by God.

As we go through our own wilderness, these spiritual ancestors also point the way to a deep and abiding hope. We can rediscover our uniqueness – which emerges from the conviction that our wealth is determined by what we give rather than what we own. We can re-discover manna – God’s extraordinary expression of abundance. Week by week –
in congregations and communities around the world, our common manna is placed before us in the Eucharist. Ordinary gifts of bread and wine are placed on the altar, and become for us the Body and Blood of Christ, which, when we receive them, draw us ever more deeply into the Paschal mystery of Christ’s death and resurrection.

As our risen Lord broke through the isolation of the disciples huddled in fear for their lives following his suffering and death, so too are we, the Body of Christ called to break through the loneliness and anxiety of this time, drawing people from their fears and isolation into the comforting embrace of God’s gathered community of hope. As disciples of the risen Christ we are given gifts for showing forth God’s gracious generosity and for finding blessing and abundance in what is hard and difficult. In this time the Holy Spirit is moving among us, sharing with us the vision of what is real and valued in God’s world. In a time such as this, Christ draws us deeper into our faith revealing to us that generosity breaks through distrust, paralysis and misinformation. Like our risen Lord, we, as his disciples are called to listen to the world’s pain and offer comfort and peace.

As we continue our Lenten journey together we place our hearts in the power of the Trinity. The God who created us is creating still and will not abandon us. The Incarnate Word, our Savior Jesus Christ, who in suffering, dying and rising for our sake, stands in solidarity with us, has promised to be with us to the end of the age. God the Holy Spirit, the very breath of God for us and in us, is our comforter, companion, inspiration and guide. In this is our hope, our joy and our peace.
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2010–2012

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August 2009

Dear Bishops and Deputies,

We are pleased to present the Budget for The Episcopal Church for the 2010-2012 Triennium, adopted by the 26th General Convention in Anaheim, California in July. In addition to the Budget, we include (1) a commentary of the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance (PB&F), (2) the Budget Priorities adopted by the General Convention and (3) the enabling Resolution.

The General Convention endorsed mission Budget Priorities calling for congregations and dioceses to work together to carry out God’s mission. The adopted Budget reflects these priorities. It also reflects a response to the voices heard at General Convention, through PB&F’s open hearings and the resolutions presented, that ministries in our church need to be carried out differently.

By Canon, the Budget is crafted and voted on by the General Convention, following hearings and the legislative process. The budgetary process itself begins, however, well before Convention, when staff from the Church Center and members of various Commissions, Committees, Agencies and Boards (CCABs) and the Executive Council work together to formulate a Draft Budget, which is then submitted to PB&F for review. PB&F presents a Proposed Budget to the General Convention for consideration and approval.

The Budget approved by the General Convention is prepared and approved well before the periods to which it applies. Changes in available income from investments and dioceses may occur throughout the triennium. Thus, each year during the triennium, a revised Annual Budget, based on the Budget approved by the Convention, is proposed, reviewed and approved by the Executive Council.

The Finance Office provides accurate and timely reports to the church. Annual Budgets, monthly financial statements and annual audited statements are available on the church’s web site at .http://episcopalchurch.org/finance. Your comments are always invited and welcomed.

The 76th General Convention endorsed a Budget whose focus is mission. By approving the Budget, each deputation accepted responsibility to work diligently to ensure that
their diocese will meet, exceed or make significant efforts to strive toward meeting the full Asking so that the mission of the church can continue.

God’s peace to all of us.

Pan Adams-McCaslin, Chair
Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance

N. Kurt Barnes, Treasurer
General Convention
Hope. Mission. Accountability. Transparency. Honesty. Giving to others first and then to ourselves, last. In this General Convention, we were privileged to hear the passion behind these aspirations from many members of our church in the Open Hearings on Priorities, Spending and Funding. They provided the framework for the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance’s (PB&F) efforts to respond creatively to the impact of economic conditions and changing patterns of diocesan giving on the anticipated revenue for the Budget for The Episcopal Church (the Budget). PB&F is deeply grateful for the prayers and understanding from members of both Houses of the Convention that supported us as we deliberated.

For each new challenge there is a new opportunity. The economic environment and its effects on the financial resources available to the Budget for the next triennium call the church to take a very close look at all that we do, how and where we do it, whether or not certain activities should continue, and how programs might be done more effectively by a network of service organizations. This work was hard and, more often than not, painful.

As a joint committee of the Convention, we present this Budget for 2010-2012 which embodies what we learned from you and from one another in the process. At the outset, we are mindful that the Budget is only one tool that supports the mission and ministries of The Episcopal Church.

The proposed Budget embodies changes we prayerfully considered. These changes reflect how we, as a church, can give to others in more efficient and effective ways as we go forward. We want to be very clear that where budgets have been reduced for organization and programs, the proposed changes are not value statements about the quality or importance of the ministries or work being done by dedicated staff and volunteers. Rather, they reflect PB&F’s crafting of a new look at what The Episcopal Church should be doing now for (and with) our dioceses, congregations, and members to enable their own missions and ministries more effectively.

PB&F was mindful of the Priorities embraced and adopted by this Convention. The 0.7% line item for the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) was restored as they are clearly a focal point for mission and ministry at the diocesan and congregational level. You told us again and again that supporting the MDGs makes a statement to the world about who we are as a church revitalized.

You will see that there is also a 0.7% allocation that addresses issues of domestic poverty in the Americas through line items for Jubilee Ministries. There is seed money
for expansion of outreach to Hispanic/Latino communities and funding for ministry materials for children. This Budget contains $200,000 to assist in debt relief for seminarians.

The inclusion of $3 million during the next triennium for legal Assistance to Dioceses is an amount less than was spent during the current triennium to support Episcopal dioceses in reorganization that need to protect themselves against the loss of their property. We emphasize that this is an estimate based on similar expenses to date and is intended to provide funds to further the successful measures taken to protect assets of dioceses valued at hundreds of millions of dollars. As with any estimate, it may be over or under the actual expenses that will be incurred in the coming triennium.

Legal Expenses for Title IV were reduced from the Draft Budget. Some provision was made to repay part of the $37 million debt on The Episcopal Church Center renovation.

PB&F responded to requests to reduce the diocesan Asking in two ways: (1) to particularly assist smaller dioceses, an increase was made in the standard exemption from $100,000 to $120,000 across the triennium; and (2) to assist other dioceses, the percentage of the Asking was reduced to 20% in 2011 and to 19% in 2012. The Asking will remain at 21% for 2010. By taking these steps, we hope more dioceses will strive to make their commitments to the Budget at (or as near to) the full Asking as they possibly can.

The message PB&F heard from you was that some out-of-the-box thinking is called for. To encourage Committees, Commissions, Agencies and Boards (CCABs) to become more efficient and to conduct meetings electronically rather than in person, the “First Meeting” of CCABs in Chicago from November 27-29, 2009 will provide hands-on computer training for online meetings. Travel budgets for CCABs in 2010 were greatly reduced so that they will meet in 2010 using online technology and conference calls. In addition to the First Meeting, most CCABs have funding for two face-to-face meetings during the triennium. A “First Meeting” has not been funded in the Budget for 2012.

The church can no longer sustain a 10-day General Convention. PB&F proposes a substantially reduced budget for the 77th Convention and requests that the Joint Standing Committee on Planning and Arrangements recommend to the Executive Council that the next General Convention be reduced by at least two days. The Blue Book and other Convention documents will now be provided online only. We propose a 77th Convention that is as paperless as possible.

Finally, the columns for 2011 and 2012 have a grey background. This has been done to highlight the budget amounts for those years that are subject to adjustment as the triennium progresses. In particular, PB&F expects that increased accountability and oversight will result in adjustments to the annual budgets over the triennium.

PB&F worked diligently, holding before ourselves the Priorities that deputies and bishops adopted. We debated, prayed, thought creatively, struggled and voted to bring
a balanced Budget to you. The members of the Committee all feel privileged to serve the Convention and the Lord through our work and believe that this Budget is responsive to the Gospel, the voice of the Convention and the economic realities of our time. We pray that it will enable our church to be an even greater blessing for the world.

Pan Adams-McCaslin, *Chair*  
Deputy from Arkansas

Andrew D. Smith, *Vice-Chair*  
Bishop of Connecticut
PRIORITIES

The 76th General Convention adopted the following priorities to guide the work of the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget & Finance and to inform the entire church of where we will engage mission in the forthcoming triennium. We understand these as priorities for the ministry of The Episcopal Church, and in the spirit of *Ubuntu*, not as priorities one over another. All are essential and of equal value, and should be received with a “both/and” rather than an “either/or” spirit as together they engage and empower the communicants, congregations and dioceses of this church in common ministries that serve God’s mission. Our hope and prayer is that these mission funding priorities will excite and energize all members of our church as have those adopted by the 75th General Convention – that the heartbeat of our Episcopal Church will forever be “mission, mission, mission.”

❖ Networking the members of the Body of Christ
   a. Establishing and supporting collaborative efforts within and among dioceses and congregations to promote vibrant ministry in service to God’s mission
   b. Structuring healthy relationships with overseas dioceses of The Episcopal Church and those Anglican provinces historically related to The Episcopal Church, clarifying commitments with firm timelines and establishing necessary accountability
   c. Promoting partnerships with other dioceses and churches of the Anglican Communion, encouraging multi-diocese mission efforts that reduce redundancy and enhance relationships both domestic and foreign
   d. Advancing ecumenical relationships and collaborations

❖ Alleviating Poverty and Injustice
   a. Inspiring and modeling a genuine commitment to the United Nations’ Millennium Development Goals
   b. Addressing, domestically and abroad, the challenges and consequences of a failing global economy
   c. Advocating for and working to provide education, healthcare, employment, housing, and equal rights for all of God’s beloved
   d. Promoting environmental sustainability and stewardship of creation

❖ Claiming our Identity
   a. Exploring and discovering who we are as The Episcopal Church, within the comprehensive reality of our complex culture and in relationship to others
   b. Educating about Episcopal Church governance and polity, forming at all ages our Christian, Episcopal, and Anglican identity
   c. Telling Christ’s story and our story, utilizing current technology and a vibrant contemporary communications network
Growing Congregations and the Next Generations of Faith
a. Establishing lifelong Christian formation throughout the church, with specific support of youth and young adults
b. Making evangelists of all communicants
c. Teaching and developing the spiritual discipline of giving
d. Providing discernment and formation of lay and ordained ministries
e. Supporting congregational vitality and development, with particular attention to immigrant, indigenous, and underserved populations

Strengthening Governance and Foundations for Ministry
a. Inspiring and developing sound leadership at all levels of the church
b. Moving from programmatic structures to ministry networks
c. Collaborating with seminaries and dioceses to restructure and retool theological education for a changing church
d. Reviewing provincial and diocesan configurations and composition
e. Assuring standards of accountability and measurement of outcome
f. Providing legal and operational support for dioceses in transition or litigation

Footnote: The United Nations Millennium Development Goals are:
- Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger
- Achieve universal primary education
- Promote gender equality and empower women
- Reduce child mortality
- Improve material health
- Combat HIV/AIDS, malaria, and other diseases
- Ensure environmental sustainability
- Develop a global partnership for development
OVERVIEW OF THE APPROVED BUDGET

Proposed revenue for 2010-2012 is $141,271,984. Figure 1 illustrates total revenue and sources.

Figure 1 – DFMS 2010-2012 Budget Revenues

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<td>Diocesan Commitments</td>
<td>56%</td>
<td>28,333,000</td>
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<td>EMM Government Revenue</td>
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<td>Other Income</td>
<td>8%</td>
<td>3,340,245</td>
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<td>Total Proposed Revenue</td>
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<td>49,284,373</td>
<td>46,841,388</td>
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Figure 2 captures the expenses for The Episcopal Church for the next three years by category.

Figure 2 – DFMS 2010-2012 Budget Expenses

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<td>Canonical</td>
<td>16%</td>
<td>6,984,630</td>
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<td>Program</td>
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<td>Corporate</td>
<td>22%</td>
<td>10,360,457</td>
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<td>Total Proposed Expenses</td>
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<td>46,132,681</td>
<td>45,975,638</td>
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DETAILS OF REVENUE FOR 2010–2012

DIOCESAN COMMITMENTS

Diocesan Commitments constitute 56% of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society’s (DFMS) projected income for the 2010–2012 triennium cycle and represent 66% of the non-governmental portion of that income stream. These commitments are the primary source of DFMS program support. They are also among the most volatile and difficult to predict due to economic conditions nationally, localized issues at the Diocesan level, and reactions to General Convention and DFMS policies.

DFMS commitments are based on 21%, 20% and 19% in the years 2010, 2011 and 2012 respectively of each Diocese’s operating income, after a flat $120,000 deduction, and calculated on a two-year trailing basis (e.g., 2010 DFMS Asking will be based on 2008 actually reported individual Diocesan income). Actual Diocesan Commitment receipts for the 100 U.S. dioceses for the first year of the last two triennia (2003 and 2006) and the most recent full year (2008) were as follows:

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<td>Over 21%</td>
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As of July 9, for 2009, 34 Dioceses have pledged at the 21% or higher level (down from 2005); 27 are giving between 10 and 20% of income; 22 are giving between 1 and 9%; 22 others are giving but have provided no Diocesan income information to the DFMS. (See Appendix B)

INVESTMENT INCOME

The second most significant source of DFMS income, at 19% of total projected revenues, investment income consists principally of an annual dividend “draw” or “payout” from trust funds that are collectively invested. At year end 2008, the DFMS benefited from dividends on trust funds valued at $10.1 million of the total $238 million of assets invested.

The draw or payout is based on a five year rolling average of the market value of the portfolio, thus smoothing out investment returns for the purposes of a stable source of revenue. For the 2007-2009 triennium a 5.0% annual draw was in place; for the next triennium Executive Council recommended that the rate be 5.5% annually. Investment markets worldwide declined dramatically during 2008. The DFMS portfolio suffered a
32.6% loss before fees, slightly lagging its benchmark portfolio by 1.4%. While the losses during 2008 were distressing, we remain confident that active management of the portfolio is preferable to passive index funds. Over the past three, five and ten years, the portfolio has outperformed its custom passive benchmark.

During 2008, 9 new trusts were opened, adding nearly $2,141,958 in assets.

**DFMS Portfolio 2004–2008 (Year-End Market Value)**

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<td>2008</td>
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Five Year Average $306 million

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The investment performance of the portfolio is closely monitored and compared to similarly oriented endowment funds and to a custom benchmark unique to DFMS. For the 2010–2012 triennium the objective of the fund is to achieve an annual return of 8.5%. Inflation, fees and expenses are estimated at 3.0% collectively, leaving 5.5% available for the annual payout.

**DFMS Gross Investment Returns**

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<td>2008</td>
<td>8.5%</td>
<td>-31.2%</td>
<td>-32.6%</td>
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<td>Last 3 Yrs</td>
<td>8.5%</td>
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<td>-4.2%</td>
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<td>Last 5 Yrs</td>
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In addition to the Trust Fund portfolio, the DFMS enjoys some $750,000 dollars annually in interest income from aggressive cash management activities, Economic Justice Loan funds, a minority bank deposit program, and other non-endowment activities that are typically invested in conservative fixed income securities with a two-to five-year maturity.

**Other Income**

The DFMS enjoys several smaller sources of revenue including Government Grants in support of Episcopal Migration Ministries, the Episcopal Life publication and the Episcopal Books and Resources.
### Other Income

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### Episcopal Life

Episcopal Life costs are subsidized by revenues earned from advertising and subscription sales.

### Government Grants

Episcopal Migration Ministries (the refugee resettlement program) is primarily supported by federal government contracts, principally from the Reception and Placement Program funded by the State Department and the Department of Health and Human Services Matching Grant Program. DFMS and affiliated organizations resettle an estimated 2,500 refugees per year through the Reception and Placement Program, and 950 refugees per year will qualify for participation in the Matching Grant Program. After withholding amounts necessary to cover administrative costs, these funds are passed to dioceses to fund local programs.

### Episcopal Books and Resources

Episcopal Books and Resources costs are largely subsidized through online and telephone sales of affordable, high-quality publications and other merchandise that has a primarily Anglican/Episcopal focus and context.

### Rental Income

A byproduct of the extensive renovations/asbestos abatement/redesign of The Episcopal Church Center building at 815 Second Avenue in New York City is the rental of 2 ½ floors of prime space in the reconfigured building. Nearly $950,000 annually has been projected in gross rental income from this stream of revenue.
EXPENSE DETAILS FOR THE 2010–2012 TRIENNIAL

EXPENSES

For purposes of this presentation of the Budget for the 2010–2012 triennium and for the enabling Resolution (2009–D067), expenses are divided into the three portions identified in Canons I.4.6 (b) and (c): Canonical, Corporate and Program.

The Canonical portion provides for the expenses of the General Convention, the Presiding Bishop, the President of the House of Deputies, the Executive Council, and Committees, Commissions, Agencies and Boards. The Program portion provides support for the mission and ministry of the church and Communication. The Corporate portion provides administrative support of the Domestic & Foreign Missionary Society offices. While it is through the Program and Canonical portions of the Budget that The Episcopal Church carries out the mission and ministry adopted by General Conventions, it is through the corporate portion that such efforts obtain the administrative support so necessary for its day-to-day mission.

CONTRIBUTED SERVICES ¹,²

Eight agencies are currently housed at The Episcopal Church Center. Most of the organizations have been housed there for 30 years or more; but only ERD is directly included in the budget of the DFMS.

- Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD)
- Anglican UN Observer
- CUAC / Int. Partnerships for Learning
- Episcopal Church Building Fund
- Episcopal Church Foundation
- National Association of Episcopal Schools
- Church Periodical Society and Prayer Book Society
- Episcopal Church Book Society

The total amount of these contributed services budgeted for the 2010–2012 triennium is $4,889,867.

¹ For Agencies that are not part of the DFMS budget: Postage and billable telephone costs plus IT services are charged and recovered from the non-DFMS agencies. Other costs such as utilities, mail services and telecommunications are allocated based on square footage of space occupied. Executive Council decided to forgive expenses incurred by Anglican UN Observer.

² For ERD, which receives direct support from the DFMS budget: The cost of utilities, mail services and telecommunications are allocated based on square footage of space occupied. The cost of staff services is allocated based on the number of employees.
SUMMARY OF ACTIONS

NEW/INCREASED FUNDING

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BUDGET PLAN DESCRIPTION:

We offer an intentionally different model for the 2010–2012 Triennium Budget in order to initiate a change in the way we do the Budget at General Convention. Rather than building a balanced budget with greatly lessened revenue by removing resources from programs until the program is no longer viable, we look for strategic means of funding the work of the church by making better informed choices.

The intent and goal of this budget format is to make the most responsible and informed budget decisions to achieve greater accountability over the triennium for both the spending and funding portions of the budget and to assure a meaningful and productive link between stewardship and mission.

CORPORATE/CANONICAL

- Reviewed, evaluated and adjusted areas within its charge to improve effectiveness, accountability and efficiency of the organizations that are corporate or canonical
- Re-enforced awareness that “business-as-usual” must be replaced by innovative methods of carrying out mission and ministry through modern technology

PROGRAM/MISSION

- Reviewed mission programs, initiatives and funding in a time of reduced resources
- Identified mission areas that could be better performed at a diocesan or congregational level – the concept of subsidiarity.
FUNDING SECTION REPORT

The Open Hearing on Funding was held on July 10, 2009. The format chosen—public narrative—employed small group conversation in order to discover additional methods and options for funding the Budget for The Episcopal Church. To that end, more than 95 witnesses, Committee members, and staff participated in the process (nearly a dozen media representatives attended). Three questions were used to structure the discussions. They were:

• What is your perception and experience of the current funding formula?
• What questions do you have about the funding formula?
• What thoughts and ideas do you have about it?

The results shared with the entire group were wide-ranging and included a variety of insights, recommendations and suggestions. These are some of the topics addressed:

Funding formula questions: genesis, nature of formula mandatory or non-mandatory, how long The Episcopal Church has used this formula

Increased transparency: where does the money go, what critical difference does it make, longing to identify with the ministries that are represented by mission dollars

Sustainability issues: wisdom of using the same formula when dioceses may not be able to provide at the asking level, issues of small dioceses and small congregations being unable to contribute at the requested level

Relationship challenges: Communicating and interpreting the work of The Episcopal Church to dioceses and congregations so that they are aware of (and see themselves as participating in) these ministry efforts. People must feel connected to the ministry stories to be able to give of their resources, prayers, and themselves, and to feel that we are working together. There is a need to increase awareness of the co-ownership of the mission of the church.

Subsidiarity: How does the church figure out who does what, how can we avoid duplication of efforts, how can we engender a sense of co-ownership in our work.

Change: Embracing change in tough times to be able to spread the Gospel message. Different budgeting techniques might be explored including using 6-9 year budget projections, zero based budgeting, increasing stewardship awareness and making persons aware of how resources developed by The Episcopal Church help extend ministry beyond the congregation.

Time was also allotted for individual testimony, sharing stories of hope for the future, but echoing the reality that these are different times that call for different responses. The Committee is grateful for the opportunity to listen to the church and for the time and energy of those who participated in the Hearing.
BRINGING THE BUDGET HOME

Deputies are required to communicate the results of General Convention to their dioceses and each diocese is required to provide a forum for Deputies to report (Canon I.4.b, c). Now, more than ever, it is imperative that Deputies shoulder the responsibility to communicate and interpret the results of General Convention to convey The Budget for The Episcopal Church that will enable Mission and Ministry for the coming Triennium. The following are some suggested guidelines to assist you in talking about the Budget:

• Remind your diocese that the Budget is a response to God’s call to us to meet the needs of a hurting world

• Talk about the Mission Priorities and their use as a lens to identify focus areas for funding

• Connect amounts of money with the ministry. Say more than “Education was allotted “x” dollars”. Talk about what Resolution or work is reflected in the allocated amount. If you are able, talk about how this will enhance your local ministry work. Tell the stories!

• Identify programs and ministries that extend and stretch our understanding of how God calls us to respond.

• Share a surprise you experienced when looking at the diverse ministries and the church’s response

• Draw people’s attention to international work and ministries that are done on behalf of all of us by The Episcopal Church.

• Remind people that even though the current times impose fiscal constrains, we (as The Episcopal Church) have found concrete ways to respond.

• Help people understand that only by working together, at every mission intersection in the church, can we fully model God’s love to the needs of the world.
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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Included in the Budget booklet is additional information to facilitate your understanding of the budget process and your personal role in helping the church move forward in funding mission:

• a comparison of the projected income and expenses of the current triennium with the revenue and expenses projected for 2010-2012. Columns on that report show the “2010-2012 Total,” the “2010-2012 EC (Executive Council) Total,” and the percent difference (“Proposed vs. EC Draft.”)
• the enabling Resolution for funding (Funding Resolution) D-067
• a table showing the status of every Resolution that has funding implications
• a table of the diocesan commitments to the Budget for 2009

After the General Convention has acted on the Budget, the final budget document will be sent to deputies and bishops. It will also be available on The Episcopal Church website, www.episcopalchurch.org/finance. We hope that having this information in both forms will be helpful as you educate and explain the Budget to the leaders and decision-makers in your diocese as well as to the members of your congregations.

The work of the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget & Finance is facilitated by Episcopal Church Center staff including Mr. N. Kurt Barnes, Treasurer of the General Convention and Chief Financial Officer of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society and his staff, Amb. Linda E Watt, Chief Operating Officer, and the chair and vice-chair of the Administration and Finance Committee of Executive Council, Josephine Hicks and the Rt. Rev. Jon Bruno.

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# Line Item Budget for the 2010-2012 Triennium

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| **331** Collaborative Resources | **-** |
| **332** Church wide training resources | **-** |
| **333** General Convention Mandates | **-** |
| **334** Other Costs | **303,438** |

**Evangelism & Congregational Life Center**

| **335** Staff Cost | **525,495** |
| **336** Other Costs | **67,375** |

**Direction & Administration**

| **337** Staff Cost | **1,777,480** |
| **338** Other Costs | **104,001** |

**Anglican Communion**

| **339** Staff Cost | **1,774,480** |
| **340** Other Costs | **104,001** |

**Diocesan Services**

| **341** Staff Cost | **385,631** |
| **342** Other Costs | **104,001** |

**Ecumenical & Interfaith**

| **343** Staff Cost | **1,167,163** |
| **344** Other Costs | **104,001** |

**Grants & Covenants**

| **345** Staff Cost | **182,693** |
| **346** Other Costs | **104,001** |

**Overseas Covenants**

| **347** Staff Cost | **385,631** |
| **348** Other Costs | **104,001** |

**Partnerships Center**

| **349** Staff Cost | **972,659** |
| **350** Other Costs | **104,001** |

**Direction & Administration**

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**Anglican Communion Total**

| **353** Staff Cost | **5,641,356** |
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**Diocesan Services Total**

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- 26,500

### On-premise System/Gateways equipment
- 20,000

### SIP channel trunks
- 9,600

### Toll-free inbound and VoIP
- 32,692

### New VoIP-required licenses
- 22,000

### Phones (40 in 2009) (160 in 2010)
- 27,300

### Other Costs
- 474,735

### Technology Total
- 3,572,778

### Administration Total
- 17,738,970

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### Subtotal Contributed Services
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### Rent not Charged to Agencies
- 1,428,990

### Total Contributed Services and Rent Foregone
- 1,607,188
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the Budget for The Episcopal Church for the next triennium be adopted as set forth:

1.0 The Budget for The Episcopal Church for the period January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2012, which shall be a unified budget including Canonical, Corporate, and Program (mission) portions, is adopted at a total of $141,271,984.00.

1.1. The Canonical portion, providing for the contingent expenses of the General Convention, the stipend of the Presiding Bishop and the expenses of that office, the expenses of the President of the House of Deputies, and Church Pension Fund assessments is adopted at a total of $23,224,447.00 as follows:

For the year 2010 $ 6,984,630.00
For the year 2011 $ 7,110,068.00
For the year 2012 $ 9,129,748.00

1.2. The Corporate portion, providing for the requirements for the administrative support of the Domestic & Foreign Missionary Society offices, is adopted at a total of $30,824,297.00 as follows:

For the year 2010 $ 10,360,457.00
For the year 2011 $ 10,129,112.00
For the year 2012 $ 10,334,729.00

1.3. The Program (Mission) portion, providing for support for the mission and ministry (restricted and unrestricted) of the church, is adopted at a total of $86,807,787.00 as follows:

For the year 2010 $ 28,787,593.00
For the year 2011 $ 28,736,457.00
For the year 2012 $ 29,283,736.00
2.0 The funding policy for the period January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2012 is adopted, based on a single Asking of the dioceses. After a $120,000 exemption from total income, a single asking shall be applied at the rates of 21% for 2010, 20% for 2011 and 19% for 2012 of the balance of income to the diocese, reported in the diocesan financial statements for the year two years prior to the year to which the pledge is applied [e.g. 2010 Asking is to be based on 2008 actual income figures]. “Income” includes (1) all congregational giving to the diocese, (2) all unrestricted investment and endowment income to the diocese, (3) restricted investment and endowment income to the diocese which covers costs in the operating budget, and (4) other earnings from investments or enterprises. It is intended that income shall include revenues that fund normal operating and program expenses of the dioceses. It is not intended to include pass-through income that is used for expenses for programming that are simply administered by the dioceses, or that would not be otherwise funded by contributions from parishes or out of investment income.

2.1. We rejoice with dioceses that have moved toward, and those that give at and above 21%. Such giving creates a strong financial basis for vital mission and witness of The Episcopal Church. We encourage all our dioceses to adopt the full Asking; then we could allocate an additional 6 million dollars each year toward fulfilling the mission priorities which we have embraced in this 76th General Convention.

2.2. For the budgetary period income from diocesan commitments, totaling $79,162,193 is anticipated as follows:

For the year 2010 $ 28,333,000
For the year 2011 $ 26,374,340
For the year 2012 $ 24,454,853

2.3. For the budgetary period 2010-2012, payment by the dioceses of the Asking shall be made in twelve equal monthly payments.

2.4. All additional income, other than from the Asking of the dioceses, totaling $62,109,791 is projected as follows:

For the year 2010 $ 20,952,373
For the year 2011 $ 20,467,048
For the year 2012 $ 20,691,370

2.5. A General Ordination fee is hereby authorized, which fees shall be added to the funding from dioceses and applied to the expenses of examination as appropriated in the budget. A candidate for Holy Orders eligible for examination and so certified by the diocesan bishop shall not be disqualified for examination because the fee has not been paid.
2.6. General Convention registration and exhibitors fees are hereby authorized, which fees shall be added to the funding from dioceses and applied to the expenses of the 2012 General Convention, and for no other purpose.

3.0 In the exercise of their respective authorities, the Executive Council of the General Convention and the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance shall be subject to the following policies:

3.1. Each year, the Executive Council, with the advice of the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance, shall adjust the budget to the assured income of the Executive Council so as to carry out the Budget for The Episcopal Church for that year on a balanced budget basis.

3.2. The fiscal year shall begin January 1.

3.3. If, in any year, the total anticipated income for budget support is less than the amount required to support the budget approved by the General Convention, the Canonical portion of the Budget for The Episcopal Church shall have funding priority over all other budget areas.

3.4. Undesignated bequests and legacies received during the budgetary period shall be set aside in the general endowment fund of which only the income shall be used for the general purposes of the Society.

3.5. Designated bequests and legacies received during the budgetary period shall be set aside in specific funds of which only the income shall be used for the purposes so designated.

3.6. Each Committee, Commission, Agency and Board (CCAB) proposing to the General Convention any Resolution with funding implications shall present to the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance a detailed budget in support of its plan(s), including cost estimates from contractors and suppliers for all goods and services, but not later than six months before the opening day of the General Convention.

3.7. Subsequent editions of the Report and Proposal of the Presiding Bishop and Executive Council to the General Convention contain the following information for each year of the preceding triennium:

• A description of the actual income and expenditures of the DFMS, relating the expenditures to the church’s priorities with accompanying narrative
• Endowment balance and total investment return, with accompanying narrative
• Posting of this report on The Episcopal Church website when it is released to the Bishops and Deputies
### Diocesan Commitments

(updated as of 08/13/09)

For 2008 Budget

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The pledges of seven dioceses exceeded the 21% asking in 2008. We are grateful to the dioceses of Alaska, Connecticut, Idaho, Nevada, New Jersey, Southern Ohio and Western New York for their leadership.

If every diocese in the domestic U.S. contributed at the 21% asking rate, the potential additional revenue that would be available for the Church's mission would exceed $6.5 million annually.

Several dioceses have not provided their Diocesan Reports. Their income is recorded as "n/a" and their pledge rates are not calculable.

### Resolution Tracking Chart

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<td>Mission Funding Office</td>
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<td>Evangelistic Opportunities of General Convention</td>
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<td>Ordained Ministry Student Support</td>
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<td>SC Ministry Development Budget</td>
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<td>Establish SC on Science, Technology &amp; Faith and SC on Eradication of Racism</td>
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<td>109,200</td>
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<td>Maintained as committees of Executive Council, lines 132 &amp; 133.</td>
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<td>60,000</td>
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<td>Increase block grants to Alaska, Navajoland, ND and SD by 25%; maintain Off of Native Ministries budget</td>
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<td>Budgetary Funding Task Force</td>
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<td>Translate TEC Website</td>
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<td>Cut CCABs by 50%; increase Mission Program</td>
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BUDGET NARRATIVE – EXPENDITURES

PRESIDING BISHOP'S OFFICE

Office of the Presiding Bishop
This office supports the ministry of the Presiding Bishop in administration, communication and pastoral ministry. It oversees General Convention initiatives and policies; the ecumenical initiatives and relationships; and pastoral relationships with the bishops of The Episcopal Church. The office plans and coordinates the visits of the Presiding Bishop; plans all meetings of the House of Bishops; and oversees the processes of election and consecration of bishops. The office has responsibility for Title IV measures involving bishops and the preservation of the legacy of The Episcopal Church in instances where bishops have sought to remove dioceses from the church. In the most recent triennium, pastoral support to bishops has included coordination of renewal efforts in dioceses that have experienced the departure of former leaders, including bishops. The office retains oversight responsibilities for the Convocation of American (Episcopal) Churches in Europe, and the Church in Micronesia, as well as the Office of the Bishop for Chaplaincies.

House of Bishops
Expenses here support the work of the annual Interim and Special Committee meetings of the House, as well as providing additional support to special subcommittees, such as the Theology Committee and the Spouse Planning Group.

Chief Operating Officer
Assisting the Presiding Bishop in her role as Chief Executive Officer, the Chief Operating Officer oversees the staff of The Episcopal Church Center and coordinates the work of mission program, communication, finance and administration. The Chief Operating Officer is the principal implementer of the vision of the mission and ministry of the Church Center as established by the General Convention and works under the direction of the Presiding Bishop.

Office of Pastoral Development
This Office supports the Presiding Bishop and House of Bishops in Episcopal formation and development through the College for Bishops. This includes the canonically-mandated formation program for new bishops and continuing education at each meeting of the House, as well as the pastoral care of bishops, their families and diocesan systems, direction support for dioceses and nominees in Episcopal elections, vocational assessment, training and deployment of bishops. This Office also offers mediation work in Title IV disciplinary canons, giving attention to complaints and formal charges against bishops, with the goal of satisfactorily addressing the complaint so as to avoid an ecclesiastical trial.
Title IV & Legal Support of Dioceses
These expenses are related to property litigation and disciplinary situations, as well as legal assistance to dioceses. Fundamentally, this activity concerns the preservation and ongoing stewardship of our heritage and resources, both financial and structural.

GENERAL CONVENTION

Committees, Commissions, Agencies and Boards
The CCABs study issues mandated to them by the Canons or referred to them by the General Convention and make recommendations to Convention, reporting in the Blue Book to all bishops and deputies.

General Convention - Site & Facilities
The General Convention is the legislative body of The Episcopal Church, consisting of the House of Deputies (with about 800 members—up to four clergy and four lay persons from every diocese) and the House of Bishops (with nearly 300 active and retired bishops). The Convention meets every three years in legislative session. Its powers are established by the first article of the church’s Constitution. The Houses meet and act separately, and both must concur in order to adopt legislation. Although bishops and deputations pay their own travel and lodging expenses, the planning, administrative, security and facilities costs are borne by this budget.

General Convention Publications
Several print and online documents are associated with the General Convention, including The Summary of Actions; the Bishop & Deputy Handbook; the Blue Book; and the Budget.

General Convention Secretariat
Staff is available in three on-site Secretariat offices (General Convention; House of Deputies; House of Bishops) to provide assistance during each General Convention.

Executive Council
The Executive Council is the principal entity among the Committees, Commissions, Agencies and Boards (CCABs). It includes a total of thirty-eight elected representatives who serve for staggered six-year terms: two persons elected from each of the church’s nine provinces, twenty people elected at large by the General Convention, and five ex officio members, including the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies. The Council meets three times a year and has charge of the coordination, development and implementation of the ministry and mission of the church.

House of Deputies
The President of the House of Deputies appoints all the lay and clergy members and serves as a member ex officio of all Committees, Commissions, Agencies and Boards. The incumbent shares leadership of the Executive Council, appoints legislative committees, represents The Episcopal Church in various Anglican and ecumenical capacities,
coordinates planning for the business of the House and presides over it during the General Convention.

Office of the General Convention (GCO)
This office undertakes the planning, logistical arrangements and staff support for the triennial Convention gatherings, the thrice-yearly Executive Council meetings and the meetings and work of the Committees, Commissions, Agencies and Boards. It handles production of the reports to the General Convention (known as the “Blue Book”) and the Journal and the updated Constitution and Canons issued after each Convention. Through the Director of Research, the GCO undertakes the collection, publication and analysis of annual Parochial Report and Diocesan Report data. The GCO is implementing new systems for online publishing, online meetings and communications for CCABs and redesigning the legislative support software to provide greater efficiency in the next triennium. The GCO also works closely with the President of the House of Deputies and provides staff and logistical services where required.

Archives
The Archives of The Episcopal Church is the national repository for documentation on the church, related Anglican organizations and individual Episcopalians. Through its main research office in Austin, Texas, a records management office at The Episcopal Church Center in New York and a digital archives repository for online access to principal documents of the General Convention, the Executive Council and other key archival resources, the Archives seeks to preserve and make available evidence of the historic and contemporary ministry of the church.

The work of the Archives with individuals, congregations and other organizations supports each mission priority; but especially Reconciliation and Evangelism, Congregational Transformation and Justice and Peace as it assists individuals, congregations, dioceses and other organizations that inquire about their Episcopal identity and work.

General Board of Examining Chaplains
The General Board of Examining Chaplains, elected by the General Convention and responsible to the House of Bishops, consists of four bishops, six clergy with pastoral cures, six members of seminary faculties and six lay persons. Its work, defined by Canon III.15, is primarily the annual administration of the General Ordination Examination, administered to seminary seniors and others pursuing Holy Orders, who are nominated by the bishops of the dioceses. The GBEC collaborates as needed with other General Convention groups devoted to the development and support of ordained ministry.

MISSION COORDINATION

Mission Direction
This office supports and articulates the mission of The Episcopal Church and the programs of the four Mission Centers through print resources, digital communication and multimedia, conferences and visits to congregations, dioceses and provincial
gatherings. The office leads the development and maintenance of a user-friendly, dynamic web site for the program areas of the church.

MISSION FUNDING

Development Office
The Mission Funding Initiative was created to develop additional financial resources from major donors in further support of the church’s mission priorities. Five funding areas have been identified and, together, they seek to assist the church to serve as an effective agent for evangelism, reconciliation, education and transformation. The Funds are: Congregational Development; Leadership in Ministry; Communications; Spiritual Enrichment; and Global Ministry.

Additionally, Mission Funding is undertaking fundraising for the Archives, the St. Ives Fund for legal defense and an on-line giving engine.

ADVOCACY CENTER

The Advocacy Center, based in the Office of Government Relations in Washington, D.C., New York and Seattle, addresses the Gospel directive for people to love their neighbors as themselves. The offices educate, motivate, organize and empower Episcopalians to action for justice, peace and care for all of God’s creation. The work of the offices encompasses all of the budget priorities by:

• Providing training, resources and action to promote a church without racism;
• Providing grants or loans to organizations and networks that serve and empower the poor and marginalized;
• Using its grassroots, Episcopal networks and policy expertise to advocate nationally and locally on issues of justice;
• Working with other religious denominations and partners to address issues of domestic poverty, health care, civil rights, the environment, the Millennium Development Goals, immigration and refugees, HIV/AIDS and international debt relief;
• Supporting peacemaking in areas of conflict worldwide;
• Advocating full equality for women and girls; and
• Monitoring the church's efforts to be socially responsible in the investment of its financial assets.

Direction & Administration
This office coordinates the work of the Advocacy Center, particularly between programs based in New York and Washington, D.C. (Office of Government Relations). An office in Seattle focuses on economic and environmental justice. The three locations coordinate work through regular communication and staff meetings to ensure a cohesive program of advocacy, network building and resource development.
Social & Economic Justice, Jubilee
This area works on creating a just society. It encourages the growth and development of networks, resources and partnerships throughout the church that address matters of justice through public policy advocacy, social outreach ministry, environmental stewardship and economic affairs. Issues of justice include affordable food, employment, affordable quality childcare, education, healthcare, immigration, cultural affirmation, equal protection under the law, economic opportunity, a healthy environment and affordable housing.

Anti-Racism, Racial Justice & Gender Equality
The office continues an 18 year commitment by General Convention to train the leadership of the church on how to identify and end racist structures. The office also works to promote gender equality, and includes Native American/Indigenous Ministries, which interprets and develops programs which address the needs and inclusion of Native American/Indigenous peoples and their communities within The Episcopal Church.

Peace, International Affairs, and Migration
This office supports Episcopal, Anglican, ecumenical and interfaith efforts to restore justice, seek reconciliation and overcome violence in the world. The staff works with staff of the Presiding Bishop’s Office to gather information, provide support, stand in solidarity and initiate advocacy when violence and oppression cause harm, especially to our partners across the world.

MISSION LEADERSHIP CENTER

Direction & Administration
This office coordinates the work of the Mission Leadership Center.

Ordained Ministry & Transition
This office supports networks that strengthen ordained ministry, including Fresh Start, CREDO, diaconate and other clergy associations, seminary continuing education and dioceses in their work of leadership education and formation. The office initiates conversations that envision clergy leadership needs and leads new initiatives.

Lay Ministry
This office helps laity to claim and act on their call to ministry and raises up skillful leaders for godly work inside and outside the church. Church work is conducted through Fresh Start, in partnership with new church plants, and by widening the reach of Proclaiming Education for All. Beyond the church, the office works to extend awareness of Episcopal workplace values and linking Sunday worship to weekday practice.

Young Adults
This office supports diocesan and provincial work with young adults (18-30) and in campus ministries through leadership training events, campus peer ministry training,
service/learning internships, conferences, consultations and network programs. It produces resources for individuals, such as the Advent and Lenten meditation guides for students and young adult armed forces personnel. In conjunction with dioceses, seven new campus ministries have been initiated through two-year start-up grants. The office also works with ecumenical partners.

**Missionary Personnel**
The Missionary Personnel Office recruits, trains and supports Appointed Missionaries, Volunteers for Mission and Young Adult Service Corps (age range 21-30) missioners. Currently there are 80 missionaries serving in 32 countries. Their work supports the growth and development of overseas dioceses and provides the missionaries with knowledge and understanding that benefits them and their church communities when they return.

**Chaplaincies**
The Office of the Bishop Suffragan for Federal Ministries addresses the care of Episcopalians in federal service, in Veterans’ Affairs hospitals, in federal prisons and their families, supporting clergy in armed service, healthcare and prison settings, and its more recent work with emergency responder and maritime chaplains. It provides both direct support for chaplains in federal service and the indirect support through advocacy and training for chaplains affiliated with diocesan bishops.

**Women's Ministry**
Women’s Ministries focuses on the mission and ministry of women at all levels of the church. The office seeks the empowerment of women and gender equity, creating tools, resources and networks to enhance the leadership capacity of women in the church and the world. Its advocacy work employs the Beijing Platform for action in critical areas of concern for all women throughout the world.

**EVANGELISM & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE CENTER**

**Direction & Administration**
This office provides oversight of programs, budgets, staff and administrative support (including meeting and event coordination) within the Evangelism & Congregational Life Center (E&CL). The budget includes funds for nine collaborative training events, one per province over the next triennium, presented by staff from each ministry area within E&CL, to share and learn about best practices.

**Christian Formation**
This office serves Episcopal congregations, dioceses and provinces with resources for children’s formation, youth formation and events, adult formation and older adult formation. The office fulfills General Convention mandates (including Safe Church Resolutions), through training, Christian education resources, consultations and network programs and church-wide events (including the Episcopal Youth Event). Its resources and programs assist in articulating what it means to be Christian, Anglican and Episcopalian in a diverse world.
Congregational Research
This office directs, coordinates and publishes ongoing research and analysis for the church, with a primary focus on Episcopal parishes and missions. Under the authority of the Office of the General Convention, Congregational Research undertakes the distribution, collection and analysis of the annual Parochial Report and conducts the triennial survey of Episcopal congregations. The office also conducts specialized studies of congregational life and ministry programs for various Committees, Commissions, Mission Programs, Agencies and Boards.

Congregational Vitality & Stewardship
This office serves congregations that are seeking to enrich and expand their capacity to serve the spiritual needs of their communities. Congregational Vitality provides resources for building and maintaining healthy faith communities, with a specialized focus on the needs of small congregations and their leadership. Stewardship seeks to engage all Episcopalians in a culture of abundance and generosity. The teaching and practice of stewardship involves seeking greater insight into spiritual growth, discernment of purpose, leadership, giving and the connection of money and faith.

Ethnic & Multicultural Congregational Development & Evangelism
These offices develop, support and inspire congregational life with and among ethnic communities and multicultural churches by creating resources and providing networking, consultations and training events. The offices provide a voice of advocacy for the people of Asian, black, Latino/Hispanic, Native American and multicultural-by-design communities and for people living with disabilities. Harmony, understanding, and communication are promoted across cultures by developing common programs and projects. The five officers collaborate with other staff and provide online liturgical and theological resources, onsite consultations, conferences and clergy- and lay-training programs.

Evangelism & Church Planting
The Office of Evangelism provides resources and training to assist congregations in the evangelization of underserved populations and in discipleship development. The office is developing regional experts in the field of evangelism and partnerships within the emerging church movement; and it is working with a recently created Network of Innovators dedicated to discovering and sharing what is working church-wide. By providing resources and consulting to diocesan and provincial leaders, the Office of Church Planting helps to identify and prepare those gifted for new church planting. It offers liturgical resources for emergent ministry forms, onsite consulting, weekly peer-to-peer support for church planters and ministry redevelopers, as well as regional and national training events. The office identifies best practices from around the church and the larger Anglican Communion.

Episcopal Migration Ministries (EMM)
EMM carries out the gospel mandate to “welcome the stranger” through work with 30 affiliates in 27 dioceses to engage parishes as co-sponsors in refugee resettlement in the US. The Office also responds to various requests for immigration assistance and trains
immigration counselors. With church funding, EMM is able to assist dioceses and parishes actively engaged in work with undocumented migrants; such work cannot be funded by federal grants.

Worship & Spirituality
This office designs and provides conferences, consultations and worship materials to enhance spiritual transformation for individuals and communities of faith. Networking with other organizations and institutions that focus on worship and spirituality, this office promotes grounding in both traditional and new forms of worship and spirituality that transform the human spirit in the power of the Holy Spirit and strengthen congregational life and mission. During 2010-2012, this office will expand an online Worship that Works resource with free downloadable worship and spirituality resources and links to other sites.

PARTNERSHIPS CENTER
Direction & Administration
This office coordinates the work of the Partnerships Center.

Anglican Communion
This office provides support to strengthen relationships between The Episcopal Church and the 37 other provinces in the Anglican Communion through hospitality, communication, education and financial support.

Diocesan Services
This office provides resource and financial assistance to dioceses within The Episcopal Church. Specific funding for overseas dioceses is done on a year-to-year basis upon evaluation of parochial/diocesan reports and other indicators. Funds will be distributed among the following dioceses and jurisdictions by the Executive Council: Cuba, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Ecuador Central, Ecuador Litoral, Haiti, Honduras, Micronesia (Guam), Taiwan, Venezuela and Virgin Islands.

Ecumenical & Interfaith Relations (EIR)
The Office of Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations coordinates, on behalf of the Presiding Bishop and The Episcopal Church, various bilateral and multilateral dialogues and conversations with other Christian communions working toward the greater unity and common mission of the church. In an increasingly multi-religious context, the office also works in Interreligious dialogue, seeking greater understanding of and cooperation with the other major world religions. The office primarily addresses the priorities of Claiming Our Identity and strengthening Partnerships among religious groups.

Grants & Covenants
The Executive Council is committed to providing ongoing support for the overseas dioceses of The Episcopal Church; the partner churches with which we have covenant agreements; dioceses called Domestic Missionary Partners (formerly Coalition 14); and
the three historically black Episcopal colleges. Also reflected here is The Episcopal Church’s fair share of the Inter-Anglican Budget (Anglican Consultative Council).

Support for Covenant Agreements provides a means for all Episcopalians to participate in the development and mission work of the Anglican/Episcopal church in Central America, Liberia, Mexico and the Philippines; the financial commitments are part of the autonomy processes approved by General Convention.

**United Thank Offering**
This office provides administrative staff and services and accounting and banking support to the United Thank Offering program. UTO is entrusted to promote thank offerings, to receive the offerings and to distribute the monies through grants within the framework of the policies and procedures of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society (DFMS) of The Episcopal Church.

**Translation Services**
This office coordinates interpretation and translation for official requirements of the General Convention and other offices of the DFMS.

**Episcopal Relief & Development**
Funding for Episcopal Relief and Development in the DFMS budget represents a block grant to support administrative costs. In addition to direct support, DFMS provides indirect support in the form of space and utilities as well as accounting and administrative services (shown as DFMS Contributed Services). All ERD activities are directed to fulfilling its mission to be the primary means through which all Episcopalians can bring healing to a hurting world.

**COMMUNICATION**

**Communication Direction**
Communication Direction includes the work of the Director of Communication and the Mission Communication Officer whose responsibilities include brand identity, overall communication strategy and the sharing of best practices and materials across the church.

**Corporate Communications**
The work of Corporate Communication includes public affairs, media relations, media training, crisis management and message strategy. Our popular bulletin inserts will be coordinated by this office.

**Digital Communications**
This office is responsible for all digital communications from the Office of Communication, hosting and creating content for The Episcopal Church web site, www.episcopalchurch.org, including live webcasts and other resources for the wider Church. It also facilitates conversations and monitors social networking sites, including blogs, Facebook and Twitter. It works with the Director of Communication to develop
digital strategy and with the editor of the Episcopal News Service online to design and enable the online news publication.

Episcopal Life (EL)
Episcopal Life is a monthly newspaper but will cease publication as currently configured at the end of 2009. Editing, layout, database management, content (from Episcopal News Service) and printing services will continue to be available to dioceses and parishes who wish to have a printing partnership arrangement. Several formats will be offered, including a tabloid newspaper. Timely news from Episcopal News Service will continue to be provided online.

In 2010, a new quarterly magazine will make its debut. The magazine, yet to be named, will be a feature-oriented, thought-leadership publication containing in-depth, longer-format articles, along with news.

Episcopal Books and Resources (EBaR)
Episcopal Books and Resources provides warehousing, order fulfillment and distribution services for Episcopal Church Center departments and affiliated organizations. It also houses a small retail bookstore and café. The products have a primarily Episcopal and Anglican focus.

FINANCE OFFICE

Controller's Office
As a unit of the Treasurer's Office, the Controller’s Office is responsible for processing all of the financial transactions for DFMS and reporting, summarizing and interpreting financial data for the use of management, creditors, boards and committees of the organization. It helps to develop budgets and forecasts, measures actual performance against operating plans and interprets the results of operations to all levels of management. The office performs all of the accounting functions for DFMS, which includes cash receipts, accounts payable, payroll, cash disbursements, account and diocesan receivables and grants payable. It works closely with the Society’s independent auditors to design and implement appropriate controls to safeguard the assets and resources of DFMS.

Treasurer's Office
The Treasurer's Office is responsible for oversight of the financial functions and the investment assets of DFMS. This includes investment management of both long-term assets, such as endowment portfolio and charitable trusts, and short-term assets, such as DFMS operating cash and custodial accounts held for others; oversight of banking functions, such as electronic funds transfers; financial management training; and oversight of entities and activities funded through the budget. The Treasurer has extensive responsibility for developing and monitoring the Budget of The Episcopal Church.
Refugee Loan Collection (IOM)
The U.S. Government provides resettlement loans to each refugee. The DFMS collects the loans and receives a portion. Any amount that exceeds the DFMS’s collection costs may be used as determined by the General Convention Budget.

Debt Financing and Repayment
The removal of asbestos, improvements to all mechanical and electrical systems and fireproofing of the offices at 815 Second Avenue were financed through a bank line of credit which will be repaid over time.

ADMINISTRATION

Facilities Management
Facilities Management costs include those required for the maintenance and upkeep of The Episcopal Church Center at 815 Second Avenue in New York City, the operations of the mailroom, leasing costs for office equipment, office supplies and corporate printing. The largest elements of this budget are for utilities, building management and engineering and cleaning and security services. Some services are provided under the lease with our tenant, the Ad Council, as well as to DFMS offices and associated Episcopal agencies with offices in our building.

Human Resources
The Human Resources Management Office strives to have the best person in the right job at the appropriate time, adequately prepared, effectively motivated, in compliance with moral and civil law and reflective of the cultural diversity of the church and society. The Human Resource Management team ensures that all staff—both current and retired—are treated fairly in keeping with stated human resources policies and best practices. Valuing responsibility, partnership and service over entitlement, dominance and self-interest, this office seeks to partner with others in developing and realizing opportunities for enhancing the quality of effort and productivity in our mutual ministry.

General Corporate Legal Fees
Under the direction of the Chief Operating Officer, two part-time in-house counsel provide guidance to The Episcopal Church Center staff and other church entities (such as Executive Council) on official legal matters, including contracts, employment, copyright, building codes, taxes, finance, regulatory and other issues. They also coordinate any referrals to outside counsel as required for corporate matters.

Technology
This office includes the functions of Management Information Systems (MIS) and Telecommunications (Telecom).

MIS is responsible for all aspects of computer infrastructure and usage at The Episcopal Church Center and onsite at General Convention. The network it maintains enables document creation, e-mail and Internet access to all employees, including remote access.
for traveling staff. Its servers host numerous commercial software packages in finance, human resources, fundraising and other areas. Upon request, MIS develops and hosts data base applications (mostly web-accessible) for other departments, including systems for Parochial Reports; Church Deployment; and General Convention legislation, registration and housing. MIS also takes a leading role in data modeling and shared initiatives with other Episcopal organizations such as the Church Pension Group. Telecom operators are the first voices heard when calling The Episcopal Church Center. The office answers church-related inquiries and directs calls to the appropriate offices. It also manages the physical and financial operations of the phone system.

**Contributed Services**

Seven agencies are currently housed at The Episcopal Church Center. Most of the organizations have been housed there for 30 years or more; but only ERD is consolidated in the DFMS financial statements. Many of the agencies were established either by prior Presiding Bishops or by General Convention. The agencies work closely with numerous departments and staff members on a daily basis; many agency representatives participate in staff meetings and other DFMS meetings. All are very much a part of the community and workings of The Episcopal Church Center; they complement and extend the mission and ministry of DFMS.

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ii *For Agencies that are not consolidated in the DFMS financials*: Postage and billable telephone costs plus IT services are charged and recovered from the non-DFMS agencies. Other costs such as utilities, mail services and telecommunications are allocated based on square footage of space occupied. Executive Council decided to forgive expenses incurred by Anglican UN Observer.

iii *For ERD*: The cost of utilities, mail services and telecommunications are allocated based on square footage of space occupied. The cost of staff services is allocated based on the number of employees.

iv Effective 1/1/2010, each agency will be responsible for its share in annual allocated costs for Building Services, Telecommunications, the Mail Center and Purchasing above the allocated costs as of the base year of 2007, after a $2,500 exemption.
REGISTRAR OF THE GENERAL CONVENTION

From September 9, 2006 to October 31, 2009, 30 bishops have been ordained and consecrated in and for this Church.

The Rev. Canon Carlson Gerdau, was in attendance as the Registrar at the following consecrations:

The Reverend David Mitchell Reed as Bishop Suffragan of West Texas
The Reverend Steven Todd Ousley as Bishop of Eastern Michigan
The Reverend William Howard Love as Bishop Coadjutor of Albany
The Reverend Canon Barry Leigh Beisner as Bishop Coadjutor of Northern California
The Reverend Larry R Benfield as Bishop of Arkansas
The Reverend John Crawford Bauerschmidt as Bishop of Tennessee
The Reverend Robert LeRoy Fitzpatrick as Bishop of Hawaii
The Reverend Doctor Thomas Edward Breidenthal as Bishop of Southern Ohio
The Reverend Shannon Sherwood Johnston as Bishop Coadjutor of Virginia
The Reverend Sean Walter Rowe as Bishop of Northwestern Pennsylvania
The Reverend Doctor Gregory Harold Rickel as Bishop of Olympia
The Reverend Charles Andrew Doyle as Bishop Coadjutor of Texas

The Rev. Canon Charles K. Robertson, Ph.D., was in attendance as the Registrar at the following consecrations:

The Reverend Doctor Edward Joseph Konieczny as Bishop of Oklahoma
The Reverend Dan Thomas Edwards as Bishop of Nevada
The Reverend John McKee Sloan as Bishop Suffragan of Alabama
The Reverend Jeffrey Dean Lee as Bishop of Chicago
The Reverend Prince Grenville Singh as Bishop of Rochester
The Reverend Brian James Thom as Bishop of Idaho
The Reverend James Scott Mayer as Bishop of Northwest Texas
The Reverend Luis Fernando Ruiz Restrepo as Bishop of Ecuador Central
The Reverend James Thomas Tarrant as Bishop Coadjutor of South Dakota

The Registrar, the Rev. Canon Carlson Gerdau, was assisted at the following ordinations by the following Assistant Registrars:


The Registrar, the Rev. Canon Charles K. Robertson, Ph.D., was assisted at the following ordination by the following Assistant Registrar:

The Rev. Canon David L. Seger at the ordination and consecration of The Rev. Jeffrey Dean Lee.

Other Deputy Registrars were appointed and served as follows:

David Booth Beers, Esq. with James Morgan, Esq. at the ordination and consecration of The Rev. Dr. Nathan Baxter as Bishop of Central Pennsylvania; David Booth Beers, Esq. with Diane Sammons, Esq. at the ordination and consecration of The Rev. Mark Monroe Beckwith as Bishop of Newark; The Rev. David L. Seger with Judith Stark at the ordination and consecration of The Rev. Dabney Tyler Smith as Bishop Coadjutor of Southwest Florida; David Booth Beers, Esq. with The Rev. Anna Pearson at the ordination and consecration of The Rev. Dr. Laura Jean Ahrens as Bishop Suffragan of Connecticut; The Rev. Anthony Jewiss at the ordination and consecration of The Ven. Rev. Mary Gray-Reeves as Bishop of El Camino Real; David Booth Beers, Esq. with Wade H. Logan III at the ordination and consecration of The Rev. Mark Joseph Lawrence as Bishop of South Carolina; David Booth Beers, Esq. with The Rev. Christopher Sherrill and The Rev. Donald Nickerson at the ordination and consecration of The Rev. Stephen T. Lane as Bishop Coadjutor of Maine; David Booth Beers, Esq. with Russell R. Reno, Jr. at the ordination and consecration of The Rev. Eugene T. Sutton as Bishop of Maryland; The Rev. Kurt Dunkle at the ordination and consecration of The Rev. Paul E. Lambert as Bishop Suffragan of Dallas; David Booth Beers, Esq. at the ordination and consecration of The Rev. Herman Hollerith IV as Bishop of Southern Virginia; The Rev. Canon Anthony Jewiss at the ordination and consecration of The Rev. Lawrence C. Provenzano as the Bishop Coadjutor of Long Island.

At each ordination and consecration, Letters of Consecration were signed and sealed in duplicate by the consecrating Bishops, and by other Bishops present and participating. One of the letters was given in each instance to the newly consecrated Bishop, and the other, duly attested, has been filed with the Archives of the General Convention.

All Journals received from the Secretaries of the Dioceses have been deposited in the Archives of the General Convention, together with the original Minutes of the General Convention, and the papers, documents and reports relating to such Minutes.
THE REGISTRAR SUBMITS HEREWITHE THE PARTICULARS OF THE 30 CONSECRATIONS THAT HAVE TAKEN PLACE SINCE THE LAST REPORT.

1005: The Reverend David Mitchell Reed, consecrated Bishop Suffragan of West Texas, on Saturday, being the twenty-sixty day of August A.D. 2006, in St. Luke’s Episcopal Church, San Antonio, Texas by:

   David Bruce MacPherson, Bishop of Western Louisiana (Seal)
   Gary R. Lillibridge, Bishop of West Texas (Seal)
   James E. Folts, Bishop of West Texas, Resigned (Seal)
   John H. MacNaughton, Bishop of West Texas, Resigned (Seal)
   Earl N. McArthur, Bishop Suffragan of West Texas, Resigned (Seal)

assisted by:

   C. Wallis Ohl, Bishop of Northwest Texas (Seal)
   Dean Elliott Wolfe, Bishop of Kansas (Seal)
   Marcelino Rivera, Bishop of Northern Mexico (Seal)
   Rayford B. High, Jr., Bishop Suffragan of Texas (Seal)
   Robert B. Hibbs, Bishop Suffragan of West Texas, Resigned (Seal)
   Robert M. Moody, Bishop of Oklahoma (Seal)
   Benito Juarez, Bishop of Southeastern Mexico (Seal)

1006: The Reverend Steven Todd Ousley, consecrated Bishop Coadjutor of Eastern Michigan, on Saturday, being the ninth day of September A.D. 2006, in the Horizons Center, Saginaw, Michigan, by:

   Wendell Nathaniel Gibbs, Jr., Bishop of Michigan (Seal)
   Edwin Max Leidel, Jr., Bishop of Eastern Michigan (Seal)
   James Arthur Kelsey, Bishop of Northern Michigan (Seal)
   Robert R. Gepert, Bishop of Western Michigan (Seal)
   Rayford Baines High, Jr., Bishop Suffragan of Texas (Seal)

assisted by:

   George Wayne Smith, Bishop of Missouri (Seal)
   Victor A. Scantlebury, Assistant Bishop of Chicago (Seal)
   Bruce H.W. Howe, Bishop of Huron, Anglican Church of Canada (Seal)
   Edward S. Little II, Bishop of Northern Indiana (Seal)
   John Schreiber, Southeast Michigan Region, ELCA
   Mark Hollingsworth, Jr., Bishop of Ohio (Seal)
   Steven A. Miller, Bishop of Milwaukee (Seal)
   Larry I. Hauere, North/West Lower Region, ELCA
   J. Michael Garrison, Bishop of Western New York (Seal)
1007: The Reverend William Howard Love, consecrated Bishop Coadjutor of Albany, on Saturday, being the sixteenth day of September A.D. 2006, in the Empire State Plaza Convention Center, Albany, New York, by:

   Frank Tracy Griswold, D.D., Presiding Bishop and Primate (Seal)
   Daniel William Herzog, Bishop of Albany (Seal)
   David John Bena, Bishop Suffragan of Albany (Seal)
   David Standish Ball, Bishop Coadjutor of Albany, Resigned (Seal)
   Harold Miller, Church of Ireland

   assisted by:
   Henry Scriven, Assistant Bishop of Pittsburgh (Seal)
   Mark S. Sisk, Bishop of New York (Seal)
   Gordon P. Scruton, Bishop of Western Massachusetts (Seal)
   Gladstone B. Adams III, Bishop of Central New York (Seal)
   Peter H. Beckwith, Bishop of Springfield (Seal)
   Robert William Duncan, Bishop of Pittsburgh (Seal)

1008: The Reverend Canon Barry Leigh Beisner, consecrated Bishop Coadjutor of Northern California, on Saturday, being the thirtieth day of September A.D. 2006, in the Sacramento Memorial Auditorium, Sacramento, California, by:

   Harry Brown Bainbridge III, Bishop of Idaho (Seal)
   Katharine Jefferts Schori, Bishop of Nevada (Seal)
   Jerry Alban Lamb, Bishop of Northern California (Seal)
   Lloyd Emmanuel Allen, Bishop of Honduras (Seal)
   George Nelson Hunt, Bishop of Rhode Island, Resigned (Seal)
   Frederick H. Borsch, Bishop of Los Angeles, Resigned (Seal)

   assisted by:
   Don Johnson, Bishop of West Tennessee (Seal)
   Johny Itty, Bishop of Oregon (Seal)
   James L. Mathes, Bishop of San Diego (Seal)
   William O. Gregg, Bishop of Eastern Oregon (Seal)
   Sergio Carranza-Gomez, Assistant Bishop of Los Angeles (Seal)
   Bruce Caldwell, Bishop of Wyoming (Seal)
   Sylvestre Romero-Palma, Assistant Bishop of El Camino Real (Seal)
   Marc H. Andrus, Bishop of California (Seal)
   James E. Waggoner, Jr., Bishop of Spokane (Seal)
   W. Michie Klusmeyer, Bishop of West Virginia (Seal)
   Chester Talton, Bishop Suffragan of Los Angeles (Seal)
   Philip M. Duncan, Bishop of Central Gulf Coast (Seal)
   Mark MacDonald, Bishop of Alaska (Seal)
The Reverend Dena Arnall Harrison, consecrated Bishop Suffragan of Texas, on Saturday, being the seventh day of October A.D. 2006, in All Saints Chapel at Camp Allen, Navasota, Texas, by:

David Bruce MacPherson, Bishop of Western Louisiana (Seal)
Don Adger Wimberly, Bishop of Texas (seal)
Rayford Baines High, Jr., Bishop Suffragan of Texas (seal)
Catherine Scimeca Roskam, Bishop Suffragan of New York (seal)
Claude Edward Payne, Bishop of Texas, Resigned (seal)
Maurice Manuel Benitez, Bishop of Texas, Resigned (seal)

assisted by:
C. Wallis Ohl, IV Bishop of Northwest Texas (seal)
S. Todd Ousley, Coadjutor of Eastern Michigan (seal)
Gary Lillibridge, Bishop of West Texas (seal)
James Folts, VIII Bishop of West Texas, Resigned (seal)
James E. Brown, IX Bishop of Louisiana, Resigned (seal)
James M. Stanton, Bishop of Dallas (seal)
John H. MacNaughton, Bishop of West Texas, Resigned (seal)
Robert B. Hibbs, Bishop Suffragan of West Texas, Resigned (seal)
Chilton R. Knudsen, VIII Bishop of Maine (seal)
Bavi Edna Rivera, Bishop Suffragan of Olympia (seal)

The Reverend Doctor Nathan Dwight Baxter, consecrated as Bishop of Central Pennsylvania, on Saturday being the twenty-first day of October A.D. 2006, in Zembo Temple, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, by:

Frank Tracy Griswold, Presiding Bishop and Primate (Seal)
Michael Whittington Creighton, Bishop of Central Pennsylvania (Seal)
John Bryson Chane, Bishop of Washington (Seal)
Gayle Elizabeth Harris, Suffragan Bishop of Massachusetts (Seal)
James Joseph Shand, Bishop of Easton (Seal)

assisted by:
Charles E. Bennison, Jr., Bishop of Pennsylvania (Seal)
Robert D. Rowley, Jr., Bishop of Northwest Pennsylvania (Seal)
Charlie F. McNutt, Bishop of Central Pennsylvania, Resigned (Seal)
W. Michie Klusmeyer, Bishop of West Virginia (Seal)
Otis Charles, Bishop of Utah, Resigned (Seal)
A Donald Main, Upper Susquehanna Synod ELCA (Seal)
Hiroshi Ito, Bishop of Sao Paulo (Brazil) (Seal)
Jean Holmes Dixon, Bishop Suffragan of Washington, Resigned (Seal)
Rodney R. Michel, Suffragan Bishop of Long Island (Seal)
Orris George Walker, Jr., Bishop of Long Island (Seal)
Carol S. Hendrix, Upper Susquehanna Synod ELCA (Seal)
Frank D. Turner, Bishop Suffragan of Pennsylvania, Resigned (Seal)
Desmond Tutu, Retired Archbishop of Cape Town and Primate of South Africa (Seal)
David Colin Jones, Bishop Suffragan of Virginia (Seal)
Robert W. Ihloff, Bishop of Maryland (Seal)
Richard B. Martin, Bishop Suffragan of Long Island, Resigned (Seal)
Wayne P. Wright, Bishop of Delaware (Seal)
Michael B. Curry, Bishop of North Carolina (Seal)
Barbara C. Harris, Bishop Suffragan of Massachusetts, Resigned (Seal)
Benowi Ogwal-Abwang, former Bishop of the Diocese of Northern Uganda (Seal)
Chester Talton, Bishop Suffragan of Los Angeles (Seal)
Allen L. Bartlett, Jr., Bishop of Pennsylvania (Seal)
Ronald H. Haines, Bishop Suffragan of Washington, Resigned (Seal)

1011: The Reverend Larry R Benfield, consecrated Bishop of Arkansas, on Saturday, being the sixth day of January A.D. 2007, in Episcopal Collegiate School, Little Rock, Arkansas, by:

Katharine Jefferts Schori, Presiding Bishop and Primate (Seal)
Larry Earl Maze, Bishop of Arkansas, Resigned (Seal)
Herbert Alcorn Donovan, Jr., Bishop of Arkansas, Resigned (Seal)
Barry Robert Howe, Bishop of West Missouri (Seal)

assisted by:
C. Wallis Ohl, Jr., IV Bishop of Northwest Texas (Seal)
Joe G. Burnett, X Bishop of Nebraska (Seal)
Dean Elliott Wolfe, IX Bishop of Kansas (Seal)

1012: The Reverend Mark Monroe Beckwith, consecrated Bishop of Newark, on Saturday, being the twenty-seventh day of January A.D. 2007, in the New Jersey Performing Arts Center, Newark, New Jersey, by:

Katharine Jefferts Schori, Presiding Bishop and Primate (Seal)
John Palmer Croneberger, Bishop of Newark, Resigned (Seal)
Gordon Paul Scruton, Bishop of Western Massachusetts (Seal)
Robert Marshall Anderson, Assistant Bishop of Los Angeles (Seal)
John Shelby Spong, Bishop of Newark, Resigned (Seal)
Gayle Elizabeth Harris, Bishop Suffragan of Massachusetts (Seal)

assisted by:
Carol Joy W.T. Gallagher, Assistant Bishop of Newark, Resigned (Seal)
Mark S. Sisk, Bishop of New York (Seal)
J. Michael Garrison, Bishop of Western New York (Seal)
E. Roy Riley, New Jersey Synod, ELCA
Mark Hollingsworth, Jr., Bishop of Ohio (Seal)
Andrew Smith, Bishop of Connecticut (Seal)
George E. Councell, Bishop of New Jersey (Seal)
Charles E. Bennison, Jr., Bishop of Pennsylvania (Seal)
Robert W. Ihloff, Bishop of Maryland (Seal)
Richard L. Shimpfky, Bishop of El Camino Real, Resigned (Seal)
Julio Murray, Bishop of Panama (Seal)

1013: The Reverend John Crawford Bauerschmidt, consecrated Bishop of Tennessee, on Saturday, being the twenty-seventh day of January A.D. 2007, in Christ Episcopal Church, Nashville, Tennessee, by:

Clifton Daniel III, Bishop of East Carolina (Seal)
Bertram Nelson Herlong, Bishop of Tennessee, Resigned (Seal)
James Barrow Brown, Bishop of Louisiana, Resigned (Seal)
John Neil Alexander, Bishop of Atlanta (Seal)
Henry Nutt Parsley, Bishop of Alabama (Seal)

assisted by:
Dorsey Henderson, Bishop of Upper South Carolina (Seal)
Don E. Johnson, Bishop of West Tennessee (Seal)
Charles G. vonRosenberg, Bishop of East Tennessee (Seal)
G. Porter Taylor, Bishop of Western North Carolina (Seal)
William E. Sanders, Bishop of Tennessee, Resigned (Seal)
Alfredo Morante, Bishop of Litoral – Ecuador (Seal)
Steven A. Miller, Bishop of Milwaukee (Seal)
Edwin F. Gulick, Jr., Bishop of Kentucky (Seal)

1014: The Reverend Dabney Tyler Smith, consecrated Bishop Coadjutor of Southwest Florida, on Saturday, being the tenth day of March A.D. 2007, in The Cathedral of St. Jude the Apostle, St. Petersburg, Florida, by:

Clifton Daniel III, Bishop of East Carolina (Seal)
John Bailey Lipscomb, Bishop of Southwest Florida (Seal)
William Hopkins Folwell, Bishop of Central Florida, Resigned (Seal)
Francis Gray, Bishop of Northern Indiana, Resigned (Seal)
Charles Edward Jenkins, Bishop of Louisiana (Seal)

assisted by:
John Bauerschmidt, Bishop of Tennessee (Seal)
Rogers S. Harris, Bishop of Southwest Florida, Resigned (Seal)
William Gregg, Bishop of Eastern Oregon (Seal)
Leopold Frade, Bishop of Southeast Florida (Seal)
Telesforo Isaac, Bishop of the Dominican Republic, Resigned (Seal)
Julio Holguin, Bishop of the Dominican Republic (Seal)
J. Michael Garrison, Bishop of Western New York (Seal)
Bruce Caldwell, Bishop of Wyoming (Seal)
Philip Duncan, Bishop of the Central Gulf Coast (Seal)
Don E. Johnson, Bishop of West Tennessee (Seal)
Samuel Johnson Howard, Bishop of Florida (Seal)
John L. Said, Bishop Suffragan of Southeast Florida (Seal)
Calvin O. Schofield, Bishop of Southeast Florida, Resigned (Seal)
John W. Howe, Bishop of Central Florida (Seal)
Edward Benoway, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (Seal)
Henry N. Parsley, Jr., Bishop of Alabama (Seal)

1015: The Reverend Robert LeRoy Fitzpatrick, consecrated Bishop of Hawaii, on Saturday, being the tenth day of March A.D. 2007, in The Cathedral Church of St. Andrew, Honolulu, Hawaii, by:

Katharine Jefferts Schori, Presiding Bishop and Primate (Seal)
Richard Sui On Chang, Bishop of Hawaii (Seal)
David Jung-Hsin Lai, Bishop of Taiwan (Seal)
Edward Stuart Little, Bishop of Northern Indiana (Seal)
George Elden Packard, Bishop Suffragan for Chaplaincies (Seal)

assisted by:
David B. Reed, Bishop of Kentucky, Resigned (Seal)
Sergio Carranza-Gomez, Assistant Bishop of Los Angeles (Seal)
Murray D. Finck, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (Seal)
Vincent Warner, Bishop of Olympia (Seal)
David S. Tani, Bishop of Okinawa (Seal)
Chester Talton, Bishop Suffragan of Los Angeles (Seal)
James R. Mathes, Bishop of San Diego (Seal)
Barry Beisner, Bishop of Northern California (Seal)
Te Kitohi Pikaahu, Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand, and Polynesia (Seal)
Robert M. Anderson, Assistant Bishop of Los Angeles (Seal)
Edmond Lee Browning, XXIV Presiding Bishop (Seal)
Edward Malecdan, Bishop of the Northern Philippines (Seal)
James E. Waggoner, Bishop of Spokane (Seal)

1016: The Reverend Doctor Thomas Edward Breidenthal, consecrated Bishop of Southern Ohio, on Saturday, being the twenty-eighth day of April A.D. 2007, in Mershon Auditorium at the Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, by:

Katharine Jefferts Schori, Presiding Bishop and Primate (Seal)
Kenneth Lester Price, Jr., Bishop Suffragan of Southern Ohio (Seal)
William Grant Black, Bishop of Southern Ohio, Resigned (Seal)
Mark Sean Sisk, Bishop of New York (Seal)
George Edward Councell, Bishop of New Jersey (Seal)
G.P. Mellick Belshaw, Bishop of New Jersey, Resigned (Seal)

assisted by:
Mark Hollingsworth, Jr., Bishop of Ohio (Seal)
Don E. Johnson, Bishop of West Tennessee (Seal)
Benjamin Omosebi, Assisting in Southern Ohio (Seal)
Wendell Gibbs, Jr., Bishop of Michigan (Seal)
William D. Persell, Bishop of Chicago (Seal)
Callon W. Holloway, Jr., Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (Seal)
Steven A. Miller, Bishop of Milwaukee (Seal)
W. Michie Klusmeyer, Bishop of West Virginia (Seal)
Edwin F. Gulick, Jr., Bishop of Kentucky (Seal)
C. Christopher Epting, Bishop of Iowa, Resigned (Seal)
Arthur B. Williams, Bishop Suffragan of Ohio, Resigned (Seal)
Stacy F. Sauls, Bishop of Lexington (Seal)
George Wayne Smith, Bishop of Missouri (Seal)
Russel E. Jacobus, Bishop of Fond du Lac (Seal)
Steven Todd Ousley, Bishop of Eastern Michigan (Seal)

1017: The Reverend Shannon Sherwood Johnston, consecrated Bishop Coadjutor of Virginia, on Saturday, being the twenty-sixth day of May A.D. 2007, in the Washington National Cathedral, Washington, District of Columbia, by:

Katharine Jefferts Schori, Presiding Bishop and Primate (Seal)
Peter James Lee, Bishop of Virginia (Seal)
David Colin Jones, Bishop Suffragan of Virginia (Seal)
Duncan Montgomery Gray III, Bishop of Mississippi (Seal)
Wendell Nathaniel Gibbs, Jr., Bishop of Michigan (Seal)
John Neil Alexander, Bishop of Atlanta (Seal)

assisted by:

Joe Goodwin Burnett, Bishop of Nebraska (Seal)
Alfred Clark Marble, Bishop of Mississippi, Resigned (Seal)
F. Clayton Matthews, Bishop for Pastoral Development (Seal)
Charles E. Bennison, Jr., Bishop of Pennsylvania (Seal)
Robert D. Rowley, Jr., Bishop of Northwestern Pennsylvania (Seal)
James W. Montgomery, Bishop of Chicago, Resigned (Seal)
Michael B. Curry, Bishop of North Carolina (Seal)
John Bryson Chane, Bishop of Washington (Seal)
Edwin F. Gulick, Jr., Bishop of Kentucky (Seal)
W. Michie Klusmeyer, Bishop of West Virginia (Seal)
John L. Rabb, Bishop Suffragan of Maryland (Seal)
Robert L. Ihloff, Bishop of Maryland (Seal)
John C. Buchanan, Interim Bishop of Southern Virginia (Seal)
Charles F. McNutt, Bishop of Central Pennsylvania, Resigned (Seal)
Wayne P. Wright, Bishop of Delaware (Seal)
Francis C. Gray, Bishop of Northern Indiana, Resigned (Seal)
Theodore F. Schneider, Metropolitan Washington Synod, ELCA
Martin G. Townsend, Bishop of Easton, Resigned (Seal)
A. Theodore Eastman, Bishop of Maryland, Resigned (Seal)
Duncan M. Gray, Jr., Bishop of Mississippi, Resigned (Seal)
Claude E. Payne, Bishop of Texas, Resigned (Seal)
James J. Shand, Bishop of Easton (Seal)
Nathan Dwight Baxter, Bishop of Central Pennsylvania (Seal)

1018: The Reverend Doctor Laura Jean Ahrens, consecrated Bishop Suffragan of Connecticut, on Saturday, being the thirtieth day of June A.D. 2007, in Woolsey Hall at Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut, by:

Katharine Jefferts Schori, Presiding Bishop and Primate (Seal)
James Elliott Curry, Bishop Suffragan of Connecticut (Seal)
Catherine Scimeca Roskam, Bishop Suffragan of New York (Seal)
Andrew Donnan Smith, Bishop of Connecticut (Seal)
Vincent Waydell Warner, Jr., Bishop of Olympia (Seal)

assisted by:
Arthur Walmsley, Bishop of Connecticut, Resigned (Seal)
Geralyn Wolf, Bishop of Rhode Island (Seal)
Francisco Duque, Bishop of Colombia (Seal)
Clarence Coleridge, Bishop Suffragan of Connecticut, Resigned (Seal)
David B. Joslin, Bishop of Central New York, Resigned (Seal)
Jeffery Rowthorn, Convocation of Europe, Resigned (Seal)
Mark S. Sisk, Bishop of New York (Seal)
Roy F. Cederholm, Bishop Suffragan of Massachusetts (Seal)
Shannon Johnston, Bishop Coadjutor of Virginia (Seal)
Chilton R. Knudsen, Bishop of Maine (Seal)
Barbara C. Harris, Bishop Suffragan of Massachusetts, Resigned (Seal)
Thomas C. Ely, Bishop of Vermont (Seal)
V. Gene Robinson, Bishop of New Hampshire (Seal)
M. Thomas Shaw, Bishop of Massachusetts (Seal)

1019: The Reverend Sean Walter Rowe, consecrated Bishop of Northwestern Pennsylvania, on Saturday, being the eighth day of September A.D. 2007, in Harbison Chapel at Grove City College, Grove City, Pennsylvania, by:

Katharine Jefferts Schori, Presiding Bishop and Primate (Seal)
Robert D. Rowley, Jr., Bishop of Northwestern Pennsylvania (Seal)
J. Mark Dyer, Bishop of Bethlehem, Resigned (Seal)
Ralph E. Jones, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (Seal)
Arthur B. Williams, Jr., Bishop Suffragan of Ohio, Resigned (Seal)
Wayne P. Wright, Bishop of Delaware (Seal)

assisted by:
W. Michie Klusmeyer, Bishop of West Virginia (Seal)
David Colin Jones, Bishop Suffragan of Virginia (Seal)
Mark Hollingsworth, Bishop of Ohio (Seal)
1020: The Reverend Doctor Edward Joseph Konieczny, consecrated Bishop of Oklahoma, on Saturday, being the fifteenth day of September A.D. 2007, in the Freede Center at Oklahoma City University, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, by:

Katharine Jefferts Schori, Presiding Bishop and Primate (Seal)
Edward Stuart Little II, Bishop of Northern Indiana (Seal)
Robert Manning Moody, Bishop of Oklahoma (Seal)
Robert John O’Neill, Bishop of Colorado (Seal)

assisted by:
Dean Elliott Wolfe, Bishop of Kansas (Seal)
Barry R. Howe, Bishop of West Missouri (Seal)
C. Wallis Ohl, Bishop of Northwest Texas (Seal)
Claude E. Payne, Bishop of Texas, Resigned (Seal)
Rayford B. High, Jr., Bishop Suffragan of Texas (Seal)
Gerald N. McAllister, Bishop of Oklahoma, Resigned (Seal)
Jeffrey Steenson, Bishop of the Rio Grande (Seal)

1021: The Reverend Doctor Gregory Harold Rickel, consecrated Bishop of Olympia, on Saturday, being the fifteenth day of September A.D. 2007, in the Meydenbauer Center, Bellevue, Washington, by:

Richard Sui On Chang, Bishop of Hawaii, Resigned (Seal)
Vincent Waydell Warner, Jr., Bishop of Olympia (Seal)
Bavi Edna Rivera, Bishop Suffragan of Olympia (Seal)
Don Adger Wimberly, Bishop of Texas (Seal)
Dena Arnall Harrison, Bishop Suffragan of Texas (Seal)
Larry R Benfield, Bishop of Arkansas (Seal)

assisted by:
Sanford Z.K. Hampton, Assisting Bishop of Olympia, Resigned (Seal)
Barry L. Beisner, Bishop of Northern California (Seal)
Robert D. Hofstad, Bishop of Southwestern Washington, ELCA
Robert H. Cochrane, Bishop of Olympia, Resigned (Seal)
William Chris Boerger, Northwest Washington Synod, ELCA
Craig B. Anderson, Bishop of South Dakota, Resigned (Seal)
James E. Waggoner, Bishop of Spokane (Seal)
Michael C. Ingham, Bishop of New Westminster, Anglican Church of Canada
Johncy Itty, Bishop of Oregon (Seal)
1022: The Venerable Reverend Mary Gray-Reeves, consecrated Bishop of El Camino Real, on Saturday, being the tenth day of November A.D. 2007, in St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church, Saratoga, California, by:

Katharine Jefferts Schori, Presiding Bishop and Primate (Seal)
Sylvestre Romero, Assisting Bishop of New Jersey (Seal)
Calvin Onderdonk Schofield, Jr., Bishop of Southeast Florida, Resigned (Seal)
Onell Asiselo Soto, Bishop Suffragan of Alabama, Resigned (Seal)
Laisch Boyd, Diocese of the Bahamas, Turks and Caicos (Seal)
David Emrys Richards, Office of Pastoral Development, Resigned (Seal)

assisted by:
Richard Shimpfky, Bishop of El Camino Real, Resigned (Seal)
Marc Handley Andrus, Bishop of California (Seal)
David G. Mullen, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Chester Talton, Bishop Suffragan of Los Angeles (Seal)
Samir Kafity, Collegial Bishop (Seal)
Gregory Rickel, Bishop of Olympia (Seal)
Jerry A. Lamb, Bishop of Nevada, Resigned (Seal)
Kirk Stevan Smith, Bishop of Arizona (Seal)
Richard Millard, Bishop Suffragan of El Camino Real, Resigned (Seal)
Leopold Frade, Bishop of Southeast Florida (Seal)
Bart Espartero, Philippine Independent Church
Bavi Rivera, Bishop Suffragan of Olympia (Seal)
James R. Mathes, Bishop of San Diego (Seal)

1023: The Reverend Dan Thomas Edwards, consecrated Bishop of Nevada, on Saturday, being the fifth day of January A.D. 2008, in Henderson Convention Center, Henderson, Nevada, by:

Katharine Jefferts Schori, Presiding Bishop and Primate (Seal)
John Neil Alexander, Bishop of Atlanta (Seal)
Jerry Alban Lamb, Assisting Bishop of Nevada (Seal)
Kirk Stevan Smith, Bishop of Arizona (Seal)

assisted by:
Carolyn Tanner Irish, Bishop of Utah (Seal)
J. Michael Garrison, Bishop of Western New York (Seal)
Harry B. Bainbridge, Bishop of Idaho (Seal)
Bavi Rivera, Suffragan Bishop of Olympia (Seal)
James E. Waggoner, Bishop of Spokane (Seal)
Barry L. Beisner, Bishop of Northern California (Seal)
James R. Mathes, Bishop of San Diego (Seal)
1024: The Reverend John McKee Sloan, consecrated Bishop Suffragan of Alabama, on Saturday, being the twelfth day of January A.D. 2008, in the Cathedral Church of the Advent, Birmingham, Alabama, by:

Katharine Jefferts Schori, Presiding Bishop and Primate (Seal)
Henry Nutt Parsley, Jr., Bishop of Alabama (Seal)
Robert Oran Miller, Bishop Suffragan of Alabama, Resigned (Seal)
Duncan Montgomery Gray, Jr., Bishop of Mississippi, Resigned (Seal)
Duncan Montgomery Gray, III, Bishop of Mississippi (Seal)

assisted by:

David B. Reed, Bishop of Kentucky, Resigned (Seal)
Edwin F. Gulick, Bishop of Kentucky (Seal)
A.C. Marble, Jr., Assisting Bishop of North Carolina (Seal)
Don E. Johnson, Bishop of West Tennessee (Seal)
Henry I. Louttit, Bishop of Georgia (Seal)
William Gregg, Assistant Bishop of North Carolina (Seal)
Dabney T. Smith, Bishop of Southwest Florida (Seal)
Philip M. Duncan II, Bishop of the Central Gulf Coast (Seal)
Charles G. von Rosenberg, Bishop of East Tennessee (Seal)

1025: The Reverend Mark Joseph Lawrence, consecrated Bishop of South Carolina, on Saturday, being the twenty-sixth day of January A.D. 2008, in the Cathedral Church of St. Luke and St. Paul, Charleston, South Carolina, by:

Clifton Daniel III, Bishop of East Carolina (Seal)
Julio Cesar Holguin, Bishop of the Dominican Republic (Seal)
Keith Lynn Ackerman, Bishop of Quincy (Seal)
Edward Lloyd Salmon, Jr., Bishop of South Carolina, Resigned (Seal)
Christopher FitzSimons Allison, Bishop of South Carolina, Resigned (Seal)

assisted by:

G. Edward Haynsworth, Assisting Bishop of South Carolina, Resigned (Seal)
Alden M. Hathaway, Bishop of Pittsburgh, Resigned (Seal)
Charles Jenkins, Bishop of Louisiana (Seal)
Anthony Burton, Bishop of Saskatchewan, Anglican Church of Canada
Benjamin Kwashi, Bishop of Jos, Church of Nigeria
Valentino Mokiwa, Bishop of Dar-es-Salaam, Anglican Church of Tanzania
Robert William Duncan, Bishop of Pittsburgh (Seal)
James Adams, Bishop of Western Kansas (Seal)
Alan Scarfe, Bishop of Iowa (Seal)
James R. Mathes, Bishop of San Diego (Seal)
William C. Frey, Bishop of Colorado, Resigned (Seal)
George Wayne Smith, Bishop of Missouri (Seal)
Edward S. Little, Bishop of Northern Indiana (Seal)
Nathan Baxter, Bishop of Central Pennsylvania (Seal)
Charles F. Duvall, Bishop of the Central Gulf Coast, Resigned (Seal)
Dorsey F. Henderson, Bishop of Upper South Carolina (Seal)
Don E. Johnson, Bishop of West Tennessee (Seal)
Michael M. Smith, Bishop of North Dakota (Seal)
Dabney T. Smith, Bishop of Southwest Florida (Seal)
Donald M. Hultstrand, Bishop of Springfield, Resigned (Seal)
Henry N. Parsley, Bishop of Alabama (Seal)
Jack Leo Iker, Bishop of Fort Worth (Seal)
William H. Love, Bishop of Albany (Seal)
Michael Scott-Joynt, Bishop of Winchester, Church of England

1026: The Reverend Jeffrey Dean Lee, consecrated Bishop of Chicago, on Saturday, being the second day of February A.D. 2008, in the House of Hope Arena, Chicago, Illinois, by:

Katharine Jefferts Schori, Presiding Bishop and Primate (Seal)
Wendell Nathaniel Gibbs, Jr., Bishop of Michigan (Seal)
Chilton Richardson Knudsen, Bishop of Maine (Seal)
Francis Campbell Gray, Bishop of Northern Indiana, Resigned (Seal)
Frank Tracy Griswold, Bishop of Chicago, Resigned (Seal)
William Dailey Persell, Bishop of Chicago, Resigned (Seal)

assisted by:
Bavi E. Rivera, Bishop Suffragan of Olympia (Seal)
George Wayne Smith, Bishop of Missouri (Seal)
Benito Juarez, Bishop of Southeastern Mexico, Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico (Seal)
Gregory H. Rickel, Bishop of Olympia (Seal)
C. Christopher Epting, Bishop of Iowa, Resigned (Seal)
William Gregg, Assistant Bishop of North Carolina (Seal)
Steven Todd Ousley, Bishop of Eastern Michigan (Seal)
Dabney T. Smith, Bishop of Southwest Florida (Seal)
Wayne N. Miller, ELCA Bishop of Metropolitan Chicago (Seal)
Steven A. Miller, Bishop of Milwaukee (Seal)
Victor A. Scantlebury, Assistant Bishop of Chicago (Seal)
Keith B. Whitmore, Bishop of Eau Claire (Seal)
Herbert A. Donovan, Jr., Bishop of Arkansas, Resigned (Seal)
Mark Hollingsworth, Bishop of Ohio (Seal)
James W. Montgomery, Bishop of Chicago, Resigned (Seal)
James R. Mathes, Bishop of San Diego (Seal)
Edward S. Little, Bishop of Northern Indiana (Seal)
1027a: The Right Reverend Sylvestre Romero, received into the House of Bishops on March 12, 2008, was consecrated Bishop of Belize on January 25, A.D. 1994, in St. John’s Cathedral, Belize City, Belize, by:

Orland Lindsay, Archbishop of the West Indies and Bishop of Antigua
Drexel Gomez, Bishop of the Bahamas
Armando Guerra, Bishop of Guatemala
Martin Barahona, Bishop of El Salvador
Alfred Reid, Bishop Suffragan of Jamaica

1028: The Reverend Stephen Taylor Lane, consecrated Bishop Coadjutor of Maine, on Saturday, being the third day of May A.D. 2008, in the Cathedral Church of St. Luke, Portland, Maine, by:

Katharine Jefferts Schori, Presiding Bishop and Primate (Seal)
Jack Marston McKelvey, Bishop of Rochester (Seal)
Chilton Richardson Knudsen, Bishop of Maine (Seal)
James Elliott Curry, Bishop Suffragan of Connecticut (Seal)
V. Gene Robinson, Bishop of New Hampshire (Seal)
Harold Wimmer, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (Seal)

assisted by:

Harold Anthony Hopkins, Jr., Bishop of North Dakota, Resigned (Seal)
Claude Miller, Anglican Church of Canada, Fredericton (Seal)
Frank Clayton Matthews, Pastoral Development (Seal)
Roy F. Cederholm, Bishop Suffragan of Massachusetts (Seal)
William O. Gregg, Assistant Bishop of North Carolina (Seal)
Arthur Edward Walmsley, Bishop of Connecticut, Resigned (Seal)
John Henry Smith, Bishop of West Virginia, Resigned (Seal)
Gordon Paul Scruton, Bishop of Western Massachusetts (Seal)
Douglas Edwin Theuner, Bishop of New Hampshire, Resigned (Seal)
Thomas C. Ely, Bishop of Vermont (Seal)
Laura Jean Ahrens, Bishop Suffragan of Connecticut (Seal)
David Charles Bowman, Bishop of Western New York, Resigned (Seal)
Raymond Stewart Wood, Jr. Bishop of Michigan, Resigned (Seal)
Gayle Elizabeth Harris, Bishop Suffragan of Massachusetts (Seal)

1029: The Reverend Prince Grenville Singh, consecrated Bishop of Rochester, on Saturday, being the thirty-first day of May A.D. 2008, in the Eastman Theatre, Rochester, New York, by:

Katharine Jefferts Schori, Presiding Bishop and Primate (Seal)
Jack Marston McKelvey, Bishop of Rochester (Seal)
Mark Monroe Beckwith, Bishop of Newark (Seal)
George Edward Councell, Bishop of New Jersey (Seal)
John Palmer Croneberger, Bishop of Newark, Resigned (Seal)
Carol Joy Gallagher, Bishop Suffragan of Southern Virginia, Resigned (Seal)
Marie Charlotte Jerge, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

assisted by:
Orris George Walker, Jr., Bishop of Long Island (Seal)
William G. Burrill, Bishop of Rochester, Resigned (Seal)
Stephen T. Lane, Bishop Coadjutor of Maine (Seal)
Chilton R. Knudsen, Bishop of Maine (Seal)
E. Don Taylor, Assistant Bishop of New York (Seal)
Mark S. Sisk, Bishop of New York (Seal)
J. Michael Garrison, Bishop of Western New York (Seal)
Gladstone B. Adams, Bishop of Central New York (Seal)
V. Devasahayam, Bishop in Madras, Church of South India

1030: The Reverend Eugene Taylor Sutton, consecrated Bishop of Maryland, on Saturday, being the twenty-eighth day of June A.D. 2008, in the Cathedral of St. Peter and St. Paul, Washington, District of Columbia, by:

Katharine Jefferts Schori, Presiding Bishop and Primate (Seal)
John Bryson Chane, Bishop of Washington (Seal)
Nathan Dwight Baxter, Bishop of Central Pennsylvania (Seal)
Robert Wilkes Ihloff, Bishop of Maryland, Resigned (Seal)
Albert Theodore Eastman, Bishop of Maryland, Resigned (Seal)
John L. Rabb, Bishop Suffragan of Maryland (Seal)
Henry Gerard Knoche, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (Seal)

assisted by:
Rodney R. Michel, Bishop Suffragan of Long Island, Resigned (Seal)
Martin G. Townsend, Bishop of Easton, Resigned (Seal)
Shannon Johnston, Bishop Suffragan of Virginia (Seal)
Orris George Walker, Bishop of Long Island (Seal)
James J. Shand, Bishop of Easton (Seal)
Arthur B. Williams, Bishop Suffragan of Ohio, Resigned (Seal)
Wendell N. Gibbs, Jr., Bishop of Michigan (Seal)
Chester Talton, Bishop Suffragan of Los Angeles (Seal)
Allen Bartlett, Bishop of Pennsylvania, Resigned (Seal)
David Colin Jones, Bishop Suffragan of Virginia (Seal)
Jane Holmes Dixon, Bishop Suffragan of Washington, Resigned (Seal)
Michael W. Creighton, Bishop of Central Pennsylvania, Resigned (Seal)
Wayne P. Wright, Bishop of Delaware (Seal)
Joe Goodwin Burnett, Bishop of Nebraska (Seal)
Michael Curry, Bishop of North Carolina (Seal)
Claude E. Payne, Bishop of Texas, Resigned (Seal)
Donald P. Hart, Bishop of Hawaii, Resigned (Seal)
George E. Councell, Bishop of New Jersey (Seal)
W. Michie Klusmeyer, Bishop of West Virginia (Seal)
Peter James Lee, Bishop of Virginia (Seal)
1031: The Reverend Paul Emil Lambert, consecrated Bishop Suffragan of Dallas, on Saturday, being the twelfth day of July A.D. 2008, in Saint Michael & All Angels Episcopal Church, Dallas, Texas by:

David Bruce MacPherson, Bishop of Western Louisiana (Seal)
James Monte Stanton, Bishop of Dallas (Seal)
Michael Gene Smith, Bishop of North Dakota (Seal)
James Marshall Adams, Jr., Bishop of Western Kansas (Seal)
William Carl Frey, Assisting Bishop of the Rio Grande (Seal)
Mark Basil Herbener, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

assisted by:
Claude E. Payne, Bishop of Texas, Resigned (Seal)
Edward Konieczny, Bishop of Oklahoma (Seal)
Robert W. Duncan, Bishop of Pittsburgh (Seal)

1032: The Reverend Brian James Thom, consecrated Bishop of Idaho, on Saturday, being the eleventh day of October A.D. 2008, in Cathedral of the Rockies (Methodist), Boise, Idaho, by:

Katharine Jefferts Schori, Presiding Bishop and Primate (Seal)
Harry Brown Bainbridge, Bishop of Idaho (Seal)
Jerry Alban Lamb, Bishop of San Joaquin (Seal)
Robert Louis Ladehoff, Bishop of Oregon, Resigned (Seal)
John Stuart Thornton, Bishop of Idaho, Resigned (Seal)
Martin Duane Wells, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

assisted by:
Mary Gray-Reeves, Bishop of El Camino Real (Seal)
Dan Edwards, Bishop of Nevada (Seal)
James R. Mathes, Bishop of San Diego (Seal)
Kirk Stevan Smith, Bishop of Arizona (Seal)
Gregory H. Rickel, Bishop of Olympia (Seal)
Barry Beisner, Bishop of Northern California (Seal)
James E. Waggoner, Bishop of Spokane (Seal)

1033: The Reverend Charles Andrew Doyle, consecrated Bishop Coadjutor of Texas, on Saturday, being the twenty-second day of November A.D. 2008, in St. Martin’s Episcopal Church, Houston, Texas, by:

Katharine Jefferts Schori, Presiding Bishop and Primate (Seal)
Don Adger Wimberly, Bishop of Texas (Seal)
Dena Arnall Harrison, Bishop Suffragan of Texas (Seal)
Rayford Baines High, Jr. Bishop Suffragan of Texas (Seal)
Maurice Manuel Benitez, Bishop of Texas, Resigned (Seal)
Claude Edward Payne, Bishop of Texas, Resigned (Seal)
assisted by:
Peter James Lee, Bishop of Virginia (Seal)
Gregory H. Rickel, Bishop of Olympia (Seal)
David M. Reed, Bishop Suffragan of West Texas (Seal)
Dean Elliott Wolfe, Bishop of Kansas (Seal)
John C. Buchanan, Bishop of West Missouri, Resigned (Seal)
Steven Todd Ousley, Bishop of Eastern Michigan (Seal)
D. Bruce MacPherson, Bishop of Western Louisiana (Seal)
Larry Benfield, Bishop of Arkansas (Seal)
Paul Emil Lambert, Bishop Suffragan of Dallas (Seal)
Gary Lillibridge, Bishop of West Texas (Seal)
Dabney T. Smith, Bishop of Southwest Florida (Seal)
James Tengatenga, Church of Central Africa, Southern Malawi
Edward Konieczny, Bishop of Oklahoma (Seal)
Robert B. Hibbs, Bishop Suffragan of West Texas, Resigned (Seal)

1034: The Reverend Herman Hollerith IV, consecrated Bishop of Southern Virginia, on Friday, being the thirteenth day of February A.D. 2009, in William & Mary Hall at the College of William & Mary, Williamsburg, Virginia, by:

Katharine Jefferts Schori, Presiding Bishop and Primate (Seal)
Peter James Lee, Bishop of Virginia (Seal)
Frank Neff Powell, Bishop of Southwestern Virginia (Seal)
John Clark Buchanan, Interim Bishop of Southern Virginia (Seal)
Frank Clayton Matthews, Bishop for Pastoral Development (Seal)
James Folts Mauney, Evangelical Lutheran Church of America (Seal)

assisted by:
A. Heath Light, Bishop of Southwestern Virginia, Resigned (Seal)
Clifton Daniel 3rd, Bishop of East Carolina (Seal)
Shannon Johnston, Bishop Coadjutor of Virginia (Seal)
Bruce Cameron, Retired Primus of Scotland (Seal)
Charlene Kammerer, United Methodist Church (Seal)
W. Michie Klusmeyer, Bishop of West Virginia (Seal)
William O. Gregg, Assistant Bishop of North Carolina (Seal)
Robert H. Johnson, Bishop of Western North Carolina, Resigned (Seal)
Dabney T. Smith, Bishop of Southwest Florida, Resigned (Seal)
Prince Singh, Bishop of Rochester (Seal)
Ambrose Gumbs, Bishop of the Virgin Islands (Seal)
O’Kelley Whitaker, Bishop of Central New York, Resigned (Seal)
Charles Vaché, Bishop of Southern Virginia, Resigned (Seal)
Harry B. Bainbridge, Bishop of Idaho, Resigned (Seal)
Robert W. Ihloff, Bishop of Maryland, Resigned (Seal)
Wayne Wright, Bishop of Delaware (Seal)
James J. Shand, Bishop of Easton (Seal)
Sean Rowe, Bishop of Northwestern Pennsylvania (Seal)
Martin Townsend, Bishop of Easton, Resigned (Seal)
David C. Bane, Jr., Bishop of Southern Virginia, Resigned (Seal)
Mark MacDonald, Bishop of Alaska, Resigned (Seal)
Eugene T. Sutton, Bishop of Maryland (Seal)

1035: **The Reverend James Scott Mayer**, consecrated Bishop of Northwest Texas, on Saturday, being the twenty-first day of March A.D. 2009, in First United Methodist Church, Lubbock, Texas, by:

Katharine Jefferts Schori, Presiding Bishop and Primate (Seal)
Sam Byron Hulsey, Bishop of Northwest Texas, Resigned (Seal)
Charles Wallis Ohl, Jr. Bishop of Northwest Texas, Resigned (Seal)
Larry R Benfield, Bishop of Arkansas (Seal)
Don Adger Wimberly, Bishop of Texas (Seal)
Paul Emil Lambert, Bishop Suffragan of Dallas (Seal)
Kevin Scott Kanouse, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (Seal)

assisted by:
Dean Elliott Wolfe, Bishop of Kansas (Seal)
Dena A. Harrison, Bishop Suffragan of Texas (Seal)
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REPORT OF THE RECORDER OF ORDINATIONS

This report covers the years of 2006, 2007, and 2008. It is based on the data contained in the Diocesan Reports which the Bishop of each jurisdiction is required by Canon Law to send to the Recorder of Ordinations each year. The figures below compare the totals in the current report with those in the report provided by the Recorder of Ordinations in 2006.

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