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One could describe the 79th General Convention as a “selfie” of The Episcopal Church reimagining of itself, in the words of Presiding Bishop Curry, as “the Episcopal Branch of the Jesus Movement.”

“There are no outcasts” redux

Presiding Bishop Browning’s famous, proleptic statement took new shape at the 79th General Convention. From the House of Bishop’s liturgy of lament and the work of the House of Deputies’ special committee, the voices of women and critiques of the church’s failures to act began to be heard. Marriages of same sex partners were made possible in every diocese. The urgent, continuing reality of racial injustice and the need for racial reconciliation while also educating and equipping people in the march toward justice was recognized. The reality of The Episcopal Church as a multi-national, multi-cultural, and multi-linguistic church was recognized in various ways. Non-binary categorization of gender moved forward for discussion and action. The church adopted a path toward prayer book revision that recognized the need for expansive language and metaphors, and deeper conversation with both historic and emerging liturgies.

In these, and in many other ways, the 79th General Convention contributed to advancing the arc of history that leads to justice.

Governance Through Resolution and Task Forces

The final count of resolutions for the 79th General Convention was 517. Although a record (by some 200), many people openly lamented this development: since about half of these resolutions were filed after General Convention began, it would have been difficult, if not impossible, for even the most conscientious bishop or deputy to have read all the legislation prior to its adoption.

Many of these resolutions created task forces or other interim bodies: over 30 new bodies were formed, joining 10 continuing groups required by the Canons or Joint Rules of Order. With Executive Council and its committees, together with existing ecumenical and covenant groups, this means that there are now more interim bodies than there were before the 2015 General Convention eliminated most of the Standing Commissions.
All the news, all the time

The fragmentation of information and the rise of instant miscommunication was evident at the 79th General Convention. Once upon a time, there was The Convention Daily, freely distributed on newsprint and fresh from local broadsheet presses. Partisans of every point of view eagerly read one another's newsletters, distributed by scores of volunteers proffering “must read” news – if only to scout out emerging ideas.

Financial realities, and new technologies buried those media, but have not replaced them. Beginning in 2015, but starkly evident in 2018, was the absence of any generally-recognized, authoritative home for news about the Convention. The most reliable sources were the articles of the Episcopal News Service – which produced the Convention’s best writing by journalists. Similarly, the best video offerings were from the same office, and included some outstanding Spanish-language video reporting. Other on-site efforts, including brave attempts to distribute printed fliers, were admirable if less-than-effective. Twitter feeds were clogged by random tweets with little context – and more than one person commented on how unreliable they found this medium (no one was persuaded by assertions that “Everyone on Twitter is saying...”). Facebook and Instagram contained more pictures of pigeons than commentary.

The loss of a common, reliable marketplace of news and ideas is regrettable, and I hope that 2021 will find us in a better place. Those involved in planning for 2021 are working to address this, and suggestions are welcomed.

Texas-sized Hospitality

The civic motto of 2018’s host city is “Keep Austin Weird,” and some claimed that The Episcopal Church did its best to contribute to this aspiration. What is undeniable is how welcoming and hospitable Texans were to the thousands of Episcopalians who made their way to Convention. In particular, the Diocese of Texas and its many volunteers went out of their way to make us feel at home – and we did. Of particular note was “Texas Night” and a barbeque near Lady Bird Johnson Lake. Austin food trucks filled the belly, while the Austin sound fed the soul. It was magic created by excellent planning, world-class creativity, hard work, and hearts the size of the state.

Other aspects of the welcome, negotiated by staff of the General Convention, provided important background to our gathering. For example, the convention center and hotels were designated as gun-free zones during our time in Austin, and all-gender bathrooms were available throughout. Staff, volunteers, and others had been trained in recognizing unconscious bias, and hotels and vendors met our high standards for employee relations and nondiscrimination. Once again, Texas excelled: civic authorities, hotel management, diocesan leadership, and indeed all the people with whom we worked were supportive and deeply cooperative.
All in All

More than one convention veteran shared the sentiment: “This was the best General Convention I’ve experienced.” There are many reasons why that may have been so, but surely a major contributor is that The Episcopal Church is in a very different place than it was, even as recently as 2015. We have more confidence and enthusiasm about the journey ahead – and perhaps even more realism of the challenges and changes that journey will require. To all who helped make the 79th General Convention such a success, the Church owes great appreciation. Thank you. Here’s to Baltimore in 2021!

Faithfully,

The Rev. Canon Michael Barlowe, D.D.
26th Secretary of the General Convention and Executive Officer
The Episcopal Church
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# The Membership of the Executive Council

## As of July 14, 2018

### Officers of the Executive Council

Chair: The Most Reverend Michael Bruce Curry  
Vice Chair: The Reverend Gay Clark Jennings  
Secretary: The Reverend Canon Michael Barlowe  
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### Elected Until General Convention 2021

**Elected by General Convention**

- Ms. Julia Ayala Harris  
- Ms. Diane Butler  
- Mr. Louis Glosson  
- Ms. Mayra Gonzalez Polanco  
- The Rt. Rev. Edward Konieczny  
- The Rev. Canon Mally Ewing Lloyd Canon  
- Dr. Steven Nishibayashi  
- Ms. Holli Powell  
- The Rev. Jabriel Simmonds Ballentine  
- The Rt. Rev. Dabney Smith

**Elected by Province**

I. Ms. Alexizendria Link  
II. Ms. Noreen Duncan  
III. Mr. Russell Randle  
IV. The Rev. Canon Frank Logue  
V. Ms. Jane Cisluycis  
VI. Mr. George Wing  
VII. Mr. Thomas Alexander  
VIII. Mr. Warren Wong  
IX. The Rt. Rev. Lloyd Allen

### Elected Until General Convention 2024

**Elected by General Convention**

- The Rev. Devon Anderson  
- Dr. Liza Anderson  
- Ms. Pauline Getz  
- The Rt. Rev. Scott Hayashi  
- The Rt. Rev. Anne Hodges-Copple  
- Ms. Anne E. Kitch  
- Ms. Andrea McKellar  
- Ms. Diane B. Pollard  
- The Hon. Rose Sconiers  
- Ms. Sarah Stonesifer

**Elected by Province**

I. The Ven. Aaron Perkins  
II. The Rev. Lillian Davis-Wilson  
III. The Rev. Patricia Downing  
IV. Ms. Alice B. Freeman  
V. The Rev. Matthew Cowden  
VI. The Rev. Angela Goodhouse-Mauai  
VII. The Very Rev. Mark Goodman  
VIII. The Rev. Cornelia K. Eaton  
IX. Ms. Blanca Lucia Echeverry

### Others with seat and voice:

- The Honorable Byron Rushing  
- The Rev. Geoffrey Smith  
- Mr. Douglas Anning  
- The Rev. Canon David Burrows  
- The Rev. William Voss  
- Vice President of the House of Deputies  
- Chief Operating Officer, DFMS  
- Acting Chief Legal Officer,  
- DFMS Anglican Church of Canada Partner  
- Evangelical Lutheran Church in America Partner
Officers of the Provinces

As of July 2018

PROVINCE I
President: The Rev. Kit Wang, Maine
Vice President: The Rt. Rev. Ian Douglas, Connecticut

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Vice President: The Rev. Victoria Heard, Dallas

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Vice President: The Rt. Rev. Greg Rickel, Olympia

PROVINCE IX
President: The Rt. Rev. Victor Scantlebury, Central Ecuador
Vice President: The Rt. Rev. Rafael Morales, Puerto Rico
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ADOPTED BUDGET
2019 – 2021
THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH
The Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance

Introduction

On July 12, 2018 the General Convention adopted the Budget for the 2019 - 2021 Triennium presented by the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance.

The Jesus Movement framework upon which Executive Council built the draft budget remains the framework for the Adopted Budget. It reflects our Presiding Bishop’s priorities and the current staff structure.

The Adopted Budget is a missionary document that funds the Episcopal branch of the Jesus Movement. The three pillars of the Jesus “house” are evangelism, racial reconciliation and justice, and creation care. PB&F constantly referred to the three pillars in crafting the budget.

The budget is built on the foundation of our continuing ministries as a church and our commitments to others both within and beyond our church. It is built upon our ongoing commitment to conciliar governance, and the legal, financial and other services of the Domestic & Foreign Missionary Society.

During this General Convention, there were requests for 39 new Task Forces, Standing Commissions or other interim bodies and for several new staff positions with resolutions that proposed expenditures that exceeded revenues by more than $12 million. The proposals created a competition between the three pillars and other work considered by many to be important or essential. They were also at variance with reducing the bureaucracy of the church, as we decided in the last triennium in response to the TREC report, and in pushing ministry closer to the parishes. Many have grieved the loss of particular church wide ministry offices and programs and have sought to re-establish them at this Convention.

PB&F has heard these competing pleas, and the budget reflects our efforts to respond. As stewards of the financial resources of the church, we have also worked to control costs and to ground expenditures in relation to the three pillars. We adopted three criteria for our work: 1) to expand staff only where major new work requires it; 2) to promote the use of networks and task forces, rather than Standing Committees or other permanent bodies; and 3) to control total spending so that our commitment to diocesan mission and ministry is maintained.

The adopted 2019-2021 triennial budget is balanced at approximately $134 million dollars – some $10 million higher than in the current triennium.

Income is based on a 15% diocesan assessment rate, with provision made for possible waivers; a 5% endowment draw; rental income from leases at the Church Center; an Annual Appeal; and income from fees and other sources.
The 15% assessment rate was set in 2015 to make the assessment of the dioceses more affordable and to keep more money in diocesan budgets. The commitment of the dioceses and bishops was to work steadfastly to bring the dioceses to full participation in the budget. At the beginning of the triennium, barely 40% of us were paying the full assessment. Now, today, more than 80% are at the full assessment. Only 19 dioceses have asked for waivers, and the waiver process has caused us to be more relational and to sit together to talk about money and mission. This is the best thing to happen in our financial life in many years. We celebrate this expression of our unity and our common commitment to ministry; and we offer profound thanks to the dioceses and bishops of our church.

On the income side: Total $133.9 million

- Diocesan assessments are expected to produce about $89 million over three years: at annual assessment rate of 15% on normal operating income, with an exemption of the first $140,000 of diocesan income and an expected overall growth rate in operating income of ½% per year.
- The waiver process for dioceses has already begun and will continue this coming October. The dollar amount of waivers in the budget is an amount less than 100% of the waivers requested and anticipates a process of negotiation with the dioceses.
- Income from unrestricted assets is expected to be about $32 million based on a 5% draw. Annual total investment return is estimated at 7.5%, based on a 25-year history.
- Income from outside trusts where TEC is a beneficiary is estimated at $675,000.
- An Annual Appeal Campaign is expected to produce $1 million over the triennium.
- In the 2016-2018 triennium, only $1 million of the $2 million drawn from short-term reserves for racial reconciliation was spent. Consequently, the remaining $1 million will be available in 2019-2021 for racial reconciliation.
- Rental income from leases at the Church Center will produce $9.8 million.
- Program and event fees will produce in total $4.4 million.
- Other fees and reimbursements will produce approximately another $1 million.

On the expense side: Total $133.9 million

- Spending for Mission Program is approximately $4 million higher. Total expenditure for Evangelism, including staff costs and work with Latino ministries, is $5.2 million. That includes $2.5 million for church planting and $500,000 for the redevelopment of declining congregations.
- Total spending for racial reconciliation and justice is $10.4 million – a $1 million increase.
- Creation Care spending is set at $1 million including a new part time staff position.
- The work of the Presiding Bishop is extensive throughout the priorities and beyond. For that reason, a $500,000 increase to $13.0 million is provided.
- Ministry within The Episcopal Church is largely unchanged except for a modest reduction in spending for communications which we will achieve working closely with the Chief Operating Officer.
- Mission beyond The Episcopal Church, at $17.2 million, provides a $244,000 increase for The Episcopal Church in Cuba, anticipating reductions in support from the Anglican Church of Canada. The further process for readmission to The Episcopal Church will take several years.
- Mission Governance, at $18.8 million, includes $250K for clergy and lay disciplinary support work and $650K set aside for compensation for the President of the House of Deputies (the exact amount to be determined by Executive Council).
- Finance, Legal and Operations is largely unchanged at $19.3 million.

Summary

Income and spending for the work of The Episcopal Church over the next three years is in balance at $133.9 million each. We believe the expenditures will assist in doing the work we all want to do, while leaving more resources at home for work at the diocesan level.
- We increase our commitment to racial reconciliation and care of creation; and maintain commitments and covenants with domestic dioceses and around the Anglican Communion.
- We do not return to the older model of permanent Standing Commissions but continue to live into a networked age, with smaller task forces and other short-term working groups. We invite dioceses who desire certain ministry work to collaborate with other dioceses and to fund the work from diocesan resources. As with the Bishops United Against Gun Violence network, this approach can produce ministry which is flexible, impactful, immediate and inexpensive.

Recommendations

There is a desire to rebalance the budget development work shared between Executive Council and Program, Budget and Finance, with PB&F having an expanded role during the triennium. We believe that Executive Council and PB&F working together, with the direction of the Presiding Bishop and President of the House of Deputies, can do that rebalancing work. At the same time, we recognize that General Convention will remain crunch time for the budget, because it is only here that the will of the Church is expressed in the form of legislation and policy. The work of PB&F will remain something of an interpretive art as it listens to the mind and the heart of the Church.

We thank you for the privilege of serving The Episcopal Church.

Faithfully,

Ms. Barbara Miles, Chair
Deputy, Diocese of Washington

The Rt. Rev. Stephen Lane, Vice-Chair Bishop, Diocese of Maine
2019-2021 Budgeted non-Government Revenue
$133.9 million

- Diocesan Commitments: 62.3%
- Economic Justice Loans: 0.5%
- Other Income & Reimbursements: 0.8%
- Short-term reserves for Racial Reconciliation: 0.7%
- Income from Outside trusts: 0.5%
- Income from Unrestricted Assets for General budget: 23.7%
- General Convention Fees: 1.0%
- Rental Base: 7.3%
- Other Program and Event Fees: 2.3%
- Annual Appeal: 0.7%
- Evangelism: 3.9%
- Reconciliation & Justice: 7.8%
- Creation Care: 0.7%
- PB Office: 9.7%
- Mission Within TEC: 20.8%
- Mission Beyond TEC: 12.9%
- Finance and Development: 14.4%
- Governance: 14.0%
- Operations: 13.0%
- Legal: 2.7%
- Other Program and Event Fees: 2.3%
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<td>Diocesan Commitments</td>
<td>75,606,206</td>
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<td>88,855,970</td>
<td>Full participation at 15%; annual operating income growth at 1/2%; assessment exemption at</td>
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<td>Diocesan expected waivers</td>
<td>(5,450,120)</td>
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<td>Available for full or partial waivers for up to 20 of 109 dioceses not contributing at 15%</td>
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<td>Income from Unrestricted Assets for General budget</td>
<td>28,232,258</td>
<td>30,374,297</td>
<td>31,756,346</td>
<td>Annual investment return assumed at 7.5% in 2018 and 2019. Reducing dividend draw from 5.0% [4.85%, 4.70%, 4.50%] reduces income by $1.9 million</td>
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<td>Income from Outside trusts where DFMS is beneficiary</td>
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<td>Income from non-DFMS trusts; previously included in line 3 above</td>
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<td>Annual Appeal Campaign</td>
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<td>Expected income growing annually from $250K to $400K during the triennium</td>
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<td>This $1.1 million raised the trust fund draw by 0.1%. Cannot sustain extra draws from trust funds</td>
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<td>Short-term reserves for Racial Reconciliation</td>
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<td>Reserve levels are critically low. Because the work did not begin until mid-2017, the entire $2 mil will not be spent during 2016-2018</td>
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<td>Unrestricted reserves for additional Evangelism initiatives</td>
<td>2,823,226</td>
<td>2,824,000</td>
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<td>This $2.8 million raised the trust fund draw by approximately 0.6%. Cannot sustain extra draws from trust funds. Increases in this work could be funded from outside fundraising</td>
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<td>Rental Base Income (incl CUAC, ERD, NAES)</td>
<td>9,999,607</td>
<td>7,519,827</td>
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<td>Reflects best estimates at 06/01/2018; assumes rental of 5 1/2 floors + former bookstore (currently vacant) at 815 2nd Avenue</td>
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<td>Program and Event Related Fees:</td>
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<td>General Convention Income</td>
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<td>17</td>
<td>Multimedia Services Income</td>
<td>189,417</td>
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<td>Base churchwide work currently precludes additional work</td>
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<td>Episcopal Digital Network Income</td>
<td>333,900</td>
<td>331,772</td>
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<td>&quot;Sponsorship&quot; income</td>
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<td>Episcopal Migration Min N-G Income</td>
<td>339,083</td>
<td>32,620</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>Program was closed in 2016</td>
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<td>College for Bishops Reimbursement Income</td>
<td>298,855</td>
<td>138,599</td>
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<td>Two CfB employees no longer paid through Pastoral Development budget</td>
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<td>Refugee Loan Collection Income</td>
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<td>2,898,988</td>
<td>1,968,535</td>
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<td>Mission Technology Income</td>
<td>133,560</td>
<td>125,934</td>
<td>133,560</td>
<td>Charges to affiliates and tenants</td>
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<td>ECF Reimbursement for Services</td>
<td>122,505</td>
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<td>Agency no longer resident</td>
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<td>NAES Reimbursement for Services</td>
<td>131,877</td>
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<td>-</td>
<td>This contracted tenant now appears in rental income</td>
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<td>Facilities Management Income</td>
<td>356,160</td>
<td>327,334</td>
<td>360,000</td>
<td>Tenant reimbursements (e.g., utilities)</td>
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<td>Total Program and Event Fees</td>
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<td>5,108,247</td>
<td>4,414,625</td>
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<td>Other Income</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>581,226</td>
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<td>Fees for program event costs; not predictable</td>
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<td>House of Bishops reimbursements</td>
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<td>Diocesan shared costs of HOB meetings; previously included in line 189</td>
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<td>Episcopal Youth Event fees</td>
<td>367,386</td>
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<td>400,000</td>
<td>Fee revenue for EYE event; previously included in net costs line 361</td>
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<td>General Board of Exam. Chaplains</td>
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<td>395,000</td>
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<td>JESUS MOVEMENT</td>
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<td>35-65</td>
<td>Evangelism</td>
<td>5,973,226</td>
<td>6,750,800</td>
<td>5,241,773</td>
<td>PB Office, Communications, Dir of Mission were previously included here</td>
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<td>Reconciliation &amp; Justice</td>
<td>9,464,925</td>
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<td>Creation Care</td>
<td>650,000</td>
<td>611,200</td>
<td>1,000,000</td>
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<td>PB Office</td>
<td>8,578,825</td>
<td>12,272,218</td>
<td>13,006,051</td>
<td>Now includes Pastoral Care, Federal Ministries, Title IV investigation and trial</td>
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<td>Mission Within the Episcopal Church</td>
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<td>Mission Beyond the Episcopal Church</td>
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<td>17,213,491</td>
<td>17,235,197</td>
<td>Increases to Cuba should await GC</td>
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<td>Governance</td>
<td>13,848,606</td>
<td>15,227,064</td>
<td>18,775,648</td>
<td>Now includes provision for Pres House of Deputies compensation; PHOD chancellor; and transfer of Research Office</td>
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<td>Finance and Development</td>
<td>19,238,642</td>
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<td>19,320,520</td>
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<td>Legal</td>
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<td>17,411,662</td>
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<td>Adjustments in Finance, Legal, Operations to balance budget</td>
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<td>(60,500)</td>
<td>To be determined by Management</td>
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<td>TOTAL EXPENSES</td>
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<td>Episcopal Migration Ministries</td>
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<td>Total Income</td>
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<td>Program is designed to break even. Actual amounts may change due to current</td>
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<td>Starting New Congregations</td>
<td>3,000,000</td>
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<td>36</td>
<td>Mission Enterprise Zones and New Church Start Grants and Redevelopment</td>
<td>2,994,826</td>
<td>2,500,000</td>
<td>Continuing the movement initiated in 2013-2015 at $2 mil</td>
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<td>Congregational Redevelopment</td>
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<td>Starting New Congregations</td>
<td>3,000,000</td>
<td>2,994,826</td>
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<td>Evangelism Initiatives</td>
<td>2,823,226</td>
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<td>Additional evangelism funding came through GC2015 floor resolution to draw a one-time additional 0.5% or $2.8 mil from trust funds, thereby increasing the effective draw to 5.7%</td>
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<td>Church Planting Training &amp; Resources: Partnerships</td>
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<td>200,000</td>
<td>Continues coaching, training, assessment network begun in current triennium</td>
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<td>Lines reserved</td>
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<td>Half-time Evangelist-Missioner (consultant work)</td>
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<td>Evangelists’ Summit and Network</td>
<td>18,000</td>
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<td>Formation Resources for Evangelism</td>
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<td>54</td>
<td>“Episcopal Revival” Gatherings</td>
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<td>135,000</td>
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<td>Program budget for Evangelism Initiatives (Canon and 60,000</td>
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<td>Additional Initiatives to Expand Evangelism</td>
<td>117,000</td>
<td>100,000</td>
<td>New Evangelism Grants program</td>
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<td>Evangelistic Work</td>
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<td>Grant to Diocese of Ft. Worth</td>
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<td>64</td>
<td>Staff Costs</td>
<td>937,706</td>
<td>1,476,773</td>
<td>2 people previously in Dir of Mission &amp; Local Support; third addition 2017; plus new Evangelism Staff Officer</td>
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<td>Evangelism Total</td>
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<td>(Base salary increases 3% pa; medical cost increases 9% pa; salary increases may include COLA and performance-based changes)</td>
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<td>Poverty and Social Justice</td>
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<td>(Base salary increases 3% pa; medical cost increases 9% pa; salary increases may include COLA and performance-based changes)</td>
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<td>Asset Mapping</td>
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<td>75,000</td>
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<td>Moved to Communications</td>
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<td>Incarnational Encounter</td>
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<td>70</td>
<td>Asset Based Community Development Training (ABCD)</td>
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<td>96,322</td>
<td>90,000</td>
<td>Emphasis on expansion of ABCD use across departments: transcreating with Ethnic Ministries, formation and curricular development, storytelling implications for evangelism and reconciliation</td>
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<td>Internships</td>
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<td>Apply funding towards Creation Care</td>
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<td>72</td>
<td>Jubilee Ministry Grants</td>
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<td>Ongoing centers</td>
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<td>New Materials</td>
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<td>29,281</td>
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<td>Director has been charged with activating a more robust network of Jubilee Ministries</td>
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<td>Networks, capacity building and implementation related to Domestic Poverty initiatives</td>
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<td>2016-18 funding was inadequate for travel, office equipment and other staff costs related to Domestic Poverty</td>
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<td>Advocacy and Social Justice</td>
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<td>State Public Policy Networks Participation</td>
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<td>150,356</td>
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<td>Now managed by Staff Officer for Social Justice and Advocacy Engagement</td>
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<td>Cross-class Congregational Engagement</td>
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<td>&quot;Incarnational Encounters&quot; for regional poverty consultations (not conferences, but teaching and discernment events)</td>
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<td>Total Poverty, Advocacy &amp; Social Justice</td>
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<td>643,785</td>
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<td>Racial Justice and Reconciliation</td>
<td>2,000,000</td>
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<td>750,000</td>
<td>Because the work did not begin until mid-2017, only $1 mil will be spent during 2016-2018. The remaining $1 million is allocated below for 2019-2021. This $750K is a further addition in response to D002</td>
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<td>70,563</td>
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<td>87</td>
<td>Racial Injustice/Justice Audit</td>
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<td>Ongoing data collection as part of the church’s work, in partnership with Provincial leadership</td>
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### GC ADOPTED BUDGET 07/12/2018

#### 2019-2021 TRIENNIUM

#### DETAIL: RECONCILIATION AND JUSTICE

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<td>Extend Listening Engagements into additional provinces in next triennium</td>
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<td>Communication/web/social media</td>
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<td>Lifelong Formation and Worship</td>
<td>115,000</td>
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<td>Increase capacity to grow and widely share conversation around racial reconciliation and justice. See lines 91-93</td>
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<td>Resource development and distribution: essay collections, leadership resources, all-ages resources</td>
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<td>20,000</td>
<td>Ongoing resource development in response to the changing environment.</td>
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<td>Young Adult Pilgrimage</td>
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<td>Networks, capacity building and racial justice engagement related to implementation of C019 - Officer for Social Justice and Advocacy Engagement</td>
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<td>As of 2019-21: titled &quot;Program, travel and office - Staff Officer, Social Justice and Advocacy Engagement&quot;</td>
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<td>National Association of Episcopal Schools partnership</td>
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<td>2,433,508</td>
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<td>Because the work did not begin until mid-2017, the entire $2 mil will not be spent during 2016-2018</td>
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<td>Indigenous Ministries</td>
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<td>Clergy and Lay Leadership Development Project</td>
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<td>Indigenous clergy and lay leadership development with emphasis on Jesus Movement. Features ongoing continuing education, resource creation and strategic planning for indigenous ministries, including those in Province 9.</td>
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<td>Church-wide Indigenous Winter Talk gathering</td>
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<td>Winter Talk follows the tradition within Indigenous communities of gathering the people during winter months for prayer, ritual, learning, fellowship, storytelling, honoring of elders, and celebration. Currently regional gatherings are held with limited funding and participation. Gathering to be held annually.</td>
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<td>Native Youth Development Project</td>
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<td>Indigenous youth initiative to develop supports and resources for youth and their adult leaders and clergy. Note that Native American youth are extremely vulnerable to the effects of intergenerational trauma, including substance abuse, domestic violence, criminal gang involvement, and mental health issues, including an alarmingly high suicide rate.</td>
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<td>Assessment study for outreach to and networking with Province 9</td>
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<td>An assessment will be conducted by consultants fluent in the language and culture of the Indigenous peoples in Central and South America and the Caribbean. They will identify major ministry needs and gifts, and discern ways to support and grow this witness. Note: A significant number of Indigenous Episcopalians live in Province 9, but they have been underserved in comparison to other Indigenous Episcopal communities. To be conducted in conjunction with the Office of Latino/Hispanic Ministries.</td>
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<td>Ethnic Convocational Leadership Gatherings</td>
<td>40,000</td>
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<td>The 7 ethnic convocations (Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Filipino, Southeast Asian, South Asian, Pacific Islanders) gather independently to cast vision, map plans and train leaders</td>
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<td>Asiameica &amp; Pacific Islanders Churchwide Consultation</td>
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<td>Triennial gathering for identifying best practices, developing leaders and growing inter-ethnic community among Episcopal Asiameicans</td>
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<td>ANDREWS - Asiameica Mentoring Program</td>
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<td>Asiameica Network of Disciples, Revivalists, Evangelists, Witnesses &amp; Saints (ANDREWS)</td>
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<td>Episcopal Asia America Ministries Total</td>
<td>420,000</td>
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<td>(Base salary increases 3% pa; medical cost increases 9% pa; salary increases may include COLA and performance-based changes)</td>
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<td>559,452</td>
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<td>124</td>
<td>New Visions</td>
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<td>Congregational Renewal to grow plateaued and declining congregations</td>
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<td>Sudanese Ministry Development</td>
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<td>Specific effort to grow evangelism and missional ministries in Sudanese communities</td>
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<td>SOUL Conference</td>
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<td>The Spiritual Opportunity to Unite and Learn gathers youth and young adults for leadership skills training and development</td>
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<td>Black Women's Ministry Initiative</td>
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<td>Initiative to develop leadership and opportunities for women of African descent.</td>
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<td>International Black Clergy Conference</td>
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<td>Triennial gathering of black clergy developing resources for congregational life, clergy wellness, deployment and deeper fellowship.</td>
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<td>Historically Black Colleges Recognition Event</td>
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<td>Biennial event that highlights the Episcopal Church’s ongoing commitment to higher education</td>
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<td>136</td>
<td>Academia</td>
<td>80,000</td>
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<td>The Academia is an ecumenical lay formation program for adults, led by trained lay facilitators. This cost subsidizes 9 training events to be held during the triennium</td>
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<td>137</td>
<td>New Camino</td>
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<td>Conference designed to stimulate interest in developing new Latino ministries in the dioceses that invite us</td>
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<td>Social Media/Digital Resource Training</td>
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<td>Funding for 2 church wide trainings and 6 regional/diocesan trainings, in collaboration with the Evangelism Team and Communications Dept</td>
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<td>ABCD Training (Asset-based Community Development)</td>
<td>20,000</td>
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<td>In partnership with ERD, ABCD training materials have been trans- created to appeal to the Latino church both in the US and in Province IX. This budget will allow leaders to be trained on how to use ABCD principles for partnering with community agencies</td>
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<td>140</td>
<td>Nuevo Amanecer</td>
<td>40,000</td>
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<td>Nuevo Amanecer is the flagship biannual conference for Latino ministry and is now done in collaboration with the ELCA. Almost 500 persons attended in 2016 and 2018 should go over. The conference is co-sponsored by Kanuga and is designed for leadership development, empowerment, and discipleship. This budget allows for the staff participation and some scholarships, especially for small congregations and Province IX.</td>
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<td>Cultural Competency</td>
<td>60,000</td>
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<td>The Episcopal Latino Cultural Competency Course was created as a result of Resolution A086 from the 2015 General Convention. The Cultural Competency course is a nine-day intensive course designed for diocesan staff, clergy, lay leaders, and seminarians. Offered at Episcopal seminaries; academic credit through Seminary of the Southwest. Funding for 6 courses during triennium</td>
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<td>142</td>
<td>Coordinator for Latino Mission Development</td>
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<td>In staff cost line below. Resolution A086 called for an extensive expansion of programs supporting Latino/Hispanic ministry in the Episcopal Church including training and deploying coaches and mentors, assisting dioceses and congregations develop Latino/Hispanic ministries, creating and running a cultural competency program for diocesan and congregational leaders, and providing leadership development and education programs. This extensive set of programs far exceeds the capacity of the Missioner for Latino/Hispanic Ministry</td>
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<td>Translation/Interpretation</td>
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<td>Hispanic/Latino Ministries Total</td>
<td>520,000</td>
<td>511,252</td>
<td>556,750</td>
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<td>Ethnic Ministry-Related Social Justice and Advocacy</td>
<td>90,000</td>
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<td>120,000</td>
<td>Funding available for social justice and advocacy initiatives spearheaded by Ethnic Ministries, in collaboration with OGR and Racial Justice and Reconciliation</td>
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<td>Staff Costs</td>
<td>2,256,727</td>
<td>2,258,129</td>
<td>2,951,844</td>
<td>Provides funding for continuing the second staff officers for Latino Ministries and adds another $333K for a second staff officer in Indigenous Ministries D010</td>
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<td>Total Ethnic Ministries</td>
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<td>Historically Black Episcopal Colleges + Universities</td>
<td>1,645,000</td>
<td>1,645,002</td>
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<td>Continuation of support</td>
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<td>Educational Enterprise Grants</td>
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<td>Grants for strategic assistance at St. Augustine’s and Voorhees</td>
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<td>United Thank Offering</td>
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<td>UTO Other</td>
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<td>460,089</td>
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<td>693,190</td>
<td>579,746</td>
<td>651,175</td>
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<td>Less Offset from trust funds</td>
<td>(973,152)</td>
<td>(921,000)</td>
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<td>Total United Thank Offering</td>
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<td>118,835</td>
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<td>Total Racial Justice and Reconciliation</td>
<td>9,464,925</td>
<td>9,349,064</td>
<td>10,399,058</td>
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<td>Creation Care Green Initiatives</td>
<td>650,000</td>
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<td>Not allocated at GC2015</td>
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<td>EcoJustice site grants</td>
<td>100,000</td>
<td>45,000</td>
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<td>Three Eco Justice sites</td>
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<td>Other grants</td>
<td>335,700</td>
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<td>Based on initial response to grants program, anticipate increase</td>
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<td>167</td>
<td>Advisory Council meetings</td>
<td>64,200</td>
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<td>Assumes 3 face-to-face meetings</td>
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<td>Regional Consultative Groups</td>
<td>5,000</td>
<td>60,000</td>
<td>One group per Province and one Youth/Young Adult (10 groups), ideally meeting twice over 2 triennia</td>
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<td>Other Initiatives</td>
<td>106,300</td>
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<td>Committed to participation through 2020; two during 2019-2021</td>
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<td>Conference of Parties</td>
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<td>Staff and Program Engagement</td>
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<td>90,000</td>
<td>Staff participation in churchwide creation care efforts</td>
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<td>172</td>
<td>Staff costs</td>
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<td>275,374</td>
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<td>Total Creation Care</td>
<td>650,000</td>
<td>611,200</td>
<td>1,000,000</td>
<td>To allocate to program. Responds to multiple resolutions</td>
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Special Comments for 2019-2021:
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<td>Governance-Related Costs</td>
<td>153,319</td>
<td>390,000</td>
<td>Reserve for Lambeth $6K; Chancellor; Council of Advice</td>
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<td>Title IV Disciplinary Actions relative to Bishops</td>
<td>883,730</td>
<td>500,000</td>
<td>Investigations, conference panels, church attorneys, hearings and trials for bishops. Moved from Governance. Increased due to unexpected Title IV complaints. 2019-2021 moves staff costs to Legal Department</td>
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<td>Convocation Episcopal Churches In Europe</td>
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<td>11,380</td>
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<td>Bishop in Charge of Europe</td>
<td>162,000</td>
<td>190,000</td>
<td>Housing, utilities, $5K annual travel grant; other office expenses paid by CECE. Compensation ($476K) in staff cost line below. CECE standalone budget includes approx. $43K annually for episcopacy (11% of spending)</td>
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<td>Bishop in Charge of Navajoland</td>
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<td>Grant requested for Area Mission office operations and staff costs. Strategically relieves bishop from fundraising for own compensation to focus on ministry</td>
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<td>Official &amp; Discretionary Expenses</td>
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<td>710,000</td>
<td>Travel for all PB Office staff plus occasional staff from all other areas of ministry</td>
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<td>Haiti Partnership Committee</td>
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<td>200,000</td>
<td>Oversight related to rebuilding projects resulting from Haiti TEC Memorandum of Understanding by EC</td>
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<td>House of Bishops</td>
<td>175,000</td>
<td>375,000</td>
<td>Gross costs are offset by recoveries from dioceses of approx. $100K annually in line 29; previous numbers were net figures</td>
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<td>House of Bishops Theology Cte</td>
<td>12,000</td>
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<td>A grant to support Living Our Vows training for bishops; peer coaching; represents about 15% of the College for Bishops total budget; other support comes from bishops and external fundraising</td>
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<td>Pastoral Development Other Costs</td>
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<td>491,000</td>
<td>Travel, office, annual gathering of the Episcopal Election Consultants for continuing education, orientation of new consultants, and sharing of best practices requested by Task Force on the Episcopacy. Adds $185K for Title IV website and database and harassment sensitivity training, responding to several resolutions</td>
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<td>This work is specifically directed for care of and elections of bishops</td>
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DETAIL: MINISTRY OF PRESIDING BISHOP TO CHURCH AND WORLD

GC ADOPTED BUDGET 07/12/2018
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#### 2019-2021 TRIENNIUM

**DETAIL: MISSION WITHIN THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

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Special Comments for 2019-2021 (Base salary increases 3% pa; medical cost increases 9% pa; salary increases may include COLA and performance-based changes)
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|                     |                              | 16-18                              |                                  | 2019-2021                  | (Base salary increases 3% pa; medical cost increases 9% pa; salary increases may include COLA and performance-based changes)
| 398                 | Honduras                     | 1,050,949                          | 580,000                          |                            |                                                               |
| 399                 | Venezuela                    | 390,326                            | 395,010                          |                            |                                                               |
| 400                 | Province 9 Total Block Grants| 3,543,830                          | 3,561,021                        | 2,872,830                  |                                                               |
| 401                 |                              |                                    |                                  |                            |                                                               |
| 402                 | Long-term Development Grants - Domestic Dioceses | 1,500,000                          | 1,500,000                        | 667,000                    | Sustainability work continues. Reduction reflects increase above for NDak and SDak and hiring of second Indigenous Ministry Missioner in Racial Justice line. Will include grants to the extent decided by indigenous leadership |
| 403                 | Block Grant to ERD           | 978,699                            | 978,699                          | 1,038,636                  | Grant to cover rental payment; offsets income in line 14 |
| 404                 | Total TEC Block Grants       | 12,898,968.49                      | 12,916,159.48                    | 11,690,555                 |                                                               |
| 405                 |                              |                                    |                                  |                            |                                                               |
| 406                 | Director of Mission's Office |                                    |                                  |                            |                                                               |
| 407                 | Departmental Costs           | 110,400                            | 30,459                           |                            | Moved to PB Office                                           |
| 408                 | Total Director of Mission's Office | 110,400                          | 30,459                           |                            |                                                               |
| 409                 |                              |                                    |                                  |                            |                                                               |
| 410                 | Total Mission Within the Episcopal Church | 28,312,349                      | 27,298,589                       | 27,910,385                 |                                                               |

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<td>Staff Costs non-Govt</td>
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<td>EMM requested $935K church funding for 2 employees currently funded by Government contracts. This should be considered if and when Government funding ends</td>
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<td>Total Refugee Ministry (Non-Government)</td>
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<td>1,557,535</td>
<td>These costs do not include costs of services provided to refugee populations included elsewhere in the budget (e.g., various ethnic ministries, Christian formation) or office overhead</td>
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<td>Young Adult Service Corps</td>
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<td>Staff Costs</td>
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<td>3 DFMS staff plus missionaries' salaries and insurance</td>
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<td>Funds raised by YASCers</td>
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<td>Total Mission Personnel</td>
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<td>Program, office and miscellaneous</td>
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<td>Funds for Episcopal Public Policy Network growth and recruitment; modernized contacts database and CRM system; membership in government affairs professional communities to access strategic data for DFMS priorities</td>
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<td>3 staff moved to Racial Reconciliation</td>
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<td>OGR Total</td>
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<td>Anglican Communion Reconciliation and Development Initiatives</td>
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<td>150,000</td>
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<td>Fund was previously used for emerging priorities across the Communion. We will now refocus this fund to primarily support reconciliation and evangelism efforts strategically across the Anglican Communion, building on the success in 16-18 of programs such as the Galatians conference and Anglican Bishops in Dialog.</td>
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<td>Global Networking</td>
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<td>Funds to be used for programing; specifically to support the online mission relationship mapping project and other global networking initiatives. Travel costs previously on this line now within line 195.</td>
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<td>Committees formed through Called to Common Mission and Moravian Full Communion Agreement. Meet approximately 5 times per triennium. Concordat panel of the Philippine Episcopal Church: 1 meeting.</td>
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<td>Other Departmental Costs</td>
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<td>New projects</td>
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<td>20,000</td>
<td>Diocesan training in interreligious engagement and religious literacy; regional meetings with UMC clergy, bishops, lay people in preparation for full communion.</td>
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<td>Staff Costs</td>
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<td>1/2 time FTE previously budgeted as a consultant; also includes associate moved from Dir of Mission.</td>
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<td>Total Ecum., Interf., Global Relations</td>
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<td>1,178,160</td>
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<td>Executive Council</td>
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<td>Includes 3 annual 4 day face-to-face meetings of EC, EC Committee meetings, Liaisons to Interim Bodies, operational costs, partial share of D&amp;O Insurance. Ability to have meetings throughout the church. No increase since 2009</td>
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<td>Interim Bodies of the General Convention</td>
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<td>Assumes a reduction from 26 to 20 Interim Bodies meeting 3 times per triennium with 12 members each, outside consultants as needed to support work of 10 canonically mandated Interim Bodies and up to 10 other bodies created by GC</td>
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<td>250,000</td>
<td>Board to assist Office of Pastoral Development for bishop callings; responds to A147</td>
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<td>Accrual for PB Nomination, Election, Transition, Installation</td>
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<td>Systematic planning for current practice; some accruals have been made previously</td>
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<td>SC SCLM Prayer Book Revision</td>
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<td>Set-up/Configuration and support for the computer network at GC, computer, printer, iPad rentals and related costs. Software programs to support GC (Volunteer/Voting systems). Systems Research and Development, website hosting and maintenance fees, annual software and webconferencing licenses.</td>
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<td>Translation and Interpretation for Governance</td>
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<td>426,500</td>
<td>Interpretation for Interim Bodies and Executive Council meetings and on-site GC. Translations for Interim Bodies, Executive Council, Canonical Reports and on-site GC. Interpretation for the Deaf and Hearing Impaired at GC.</td>
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<td>General office expenses, telephone, shipping, staff travel, Parochial Reports and Recorder of Consecrations</td>
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<td>Staff Costs</td>
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<td>Reflects transfer of 2 FTE from Congregational Research and staff salary realignment. plus Admin Asst for Comm. and Legislation previously budgeted as a consultant ($370K for 3 years).</td>
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<td>House of Deputies</td>
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<td>Council of Advice</td>
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<td>Assumes 10 members at 2 meetings per year at $1,600 per meeting.</td>
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### GC ADOPTED BUDGET 07/12/2018

#### 2019-2021 TRIENNIUM

**DETAIL: MISSION FINANCE LEGAL OPERATIONS**

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Canon Rosalie S. Ballentine, Esq. (Virgin Islands)
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The Rev. John F. Floberg (North Dakota)
The Rev. Kim Seidman (Colorado)

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The Reverend Canon J. Michael Ehmer (Northwest Texas)
The Rt. Rev. Jeff W. Fisher (Texas)
Kate Huston (Oklahoma)

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Celeste Ventura (California)

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The Rev. Augusto Sandino Sanchez (Dominican Republic)
The Rev. Consuelo Sanchez (Honduras)

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The Most Rev. Michael Bruce Curry, Presiding Bishop
The Rev. Gay C. Jennings, President of the House of Deputies
Report of the Registrar of the General Convention
Report of the Registrar of the General Convention

From July 4, 2015 to July 13, 2018 18 bishops have been ordained and consecrated in and for this Church. The Rev. Canon Dr. Michael Barlowe was the official Registrar for the 2016-2018 triennium.

CONSECRATIONS

1088: The Rev. James Russell Kendrick, was consecrated Bishop Diocesan of Central Gulf Coast, on Saturday, July 25, 2015, at the Mobile Expo Hall, Mobile, Alabama.

Consecrated By:
Katharine Jefferts Schori, Presiding Bishop and Primate
Philip Menzie Duncan Jr, Bishop of Central Gulf Coast
Charles Andrew Doyle, Bishop of Texas

Co-consecrating Bishops:
Santosh Kumar Marray, Assistant Bishop of Alabama
Charles Farmer Duvall, Bishop of Central Gulf Coast, resigned
Anne E. Hodges-Copple, Bishop Suffragan of North Carolina

Assisting:
Scott Benhase, Bishop of Georgia
Leo Frade, Bishop of Southeast Florida
J. Neil Alexander, Bishop of Atlanta, resigned
Michael B. Curry, Bishop of North Carolina
Charles I. Jones, Bishop of Montana, resigned
Brian R. Seage, Bishop of Mississippi
John McKee Sloan, Bishop of Alabama
Peter D. Eaton, Bishop Coadjutor of Southeast Florida
Don E. Johnson, Bishop of West Tennessee
Stacy F. Sauls, Bishop of Lexington, resigned
David Reed, Bishop of Kentucky, resigned
W. Douglas Hahn, Bishop of Lexington

Attested by: The Rev. Canon Michael Barlowe, Registrar
and by Ms. Judith R. Stark, Deputy to the Registrar, who was in attendance at this consecration.
The Rev. Audrey Cady Scanlan, was consecrated Bishop Diocesan of Central Pennsylvania, on Saturday, September 12, 2015, at the Forum, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

Consecrated By:
Katharine Jefferts Schori, Presiding Bishop and Primate
Ian Theodore Douglas, Bishop of Connecticut
Laura Jean Ahrens, Bishop Suffragan of Connecticut

Co-consecrating Bishops:
Sean Walter Rowe, Bishop of Northwestern Pennsylvania
Dorsey W. M. McConnell, Bishop of Pittsburgh
Mariann Edgar Budde, Bishop of Washington

Assisting:
Allen L. Bartlett Jr, Bishop of Pennsylvania, resigned
Nathan D. Baxter, Bishop of Central Pennsylvania, resigned
Charles E. Bennison Jr, Bishop of Pennsylvania, resigned
Michael W. Creighton, Bishop of Central Pennsylvania, resigned
James Elliot Curry, Bishop Suffragan of Connecticut, resigned
Clifton Daniel 3rd, Bishop Provisional of Pennsylvania
R. William Franklin, Bishop of Western New York
Peter D. Eaton, Bishop Coadjutor of Southeast Florida
Robert G. Gepert, Bishop Provisional of Central Pennsylvania
Wendell N. Gibbs, Jr, Bishop of Michigan
William Michie Klusmeyer, Bishop of West Virginia
Chilton R. Knudsen, Assistant Bishop of Maryland
Charlie F. McNutt, Jr, Bishop of Central Pennsylvania, resigned
Henry N. Parsley, Bishop Provisional of Easton
Bavi N. Rivera, Bishop Provisional of Eastern Oregon
James J. Shand, Bishop of Easton, resigned
Andrew D. Smith, Bishop of Connecticut, resigned
William H. Stokes, Bishop of New Jersey

Attested by: The Rev. Canon Michael Barlowe, Registrar
and by Ms. Judith R. Stark, Deputy to the Registrar, who was in attendance at this consecration.
1090: The Rev. George Robinson Sumner, was consecrated Bishop Diocesan of Dallas, on Saturday, November 14, 2015, at the First Methodist Church, Dallas, Texas.

Consecrated By:
Michael Bruce Curry, Presiding Bishop
Paul Emil Lambert, Bishop Suffragan of Dallas
John Crawford Bauerschmidt, Bishop of Tennessee

Co-consecrating Bishops:
Daniel Hayden Martins, Bishop of Springfield
William Carl Frey, Bishop of Colorado, resigned
Michael Gene Smith, Bishop of North Dakota

Assisting:
W. Nicholas Knisely, Bishop of Rhode Island
Shannon Johnston, Bishop of Virginia
G. Porter Taylor, Bishop of Western North Carolina
Clifton Daniel 3rd, Bishop Provisional of Pennsylvania
Anne E. Hodges-Copple, Bishop Suffragan of North Carolina
Herman Hollerith, Bishop of Southern Virginia
James B. Magness, Bishop Suffragan of Armed Services and Federal Ministries
David Jones, Bishop Suffragan of Virginia
Susan E. Goff, Bishop Suffragan of Virginia
W. Douglas Hahn, Bishop of Lexington
Joe G. Burnett, Assistant Bishop of Maryland
W. Michie Klusmeyer, Bishop of West Virginia
Dorsey McConnell, Bishop of Pittsburgh
Scott Benhase, Bishop of Georgia
Nick Baines, Church of England
Lane A. Sapp, Moravian Church
Josiah Idowu-Fearon, Archbishop of Kaduna, resigned
Kevin Kanouse, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Attested by: The Rev. Canon Michael Barlowe, Registrar, who was in attendance at this consecration.
1091: The Rev. Moises Quezada Mota, was consecrated Bishop Coadjutor of Dominican Republic, on Saturday, February 13, 2016, at the Centro Olímpico, Juan Pablo Duarte, Santo Domingo, DR.

Consecrated By:
Michael Bruce Curry, Presiding Bishop
Julio César Holguín-Khoury, Bishop of Dominican Republic
Telésforo A. Isaac, Bishop of Dominican Republic, resigned

Co-consecrating Bishops:
William Jones Skilton, Assistant Bishop of Dominican Republic
Wilfrido Ramos-Orench, Bishop Provisional of Puerto Rico
Lloyd Emmanuel Allen, Bishop of Honduras

Assisting:
Peter D. Eaton, Bishop of Southeast Florida
J. Scott Mayer, Bishop of Northwest Texas
James Ottley, Assistant Bishop of Southeast Florida, resigned
Robert Skirving, Bishop of East Carolina
J. Michael Garrison, Assisting Bishop of Southwest Florida
Wendell Gibbs, Bishop of Michigan
Allan K. Shin, Bishop Suffragan of New York
George R. Sumner, Jr, Bishop of Dallas
Francisco Duque, Bishop of Colombia
Victor Scantlebury, Bishop Provisional of Ecuador Central
Zache Duracin, Bishop of Haiti
Jose Antonio Ramos, Bishop of Costa Rica, retired
Julio Murray, Bishop of Panama

Attested by: The Rev. Canon Michael Barlowe, Registrar, who was in attendance at this consecration.
The Rev. Patrick William Bell, was consecrated Bishop Diocesan of Eastern Oregon, on Saturday, April 16, 2016, at the First Presbyterian Church, Bend, Oregon.

Consecrated By:
Michael Bruce Curry, Presiding Bishop
Bavi Nedi Rivera, Bishop of Eastern Oregon
James Edward Waggoner, Jr. Bishop of Spokane

Co-consecrating Bishops:
Steven Todd Ousley, Bishop of Eastern Michigan
David Earle Bailey, Bishop of Navajoland
William O. Gregg, Bishop of Eastern Oregon, resigned

Assisting:
James Mathes, Bishop of San Diego
Michael Hanley, Bishop of Oregon
Barry L. Beisner, Bishop of Northern California
Gregory Rickel, Bishop of Olympia
Brian Thom, Bishop of Idaho
Neff Powell, Bishop of Southwestern Virginia, resigned
David Brauer-Rieke, ELCA

Attested by: The Rev. Canon Michael Barlowe, Registrar
and by The Rev. Canon Michael Hunn, Deputy to the Registrar, who was in attendance at this consecration.
The Rev. Douglas Everett Sparks, was consecrated Bishop Diocesan of Northern Indiana, on Saturday, June 25, 2016, at the Trinity English Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Consecrated By:
Michael Bruce Curry, Presiding Bishop
Edward Stuart Little, Bishop of Northern Indiana
Brian Norman Prior, Bishop of Minnesota

Co-consecrating Bishops:
Francis Campbell Gray, Bishop of Northern Indiana, resigned
Catherine Maples Waynick, Bishop of Indianapolis
David Cappel Rice, Bishop of San Joaquin

Assisting:
Rayford Ray, Bishop of Northern Michigan
Daniel H. Martins, Bishop of Springfield
Arthur B. Williams, Jr, Bishop Suffragan of Ohio, resigned
Dabney T. Smith, Bishop of Southwest Florida
W. Andrew Waldo, Bishop of Upper South Carolina
Whayne M. Houghland, Jr, Bishop of Western Michigan
Wendell N. Gibbs, Jr, Bishop of Michigan
Jeffrey D. Lee, Bishop of Chicago
J. Eric Schleiffer, Philippine Independent Catholic Church
Armando L. dela Cruz, Philippine Independent Catholic Church
William Gafkjen, ELCA

Attested by: The Rev. Canon Michael Barlowe, Registrar
and by The Rev. Canon Michael Hunn, Deputy to the Registrar, who was in attendance at this consecration.
The Rev. Daniel George Polycarp Gutierrez, was consecrated Bishop Diocesan of Pennsylvania, on Saturday, July 16, 2016, at the New Covenant Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Consecrated By:
Michael Bruce Curry, Presiding Bishop
Clifton Daniel, Provisional Bishop of Pennsylvania
Michael Louis Vono, Bishop of Rio Grande

Co-consecrating Bishops:
Barbara Harris, Bishop Suffragan of Massachusetts, resigned

Assisting:
Edward L. Lee, Bishop of Western Michigan, resigned
Allen L. Bartlett, Jr, Bishop of Pennsylvania, resigned
Douglas E. Sparks, Bishop of Northern Indiana
Dorsey W. M. McConnell, Bishop of Pittsburgh
Chilton R. Knudsen, Assistant Bishop of Maryland
Bavi Edna Rivera, Bishop of Eastern Oregon, resigned
Nathan D. Baxter, Bishop of Central Pennsylvania, resigned
Scott B. Hayashi, Bishop of Utah
Frank T. Griswold, XXV Presiding Bishop
R. William Franklin, Bishop of Western New York
Edwin F. Gulick, Jr., Assistant Bishop of Virginia
Peter D. Eaton, Bishop of Southeast Florida
Diane M. Jardine Bruce, Bishop Suffragan of Los Angeles
Audrey C. Scanlan, Bishop of Central Pennsylvania
Jerry A. Lamb, Bishop of Northern California, resigned
Martin Scott Field, Bishop of West Missouri
James B. Magness, Bishop Suffragan of Armed Forces
David E. Bailey, Bishop of Navajoland
John S. Smylie, Bishop of Wyoming
Mary D. Glasspool, Assistant Bishop of New York

Attested by: The Rev. Canon Michael Barlowe, Registrar, who was in attendance at this consecration.
The Rev. José Antonio McLoughlin, was consecrated Bishop Diocesan of Western North Carolina, on Saturday, October 1, 2016, at the Kimmel Arena, UNCA, Asheville, North Carolina.

Consecrated By:
Michael Bruce Curry, Presiding Bishop
G. Porter Taylor, Bishop of Western North Carolina
Edward J. Konieczny, Bishop of Oklahoma

Co-consecrating Bishops:
Dena A. Harrison, Bishop Suffragan of Texas
Peter James Lee, Assisting Bishop of North Carolina

Assisting:
Brian R. Seage, Bishop of Mississippi
Don E. Johnson, Bishop of West Tennessee
Robert H. Johnson, Bishop of Western North Carolina, resigned
Terry A. White, Bishop of Kentucky
Dabney T. Smith, Bishop of Southwest Florida
Morris K. Thompson Jr, Bishop of Louisiana
Anne E. Hodges-Copple, Bishop Suffragan of North Carolina
James B. Magness, Bishop Suffragan of Armed Forces and Federal Ministries
Robert S. Skirving, Bishop of East Carolina
Matthew A. Gunter, Bishop of Fond du Lac
W. Andrew Waldo, Bishop of Upper South Carolina
Peter D. Eaton, Bishop of Southeast Florida
Timothy M. Smith, ELCA
D. Wayne Burkette, The Moravian Church

Attested by: The Rev. Canon Michael Barlowe, Registrar, who was in attendance at this consecration.
The Rev. DeDe Duncan-Probe, was consecrated Bishop Diocesan of Central New York, on Saturday, December 3, 2016, at the Holiday Inn Conference Center, Liverpool, NY.

Consecrated By:
Michael Bruce Curry, Presiding Bishop
Shannon S. Johnston, Bishop of Virginia
Barbara Harris, Bishop Suffragan of Massachusetts, resigned

Co-consecrating Bishops:
Mary Gray-Reeves, Bishop of El Camino Real
Susan Ellyn Goff, Bishop Suffragan of Virginia
David Colin Jones, Bishop of Virginia, resigned

Assisting:
Chilton R. Knudsen, Bishop of Maine, resigned
Allen K. Shin, Bishop Suffragan of New York
William H. Love, Bishop of Albany
Dorsey W.M. McConnell, Bishop of Pittsburgh
Gladstone B. Adams, Bishop of Central New York
Mary Glasspool, Assistant Bishop, New York
Andrew Dietsche, Bishop of New York
Mark M. Beckwith, Bishop of Newark
R. William Franklin, Bishop of Western New York
Douglas E. Sparks, Bishop of Northern Indiana
Lawrence Provenzano, Bishop of Long Island
Prince Singh, Bishop of Rochester
Bavi Edna Rivera, Bishop of Eastern Oregon, resigned
John Stanley Macholz, ELCA

Attested by: The Rev. Canon Michael Barlowe, Registrar, who was in attendance at this consecration.
1098: The Ven. Carl Walter Wright, was consecrated Bishop Suffragan of Armed Forces and Federal Ministries, on Saturday, February 11, 2017, at the Washington National Cathedral, Washington, DC.

Consecrated By:
Michael Bruce Curry, Presiding Bishop
James Beattie Magness, Bishop Suffragan for Armed Forces and Federal Ministries
Eugene Taylor Sutton, Bishop of Maryland

Co-consecrating Bishops:
George Elden Packard, Bishop Suffragan for Armed Forces and Federal Ministries, resigned
Albert Theodore Eastman, Bishop of Maryland, resigned

Assisting:
Gayle E. Harris, Bishop Suffragan of Massachusetts
Allen K. Shin, Bishop Suffragan of New York
Anne E. Hodges-Copple, Bishop Suffragan of North Carolina
Diane M. Jardine Bruce, Bishop Suffragan of Los Angeles
Nathan D. Baxter, Bishop of Central Pennsylvania, resigned
Mark A. Bourlakas, Bishop of Southwestern Virginia
Wendell N. Gibbs, Bishop of Michigan
Larry R. Benfield, Bishop of Arkansas
Edwin F. Gulick, Jr., Assistant Bishop of Virginia
Santosh Marray, Bishop of Easton
Jacob W. Owensby, Bishop of Western Louisiana
John S. Smylie, Bishop of Wyoming
Chilton R. Knudsen, Bishop of Maine, resigned
Richard Homer Graham, ELCA

Attested by: The Rev. Canon Michael Barlowe, Registrar, who was in attendance at this consecration.
1099: The Rev. Gretchen Mary Rehberg, was consecrated Bishop Diocesan of Spokane, on Saturday, March 18, 2017, at the Cathedral of St John the Evangelist, Spokane, WA.

Consecrated By:
Michael Bruce Curry, Presiding Bishop
James Edward Waggoner, Bishop of Spokane
Thomas Edward Breidenthal, Bishop of Southern Ohio

Co-consecrating Bishops:
Scott Byron Hayashi, Bishop of Utah
Audrey Cady Scanlan, Bishop of Central Pennsylvania

Assisting:
Barry L. Beisner, Bishop of Northern California
Brian Thom, Bishop of Idaho
Michael Hanley, Bishop of Oregon
Katharine Jefferts Schori, XXVI Presiding Bishop
Carl Wright, Bishop Suffragan for Armed Forces and Federal Ministries
C. Franklin Brookhart Jr, Bishop of Montana
Patrick W. Bell, Bishop of Eastern Oregon
Gregory H. Rickel, Bishop of Olympia
John S. Smylie, Bishop of Wyoming
Cabell Tennis, Bishop of Delaware, resigned
Martin Duane Wells, ELCA

Attested by: The Rev. Canon Michael Barlowe, Registrar, who was in attendance at this consecration.
The Rev. Jennifer Lynn Baskerville-Burrows, was consecrated Bishop Diocesan of Indianapolis, on Saturday, April 29, 2017, at the Clowes Memorial Hall at Butler University, Indianapolis, IN.

Consecrated By:
Michael Bruce Curry, Presiding Bishop
Catherine Maples Waynick, Bishop of Indianapolis
Douglas Everett Sparks, Bishop of Northern Indiana

Co-consecrating Bishops:
Barbara Clementine Harris, Bishop Suffragan of Massachusetts, resigned
Gayle Elizabeth Harris, Bishop Suffragan of Massachusetts
Robert Christopher Wright, Bishop of Atlanta

Assisting:
Jeffrey Lee, Bishop of Chicago
Edward Little, Bishop of Northern Indiana, resigned
Mary Glasspool, Assistant Bishop of New York
Arthur B. Williams, Bishop Suffragan of Ohio, resigned
Mark Hollingsworth, Bishop of Ohio
Steven Miller, Bishop of Milwaukee
Victor Scantlebury, Bishop of Ecuador Central
Eugene Taylor Sutton, Bishop of Maryland
Bavi Edna Rivera, Bishop of Eastern Oregon, resigned
Nathan Baxter, Bishop of Central Pennsylvania, resigned
William Persell, Bishop of Ohio, resigned
Gladstone B. Adams, Bishop of Central New York, resigned
Carl Wright, Bishop Suffragan of Federal Ministries and Armed Forces
Scott Benhase, Bishop of Georgia
Daniel Gutierrez, Bishop of Pennsylvania
Wendell Gibbs, Bishop of Michigan
Mary Gray-Reeves, Bishop of El Camino Real
DeDe Duncan-Probe, Bishop of Central New York
S. Todd Ousley, Bishop of Eastern Michigan
Matthew Gunter, Bishop of Fond du Lac
Brian N. Prior, Bishop of Minnesota
Prince Singh, Bishop of Rochester
Rayford Ray, Bishop of Northern Michigan
Sean Rowe, Bishop of Northwestern Pennsylvania
Chilton R. Knudsen, Bishop of Maine, resigned
Scott Barker, Bishop of Nebraska
Peter D. Eaton, Bishop of Southeast Florida
Terry A. White Bishop of Kentucky
Mauricio Araujo de Andrade, Bishop of Brasilia
Benito Juárez-Martinez, Bishop of Southeastern Mexico
William Gafkjen, ELCA

Attested by: The Rev. Canon Michael Barlowe, Registrar, who was in attendance at this consecration.
1101: The Rev. John Harvey Taylor, was consecrated Bishop Coadjutor of Los Angeles, on Saturday, July 8, 2017, at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion, Los Angeles, CA.

Consecrated By:
Michael Bruce Curry, Presiding Bishop
Joseph Jon Bruno, Bishop of Los Angeles
Diane M. Jardine Bruce, Bishop Suffragan of Los Angeles

Co-consecrating Bishops:
Chester lovelle Talton, Bishop Suffragan of Los Angeles, resigned
Sergio Carranza-Gomez, Bishop Assistant of Los Angeles, resigned

Assisting:
Gretchen Rehberg, Bishop of Spokane
DeDe Duncan-Probe, Bishop of Central New York
Barry L. Beisner, Bishop of Northern California
Allen K. Shin, Bishop Suffragan of New York
Patrick Bell, Bishop of Eastern Oregon
Michael Hanley, Bishop of Oregon
Catherine S. Roskam, Bishop Suffragan of New York, resigned
Brian Thom, Bishop of Idaho
Kirk Steven Smith, Bishop of Arizona
Carl Wright, Bishop Suffragan of Federal Ministries and Armed Forces
Mary Gray-Reeves, Bishop of El Camino Real
Edward Little, Bishop of Northern Indiana, resigned
Gregory H. Rickel, Bishop of Olympia
R. Guy Erwin, ELCA

Others who signed and may have sealed:
Samuel Azariah, Bishop of Raiwind, Pakistan
Donald Steven Tamihere, Bishop of TeTairawhiti, New Zealand
Edward Mackenzie, Bishop Suffragan of Capetown, retired
Enrique Trevino, Bishop of Cuernavaca, Mexico
Joshua Uitti Ouma, Bishop of Maseno, East Kenya
Onesimus Park, Anglican Church of Korea
Paul Kim, Bishop of Seoul
Edward Clark, Bishop of Archdiocese of Los Angeles (RC)

Attested by: The Rev. Canon Michael Barlowe, Registrar, who was in attendance at this consecration.
The Rev. Samuel Sewall Rodman, was consecrated Bishop Diocesan of North Carolina, on Saturday, July 15, 2017, at the Duke Chapel, Durham, North Carolina.

Consecrated By:
Michael Bruce Curry, Presiding Bishop
Alan MacIntosh Gates, Bishop of Massachusetts
Anne Hodges Copple, Bishop Pro-tempore of North Carolina*

Co-consecrating Bishops:
José Antonio McLoughlin, Bishop of Western North Carolina
Robert Stuart Skirving, Bishop of East Carolina
Barbara Clementine Harris, Bishop Suffragan of Massachusetts, resigned

Assisting:
Gayle Elizabeth Harris, Bishop Suffragan of Massachusetts
James B. Magness, Bishop Suffragan of Federal Ministries and Armed Forces, resigned
Peter James Lee, Bishop of Virginia, resigned
Mark Allen Bourlakas, Bishop of Southwestern Virginia
James Gary Gloster, Bishop Suffragan of North Carolina, resigned
Mark Hollingsworth, Bishop of Ohio
Brian R. Seage, Bishop of Mississippi
W. Andrew Waldo, Bishop of Upper South Carolina
Scott Benhase, Bishop of Georgia
Whayne Hougland Jr, Bishop of Western Michigan
Don E. Johnson, Bishop of West Tennessee
Terry A. White Bishop of Kentucky
Carl Wright, Bishop Suffragan of Federal Ministries and Armed Forces
G. Porter Taylor, Bishop of Western North Carolina, resigned
Gregory O. Brewer, Bishop of Central Florida
Timothy Smith, ELCA
Wayne Burkette, Moravian Church
Methayothhe Beleme, Bishop of Botswana
Hector Monterroso, Bishop of Costa Rica

Attested by: The Rev. Canon Michael Barlowe, Registrar, who was in attendance at this consecration.
The Rev. Rafael Luis Morales Maldonado, was consecrated Bishop Diocesan of Puerto Rico, on Saturday, July 22, 2017, at the Puerto Rico Convention Center, San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Consecrated By:
Michael Bruce Curry, Presiding Bishop
Wilfrido Ramos-Orench, Bishop Provisional of Puerto Rico
David Andrés Álvarez Velázquez, Bishop of Puerto Rico, resigned

Co-consecrating Bishops:
Julio Ce'sar Holguin, Bishop of Dominican Republic
Peter David Eaton, Bishop of Southeast Florida

Assisting:
José A. McLoughlin, Bishop of Western North Carolina
Alfredo Morante, Bishop of Ecuador Litoral
Moises Quezada Mota, Bishop Coadjutor of Dominican Republic
Daniel George Polycarp Gutierrez, Bishop of Pennsylvania
Leopold Frade, Bishop of Southeast Florida, resigned
Robert W. Ihloff, Bishop of Maryland, resigned
Lloyd Emmanuel Allen, Bishop of Honduras
Larry R. Benfield, Bishop of Arkansas
Scott Benhase, Bishop of Georgia
Telesforo A. Isaac, Bishop of Dominican Republic, resigned
Orlando Guerrero, Bishop of Venezuela
Victor A. Scantlebury, Bishop of Ecuador Central
James H. Ottley, Assistant Bishop of Southeast Florida, resigned
Francisco Duque, Bishop of Colombia
S. Todd Ousley, Bishop of Eastern Michigan, resigned
Other Bishops in Attendance
Felipe Lozada Montañez, ELCA
Maria Griselda Delgado del Carpio, Presiding Bishop of Cuba
Jose Antonio Ramos, Bishop of Costa Rica

Attested by: The Rev. Canon Michael Barlowe, Registrar
and by Ms. Judith Stark, Deputy to the Registrar, who was in attendance at this consecration.
**1104: The Rev. Jennifer Brooke-Davidson,** was consecrated Bishop Suffragan of West Texas, on Saturday, July 29, 2017, at the Christ Episcopal Church, San Antonio, Texas.

Consecrated By:
Michael Bruce Curry, Presiding Bishop
David Mitchell Reed, Bishop of West Texas
Laura Jean Ahrens, Bishop Suffragan of Connecticut

Co-consecrating Bishops:
Gary Richard Lillibridge, Bishop of West Texas, resigned
Jennifer Lynn Baskerville-Burrows, Bishop of Indianapolis
Daniel George Polycarp Gutierrez, Bishop of Pennsylvania

Assisting:
Rayford B. High, Bishop Suffragan of Texas, resigned
DeDe Duncan-Probe, Bishop of Central New York
Larry R. Benfield, Bishop of Arkansas
Claude E. Payne, Bishop of Texas, resigned
Chilton R. Knudsen, Bishop of Maine, resigned
John Bauerschmidt, Bishop of Tennessee
Jeff W. Fisher, Bishop Suffragan of Texas
Philip M. Duncan, Bishop of Central Gulf Coast, resigned
Michael Vono, Bishop of Rio Grande
Michael Milliken, Bishop of Western Kansas
James Edward Folts, Bishop of West Texas, resigned
Carl Wright, Bishop Suffragan of Federal Ministries and Armed Forces
David E. Bailey, Bishop of Navajoland
Dena A. Harrison, Bishop Suffragan of Texas
John MacNaughton, Bishop of West Texas, resigned
J. Scott Mayer, Bishop of Northwest Texas
Ray Tiemann, ELCA
Francisco Moreno, Bishop of Northern Mexico
Benito Juarez, Bishop of Southeastern Mexico

Attested by: The Rev. Canon Michael Barlowe, Registrar
and by Ms. Judith Stark, Deputy to the Registrar, who was in attendance at this consecration.
The Rev. Brian Lee Cole, was consecrated Bishop Diocesan of East Tennessee, on Saturday, December 2, 2017, at the Church of the Ascension, Knoxville, TN.

Consecrated By:
Michael Bruce Curry, Presiding Bishop
Wendell Nathaniel Gibbs, Bishop of Michigan
Mark Allen Bourlakas, Bishop of Southwest Virginia

Co-consecrating Bishops:
George Dibrell Young, III, Bishop of East Tennessee
Robert Hodges Johnson, Bishop of Western North Carolina, resigned
John Neil Alexander, Bishop of Atlanta, resigned

Assisting:
Charles vonRosenberg, Bishop of East Tennessee, resigned
Scott Benhase, Bishop of Georgia
Terry A. White Bishop of Kentucky
Don E. Johnson, Bishop of West Tennessee
Peter D. Eaton, Bishop of Southeast Florida
John T. Tarrant, Bishop of South Dakota
Jose A. McLoughlin, Bishop of Western North Carolina
John Bauerschmidt, Bishop of Tennessee
Morris K. Thompson, Bishop of Louisiana
G. Porter Taylor, Bishop of Western North Carolina, resigned
Robert S. Skirving, Bishop of East Carolina
Anne E. Hodges-Copple, Bishop Suffragan of North Carolina
J. Russell Kendrick, Bishop of Central Gulf Coast
William Sanders, Bishop of East Tennessee, resigned

Attested by: The Rev. Canon Michael Barlowe, Registrar, who was in attendance at this consecration.
The Rev. Kevin Scott Brown, was consecrated Bishop Diocesan of Delaware, on Saturday, December 9, 2017, at the Delaware State University, Dover, Delaware.

Consecrated By:
Michael Bruce Curry, Presiding Bishop
Don E. Johnson, Bishop of West Tennessee
Wayne Parker Wright, Bishop of Delaware, resigned

Co-consecrating Bishops:
Anne Elliot Hodges-Copple, Bishop Suffragan of North Carolina
Hector Monterroso Gonzalez, Assistant Bishop of Texas

Assisting:
W. Michie Klusmeyer, Bishop of West Virginia
William H. Stokes, Bishop of New Jersey
James J. Shand, Bishop of Easton, resigned
Samuel S. Rodman, Bishop of North Carolina
James R. Mathes, Bishop of San Diego
David B. Joslin, Bishop of Central New York, resigned
Jennifer Baskerville-Burrows, Bishop of Indianapolis, resigned
Carl Wright, Bishop Suffragan of Federal Ministries and Armed Forces
David C. Jones, Bishop Suffragan of Virginia, resigned
Chilton R. Knudsen, Bishop of Maine, resigned
Charles E. Bennison, Jr, Bishop of Pennsylvania, resigned
M. Blair Couch, Moravian Church
William Jenkins Gohl Jr, ELCA

Attested by: The Rev. Canon Michael Barlowe, Registrar
and by The Rev. Canon Michael Hunn, Deputy to the Registrar, who was in attendance at this consecration.
Consecration numbers 1092 and 1105 do not appear in this listing. The numbers were assigned by the Registrar to two Bishops from outside of The Episcopal Church who were made members of the House of Bishops under the provisions of Canon III.12.5 (2015 Canons) pertaining to Assistant Bishops. No consecration ceremonies occurred.

Consecration number 1092 was assigned to Bishop Mark Van Koevering who became a member of the House of Bishops under the provisions of Canon III.12.5 on 2/9/2016.

Consecration number 1105 was assigned to Bishop Hector Monterroso who became a member of the House of Bishops under the provisions of Canon III.12.5 on 7/1/2017.
Report of the Recorder of Ordinations
This report covers the years 2015, 2016, and 2017. 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 2015.

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### Record of Ordinations to the Priesthood Since 2015 of Those Ordained Deacons Before 2015

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- **Con**: Consecrated
- **Ord**: Ordained Deacon
- **Rec**: Received
- **Rest**: Restored
- **Tr In**: Transferred In
- **Tr Out**: Transferred Out
- **Ab**: Assistant Bishops who joined the HB under Canon III.12.5

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Joseph Alarid
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Dahn Gandell
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Paula Valeri

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Penny Bridges
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Gwynn Lynch

Pauline Getz*
Hanh Tran
Louis Glosson
Judy Brown

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Suzy Ward
Anna Carmichael
Robert Woods

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Gareth Aden  
Susan Huggins  
Jim Weatherly

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Alex Montes Vela*  
William Treadwell  
Patrick Miller  
Susan Kennard  
Luz Montes  
David Harvin  
Clementine Arana  
Jerry Campbell

THE VIRGIN ISLANDS (PROVINCE II)
Sandra Walters Malone  
Erminie George  
Amonteen Doward  
Stedwart Lee  
Rosalie Simmonds Ballentine*  
Yvette Ross-Edwards  
Alecia Wells  
Edith Haynes-Lake

UPPER SOUTH CAROLINA (PROVINCE IV)
Furman Buchanan*  
Michael Flanagan  
Alan Leonard  
Susan Prinz  
Scooty Burch  
Angela Daniel  
Norah Grimbald  
Mary Anne Park

UTAH (PROVINCE VIII)
Trace Browning  
Mary Janda  
Pablo Ramos*  
Isabel Gonzalez  
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Russell Randle  
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David C Wacaster  
Betsy Carmody Gonzalez*  
Gregory Syler  
Barbara Miles  
Gerry Perez  
Kemah Camara  
John Johnson IV |
| **WEST MISSOURI (PROVINCE VII)** | Marshall Scott*  
The Rev. Anne Kyle  
Tim Coppinger  
Jonathan Frazier  
Curtis Hamilton  
Linda Robertson  
Amanda Perschall  
Liz Trader |
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Catherine Dempsey-Sims*
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House of Deputies
Minutes of the
79th General Convention
MORNING SESSION

This being the time and place designated, pursuant to Canon I.1.14(c), for the meeting of the 79th General Convention, the President of the House of Deputies, The Rev. Gay Jennings, of Ohio, called the House to order at 8:02 a.m. at the Austin Convention Center, Austin, Texas, in the Diocese of Texas.

The President announced that the Bible had been placed in the House and was open to 2 Corinthians 4:5-11. The President remarked on the scripture.

Appointment of the Chaplain

The President announced the appointment of Deputy Lester V. Mackenzie of Los Angeles as Chaplain of The House of Deputies. The Chaplain led the House in opening prayers.

Appointments

The President announced the appointment of Mr. Bryan W. Krislock of Olympia as Parliamentarian; Mr. Thomas A. Little of Vermont as the Vice-Parliamentarian; Ms. Sally A. Johnson of Minnesota as the Chancellor to the President; and Canon Richard E. Miller of Southeast Florida as the Sergeant-at-Arms.

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 413 clerical deputies and 409 lay deputies certified and seated, bringing the total count of the House to 822. The number of votes for a motion to prevail by a simple majority was 412. The number of votes for a motion to prevail by a two-thirds majority was 548. There were 3 changes in deputations in this session, as follows:

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The Secretary moved that the report be accepted.

Quorum

The President requested the Secretary to certify that a 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 dioceses entitled to representation, there is a quorum of the House present for the transaction of business.

The Rev. Dr. Canon Michael Barlowe

Election of the Secretary of the House of Deputies

The President called for nominations for Secretary of the House of Deputies. Deputy Hart of Pennsylvania placed in nomination the name of the Rev. Canon Dr. Michael Barlowe of California 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 President called on the Voting Secretary to facilitate the vote. An electronic vote was also conducted, resulting in 751 yes votes and 5 no votes.

The Rev. Canon Dr. Michael Barlowe was elected as Secretary of the House of Deputies.

Motion carried
Secretary of the House of Deputies elected

House of Deputies Organized

The President declared that the House of Deputies was now organized. The President appointed Deputy Bamberger of Los Angeles, Deputy Booker of Missouri, Deputy Braxton of Pittsburgh, Deputy Burke of Alaska, Deputy Ehmer of Northwest Texas, Deputy Flanagan of Upper South Carolina, Deputy Funston of Kansas, Deputy Gilton of Dallas, Deputy Greene of Eau Claire, Deputy Moore of East Tennessee, Deputy Morrow of Kansas, Deputy Pipkin of Minnesota, Deputy Sells of Navajoland, Deputy Spencer of Eastern Michigan to inform the House of Bishops of the same. The Committee comprises all of the Michaels serving as deputies in the House. The President appointed Deputy Moore as the chair of the Committee to speak on behalf of the Committee. 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: Ms. Marian Conboy as Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Deputy Varghese of New York and Deputy Hino of Hawaii as Assistant Secretaries for Voting, and Deputy Michaud of Easton as Assistant Secretary for Digital Systems.

Approval received
Assistant Secretaries appointed
Election of Secretary of the General Convention

The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business presented Resolution X001 (Appointment of Michael Barlowe as Secretary of General Convention) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:

(X001)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the Reverend Canon Michael Barlowe, having been duly elected Secretary of the House of Deputies, be made Secretary of the General Convention.

The President called on the Voting Secretary to conduct the vote by electronic ballot.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #1)

Introduction

The President welcomed Mr. N. Kurt Barnes, Treasurer of the General Convention, and announced that, pursuant to Canon I.1.1(f), he has seat in the House and, with consent of the President, may speak on the subjects of his office.

Delegations with Seat and Voice

The President welcomed and recognized Ms. Sheba Brown, Mr. Clemenceau Urey, the Rev. Canon A. Too Williams, and the Rev. Canon Augustus Z. Quoi from the Episcopal Church in Liberia who, pursuant to House of Deputies Rule IV(B), have seat and voice in the House.

The House greeted the delegation with applause.

Official Youth Presence

The President then welcomed and recognized the Official Youth Presence who, pursuant to House of Deputies Rule IV(B) have seat and voice in the House.

Province I:
Georgia Atkinson of New Hampshire
James-Paul Forbes of Connecticut

Province II:
Anthony Baldeosingh of Long Island
Wentao Zhao of Long Island

Province III:
Alexander Ward of West Virginia
Andrew Kasule of Washington

Province IV:
Justin Mullis of North Carolina
Helena Upshaw of South Carolina

Province V:
Claire Parish of Western Michigan
Alexander Koponen of Indianapolis
Province VI:
Emily Jetton of Iowa
Luisa Van Oss of Minnesota

Province VII:
Michaela Wilkins of Texas

Province VIII:
Angela Cainguitan of Hawaii
Maria Gonzalez of Olympia

Province IX:
Diana Abuchar Sierra of Colombia
Fernando Jose Aguilar Sanchez of Honduras

The House recognized the Official Youth Presence with applause.

Dispatch of Business

The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business presented its Report #4 on Resolution A002 (General Convention Daily Agenda) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A002)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention function through the following activities:
1. Formal legislative sessions of the two Houses;
2. Joint sessions for Mission and Evangelism conversation and presentation of proposed budget;
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 79th General Convention held in Austin, Texas be:

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<td>Joint Adjournment – Sine Die</td>
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The President called on the Voting Secretary to facilitate the vote.

**Motion carried**

**Resolution adopted**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #2)

**Dispatch of Business**

The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business presented its Report #3 on Resolution X002 (Special Order Calendar for the House of Deputies) and moved adoption.

The President called on the Voting Secretary to facilitate the vote.

**Motion carried**

**Resolution adopted**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #3)

**Final Text of Resolution:**

(X002)

Resolved, That the Special Order Calendar for the House of Deputies be as follows:
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<td>Explanation by the Parliamentarian and the Secretary of the Process for Nominations from the Floor for Trustees of the Church Pension Fund; Members of Executive Council; Treasurer of the General Convention; Trustees of the General Theological Seminary; Disciplinary Board for Bishops; President of the House of Deputies.</td>
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Communication from the House of Bishops

A delegation from the House of Bishops, consisting of the Bishop of Central Pennsylvania and the Bishop of West Tennessee, was introduced to the House to bring greetings and communicate that the House of Bishops was organized.

Introductions by the Secretary

The Secretary introduced those persons participating as members of the platform team:

Message Secretaries
Mr. Richard Perry, Diocese of Atlanta
The Very Rev. M.E. Eccles, Diocese of Chicago

Text Editor and Floor Amendment Assistants
The Rev. Steve Domienik, Diocese of Michigan
The Rev. Canon Susan Brown Snook, Diocese of Oklahoma
Ms. Linda Watt, Diocese of Western North Carolina

Recording Secretaries
The Rev. Canon Christine Faulstich, Diocese of Texas
The Rev. JoAnn Jones, Diocese of Pennsylvania
The Rev. Brooks Cato, Diocese of Central New York

Platform and AV Operators
The Rev. David Michaud, Diocese of Easton
The Very Rev. Ward Simpson, Diocese of South Dakota
Appointments to the Board of Archives

The President announced her appointments to the Board of Archives and called on the Chair of the House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business.

Dispatch of Business

The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business presented its report #1 on Resolution X003 (Confirmation of Appointments to the Board of Archives) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the General Convention confirm the appointments for six-year terms on the Board of Archives of:

- Dr. Heather Calloway (Easton)
- Mr. Lawrence Hitt, II (Colorado)
- Ms. Margaret Evans Porter (New Hampshire)
- The Rev. W. Keith McCoy (New Jersey)

A vote was taken on Resolution X003.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #4)

Appointments to the Board for Transition Ministry

The President announced her appointments to the Board for Transition Ministry and called on the Chair of the House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business.
Dispatch of Business

The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business presented its report #5 Resolution X004 (Confirmation of Appointments for the Board for Transition Ministry) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:

(X004)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the General Convention confirm the appointments for six-year terms on the Board for Transition Ministry of:

- Ms. Anne Rudacille Schmidt (Dallas)
- Ms. Ellen McVey (Eastern Michigan)
- The Rev. Dr. Gary W. Butterworth (Western North Carolina)
- The Rev. Victor H. Conrado (Chicago)

A vote was taken on Resolution X004.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #5)

Reading of Memorial Roll

The President announced that the memorial roll of past deputies would be read. The President made special note of the death of the 29th President of the House of Deputies, the Very Rev. David B. Collins. Following the reading of the roll, the Chaplain led the House in prayers.

Recess

Following announcements, the President announced that the House would stand in recess until 4:30 p.m.
AFTERNOON SESSION

Reconvene

The President called the House to Order at 4:31 p.m.

Prayers

The President called on the Chaplain for prayers.

Certification of Deputies

The House of Deputies Committee on Credentials presented its Report #2 for the Afternoon session of the First Legislative Day. There were 423 clerical deputies and 417 lay deputies certified and seated, bringing the total count of the House to 840, representing 110 dioceses in the clerical order and 109 in the lay order. The number of votes for a motion to prevail by a simple majority was 421. The number of votes for a motion to prevail by a two-thirds majority was 560. The number of dioceses for a motion requiring a Vote By Orders to prevail was 55 in the lay order and 56 in the clerical order. The number of dioceses for a motion requiring a Vote By Orders to prevail by a two-thirds majority was 73 in the lay order and 74 in the clerical order. There were 25 new deputies certified and 16 changes in deputation on this day, as follows:

Newly certified deputies:

Michael Burke, Diocese of Alaska
Antonis De J. Calvo, Diocese of Colombia
David Hincapie, Diocese of Colombia
Anne Swardson, Diocese of Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe
Eleonore Armand-Xavier, Diocese of Haiti
Frantz Casseus, Diocese of Haiti
Kerwin Delicat, Diocese of Haiti
Webster Paraison, Diocese of Haiti
Gina Angulo Zamora, Diocese of Litoral Ecuador
Mitzer Juarez Villamar, Diocese of Litoral Ecuador
Franklin Macias Perez, Diocese of Litoral Ecuador
David Holmberg, Diocese of Minnesota
Carla Burns, Diocese of New York
Brian Baker, Diocese of Northern California
Myles B. Clarke, Diocese of Northern California
Charis Hill, Diocese of Northern California
Charles Mack, Diocese of Northern California
Andrea McMillin, Diocese of Northern California
Sara Potter, Diocese of Northern California
Lewis Powell, Diocese of Northern California
DonnaJo Woollen, Diocese of Northern California
Douglas Oles, Diocese of Olympia
Jerry Campbell, Diocese of Texas
Alecia Wells, Diocese of the Virgin Islands
Thomas Murphy, Diocese of Western North Carolina
Diocese | New Deputy       | Former Deputy  
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Arizona | Julia Coleman  | Clyde Kunz     
California | Karma Quick-Panwala | Warren Wong 
Central Gulf Coast | David Quittmeyer | Joe McDaniel 
Indianapolis | Evelyn Wheeler   | Charles Dupree 
Minnesota | David Holmberg | Susan Triebenbach 
Nevada | Maggie Davidson | Jeanne Ward Estes 
New York | Diane Pollard | James Forde 
Pennsylvania | JoAnn Jones | Koshy Mathews 
Pennsylvania | Pamela Nesbit | Kathryn Andonian 
San Diego | Brenda Sol | Colin Mathewson 
South Carolina | Wilmot Merchant | James Taylor 
Southwest Florida | Joan Kline | Judy Stark 
Spokane | Pia Longinotti | Patricia Munts 
Spokane | Karen Schomburg | David Hacker 
Western New York | Kim Rossi | Colleen O'Connor 
Western North Carolina | Marshall Jolly | Christie Olsen 

The Secretary moved that the report be accepted.

**Motion carried**

**Report accepted**

**Introduction**

The President welcomed the delegation from the Episcopal Church in Liberia who were not present at the morning session when they were granted seat and voice.

**Dispatch of Business**

The Chair of the House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business moved to suspend House Rule VI.2.1 for this afternoon's session in order to consider additional resolutions.

A vote was taken on the motion.

**Motion carried**

**Rules suspended**

**Special Order of Business**

The President recognized the International, Ecumenical, and Anglican guests. The President welcomed Dr. Ragies Masiiwa Gunda of Zimbabwe and Dr. Joanildo Burrity of Brazil to bring remarks to the House.

**Rules of Order**

The House of Deputies Committee on Rules of Order presented its Report #1 on Resolution A185 (Amend House of Deputies Rule of Order XII.D) and moved adoption with amendment.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(A185)

Resolved, That the House of Deputies amends Rule VII of its Rules of Order as follows:
During a debate on any motion or other matter, a member may:

(i) speak up to two (2) minutes, or up to four (4) minutes if translation is required, after being recognized by the Chair; and

(ii) speak twice on the matter.

If translation or interpretation is required for a member to present his or her remarks during a debate, all time limits on the debate will be extended by two minutes.

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, That the House of Deputies amends Rule XII of its Rules of Order as follows:

A. Deputies may debate.
   1. Any Deputy or person given seat and voice on the floor of the House may participate in debate, unless a Rule of the House specifies otherwise.
   2. Any Deputy or person participating in debate will provide their name and the Diocese they represent.
   3. Any Deputy may speak only after being recognized by the Presiding Officer.

B. Definitions
   1. Debate. Debates are an opportunity for Deputies to engage in discussion on any matter.
   2. Matter. A matter includes any Resolution, Memorial, motion, message from the House of Bishops, or Committee report, that is presented to the House to consider and act upon.

C. Deputies may engage in debate on any matter except when:
   1. debate has been ended by a vote of the House;
   2. debate is not allowed due to a Rule of the House, a Joint Rule, a Canon, or the Constitution.

D. Time Limits
   1. A total of 30 minutes is the maximum time allowed to debate on:
      i. any matter; and
      ii. all motions related to that matter.
   
   2. If a person rises to speak during the first six minutes of debate on a matter, no member may move the following unless no person seeks to debate on the matter:
      i. amend the motion or Resolution;
      ii. move a substitute;
      iii. end debate.
   
   3. During a debate on any motion or other matter, a member may:
      
      (i) speak up to two (2) minutes, or up to four (4) minutes if translation is required, after being recognized by the Chair; and
(ii) speak twice on the matter.

4. If translation or interpretation is required for a member to present his or her remarks during a debate, all time limits on the debate will be extended by two minutes. For each speech that requires translation or interpretation, all time limits on debate in these rules, or adopted by a special rule of order, will be extended by two minutes.

(5) Debate will end following:

i. a successful vote to end debate;

ii. the end of the time allowed for debate by a Rule or Special Order; or

iii. by ruling of the President if:

   a. at least three Deputies have spoken in favor of the matter and no one rises to speak against it; or

   b. at least three Deputies have spoken against the matter and no one rises to speak in favor of it; or

   c. no one rises to speak on the matter.

The President reminded the House that any changes to the rules of the House requires a two-thirds vote.

A vote was taken on Resolution A185.

The President reopened discussion on Resolution A185 as a deputy wishing to speak was missed.

Deputy Ambos of New Jersey moved an amendment.

Proposed Amendment:
Restore parentheses around the i and delete the numeral 2 in parentheses in 3.i

Motion carried
Amendment adopted

A vote was taken on Resolution A185 as amended.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #9)

Final Text of Resolution
(A185)
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   iii. by ruling of the President Presiding Officer if:
      a. at least three Deputies have spoken in favor of the matter and no one rises to speak against it; or
      b. at least three Deputies have spoken against the matter and no one rises to speak in favor of it; or
      c. no one rises to speak on the matter.
Social Justice and International Policy

The House of Deputies Committee on Social Justice and International Policy presented its Report #1 on Resolution A039 (Affirm the Work of The Episcopal Church at the United Nations) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A039)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention and the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Episcopal Church rejoice together in being granted Economic and Social Council consultative status at the United Nations; and be it further

Resolved, That this Church encourages all Episcopalians to educate themselves about the work of the United Nations and the many ways in which our collective call as Christians to “seek and serve Christ in all persons” links with the work undertaken at the United Nations, and to partner with the United Nations and its agencies to achieve these goals; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention encourages all Episcopalians to avail themselves of the resources and opportunities presented by this status, in particular partnering with the Global Partnerships team and the Church’s official representatives to the United Nations.

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention and the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Episcopal Church rejoice together in being granted Economic and Social Council consultative status at the United Nations, which status provides the opportunity for representatives and delegates of The Episcopal Church to provide input to decision and policy makers of the United Nations, such input provided being in accordance with resolutions passed by the General Convention; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention encourage Executive Council and its committees be in closer dialogue with the official representatives of The Episcopal Church to the United Nations; and be it further

Resolved, That this Church encourage all Episcopalians to educate themselves about the work of the United Nations, through resources provided by the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Church and the United Nations, and to explore the many ways in which our collective call as Christians to “seek and serve Christ in all persons” links with the work undertaken at the United Nations, and to partner with the United Nations and its agencies related funds and programs to achieve these goals; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention encourage the Global Partnerships team and the Church’s official representatives to the United Nations to provide access to educational materials, resources, and information in English, French, and Spanish regarding opportunities presented by this status on The Episcopal Church website, Episcopal News Service, and at diocesan conventions; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention encourages all Episcopalians to avail themselves of the resources and opportunities presented by this status, in particular partnering with the provided by the Global Partnerships team and the Church’s official representatives to the United Nations and encourage those who participate as delegates representing The Episcopal Church to share their experiences as broadly as possible in their parishes, dioceses, and beyond with the support of the Domestic and Foreign Mission Society; and be it further

Resolved, That our representatives continue to work in partnership with the representatives of the Anglican Communion, and actively seek to collaborate as far as possible with representatives of other faith-based organizations; and be it further
Resolved, That the 79th General Convention and the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of The Episcopal Church rejoice together in the relationships built between the delegates of The Episcopal Church and the representatives of the Anglican Communion, deepening understanding and sharing stories.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #7)

Governance and Structure

The House of Deputies Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #4 on Resolution A177 (Amend Article I.1 - Second Reading) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A177)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That Article I, Section 1 of the Constitution is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 1 There shall be a General Convention of this Church, consisting of the House of Bishops and the House of Deputies, which Houses shall sit, debate, and deliberate vote separately, unless otherwise provided for by this Constitution or the Canons. The Houses by majority vote of each House may call for the Houses to sit, debate, and vote, or any combination thereof, together. The General Convention may by Canon establish procedures for such sessions. In all deliberations freedom of debate shall be allowed. Either House may originate and propose legislation, and all acts of the Convention shall be adopted and be authenticated by both Houses.

The President reminded the House that the final vote on this resolution requires a vote by orders.

Debate ensued.

Deputy Streeter of Rochester moved to end debate.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

Ballot #1 - Vote by Orders

A Vote by Orders was taken on Resolution A177.

Ballot #1 taken by orders

Results of Ballot #1: Vote By Orders of Resolution A177

The President read the results of Ballot #1.

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Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #8)
Announcement

The President relinquished the Chair to the Vice President for consideration of the next resolution.

Churchwide Leadership

The House of Deputies Committee on Churchwide Leadership presented its Report #1 on Resolution B014 (Director's Fees for the President of the House of Deputies) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:

(B014)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention acknowledge that the canonical duties required of the President of the House of Deputies, which are canonically mandated and currently unpaid, may limit the pool of those who can serve in the role if there is not adequate remuneration provided; and be it further

Resolved, That this General Convention recognize the importance of diversity in governance leadership; and be it further

Resolved, That this General Convention direct the Executive Council to compensate the President of the House of Deputies, who serves as Vice President of The Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society and Vice Chair of Executive Council, in the form of Director’s Fees for specific services rendered in order to fulfill duties required by the Constitution and Canons; and be it further

Resolved, That the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance allocate resources for the implementation of this resolution.

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention acknowledge that the canonical duties required of the President of the House of Deputies, which are canonically mandated and currently unpaid, may limit the pool of those who can serve in the role if there is not adequate remuneration provided; and be it further

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Resolved, That the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance allocate resources for the implementation of this resolution.

Debate ensued.
The Chair announced that debate would end according to the rules of the House.
A vote was taken on Resolution B014.

Following the vote by voice, Deputy Hamilton of West Missouri requested an electronic vote be taken.
The Chair called upon the Voting Secretary to conduct an electronic vote.
An electronic vote was taken on Resolution B014, resulting in 705 yes votes and 120 no votes.

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

The Vice President relinquished the Chair to the President following the vote on B014.

Announcements
The Secretary read the announcements.

Recess
The President recessed the House at 6:30 p.m. to reconvene on July 6, at 10:30 a.m.
Second Day

Friday
July 6, 2018

JOINT SESSION

Reconvene
The Presiding Bishop called the Joint Session to Order at 10:32 a.m.

Prayers
The Presiding Bishop led the Joint Session in prayer.

Joint Session on Racial Reconciliation
The Presiding Bishop called on the Rev. David Crabtree to facilitate the Joint Session on Racial Reconciliation. Deacon Crabtree introduced presenters Mr. Arno Michaelis, the Rev. Nancy Frausto, Dr. Catherine Meeks, and Mr. Charles Dawain Stephens, as well as a video produced by the Episcopal Church in Minnesota.

Following the presentations, Deacon Crabtree invited those in the Joint Session to engage a partner in conversation about what stood out for them from the presentations, as well as what they hear Jesus calling them to do with regard to racial reconciliation, healing, and justice.

Following the time allotted for those conversations, Deacon Crabtree invited those in the Joint Session to engage in table discussions in regard to how our churches and institutions might respond to what Jesus is calling us to collectively. He encouraged those in the session to share what they discussed on provided emails, numbers for texting, and Twitter accounts.

Recess
The Presiding Bishop adjourned the Joint Session at 11:55 a.m.
AFTERNOON SESSION

Reconvene
The President called the House to Order at 3:32 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 #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 afternoon session of the Second Legislative Day. There were 423 clerical deputies and 418 lay deputies certified and seated, bringing the total count of the House to 841, representing 110 dioceses in the clerical order and 110 in the lay order. The number of votes for a motion to prevail by a simple majority was 421. The number of votes for a motion to prevail by a two-thirds majority was 561. The number of dioceses for a motion requiring a Vote By Orders to prevail was 56 in the lay order and 56 in the clerical order. The number of dioceses for a motion requiring a Vote By Orders to prevail by a two-thirds majority was 74 in the lay order and 74 in the clerical order. There were 10 new deputies certified and 43 changes in deputation on this day, as follows:

Newly certified deputies
John Floberg, North Dakota
Mary Johnson, North Dakota
Robert Fox, North Dakota
Angela Goodhouse-Mauai, North Dakota
Carmine Goodhouse, North Dakota
Joshua Floberg, North Dakota
Charlotte Peterson, North Dakota
Catherine Munz, Western Massachusetts
Blanca Echeverry, Colombia
Matt Wise, West Texas

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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 #1:** X005 (House Organized) Adopted.
- **HB Message #2:** X001 (Appointment of Michael Barlowe as Secretary of General Convention)  
  Concurred.
HB Message #3: X003 (Confirmation of Appointments to the Board of Archives) Concurred.
HB Message #4: X004 (Confirming Appointments for the Board for Transition Ministry) Concurred.
HB Message #5: A002 (General Convention Daily Agenda) Concurred.
HB Message #6: A098 (Amend Canon III.12.10 - Timelines and Pastoral Response in Mediation)
Adopted.

Dispatch of Business
The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business presented its Report #6 on Resolution X006
(Special Order for the Consideration of Resolutions on Prayer Book Revision) and moved adoption.
Deputy Humphrey of Rhode Island moved to amend the resolution.

Proposed Amendment:
To strike 60 and replace with 120 for the number of total minutes for debate and to include a time of
silent prayer before the final vote is taken.
Debate ensued.
Deputy Calhoun of East Tennessee moved to divide the amendment.
The Chair ruled that the amendment was divisible.
A vote was taken on the amended motion to extend time for debate.

Motion defeated
Amendment defeated

A vote was taken on the amended motion to provide time for silent prayer before voting on the final
motion.

Motion carried
Amendment adopted

A vote was taken on resolution X006 as amended.

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

Final Text of Resolution:
(X006)

Resolved, That the House of Deputies set special rules of order for debate at 4:00 PM on the Second
Legislative Day, July 6th, for the consideration of A068, concerning Prayer Book revision.

1. Total time of the discussion shall be 60 minutes.
2. The first 15 minutes of discussion shall be for clarifying questions only.
3. Then follows 15 minutes of debate, wherein no motions to amend will be entertained.
4. Then follows 30 minutes of debate using the standard House of Deputies Rules of Order, except
   that debate may not be terminated on the main motion until the total time of 60 minutes of
discussion have passed.
5. Prior to voting on A068, the President of the House of Deputies will call upon the Chaplain to lead
the house in silent prayer for at least 2 minutes, which time may be extended by the request of any
deputy under the regular rules of order.

6. The Resolution to be debated, A068, will be placed on Day 2 Legislative Calendar.

Introduction of Participants from the Young Adults Festival

The President welcomed participants from the Young Adults Festival and introduced Ms. Eva Ortez, who
addressed the House.

Dispatch of Business

The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business presented its Report #7 on Resolution X007
(House Organized) and moved adoption.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #12)

Final Text of Resolution:

(X007)

Resolved, That the House of Deputies is organized and ready to proceed to business, with the Rev. Gay
Clark Jennings, President of the House of Deputies, in the Chair, with Mr. Byron Rushing as Vice-Chair,
and the Rev. Canon Michael Barlowe as Secretary.

Consent Calendar

The Secretary announced that Resolutions A001 (Site of 81st General Convention (2024)) and B011
(Inclusive Language Policies for Episcopal Seminaries and Formation Programs) had been withdrawn
from the Consent Calendar.

[Ed. Note: Resolution A001 was removed from the day 2 consent calendar when a question came up after
the committee report had already been calendared. It was later put onto the Day 8 consent calendar
where the House voted to take no further action as the matter had already been addressed with a
duplicate resolution: A226.]

Governance and Structure

The House of Deputies Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #1 on Resolution
A038 (Affirm Inter-Anglican Secretariat) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A038)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That through our funding and active participation, this Church
continues to bear witness to this Church’s ongoing commitment to the Anglican Communion and the
work of the Inter-Anglican Secretariat (Anglican Communion Office).

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #13)
Social Justice and International Policy

The House of Deputies Committee on Social Justice and International Policy presented its Report #2 on Resolution B013 (Response to Yemen Humanitarian Crisis) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:

(B013)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church note with deep concern and dismay the ongoing conflict in Yemen, now in its fourth year, and the humanitarian crisis caused by the conflict, which has left 22 million people—three-quarters of the country's population—in need of humanitarian assistance including food and clean water; and it be further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church call upon the U.S. government: 1) to observe the embargo of arms sales to all parties in the conflict, as called for by the United Nations, and specifically to avoid supplying munitions, military equipment or technology that could be used in the conflict, as well as logistical and financial support for such transfers; 2) to call upon all parties to the conflict to allow unobstructed access in the conflict areas for humanitarian relief organizations, medical relief personnel, human rights investigators, and journalists; and 3) to express an urgent need for a politically negotiated solution; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church and Episcopal Relief and Development be encouraged to undertake, in partnership with the Anglican Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf, relief and long-term economic development projects in areas such as education, job creation, and health care, as well as sustainable solutions for the lack of access to water, a primary source of conflict across the Middle East region that is one of the drivers of conflict across the Middle East region.

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church, as followers of Jesus Christ, recognize our moral imperative to address our note with deep concern and dismay over the ongoing conflict in Yemen, now in its fourth year, and the humanitarian crisis caused by the conflict, which has left 22 million people—three-quarters of the country's population—in need of humanitarian assistance including food and clean water; and it be.

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church direct the Office of Government Relations to call upon the U.S. government: 1) to observe the embargo of arms sales to all parties in the conflict, as called for by the United Nations, and specifically to avoid supplying munitions, military equipment or technology that could be used in the conflict, as well as logistical and financial support for such transfers; 2) to call upon all parties to the conflict to allow unobstructed access in the conflict areas for humanitarian relief organizations, medical relief personnel, human rights investigators, and journalists; and 3) to express an urgent need for a politically negotiated solution; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church recognize that throughout the Middle East region access to water and sustainable agriculture are serious problems and a primary source of conflict; and encourage The Episcopal Church and Episcopal Relief and Development to undertake, in partnership with the Anglican Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf, relief and long-term economic development projects in areas such as education, job creation, and health care, as well as sustainable
solutions for the lack of access to water, a primary source of conflict across the Middle East region that is
one of the drivers of conflict across the Middle East region.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #14)

Governance and Structure

The House of Deputies Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #3 on Resolution
A034 (Supporting General Convention Children's Program) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A034)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the General Convention commends and supports the
General Convention Children's Program, and continues to direct funding to include the youngest of God's
children in our work together.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #15)

Safeguarding and Title IV

The House of Deputies Committee on Safeguarding and Title IV presented its Report #1 on Resolution
C061 (Encouraging the Use of the Code on Conduct for the Protection of Children) and moved to refer the
resolution to the Committee on Social Justice and International Policy.

Original Text of Resolution:

(C061)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That consistent with Resolution 2009-A167 of the 76th
General Convention of The Episcopal Church, which “calls for the protection of all victims of human
trafficking,” the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church support the Code of Conduct for the
Protection of Children from Sexual Exploitation in Travel and Tourism (“The Code”) adopted by ECPAT
(End Child Prostitution and Trafficking); and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church encourage programs and ministries
of The Episcopal Church to give preference to tourism companies and businesses, including but not
limited to hotels, airlines, and travel agents, that have signed The Code when making arrangements for
meetings and travel to meetings; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church encourage programs and ministries
of The Episcopal Church to make available opportunities for advocacy and education with tourism
companies and businesses, including but not limited to hotels, airlines, and travel agents, that have not
signed The Code when they are used for arrangements for meetings and travel to meetings; and be it
further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church encourage all dioceses, parishes
within the dioceses, and members of The Episcopal Church to give preference to tourism companies and
businesses, including but not limited to hotels, airlines, and travel agents, that have signed The Code
when traveling and to engage in advocacy with tourism companies and businesses that have not; and be
it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church website make available current information on the status of
companies that have signed The Code.

Motion carried
Resolution re-referred to a legislative committee
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #16)

Evangelism and Church Planting

The House of Deputies Committee on Evangelism and Church Planting presented its Report #2 on
Resolution A030 (Small Evangelism Grants) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A030)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the General Convention directs the Executive Council to
implement small grants program to encourage local parish and diocesan evangelism efforts; and be it
further

Resolved, That the sum of $100,000 shall be allocated for this grant program.

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the General Convention directs the Executive Council to
implement small grants program to encourage local parish worshiping community and diocesan
evangelism efforts; and be it further

Resolved, That the sum of $100,000 shall be allocated for this grant program.

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

The House of Deputies Committee on Evangelism and Church Planting presented its Report #1 on
Resolution A082 (Training for [Digital] Evangelists) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A082)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention convey to the Office of the
Presiding Bishop’s Canon for Evangelism and Racial Reconciliation the desire that the curriculum started
by the General Convention Task Force for Leveraging Social Media for Evangelism be brought to its
completion in this coming triennium; and be it further

Resolved, That said curriculum be utilized as part of The Episcopal Church’s ongoing work of training
evangelists, both face-to-face and digital evangelists, in preparation for Revivals and most especially in
those places where a Revival may not be possible due to size, logistics, and other considerations so that
[digital] evangelists are trained to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with traditionally underserved
populations; and be it further

Resolved, That the Office of the Presiding Bishop’s Canon for Evangelism and Racial Reconciliation explore
the mutual benefit of developing relationships with para-Church organizations such as Forma, the
Episcopal Evangelism Society, and Episcopal Communicators to provide such training to other trainers whose reach might allow for the expansion of Episcopal Evangelists throughout the Church, with the goal of having a trained, licensed [digital] evangelist in every Diocese by the end of the Triennium; and be it further

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

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention convey to the Office of the Presiding Bishop’s Canon for Evangelism and Racial Reconciliation the desire that the curriculum started by the General Convention Task Force for Leveraging Social Media for Evangelism be brought to its completion in this coming triennium; and be it further

Resolved, That said curriculum be utilized as part of The Episcopal Church’s ongoing work of training evangelists, both face-to-face and digital evangelists, in preparation for Revivals and most especially in those places where a Revival may not be possible due to size, logistics, and other considerations so that [digital] evangelists are trained to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with traditionally underserved populations; and be it further

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

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

Stewardship and Socially Responsible Investing

The House of Deputies Committee on Stewardship and Socially Responsible Investing presented its Report #1 on Resolution Boo8 (Stewardship in Communities of Color) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:

(Boo8)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention recognizes that The Episcopal Church has not historically articulated, recognized or appreciated the particularities and uniqueness of stewardship and fundraising practices among parishes and faith communities of color; nor is there denominational or ecumenical research and data available on stewardship and fundraising practices of communities of color; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention commends the initiative of the ecumenical Collective Foundation in their project to research and collect data on stewardship and fundraising practices of communities of color called: “Research on Giving by Faith Communities of Color,” and its goal to support communities of color in their ongoing stewardship programs and initiatives; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention urges the offices of the Episcopal Church Center, dioceses, and parishes to cooperate with, and support the efforts of, the Collective Foundation in the “Research on Giving by Faith Communities of Color” project in partnership with other denominations.

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention recognizes that The Episcopal Church has not historically articulated, recognized or appreciated the particularities and uniqueness of stewardship and fundraising practices among parishes, congregations, and faith communities of color; nor is there denominational or ecumenical research and data available on stewardship and fundraising practices of communities of color; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention commends the initiative of the ecumenical Collective Foundation in their project to research and collect data on stewardship and fundraising practices of communities of color called: “Research on Giving by Faith Communities of Color,” and its goal to support communities of color in their ongoing stewardship programs and initiatives; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention urges the offices of the Episcopal Church Center, dioceses, and parishes, congregations to cooperate with, and support the efforts of, the Collective Foundation in the “Research on Giving by Faith Communities of Color” project in partnership with other denominations.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #19)

Churchwide Leadership

The House of Deputies Committee on Churchwide Leadership presented its Report #2 on Resolution A028 (Salary for the President of the House of Deputies) and moved to take no further action.

Motion carried
The House took no further action
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #20)

The House of Deputies Committee on Churchwide Leadership presented its Report #3 on Resolution C043 (Per Diem Compensation for the President of the House of Deputies) and moved to take no further action.

Motion carried
The House took no further action
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #21)

Social Justice and International Policy

The House of Deputies Committee on Social Justice and International Policy presented its Report #3 on Resolution D051 (Support Recommitment to Iran Nuclear Deal) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(D051)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention call attention to Jesus’ words, “Blessed are the peacemakers,” as central to the role of governments, Christians, and all people
of good will in the conflicts of the world and in the effort to prevent proliferation of nuclear weapons in the Middle East and elsewhere; and be it further

Resolved, That this General Convention urge the United States to pursue carefully negotiated, multilateral international agreements in order to prevent nuclear proliferation and to achieve denuclearization; and be it further

Resolved, That this General Convention affirm the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA), commonly known as the Iran Nuclear Deal, that was agreed to in 2015 by Iran, the five permanent members of the United Nations Security Council – China, France, Russia, the United Kingdom, and the United States – and Germany and the European Union, and recognize the role of faith-based organizations and churches in assisting in the development of the Iran Nuclear Deal; and be it further

Resolved, That this General Convention oppose the May 2018 unilateral withdrawal of the United States from the Iran Nuclear Deal and urge the other parties to the agreement to persevere in their commitment to it; and be it further

Resolved, That this General Convention urge the United States Congress to enact legislation mandating that the United States rejoin the Iran Nuclear Deal, and to refrain from efforts, such as re-imposing sanctions without cause on Iran, that would further erode international confidence in the commitment of the United States to international agreements; and be further

Resolved, That this General Convention encourage the church’s Office of Governmental Relations in Washington to continue to advocate for U.S. adherence to the Iran Nuclear Deal; and be it further

Resolved, That this General Convention urge Episcopalians to commend this resolution to their senators and representatives in Congress.

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention, as followers of Jesus Christ, call attention to His Jesus’ words, “Blessed are the peacemakers,” as central to the role of governments, Christians, and all people of good will in the conflicts of the world and in the effort to prevent proliferation of nuclear weapons in the Middle East and elsewhere; and be it further

Resolved, That this General Convention urge the United States government to pursue carefully negotiated, multilateral international agreements in order to prevent nuclear proliferation and to achieve denuclearization; and be it further

Resolved, That this General Convention affirm the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA), commonly known as the Iran Nuclear Deal, that was agreed to in 2015 by Iran, the five permanent members of the United Nations Security Council – China, France, Russia, the United Kingdom, and the United States of America – and Germany and the European Union, and recognize the role of faith-based organizations and churches in assisting in the development of the Iran Nuclear Deal; and be it further

Resolved, That this General Convention oppose the May 2018 unilateral withdrawal of the United States of America from the Iran Nuclear Deal and urge the other parties to the agreement to persevere in their commitment to it; and be it further

Resolved, That this General Convention urge the United States Congress to enact legislation mandating that the United States of America rejoin the Iran Nuclear Deal, and to refrain from efforts, such as re-imposing sanctions without cause on Iran, that would further erode international confidence in the commitment of the United States of America to international agreements and further diminishes the trust and goodwill of the people of Iran toward the United States of America; and be it further
Resolved, That this General Convention recognize with deep concern and dismay the very detrimental impact of the withdrawal of the United States of America from the Iran Nuclear Deal and the imposition of sanctions on the lives of the people of Iran, especially Christians and other religious minorities; and be it further

Resolved, That this General Convention encourage the church’s Office of Governmental Relations in Washington to continue to advocate for U.S. adherence that the United States of America adhere to the Iran Nuclear Deal and cease all sanctions without cause on Iran; and be it further

Resolved, That this General Convention urge Episcopalians based in the United States of America to commend this resolution to their senators and representatives in Congress, and request the Episcopal Public Policy Network provide information and support to facilitate communication with senators and representatives in Congress.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #22)

Stewardship and Socially Responsible Investing

The House of Deputies Committee on Stewardship and Socially Responsible Investing presented its Report #3 on Resolution C013 (Against Human Trafficking) and moved to refer the resolution to the Committee on Social Justice and International Policy.

Original Text of Resolution:

(C013)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That consistent with Resolution 2009-A167 of the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church, which “calls for the protection of all victims of human trafficking,” the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church support the Code of Conduct for the Protection of Children from Sexual Exploitation in Travel and Tourism (“The Code”) adopted by ECPAT (End Child Prostitution and Trafficking); and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church encourage programs and ministries of The Episcopal Church to give preference to tourism companies and businesses, including but not limited to hotels, airlines, and travel agents, that have signed The Code when making arrangements for meetings and travel to meetings; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church encourage programs and ministries of The Episcopal Church to make available opportunities for advocacy and education with tourism companies and businesses, including but not limited to hotels, airlines, and travel agents, that have not signed The Code when they are used for arrangement for meetings and travel to meetings; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church urge all dioceses, parishes within the dioceses, and members of The Episcopal Church to give preference to tourism companies and businesses, including but not limited to hotels, airlines, and travel agents, that have signed The Code when traveling and to engage in advocacy with tourism companies and businesses that have not; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church website make available current information on the status of companies that have signed The Code, which can be found at http://www.thecode.org/who-have-signed/members/.”

Motion carried
Resolution re-referred to a Legislative Committee
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #23)

End of Consent Calendar
Committee to Receive the Report of Resolution A169

The House of Deputies Committee to Receive the Report of Resolution A169 presented its Report #1 on Resolution A068 (Plan for the Revision of the Book of Common Prayer) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A068)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention approve the Option One plan for the Revision of the Book of Common Prayer 1979, which is included in the report to the 79th General Convention of the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music Subcommittee on Revision of The Book of Common Prayer; and be it further

Resolved, That the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music be directed to implement this plan; and be it further

Resolved, That the sum of $1,917,025 be appropriated the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music for the completion of this plan.

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention approve authorize the Option One plan for the Revision of the Book of Common Prayer 1979, which is included in the report to the 79th General Convention of the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music Subcommittee on to undertake comprehensive R revision of The Book of Common Prayer 1979; and be it further

Resolved, That the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music be directed to implement this plan; and be it further

Resolved, That such revision will continue in faithful adherence to the historic rites of the Church Universal as they have been received and interpreted within the Anglican tradition of Common Prayer while also providing space for, encouraging the submission of, and facilitating the perfection of rites that will arise from the continual movement of the Holy Spirit among us and growing insights of our Church; and be it further

Resolved, That such revision utilize the riches of Holy Scripture and our Church’s liturgical, cultural, racial, generational, linguistic, gender and ethnic diversity in order to share common worship; and be it further

Resolved, That such revision utilize inclusive and expansive language and imagery for humanity and divinity; and be it further

Resolved, That such revision shall incorporate and express understanding, appreciation, and care of God’s creation; and be it further

Resolved, That such revision take into consideration the use of current technologies which provide access to a broad range of liturgical resources; and be it further

Resolved, That the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music follow the “Guiding Assumptions” and “Plan for the revision of the Book of Common Prayer 1979” from the SCLM Blue Book Report to the 79th General Convention; and be it further

Resolved, That the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music shall report to the 80th General Convention; and be it further
Resolved, That the sum of $1,917,025 be appropriated to the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music for the 2019-2021 Triennium for this process and the completion of this plan.

Deputies asked questions of the committee during the time allotted by the special order. When the time allotted for questions ended, debate ensued.

At the end of the time allotted for debate, the President offered the House a choice of ending consideration of Resolution A068 according to the special order or extending debate by thirty minutes, to be held at the next legislative session, because of deputies waiting to propose amendments due to misunderstandings about the queue system. The House voted to extend debate.

Motion carried
Consideration postponed

[Ed. Note: Consideration of resolution A068 was resumed on July 7, 2018 (Day 3).]

Announcements
The Secretary read the announcements.

Recess
The President recessed the House at 5:35 p.m. to reconvene on July 7, at 10:30 a.m.
MORNING SESSION

Reconvene

The President called the House to Order at 10:32 a.m.

Prayers

The President called on the Chaplain for prayers.

Certification of Minutes

The House of Depuies 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.

Certification of Deputies

The House of Deputies Committee on Credentials presented its Report #4 for the morning session of the Third Legislative Day. There were 423 clerical deputies and 418 lay deputies certified and seated, bringing the total count of the House to 841, representing 110 dioceses in the clerical order and 110 in the lay order. The number of votes for a motion to prevail by a simple majority was 421. The number of votes for a motion to prevail by a two-thirds majority was 561. The number of dioceses for a motion requiring a Vote By Orders to prevail was 56 in the lay order and 56 in the clerical order. The number of dioceses for a motion requiring a Vote By Orders to prevail by a two-thirds majority was 74 in the lay order and 74 in the clerical order. There were 47 changes in deputation 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 the Rules of Order during debate on Resolution A068 to allow only the movement of amendments during the thirty minutes allotted for debate and to limit debate to six minutes per amendment.

Motion carried
Rules suspended
The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business moved to suspend the Rules of Order to move the time of the Special Order of Business on the Trial Use of Marriage Liturgies to the fourth legislative day and to move the Special Order of Business regarding Israel and Palestine to the fifth legislative day.

**Motion carried**

**Rules suspended**

**Introduction of Ecumenical and Interreligious Guests**

The President welcomed Ecumenical and Interreligious guests seated in the gallery of the House. A series of video greetings from the guests was shown.

**Consent Calendar**

The Secretary announced that Resolutions C004 (Study the Implications of Expanding Paid Family Leave), C052 (Paid Family Leave), D020 (Understanding the Truth of Sexual Harassment and Assault in The Episcopal Church), A168 (Amend Canon III.12.9(a)), and A155 (Amend Canon III.5.1(c)) had been withdrawn from the Consent Calendar.

[Ed. Note: Resolutions C004, C052 and D020 were removed from the Day 3 consent calendar due to some questions that came up after the committee reports had been calendared. They were later put on the House of Deputies Day 4 consent calendar.]

**Evangelism and Church Planting**

The House of Deputies Committee on Evangelism and Church Planting presented its Report #4 on Resolution A031 (Fund a full time Evangelism Staff Officer) and moved the resolution, recommending rejection.

**Original Text of Resolution**

(A031)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the General Convention direct funding of a full-time Staff Officer for Evangelism to serve on the Presiding Bishop’s staff.

**Motion defeated**

**Resolution rejected**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #25)

**Christian Formation and Discipleship**

The House of Deputies Committee on Christian Formation and Discipleship presented its Report #1 on Resolution B009 (Civil Discourse) and moved adoption.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(B009)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention calls on all Episcopalians to practice civil discourse in our political life, while not making peace with evil and injustice; and be it further resolved, That the General Convention urge individual Episcopalians, parishes, dioceses, and seminaries to use the Civil Discourse Curriculum developed by the Episcopal Church Office of Government Relations...
as a resource to guide discussions about politics, policy, and legislation, while strengthening our relationships with one another; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention direct the Episcopal Church Office of Government Relations to work with bipartisan efforts in Congress, when possible, and intentionally engage with elected and career government officials from all political parties.

Motion carried  
Resolution adopted  
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #26)

The House of Deputies Committee on Christian Formation and Discipleship presented its Report #2 on Resolution B017 (Financial Support for Administering the Episcopal Service Corps) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:

(B017)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention embrace the ministry of the Episcopal Service Corps as a dynamic and transformational force in the lives of young adults and for The Episcopal Church; be it further

Resolved, That as a demonstration of this commitment to and investment in the long-term health of current and future local programs, the General Convention establish a financial commitment toward administration and care among the other young adult ministries in the Office of Formation; 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 $150,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

Motion carried  
Resolution adopted  
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #27)

The House of Deputies Committee on Christian Formation and Discipleship presented its Report #3 on Resolution A033 (Supporting and Expanding Episcopal Youth Events) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A033)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the General Convention commends and supports the vital role of the Episcopal Youth Event in the formation of young people; and be it further

Resolved, That General Convention supports the efforts of the Department of Formation Ministries to expand the scope of EYE, through the Evento de Jovenes Episcopales and possible other events, to reach beyond the continental U.S.

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the General Convention commends and supports the vital role of the Episcopal Youth Event in the formation of young people; and be it further
Resolved, That General Convention supports the efforts of the Department of Formation Ministries to expand the scope of EYE, through the Evento de Jovenes Episcopales and possible other events, to reach beyond the continental U.S.; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance consider a budget allocation of $150,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #28)

Evangelism and Church Planting

The House of Deputies Committee on Evangelism and Church Planting presented its Report #5 on Resolution A196 (Fund a Full-time Evangelism Staff Officer) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A196)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention affirm the initiative of the Presiding Bishop and Executive Council in the creation of and funding for a full-time Evangelism Officer to serve on the Presiding Bishop’s staff; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention encourage Program, Budget, and Finance to maintain the sum of $380,000, as currently allocated in the draft budget proposed by the Executive Council for this position.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #29)

Safeguarding and Title IV

The House of Deputies Committee on Safeguarding and Title IV presented its Report #4 on Resolution A048 (Establish Committee to Oversee Creation of Training Materials) and moved adoption of a substitute.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A048)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That this 79th General Convention direct the Executive Council to establish a committee of the Council to oversee the creation and implementation of new safe church training materials to be developed during the next triennium to reflect the approved 2017 Model Policies for the Protection of Children and Youth and the approved 2017 Model Policies for the Protection of Vulnerable Adults, such committee to be comprised of not more than nine (9) people who reflect the diversity of The Episcopal Church, which should include youth ministers, those working with vulnerable adults, educators for adults, and those experienced in the prevention of sexual abuse; membership should also include at least three (3) persons from the Task Force to Update Sexual Misconduct Policies appointed in 2015; and be it further

Resolved, That such safe church training materials for the prevention of sexual misconduct include written and web-based training materials that include responsive and multilingual online web-based resources, a modern content management system and a curated resource list, such training to provide Universal Training accessible to all congregants and ministry participants that fosters a culture of safety
and inclusion for all people and Specialized Training consisting of discrete modules on topics directly related to ministry roles and functions; and be it further

Resolved, That this 79th General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $50,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

Committee Substitute:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That this 79th General Convention direct the Executive Council to establish a Task Force pursuant to Canon I.1.2.(o) to create and implement new safe church training materials to be developed during the next triennium to reflect the approved 2017 Model Policies for the Protection of Children and Youth and the approved 2017 Model Policies for the Protection of Vulnerable Adults, such committee to be comprised of at least nine (9) and no more than twelve (12) people who reflect the diversity of The Episcopal Church, which should include youth ministers, those working with vulnerable adults, educators for adults, and those experienced in the prevention of sexual abuse; membership should also include at least three (3) persons from the Task Force to Update Sexual Misconduct Policies appointed in 2015; and be it further

Resolved, That the Church Pension Group be asked to collaborate and coordinate their training program with this effort and to appoint a member to serve on the committee; and be it further

Resolved, That such safe church training materials for the prevention of sexual misconduct include written and web-based training materials that include responsive and multilingual online web-based resources, a modern content management system and a curated resource list, such training to provide Universal Training accessible to all congregants and ministry participants that fosters a culture of safety and inclusion for all people and Specialized Training consisting of discrete modules on topics directly related to ministry roles and functions; and be it further

Resolved, That this 79th General Convention assign to the Task Force that will oversee the new safe church training materials the following duties: where and how to host training materials that includes a comprehensive list of resources, develop a plan for continued updating of the training materials and the curating of resources, as well as a plan to oversee this work; and be it further

Resolved, That this 79th General Convention direct the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society (DFMS) to host on its website the Model Policies for the Protection of Children and Youth and the Model Policies for the Protection of Vulnerable Adults for the prevention of sexual misconduct approved in 2017; and be it further

Resolved, That this 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church commits itself to the financial support of the creation, implementation and maintenance of such safe church training materials to advance clergy wellness and reduce liability; and be it further

Resolved, That this 79th General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $245,000 for the creation of the safe church training materials described in this resolution and $50,000 for the work of the Task Force.

Motion carried
Substitute resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #30)
The House of Deputies Committee on Safeguarding and Title IV presented its Report #5 on Resolution A050 (Funding for Safe Church Training) and moved to take no further action.

Motion carried
The House took no further action
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #31)

The House of Deputies Committee on Safeguarding and Title IV presented its Report #6 on Resolution A049 (Host Model Policies on DFMS Website) and moved to take no further action.

Motion carried
The House took no further action
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #32)

Christian Formation and Discipleship
The House of Deputies Committee on Christian Formation and Discipleship presented its Report #4 on Resolution D030 (Supporting Formation) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:

(D030)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention, designate an annual grant of $50,000 each year of the triennium to Forma to support the work of, and further develop, the grassroots network which enables collaborative Christian formation of all the baptized across The Episcopal Church; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance consider a budget allocation of $150,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #33)

Governance and Structure
The House of Deputies Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #5 on Resolution A083 (Implementation of The Way Forward - Establishing an Effective and Efficient 21st Century Seminary) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A083)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention concur with the October 19, 2017, unanimous resolution of the Board of Trustees of the General Theological Seminary of The Episcopal Church that Article III of its Constitution be amended as follows:

ARTICLE III
The Board of Trustees shall be constituted as follows: The Presiding Bishop of the Church; the Bishop of the Diocese in which the Seminary is located; the Dean of the Seminary; the
President of the Alumni Board; one (1) Bishop chosen by the House of Bishops; one (1) presbyter or deacon and one (1) lay person chosen by the House of Deputies; three (3) persons chosen by the Alumni of the Seminary; and the remaining Trustees shall be elected by the Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees shall fix by Resolution from time to time at its Annual Meeting the total number of Trustees, which number of Trustees shall be not less than nineteen (19) nor more than thirty (30) members. The Presiding Bishop, the Bishop of the Diocese, the Dean of the Seminary, and the President of the Alumni Board shall be members ex-officio. The Bishop elected by the House of Bishops and the persons elected by the House of Deputies of the General Convention shall be elected at each convention for a term of three (3) years. The three (3) Trustees elected by the Alumni (excluding the President of the Alumni Board who shall serve ex-officio while holding that office) shall be elected annually by the Alumni Board for staggered terms of three (3) years. The persons elected by the Board of Trustees shall be elected at the Annual Meeting or other duly called meetings of the Board of Trustees for staggered terms of three (3) years.

And be it further

Resolved, That this shall be effective January 1, 2019, provided that it shall then have been ratified and approved by the Board of Trustees and provided further that all members of the Board of Trustees holding office on such effective date shall continue to hold office until the expiration of their respective present terms of office.

Motion carried

Resolution adopted

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #34)

The House of Deputies Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #6 on Resolution C050 (Sanctuary) and moved the resolution, recommending rejection.

Original Text of Resolution:

(C050)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That this 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church declares itself, while in session, to be a place of sanctuary; and be it further

Resolved, That the Presiding Officers of the House of Deputies and the House of Bishops are hereby urged to appoint a Joint Sanctuary Committee which will attend to the needs of those who seek sanctuary on this holy ground.

Motion defeated

Resolution rejected

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #35)
**Safeguarding and Title IV**

The House of Deputies Committee on Safeguarding and Title IV presented its Report #9 on Resolution A115 (Adopt and Implement Charter for Safety) and moved adoption with amendment.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(A115)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention join the 2012 Anglican Consultative Council in adopting the following "Charter for Safety of People Within the Churches of the Anglican Communion" as a summary of The Episcopal Church's policy regarding maintaining the safety of all who come to or work for our churches:

"1. Pastoral support where there is abuse — We will provide pastoral support for the abused, their families, and affected parishes and church organizations by listening with patience and compassion to their experiences and concerns; offering spiritual assistance and other forms of pastoral care.

2. Effective responses to abuse — We will have and implement policies and procedures to respond properly to allegations of abuse against clergy and other church personnel that include: making known within churches the procedure for making complaints; arranging pastoral care for any person making a complaint of abuse; the impartial determination of allegations of abuse against clergy and other church personnel, and assessment of their suitability for future ministry; providing support for affected parishes and church organizations.

3. Practice of pastoral ministry — We will adopt and promote, through education and training, standards for the practice of pastoral ministry by clergy and other church personnel.

4. Suitability for ministry — We will have and implement policies and procedures to assess the suitability of persons for ordination as clergy or appointment to positions of responsibility in the church, including checking their background.

5. Culture of safety — We will promote a culture of safety in parishes and church organizations by education and training to help clergy, other church personnel, and participants prevent the occurrence of abuse"; and be it further

Resolved, That the Executive Council collect current data from all member dioceses regarding their "safe church" policies and practices, including identification of reasons for not implementing the recommended policies and practices; and publish that information to The Episcopal Church through its most widely accessible media; and be it further

Resolved, That the Office of Global Relations collaborate with Province IX to develop and disseminate culturally appropriate materials for use in the Spanish-speaking dioceses of The Episcopal Church that are consistent with the principles of the Anglican Consultative Council "Charter of Safety" and the standards previously set out by General Convention, including a process for training of local trainers; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance to propose a budget allocation of $40,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

**Committee Amendment:**

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention join the 2012 Anglican Consultative Council in adopting the following "Charter for Safety of People Within the Churches of the Anglican Communion" as a summary of noting that it summarizes The Episcopal Church's policy regarding maintaining the safety of all who come to or work for our churches:
1. Pastoral support where there is abuse — We will provide pastoral support for the abused, their families, and affected parishes and church organizations by listening with patience and compassion to their experiences and concerns; offering spiritual assistance and other forms of pastoral care.

2. Effective responses to abuse — We will have and implement policies and procedures to respond properly to allegations of abuse against clergy and other church personnel that include: making known within churches the procedure for making complaints; arranging pastoral care for any person making a complaint of abuse; the impartial determination of allegations of abuse against clergy and other church personnel, and assessment of their suitability for future ministry; providing support for affected parishes and church organizations.

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4. Suitability for ministry — We will have and implement policies and procedures to assess the suitability of persons for ordination as clergy or appointment to positions of responsibility in the church, including checking their background.

5. Culture of safety — We will promote a culture of safety in parishes and church organizations by education and training to help clergy, other church personnel, and participants prevent the occurrence of abuse.

Resolved, That the Executive Council collect current data from all member dioceses regarding their "safe church" policies and practices, including identification of reasons for not implementing the recommended policies and practices; and publish that information to The Episcopal Church through its most widely accessible media; and be it further

Resolved, That the Office of Global Relations collaborate with Province IX to develop and disseminate culturally appropriate materials for use in the Spanish-speaking dioceses of The Episcopal Church that are consistent with the principles of the Anglican Consultative Council "Charter of Safety" and the standards previously set out by General Convention, including a process for training of local trainers; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance to propose a budget allocation of $40,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

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

Governance and Structure

The House of Deputies Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #7 on Resolution C056 (Create a Task Force on Full Inclusion) and moved to refer the resolution to Executive Council.

Original Text of Resolution:
(C056)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church affirms full inclusion of all members of The Episcopal Church to be an important focus of the work of this Church and our General Convention; and be it further

Resolved, That our commitment to full inclusion be reflected in our policies and in our allocation of the financial resources of our Church; and be it further

Resolved, That the Presiding Officers appoint a Task Force, to be known as the Task Force on Full Inclusion and comprised of members of the Executive Council and others, to examine those areas of our life together as a church, especially in the Diocesan delegations to General Convention which are consistently...
less than four clerical and lay Deputies as permitted by the Canons, where full inclusion is still only a goal, not a reality, especially for the people and Dioceses of Province IX, and to make appropriate recommendations for action by the General Convention; and be it further.

Resolved, That the Task Force on Full Inclusion shall present its report to the 80th General Convention.

Motion carried
Resolution referred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #37)

Rules of Order

The House of Deputies Committee on Rules of Order presented its Report #7 on Resolution A194 (Study Revision of Joint Rules of Order) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A194)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That pursuant to Rule IX of the Joint Rules of Order of the House of Bishops and the House of Deputies, the General Convention will establish a task force consisting of four bishops appointed by the Presiding Bishop and four clergy or lay persons appointed by the President of the House of Deputies, to study the Joint Rules of Order and applicable Canons; report back to the 80th General Convention on its findings and with a proposed revision of the Joint Rules of Order; the expenses of the task force will be paid from the triennial budget’s interim bodies line item.

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That pursuant to Rule IX of the Joint Rules of Order of the House of Bishops and the House of Deputies, the General Convention will establish a task force consisting of four bishops appointed by the Presiding Bishop and four clergy or lay persons appointed by the President of the House of Deputies, to study the Joint Rules of Order and applicable Canons; report back to the 80th General Convention on its findings and with a proposed revision of the Joint Rules of Order; and applicable Canons; and be it further

Resolved, That the sum of $25,000 the expenses of the task force will be paid from be appropriated to the Task Force from the triennial budget’s interim bodies line item.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #38)

End of Consent Calendar

Committee to Receive the Report of Resolution A169

The time for debate on Resolution A068 (Plan for the Revision of the Book of Common Prayer) continued, as approved by the House in the previous legislative session.

The President announced that the lay deputations from Oklahoma, Long Island, and Georgia had requested that the vote on Resolution A068 be a vote by orders.

Deputy Valenta of Dallas moved to amend the resolution.
Proposed Amendment:
Add an additional resolve clause:
Resolved, That this church ensure that, at each step of the revision process, all materials be translated into English, Spanish, French, and Haitian Creole, following the method commonly called dynamic equivalency; and be it further

Motion carried
Amendment adopted

Deputy Hill of Northern California moved to amend the resolution.

Proposed Amendment:
In the fourth resolve clause, following "gender", add ", physical ability".

Motion carried
Amendment adopted

Deputy Case of the Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe moved to amend the resolution.

Proposed Amendment:
In the third resolved, following "Common Prayer", add "and in accordance with our existing ecumenical commitments".

Deputy Holdorph of Eastern Oregon moved to amend the amendment to replace "in accordance with" with "mindful of".

Motion carried
Amendment adopted

A vote was taken on the amendment as amended.

Motion carried
Amendment adopted as amended

Deputy Mead moved to amend the resolution.

Proposed Amendment:
That an additional resolve clause be added between the fourth and fifth resolve clauses:
Resolved, That such revision will continue to adhere to the four tenets of "The Chicago-Lambeth Quadrilateral", as enumerated under points ",(a), "(b), "(c), "(d)" on pages 877 and 878 in the Book of Common Prayer 1979 under the heading "Lambeth Conference of 1888, Resolution II"; and be it further

Motion carried
Amendment adopted

Deputy Aden of Tennessee moved to amend the resolution.

Proposed Amendment:
In the first resolve clause, following "Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music", add ", plus two members or representatives of Province IX of The Episcopal Church, one being a bishop of said province and one being a lay or clergy representative of said province".
An electronic vote was taken on the amendment, resulting in 542 yes votes and 287 no votes.

Motion carried
Amendment adopted

The President announced that the allotted time for debate on the resolution had expired.

Deputy Frazer of Alabama moved to suspend the rules to extend time for debate by an additional thirty minutes.

Motion defeated

Deputy Parish of Western Michigan moved to suspend the rules to extend time for debate by an additional ten minutes.

Motion defeated

Recess
The President recessed the House at 12:12 p.m.

Reconvene
The President called the House to Order at 12:18 p.m.

The President called upon the Chair of the Committee to Receive the Report of Resolution A169 to read the resolution as amended to the House to allow for verbal translation.

Resolution as Amended
(A068)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention approve authorize the Option One plan for the Revision of the Book of Common Prayer 1979, which is included in the report to the 79th General Convention of the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music, plus two members or representatives from Province IX of The Episcopal Church, one being a bishop of said province and one being a clergy or lay representative of said province. Subcommittee on to undertake comprehensive revision of The Book of Common Prayer 1979; and be it further

Resolved, That the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music be directed to implement this plan; and be it further

Resolved, That such revision will continue in faithful adherence to the historic rites of the Church Universal as they have been received and interpreted within the Anglican tradition of Common Prayer and mindful of our existing ecumenical commitments while also providing space for, encouraging the submission of, and facilitating the perfection of rites that will arise from the continual movement of the Holy Spirit among us and growing insights of our Church; and be it further

Resolved, That such revision utilize the riches of Holy Scripture and our Church’s liturgical, cultural, racial, generational, linguistic, gender, physical ability, and ethnic diversity in order to share common worship; and be it further

Resolved, that this church ensure that, at each step of the revision process, all materials be translated into English, Spanish, French, and Haitian Creole, following the method commonly called dynamic equivalency; and be it further

Resolved, that such revision will continue to adhere to the four tenets of "The Chicago-Lambeth Quadrilateral", as enumerated under points "(a), "(b), "(c), "(d) on pages 877 and 878 in the Book of Common Prayer 1979 under the heading "Lambeth Conference of 1888, Resolution II"; and be it further
Resolved, That such revision utilize inclusive and expansive language and imagery for humanity and divinity; and be it further

Resolved, That such revision shall incorporate and express understanding, appreciation, and care of God’s creation; and be it further

Resolved, That such revision take into consideration the use of current technologies which provide access to a broad range of liturgical resources; and be it further

Resolved, That the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music follow the “Guiding Assumptions” and “Plan for the revision of the Book of Common Prayer 1979” from the SCLM Blue Book Report to the 79th General Convention; and be it further

Resolved, That the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music shall report to the 80th General Convention; and be it further

Resolved, That the sum of $1,917,025 be appropriated to the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music for the 2019-2021 Triennium for this process the completion of this plan.

Prayers
The President called for a time of prayer, as voted upon during the previous day's legislative session, led by the Chaplain.

Ballot #2 - Vote by Orders
A Vote by Orders was taken on Resolution A068 as amended.

Results of Ballot #2: Vote By Orders of Resolution A068
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 #39)

Announcements
The Secretary read the announcements.

Introduction of Mr. Philip and Ms. April Schentrup
The President welcomed and introduced Mr. Philip and Ms. April Schentrup, who then addressed the House regarding gun violence.

Prayers
The President called on the Chaplain for prayers.

Recess
The President recessed the House at 12:51 p.m. to reconvene on July 8, at 3:15 p.m.
Reconvene
The Presiding Bishop called the Joint Session to Order at 2:37 p.m.

Prayers
The Presiding Bishop led the Joint Session in prayer.

Joint Session on Evangelism
The Presiding Bishop called on the Rev. David Crabtree to facilitate the Joint Session on Evangelism. Deacon Crabtree introduced presenters the Rev. Lauren Winner, the Rev. Daniel Vélez-Rivera, the house band of the 2017 Episcopal Youth Event, and the Rt. Rev. Alan Scarfe, as well as a video produced by the Genesis church planting group.

Following the presentations, Deacon Crabtree invited those in the Joint Session to engage a partner in conversation regarding what stood out for them from the presentations, as well as what they hear Jesus calling them to do with regard to evangelism.

Following the time allotted for those conversations, Deacon Crabtree then invited those in the Joint Session to engage in table discussions in regard to how our churches and institutions might respond to what Jesus is calling us to collectively.

Following the time allotted for table conversations, Deacon Crabtree encouraged those in the Joint Session to consider what their dioceses and congregations might need to move forward in the work that they discussed in the session conversations. He encouraged those in the session to share their insights and what their needs might be on provided emails, numbers for texting, and Twitter accounts.

Announcements
The Secretary read the announcements.

Recess
The President adjourned the Joint Session at 4:00 p.m.
Reconvene
The President called the House to Order at 3:16 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 #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

Certification of Deputies
The House of Deputies Committee on Credentials presented its Report #5 for the Afternoon session of the Fourth Legislative Day. There were 423 clerical deputies and 419 lay deputies certified and seated, bringing the total count of the House to 842, representing 110 dioceses in the clerical order and 110 in the lay order. The number of votes for a motion to prevail by a simple majority was 422. The number of votes for a motion to prevail by a two-thirds majority was 562. The number of dioceses for a motion requiring a Vote By Orders to prevail was 56 in the lay order and 56 in the clerical order. The number of dioceses for a motion requiring a Vote By Orders to prevail by a two-thirds majority was 74 in the lay order and 74 in the clerical order. There were 3 new deputies certified and 82 changes in deputation on this day, as follows:

Newly certified Deputies:
Emily Garrity, Diocese of Bethlehem
Tommie Watkins, Diocese of Alabama
Holli Powell, Diocese of Lexington

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The Secretary moved that the report be accepted.

Messages from the House of Bishops

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

**HB Message #7:** A003 (Amend Canon I.1.14(a) on General Convention Approval of Sites for General Convention) Adopted.

**HB Message #8:** A090 (Amend Canons Regarding Full Communion) Adopted.

**HB Message #9:** A096 (Amend Canons Pertaining to Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe) Adopted.

**HB Message #10:** A122 (Amend Article IX to change Removal to Admonition) Adopted.

**HB Message #11:** A130 (Amend Canon III.12.7 - Correcting for Uniformity) Adopted.

**HB Message #12:** A152 (Amend Article III of the Constitution) Adopted.

**HB Message #13:** A153 (Amend Article IV of the Constitution) Adopted.

**HB Message #14:** A157 (Amend Canon III.11.2) Adopted.

**HB Message #15:** B002 (Anti-Corruption) Adopted with amendment.

**HB Message #16:** A095 (Amend Canon IV.4.1) Adopted with amendment.

**HB Message #17:** A107 (Amend Canon III.11.2 Regarding the Election of a Bishop) Adopted.

**HB Message #18:** A113 (Amend Article V.4 of the Constitution) Referred to an Interim Body.

**HB Message #19:** C025 (Amend Canons I.9.1, II.3.6(d) and III.5.1(b)) Adopted.

**HB Message #20:** A021 (Amend Canon 111.3.8.5(g)) Referred to an Interim Body.

**HB Message #21:** A084 (Amend Canon III.12.9-12) Adopted.

**HB Message #22:** B014 (Director's Fees for the President of the House of Deputies) Concurred.

**HB Message #23:** A158 (Amend Canon III.11.3(a)(1)) Rejected.

**HB Message #24:** A177 (Amend Article I.1 - Second Reading) Concurred.

**HB Message #25:** C015 (Stricter Guidelines for "Lunch Box" Guns) Rejected.

**HB Message #26:** C048 (Inclusion of a Hymn in Honor of Artemisia Bowden) Took no further action.

**HB Message #27:** D040 (The Status of Women Church Musicians) Referred to an Interim Body

**HB Message #28:** A054 (An Offering of Prayer for the Whole Church) Adopted with amendment.

**HB Message #29:** A195 (Establishing a Staff Person for Liturgy and Music on the Staff of the Presiding Bishop) Adopted with amendment.

**HB Message #30:** B005 (Gun Violence as a Public Health Issue) Adopted with amendment.

**HB Message #31:** C047 (Support of One Person, One Vote) Adopted with amendment.

**HB Message #32:** D002 (Funding the Work of The Beloved Community) Adopted with amendment.

**HB Message #33:** A011 (Oppose Environmental Racism) Adopted with substitute.

**HB Message #34:** A089 (Amend Articles VI and VIII Regarding Full Communion) Adopted.
HB Message #35: A094 (Amend Canon III.4.1(b) for Clarity Regarding Bishop Suffragan of the Armed Forces) Adopted.

HB Message #36: A091 (Amend Canon III.9 and III.7 - Equity in Clergy Hiring and Appointment Practices) Rejected.

HB Message #37: A136 (Establish a Standing Commission on Formation and Ministry Development) Rejected.

HB Message #38: A164 (Amend Canon III.12.2) Rejected.

HB Message #39: C040 (Amend Canon III.4.1(a)) Rejected.

HB Message #40: C022 (Supporting Transgender Access) Adopted with amendment.

HB Message #41: A041 (Episcopal Church-United Methodist Dialogue) Adopted with amendment.

HB Message #42: A013 (Facilitating the Development of the Church's Ministry of the Care of Creation) Adopted with amendment

HB Message #43: D035 (Amend Canon III.9 Regarding Reconciliation and Mediation Between Clergy) Rejected.

HB Message #44: C007 (Commend and Reconcile Baptismal Covenant to Reflect Our Unity With All Creation) Took no further action.

Dispatch of Business

The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business presented its Report #13 on Resolution X009 (Special Order of Business for Consideration of Resolution B012) and moved adoption.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #40)

Final Text of Resolution:

(X009)

Resolved, the House of Deputies set special rules of order for debate on the Fourth Legislative Day, July 8th, for the first item of legislative business following the Consent Calendar for the consideration of Resolution B012, Marriage Rites for the Whole Church.

1. Total time of the discussion shall be 60 minutes.
2. The first 10 minutes will be for clarifying questions only.
3. Then follows 30 minutes of debate on the resolution. No motions to amend or substitute will be in order during this time.
4. Following the 30 minutes of debate, the House will consider amendments or substitutes.
5. Amendments will be considered in the order in which they are pre-filed. Debate on each amendment will be limited to 6 minutes.
6. No motion to end debate early during this debate will be in order.
7. The Resolution B012 will be placed on Day 4 Legislative Calendar.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #40)
Consent Calendar

The Secretary announced that all resolutions dealing with constitutional changes had been withdrawn from the Consent Calendar to confirm whether they are a first or second reading.

Safeguarding and Title IV

The House of Deputies Committee on Safeguarding and Title IV presented its Report #2 on Resolution D020 (Understanding the Truth of Sexual Harassment and Assault in The Episcopal Church) and moved to take no further action.

Motion carried
The House took no further action
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #42)

The House of Deputies Committee on Safeguarding and Title IV presented its Report #10 on Resolution A128 (Amend Canon IV.2 - Composition of a Conference Panel) and moved the resolution, recommending rejection.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A128)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That Canon IV.2 be amended as follows:

Conference Panel shall mean a panel of one two (2) or more 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 of the Conference Panel may serve as a member of the Hearing Panel in the same case. The president of the Disciplinary Board shall be ineligible to serve on the Conference Panel. If the Conference Panel consists of more than one member, it shall include both clergy and lay members in equal proportions.

Motion defeated
Resolution rejected
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #43)
The House of Deputies Committee on Safeguarding and Title IV presented its Report #12 on Resolution A134 (Amend Canon IV.12.3 - Conference Panel Process) and moved adoption.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(A134)

**Resolved,** the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention amend Canon IV.12.3 to read as follows:

Sec. 3. The Conference Panel shall issue a notice to the Respondent, the Respondent’s Advisor, the Respondent’s counsel, if any, the Complainant, the Complainant’s Advisor, the Complainant’s counsel, if any, 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, shall 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 conference at which the Respondent is to appear before the Conference Panel, which date shall be not less than twenty days after service of the notice upon the Respondent. The Conference Panel shall endeavor to set the conference at a date and location reasonably convenient for the persons entitled to attend.

**Motion carried**

**Resolution adopted**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #44)

The House of Deputies Committee on Safeguarding and Title IV presented its Report #13 on Resolution A131 (Amend Canon IV.14.5 - Clarity About Accords) and moved adoption.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(A131)

**Resolved,** the House of Bishops concurring, That Canon IV.14.5 be amended as follows:

Sec. 5. The Bishop Diocesan shall have twenty days from the date on which the Accord is entered in which to advise in writing the Respondent, the Respondent’s Advisor, the Respondent’s counsel, if any, 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. If a Sentence of Admonition, Suspension or Deposition is imposed, the Bishop Diocesan shall pronounce Sentence not sooner than twenty days following the date on which the Accord is entered and not later than forty 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. In the case of an Accord under Canon IV.9, the Bishop Diocesan shall pronounce Sentence not sooner than the day after the date the Accord becomes effective and irrevocable.

**Motion carried**

**Resolution adopted**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #45)
The House of Deputies Committee on Safeguarding and Title IV presented its Report #14 on Resolution A127 (Amend Canon IV.17.3 - Membership on Disciplinary Board for Bishops) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A127)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That Canon IV.17.3 be amended as follows:

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 by the House of Bishops at a regularly scheduled session of General Convention, 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 elected or 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.

A vacancy among the member Bishops shall be appointed by the Presiding Bishop with the advice and consent of the Bishop members of Executive Council. A vacancy among the lay or Priest or Deacon members shall be filled by the President of the House of Deputies with the advice and consent of the lay, Priest and Deacon members of Executive Council. Unless elected or appointed to fill the remainder of an unexpired term, each member shall serve from the first day of January following the adjournment of the General Convention at which the member was elected, until the last day of December of the sixth calendar year following election and until the member’s successor is elected and qualifies; however, there shall be no change in the composition of any Hearing Panel while a matter is pending unresolved before the Hearing Panel.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #46)

The House of Deputies Committee on Safeguarding and Title IV presented its Report #15 on Resolution A117 (Amend Canon IV.6.9) and moved to refer the resolution to the Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A117)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention amend Canon IV.6.9 as follows:

Sec 9. If the determination of the Reference Panel is to take no action other than an appropriate pastoral response, the Panel shall notify serve the Complainant and the subject Member of the Clergy with written notice of the determination and the basis of
the determination to take no action other than an appropriate pastoral response, and inform the Complainant of Complainant’s right to appeal the decision to the Hearing Panel within thirty days of the service of the notice. If the Complainant wishes to appeal the decision to take no further action, the Bishop shall appoint an Advisor for the Complainant within fifteen days of the date of the Complainant’s receipt of the notice of decision to take no further action. The Advisor shall assist the Complainant in preparing and signing a written appeal of the decision to take no further action to the Hearing Panel. The Advisor shall send the written appeal to the president of the Disciplinary Board who shall immediately forward the appeal, the written notice of the Reference Panel’s determination, and the Intake Report to the president of the Hearing Panel. The president of the Disciplinary Board shall notify the subject Member of the Clergy that an appeal has been filed. The question before the Hearing Panel is whether the decision to take no further action other than an appropriate pastoral response is warranted. The appeal may be conducted either personally or telephonically. The Complainant, Complainant’s Advisor, Complainant’s counsel, if any, and the Reference Panel shall each be afforded the opportunity to be present, either personally or telephonically, at the hearing of the appeal, 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. After conducting the appeal and hearing from the persons designated above, the Panel shall confer privately and issue a decision to affirm, modify, or reverse the determination of the Reference Panel. The Hearing Panel shall hear the appeal and issue its decision to the persons designated above within forty-five days of the receipt of the appeal by the president of the Hearing Panel.

Motion carried
Resolution referred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #47)

The House of Deputies Committee on Safeguarding and Title IV presented its Report #11 on Resolution A121 (Amend Canon IV.2 Remove Definition of Procedural Officer) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A121)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That Canon IV.2 is hereby amended to strike the following language:

Procedural Officer shall mean a person learned in the law, experienced in litigation and having familiarity with the provisions and objectives of this Title. No Chancellor or Vice-Chancellor of a Diocese shall serve as Procedural Officer in the same Diocese. Every Diocese shall have a Procedural Officer, who shall be appointed for a term of not less than one year by the Bishop Diocesan in consultation with the president of the Disciplinary Board to aid in the prompt and proper disposition of procedural motions and challenges in Title IV proceedings.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #48)
The House of Deputies Committee on Safeguarding and Title IV presented its Report #16 on Resolution A109 (Create Task Force on Sexual Harassment) and moved adoption with amendment.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(A109)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church declares that sexual harassment of adults by clergy and church employees are abuses of trust, a violation of the Baptismal Covenant, contrary to Christian Character, and are therefore wrong; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church establish a Task Force on Sexual Harassment to be appointed by the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies to prepare a Model Policy for Sexual Harassment of Adults for Dioceses, including parishes, missions, schools, camps, conference centers and other diocesan institutions. It shall be the duty of the Task Force to study, educate, develop curriculum, and propose policy and standards of conduct on different forms of harassment, and to advise the Church as resource persons. The membership of the Task Force is to be representative as to gender, race and ethnic diversity. The Committee will report to the 80th General Convention and include as part of its report a Model Policy for Sexual Harassment of Adults for Dioceses.

**Committee Amendment:**

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church declares that sexual harassment of adults by clergy, church employees and church members are abuses of trust, a violation of the Baptismal Covenant, contrary to Christian Character, and are therefore wrong; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church establish a Task Force on Sexual Harassment to be appointed by the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies to prepare a Model Policy for Sexual Harassment of Adults for Dioceses, including parishes, missions, schools, camps, conference centers and other diocesan institutions. It shall be the duty of the Task Force to study, educate, develop curriculum, and propose and promulgate model policy and standards of conduct on different forms of harassment, and to advise the Church as resource persons. The membership of the Task Force is to be representative as to gender, race and ethnic diversity and should include lawyers whose practice covers this area of law or who serve or have served as chancellors for a diocese or church, human resource professionals, educators for adults, and those experienced in the prevention of sexual harassment. Approximately one-third of the members of the Task Force shall be clergy. The Committee Task Force will report to the 80th General Convention and include as part of its report a Model Policy for Sexual Harassment of Adults for Dioceses; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $50,000 for the work of the Task Force.

Motion carried

Resolution adopted with amendment

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #49)
The House of Deputies Committee on Safeguarding and Title IV presented its Report #17 on Resolution A110 (Amendments to Title IV - Creating a Single Court of Review) and moved adoption.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(A110)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention amend Canon IV as follows:

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:

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.

And be it further

Resolved, That Canon IV.5.4 be amended as follows:

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 three (3) Bishops; two six (6) Priests Members of the Clergy, or one Priest and one Deacon which and will include not fewer than two (2) Priests and not fewer than two (2) Deacons; and two six (6) lay persons; and (ii) one (1) Bishop, one (1) Priest or Deacon, and one (1) lay person to serve as alternates as hereinafter provided. Each no more than two (2) Priests or Deacons, whether a member or alternate, shall be canonically resident in the same Diocese of the Province different from any other Priest or Deacon, and each lay person, whether a member or alternate, shall reside in a different Diocese of the Province different from any other lay person. The Priests, Deacons and lay persons shall be or have been members of the Disciplinary Boards of their respective Dioceses.

(b) The Bishops on the Court of Review shall be elected by the House of Bishops. One of the Bishops on the Court of Review shall be chosen from Provinces I, II, or III; one of the Bishops shall be chosen from Provinces IV, V, or VI; and one of the Bishops shall be chosen from Provinces VII, VIII, or IX. The clergy and lay members and alternates of the Provincial Court of Review shall be elected by the House of Deputies for a three-year term, such that one-third of clergy members and one-third of lay members shall come from Province I, II, or III; one-third shall come from Province IV, V, or VI; and one-third shall come from Province VII, VIII, IX appointed annually by the president of the Province. The Provincial Court of Review shall select a president from among its members. The President shall be a Priest, Deacon or lay person.

(c) The persons appointed to the Provincial Court of Review shall continue to serve until their respective successors have been elected appointed, except in case of death, resignation or declination to serve. Members of the Court of Review who are currently appointed to a panel shall continue to serve on that panel until its work has been completed.

(d) Whenever a matter is referred to the Court of Review, the President shall appoint a panel for that case consisting of one Bishop, two Members of the Clergy and two lay persons. 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 if 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 decline 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 Provincial Court of Review 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.

And be it further

Resolved, That Canon IV.15 be amended as follows:

Sec. 1. In the event that if 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. Upon receipt of the request, the President of the Court of Review shall appoint a panel consisting of one bishop, one priest or deacon and one lay person from among the members of the Court of Review. The appointments shall be made within fifteen days of receipt of the request. No person appointed shall be from the Diocese in which the Hearing Panel is sitting. 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 appointed panel of the Court of Review shall convene, either personally, by video conference 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 therefor. 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 noncommission of other that Offenses were not committed. 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, it shall follow the procedure outlined elsewhere in this Canon, 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.

And be it further
Resolved, That Canon IV.17.2(f) be amended as follows:

(f) Provincial Court of Review shall mean the Court of Review for Bishops as provided in Canon IV.17.8.

And be it further

Resolved, That Canon IV.18 be amended as follows:

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 the 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 the any Provincial Court of Review, as the case may be, as to why the proposed modification or remission should or should not be permitted.

And be it further

Resolved, That Canon IV.19.5(c) be amended as follows:

(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 (14) 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 four (14) days of service of the request.

(5) It is a goal of these processes to not delay unduly the progress of any proceeding under this Title. Therefore, the parties shall not use the full extent of these deadlines for the purpose of prolonging the proceedings.

And be it further

Resolved, That Canon IV.19.23 be amended as follows:

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.

And be it further

Resolved, That Canon IV.19.30(a)(1) be amended as follows:

Sec. 30(a) Records of proceedings shall be preserved as follows:

(1) 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.

A vote was taken on resolution A110.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #50)

Social Justice and International Policy

The House of Deputies Committee on Social Justice and International Policy presented its Report #4 on Resolution B018 (A Resolution For Reconciliation and Engagement in the Holy Land) and moved to take no further action.

Motion carried
The House took no further action
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #51)

The House of Deputies Committee on Social Justice and International Policy presented its Report #5 on Resolution D041 (Protecting Jerusalem) and moved to take no further action.

Motion carried
The House took no further action
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #52)

The House of Deputies Committee on Social Justice and International Policy presented its Report #7 on Resolution C035 (Due Process For Palestinian Children in Israeli Military Courts) and moved to take no further action.

Motion carried
The House took no further action
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #53)
The House of Deputies Committee on Social Justice and International Policy presented its Report #8 on Resolution B021 (Support Aid to Palestinian Refugees) and moved adoption.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(B021)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention strongly call upon the United States Government to maintain its historic commitment to alleviating the poverty of Palestinians and restore its full planned 2018 funding to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) so that it can continue to serve the over 5 million Palestinian refugees in the West Bank, East Jerusalem, Gaza, Jordan, Lebanon and Syria; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention also strongly call upon the United States Government to lift its funding freeze on United States Agency for International Development (USAID) programs which aid Palestinians.

*Motion carried
Resolution adopted*

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #54)

The House of Deputies Committee on Social Justice and International Policy presented its Report #9 on Resolution B003 (On the Status of Jerusalem) and moved adoption with amendment.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(B003)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention strongly re-affirm its long-established position calling for the city of Jerusalem to be the shared capital of both the State of Israel and of a future Palestinian state; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention likewise affirm its call for the safeguarding of Jerusalem as a place where full respect is accorded to the civil rights and religious interests of Christians, Muslims, and Jews, to include free and secure access to their respective holy sites; and be it further

Resolved, That all dioceses be encouraged to engage earnestly in education, advocacy, and prayer for the renewal of a diplomatic and political process for peace in the region, and for the peace of Jerusalem.

**Committee Amendment:**

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention strongly re-affirm its long-established position calling for the holy city of Jerusalem to be the shared capital of both the State of Israel and of a potential Palestinian state; at the same time recognizing that this hoped-for two state solution is currently in serious jeopardy and may not become a reality; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention likewise affirm its call for the safeguarding of Jerusalem as a place where full respect must be accorded to the civil rights and religious interests of all persons; that all holy places in the city must be equally protected and accessible to all adherents; and that the city’s status as a community for all Christians, Muslims, and Jews must be honored; and be it further

Resolved, That this Convention concur with our Presiding Bishop, who said in his March 29, 2018, reflections on his trip to the Holy Land, “As we pray for the peace of Jerusalem, as the Bible teaches us, we must find
ways to work for the peace of Jerusalem, which will be found where there is true equality for all, true justice for all and true freedom for everyone. Here it is clear that this is not simply an idealistic dream. It is the only hope, and we must not rest until it is realized”; and be it further

Resolved, That the Convention join with leaders of the Christian communities in Jerusalem in recognizing that the relocation of the US Embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem at this time creates an additional obstacle to peace; and be it further

Resolved, That all dioceses be encouraged to engage earnestly in education, advocacy, and prayer for the renewal of a diplomatic and political process for peace in the region, and for the peace of Jerusalem; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention urge the House of Bishops to disseminate as soon as is practicable a Pastoral Letter supporting Jerusalem’s prophetic identity as the Holy City of Peace.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #55)

Evangelism and Church Planting

The House of Deputies Committee on Evangelism and Church Planting presented its Report #6 on Resolution A006 (Collect Demographic Data of Leadership) and moved the resolution, recommending rejection.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A006)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention adopt a standard of requiring recipients of mission enterprise zone and new church start grants to disclose how the demographics (ethnicity/age/income range) of those in positions of authority in the new ministry, including staff and any advisory board or vestry members, compare to the demographics of the surrounding population; and be it further

Resolved, That the Parochial Report be modified to collect demographic data (ethnicity/age/income range) on vestry members together with the demographics of the surrounding three (3) mile radius of the church.

Motion defeated
Resolution rejected
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #56)

The House of Deputies Committee on Evangelism and Church Planting presented its Report #7 on Resolution A005 (Continue a Church-wide Network for Planting Churches) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A005)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention and The Episcopal Church celebrate and strategically support emerging communities through the good work initiated by GC2015 – D005 and A012 to develop a church-wide network for planting congregations, training and recruiting planters and mission developers; and establishing new congregations or mission enterprise zones each triennium that are especially committed to mission and evangelism that engages under-represented
groups, including youth and young adults, people of color, poor and working-class people, people with a high-school diploma or less, and/or people with little or no church background or involvement; and be it further

Resolved, That the Church honors the holy experiments emerging throughout the Church – experiments that build partnerships, expand the language of ministry, create new ways to engage the people of God, harvest and share learnings, and lend courage to those leading new ministries and lower the cost of failure through a network supporting mission development; and be it further

Resolved, That the budget for sustaining this congregational network will be $6,800,000.00 for 2019-2021 to be allocated as follows:

- $200,000 to identify and support existing programs to produce training in planting congregations for clergy and lay leaders
- $600,000 to provide resources for planters of congregations
- $1,000,000 for the development and implementation of a program to train bilingual/bi-cultural lay and ordained leaders for various cultural contexts
- $500,000 to support a staff person to oversee the planting network
- $3,000,000 for grants to support up to 30 congregations with the size and grant depending on the context and need of the congregation
- $1,500,000 for the establishing of a land bank for purchasing land for new churches. Monies borrowed for land purchase will be repaid by the borrowers; and be it further

Resolved, That the Convention urges the Episcopal Church Development Office to prioritize raising $6 million per triennium to plant new congregations, so that a network of interested donors will be developed; and be it further

Resolved, That Dioceses receiving money for planting new congregations under this program will contribute matching local funding to support the costs of any new plants, with the exception of cases of significant diocesan financial limitations; and be it further

Resolved, That the bishop or a diocesan advocate representing any diocese receiving funds shall take part in a cohort of church planting dioceses to share best practices and methods of supporting mission developers, as we all are learning how to nurture new ministries that challenge our assumptions about how to share the gospel with new cultures and generations, and that dioceses not receiving grant funds are also invited to participate in the diocesan cohort; and be it further

Resolved, That the Presiding Bishop and President of the House of Deputies continue the advisory group of not more than twelve (12) people, consisting of those with experience in planting congregations, diocesan oversight of such work, working with evangelism and mission, to carry out provisions of this resolution, including making recommendations to Executive Council about grants to be awarded, helping to identify potential planters, and continuing to develop a network of coaches, and working with staff on training church planters; and be it further

Resolved, That the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance consider a budget allocation of $6,800,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention and The Episcopal Church celebrate and strategically support emerging communities through the good work initiated by GC2015 – D005 and A012 to develop a church-wide network for planting congregations, training and recruiting planters and mission developers; and establishing new congregations or mission enterprise zones each triennium that are especially committed to mission and evangelism that engages under-represented
groups, including youth and young adults, differently abled persons, people identifying as members of LGBTQIA+ communities, people of color, poor and working-class people, people with a high-school diploma or less, and/or people with little or no church background or involvement; and be it further

Resolved, That the Church honors the holy experiments emerging throughout the Church – experiments that build partnerships within and beyond the church, expand the language of ministry, create new ways to engage the people of God, harvest and share learnings, and lend courage to those leading new ministries and lower the cost of failure through a network supporting mission development; and be it further

Resolved, That the budget for sustaining this congregational church planting network will be $6,580,000.00 for 2019-2021 to be allocated as follows:

- $200,000 to identify and support existing programs to produce training in planting congregations for clergy and lay leaders
- $600,000 to provide resources for planters of congregations
- $1,000,000 for the development and implementation of a program to train bilingual/bi-cultural lay and ordained leaders in church planting for various cultural contexts
- $500,000 to support a staff person to oversee the planting network
- $3,000,000 for grants to support up to 30 congregations with the size and grant depending on the context and need of the congregation
- $1,500,000 for the establishing of a land bank for purchasing land for new churches. Monies borrowed for land purchase will be repaid by the borrowers; and be it further
- $500,000 in matching funds for the support of leadership development programs for the next generation of church planters and ministry developers; and be it further

Resolved, That the Convention urges the Episcopal Church Development Office to prioritize raising $6 million per triennium to plant new congregations, so that a network of interested donors will be developed; and be it further

Resolved, That Dioceses receiving money for planting new congregations under this program will contribute matching significant, resource appropriate, and local funding to support the costs of any new plants, with the exception of cases of significant diocesan financial limitations; and be it further

Resolved, That the bishop or a diocesan advocate representing any diocese receiving funds shall take part in a cohort of church planting dioceses to share best practices and methods of supporting mission developers, as we all are learning how to nurture new ministries that challenge our assumptions about how to share the gospel with new cultures and generations, and that dioceses not receiving grant funds are also invited to participate in the diocesan cohort; and be it further

Resolved, That the Presiding Bishop and President of the House of Deputies continue the advisory group of not more than twelve (12) people, consisting of those with experience in planting congregations, diocesan oversight of such work, working with evangelism and mission, to carry out provisions of this resolution, including making recommendations to Executive Council about grants to be awarded, helping to identify potential planters, and continuing to develop a network of coaches, and working with staff on training church planters; and be it further

Resolved, That the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance consider a budget allocation of $6,580,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #57)
The House of Deputies Committee on Evangelism and Church Planting presented its Report #9 on Resolution A081 (An Episcopal Theology of Evangelism) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A081)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention commend to Provincial and Diocesan leadership the White Paper, “A Practical Theology of Episcopal Evangelism: Face-to-Face and in Cyberspace” written by the General Convention Task Force for Leveraging Social Media for Evangelism.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #58)

Committee to Receive the Report of Resolution A169

The House of Deputies Committee to Receive the Report of Resolution A169 presented its Report #3 on Resolution A070 (Translation of the Book of Common Prayer) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A070)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention authorize the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to create new translations of the Book of Common Prayer 1979 into Spanish, French, and Haitian Creole, following the Guidelines for the Translation of Liturgical Materials adopted by the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music. In addition, the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music will develop additional liturgical resources which are borne out of the above linguistic communities; and be it further

Resolved, That in this process the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music establish, within its auspices, an SCLM Task Force for Translations; and be it further

Resolved, That the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music’s Task Force for Translations will: create three subcommittees of three persons each, two of whom shall be native speakers of Spanish, French, and Haitian Creole; identify and hire translators in each language to draft translations in consultation with the subcommittee; send the translators’ drafts to: a) congregations chosen for experimental use of the draft to give feedback, b) professional, preferably published writers and poets to comment on the literary quality of the translators’ drafts and make suggestions, c) professional liturgical theologians to comment on the theology of the draft; direct the subcommittees to review feedback, and working with the translator, issue a final draft for approval by the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music and certification; and report monthly on progress to the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music; and be it further

Resolved, That the sum of $201,000 be budgeted to the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to carry out this work.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #59)
Christian Formation and Discipleship

The House of Deputies Committee on Christian Formation and Discipleship presented its Report #6 on Resolution C034 (Ministry to People with Mental Illness and Their Families) and moved adoption of a substitute.

Original Text of Resolution:

(C034)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church call upon The Episcopal Church, through the offices of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, to form a task force to further The Episcopal Church’s commitment to, with and for persons with mental illness and their families as reflected in the General Convention resolution 2015-C020.

Committee Substitute:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention authorize the establishment of a Task Force on Mental Illness to further The Episcopal Church’s commitment to, with and for persons with mental illness and their families as reflected in the General Convention resolution 2015-C020, as adopted and which reads:

“That the 78th General Convention of The Episcopal Church calls upon diocese, congregations, schools and other entities of The Episcopal Church to explore and adopt best practices for the vitality and increased capacity of their mission and ministry in the inclusion, support and spiritual care for persons with mental illness and their families; and be it further

Resolved, That dioceses, congregations, schools and other entities of The Episcopal Church increase understanding about mental illness by providing educational material and training; utilizing existing programs such as the National Alliance on Mental Illness, veterans groups, government departments on mental health, local organizations and other programs; and sharing the information so it is readily accessible.”

And be it further

Resolved, That this task force be appointed jointly by the Presiding Officers, with between 10 and 12 members, two or three of whom shall be bishops, two or three of whom shall be clergy, and not more than six lay persons, and all of the members shall have some professional, family or personal background with mental illness, and that this task force report back to the 80th General Convention; and be it further

Resolved, That the 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.

Motion carried
Substitute resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #60)

The House of Deputies Committee on Christian Formation and Discipleship presented its Report #7 on Resolution C006 (Guidelines for Inclusion of Transgender Youth in our Churches, Schools, and Camps) and moved to take no further action.

Motion carried
The House took no further action
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #61)
The House of Deputies Committee on Christian Formation and Discipleship presented its Report #9 on Resolution Ao87 (Develop Relationship Pastoral Resources) and moved adoption with amendment.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(Ao87)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention acknowledge and minister to the growing number of persons entering into sexually intimate relationships other than marriage by calling for the development of resources that provide pastoral guidance and teaching on relationships that involve sexual expression; and be it further

Resolved, That the following statement guide the development of these resources: “Qualities of relationship that ground in faithfulness the expression of sexual intimacy include: fidelity, monogamy, commitment, mutual affection, mutual respect, careful and honest communication, physical maturity, emotional maturity, mutual consent, and the holy love which enables those in intimate relationships to see in each other the image of God”; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention provide guidance to persons seeking to honor God’s call in all aspects of their lives by calling for the development of resources, including but not limited to spiritual practices, to aid individuals and couples in discerning their vocation to relationship, be it to singleness, celibacy, marriage and/or parenting; and be it further

Resolved, That the Presiding Officers of the House of Bishops and the House of Deputies appoint jointly a task force to develop these resources; and be it further

Resolved, That the task force report and offer these resources to the 80th General Convention for their consideration; and be it further

Resolved, That the 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.

**Committee Amendment:**

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention acknowledge and seeks to minister to the growing number of persons entering into sexually intimate relationships other than marriage, while acknowledging the Church’s teaching on marriage, by calling for the development and increased awareness of resources that provide pastoral guidance and teaching on relationships that involve sexual expression; and be it further

Resolved, That the selection process for resources shall be guided by the following principles that were adopted by General Convention 2000-D039: "That we expect such relationships will be characterized by the following statement guide the development of these resources: “Qualities of relationship that ground in faithfulness the expression of sexual intimacy include: fidelity, monogamy, commitment, mutual affection, mutual and respect, careful, and honest communication, physical maturity, emotional maturity, mutual consent, and the holy love which enables those in such intimate relationships to see in each other the image of God.”; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention provide guidance to persons seeking to honor God’s call in all aspects of their lives by calling for the development intentional discernment to relationship, be it to singleness, celibacy, marriage, and/or parenting; and for the curation and increased awareness of resources, including but not limited to spiritual practices, to aid individuals and couples in discerning their vocation to relationship, be it to singleness, celibacy, marriage and/or parenting; and be it further

Resolved, That the Office of Formation, through partnerships with organizations such as Forma and Church Publishing, curate and create awareness of materials consistent with this resolution.
Resolved, That the Presiding Officers of the House of Bishops and the House of Deputies appoint jointly a task force to develop these resources; and be it further

Resolved, That the task force report and offer these resources to the 80th General Convention for their consideration; and be it further

Resolved, That the 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.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #62)

The House of Deputies Committee on Christian Formation and Discipleship presented its Report #10 on Resolution C053 (Implementation of Canon III.1) and moved to take no further action.

Motion carried
The House took no further action
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #63)

The House of Deputies Committee on Christian Formation and Discipleship presented its Report #11 on Resolution D031 (Recognizing and Ending Domestic Violence in our Congregations) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(D031)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church continue to speak out clearly against domestic violence as it has done in the past; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention encourages Episcopal clergy and congregations to educate themselves on the widespread problem that domestic violence is in their neighborhoods and beyond; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention urge all Episcopal Bishops and other clergy and lay leadership to familiarize themselves with existing trainings developed for domestic violence prevention, and create procedures for supporting domestic violence survivors in their dioceses and congregations; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention urge the Church at every level to examine its response to domestic violence, especially its response to survivors of domestic violence.

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church continue to speak out clearly against all forms of domestic violence as it has done in the past; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention encourages Episcopal clergy and congregations to educate themselves on the widespread problem that domestic violence is in their churches, neighborhoods and beyond; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention urge all Episcopal Bishops and other clergy and lay leadership to familiarize themselves with the international and multi-lingual resources provided by the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, White Ribbon, and other local resources, as well as existing
trainings developed for domestic violence prevention, and create procedures for supporting domestic violence survivors in their dioceses and congregations; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention urge the Church at every level to examine its response to domestic violence, especially its response to survivors of domestic violence.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #64)

Ministry

The House of Deputies Committee on Ministry presented its Report #1 on HB Message #21 on Resolution A084 (Amend Canon III.12.9-12) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #65)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A084)

Resolved, That Canon III.12 be amended as follows:

Sec. 9. The Resignation or Incapacity of Bishops

(p) When it is certified to the Presiding Bishop, by at least two licensed medical doctors, psychologists or psychiatrists, who have examined the case, that a Bishop Diocesan is incapable of authorizing the Bishop Coadjutor, if there is one, or a Bishop Suffragan, if there is one, or the Standing Committee to act as the Ecclesiastical Authority, then, upon the advice of five Bishops of neighboring Dioceses selected by the Presiding Bishop, the Presiding Bishop shall declare the Bishop Coadjutor, or a Bishop Suffragan, if the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese so provide, or the Standing Committee to be the Ecclesiastical Authority for all purposes set forth in these Canons and to retain such canonical authority until the Presiding Bishop, acting upon a like certificate, declares the Bishop Diocesan competent to resume official duties.

(q) If it is certified to the Ecclesiastical Authority of a Diocese by two licensed medical doctors, psychologists or psychiatrists, selected by the Ecclesiastical Authority, that the Bishop Coadjutor in the Diocese is permanently unable, by reason of medical, psychological or psychiatric condition, to carry out the duties of Bishop Coadjutor, the Ecclesiastical Authority, upon the advice of three Bishops of three neighboring Dioceses, may declare that the right of succession of the Bishop Coadjutor is terminated and a new Bishop Coadjutor may then be elected as provided in Canon III.11.9.

Sec. 10. Impairment

When any of (i) a Bishop of a Diocese, including a Bishop Diocesan, a Bishop Coadjutor or a Bishop Suffragan of that Diocese, (ii) a two-thirds majority of all of the members of the Standing Committee of a Diocese, (iii) a two-thirds majority of a Diocese’s Convention, or (iv) at least five Bishops conclude that a Bishop of the aforementioned Diocese is seriously impaired, either physically, psychologically, or emotionally, and that the impairment is causing substantial harm, or presents a significant risk of causing substantial harm, to the
Bishop in question, his or her family, the Diocese, the Church, or any other person or community, the person or body reaching that conclusion may petition the Presiding Bishop, in writing, to intervene and assist in the matter. The written petition shall include sufficient information to inform the Presiding Bishop and the parties involved of the specifics of the purported impairment. The Presiding Bishop shall initiate such efforts as are appropriate under the circumstances to attempt to ascertain the nature and severity of any impairment and to address any such impairment, which efforts may include, but are not limited to, the appointment of medical and other professionals, consultants or mediators, as well as the issuance of Pastoral Directions.

And be it further

Resolved, That Sections III.12.10, 11 and 12 be renumbered to Section 11, 12 and 13.

The House of Deputies Committee on Ministry presented its Report #2 on HB Message #20 on Resolution A021 (Amend Canon III.8.5(g)) and moved concurrence with referral to an interim body.

Motion carried
The House concurred
Resolution referred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #66)

[Ed. Note: Resolution A021 was referred to an interim body by the House of Deputies, but was incorrectly marked as a concur instead of concur with referral to an interim body. The change was erroneously applied to the 2018 Canons.]

Churchwide Leadership

The House of Deputies Committee on Churchwide Leadership presented its Report #9 on Resolution A165 (Amend Canon III.12.3 to add Section 3(f)) and moved to take no further action.

Motion carried
The House took no further action
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #67)

The House of Deputies Committee on Churchwide Leadership presented its Report #10 on Resolution A149 (Reorganize the Board of Directors of The College for Bishops) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A149)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That “The Right Reverend David E. and Helen R. Richards College for Bishops of The Episcopal Church” is urged to amend its Certificate of Incorporation and By-laws to provide that:

- the directors of the corporation be jointly nominated by the Presiding Bishop and President of the House of Deputies,
- the directors of the corporation be elected by the House of Bishops,
- the directors of the corporation be confirmed by the House of Deputies of the General Convention,
• that vacancies on the Board that occur more than six months prior to the convening of the next General Convention be filled by joint nomination of the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies and election by the Board of the College, and
• that the President of the House of Deputies and the Presiding Bishop be members of the board of directors, ex officio.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That “The Right Reverend David E. and Helen R. Richards College for Bishops of The Episcopal Church” is urged to amend its Certificate of Incorporation and By-laws to provide that:
• the directors of the corporation be jointly nominated by the Presiding Bishop and President of the House of Deputies, Prior to making such nominations, the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies shall consider race, color, ethnic origin, national origin, sex, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, disabilities, and age so as to ensure diversity among members of the Board,
• the directors of the corporation be elected by the House of Bishops,
• the directors of the corporation be confirmed by the House of Deputies of the General Convention,
• that vacancies on the Board that occur more than six months prior to the convening of the next General Convention be filled by joint nomination of the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies and election by the Board of the College, and
• that the President of the House of Deputies and the Presiding Bishop be members of the board of directors, ex officio.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #68)

The House of Deputies Committee on Churchwide Leadership presented its Report #11 on Resolution A169 (Amend Canon III.12.9(l) and Canon III.12.9(m)) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A169)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That Sections 9(l) and 9(m) of Canon III.12.9 are hereby amended to read as follows:

(l) A resigned Bishop may, with the approval of the Bishop of the Diocese in which the resigned Bishop resides, accept an appointment by the Bishop Diocesan to any position created under the authority of the Diocesan Convention, including that of Assistant Bishop for which an appointment is permitted and may, at the same time, occupy a pastoral charge.

(m) A resigned Bishop over the age of seventy-two may accept an appointment by a Bishop Diocesan, including that of Supply Bishop, for a term not to exceed twelve months, and this term may be renewed.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That Sections 9(l) and 9(m) of Canon III.12.9 are hereby amended to read as follows:
(l) A resigned Bishop may, with the approval of the Bishop of the Diocese in which the resigned Bishop resides, accept an appointment by the Bishop Diocesan to any position created under the authority of the Diocesan Convention, including that of Assistant Bishop for which an appointment is permitted and may, at the same time, occupy a pastoral charge.

(m) A resigned Bishop over the age of seventy-two may accept an appointment by a Bishop Diocesan, including that of Supply Assisting Bishop, for a term not to exceed twelve months, and this term may be renewed.

(n) Assisting Bishops are those bishops whose primary roles are teaching, preaching or providing sacramental rites at the invitation of the Ecclesiastical Authority of the diocese where the Assisting Bishop has been invited to participate for particular times and places.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #69)

The House of Deputies Committee on Churchwide Leadership presented its Report #12 on Resolution D058 (Impairment Commission - Rapid Response Team for Crisis Intervention) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:

(D058)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention recommends that the Presiding Bishop, drawing on the research of the Commission on Leadership and Impairment, establish a team of advisors of consultants to serve as a resource on alcoholism and other forms of addiction in order to provide a rapid response to issues of questionable impairment, to provide clergy or other concerned individuals with confidential advice, and to assist with monitoring, recovery and re-entry into ministry.

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention recommends that the Presiding Bishop, drawing on the research of the Commission on Leadership and Impairment, establish a team of advisors of consultants to serve as a resource on alcoholism and substance misuse and other forms of addiction in order to provide a rapid response to issues of questionable impairment, to provide clergy or other concerned individuals with confidential advice, and to assist with monitoring, recovery and re-entry into ministry.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #70)
The House of Deputies Committee on Churchwide Leadership presented its Report #14 on Resolution D059 (Impairment Commission - Training on Alcohol/Substance Misuse for Church Leadership) and moved adoption with amendment.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(D059)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention:

1. directs the Executive Council, working with a knowledgeable and skilled advisor, to evaluate the policies and practices of its meetings and the meetings of its commissions, committees, and boards to make necessary changes that may contribute to a healthy environment with regard to alcohol and addiction; and
2. recommends that the Pastoral Development Committee of the House of Bishops, working with a knowledgeable and skilled advisor, evaluate the policies and practices of meetings of the House of Bishops and recommend changes that may contribute to a healthy environment with regard to alcohol and substance abuse; and
3. recommends that CREDO develop a program component to help participants explore their relationship to alcohol, drugs, and other addictive substances and behaviors.

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 $50,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

**Committee Amendment:**

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention:

1. directs the Executive Council, working with a knowledgeable and skilled advisor, to evaluate the policies and practices of its meetings and the meetings of its commissions, committees, and boards to make necessary changes that may contribute to a healthy environment with regard to alcohol and substance misuse and other forms of addiction; and
2. recommends that the Pastoral Development Committee of the House of Bishops, working with a knowledgeable and skilled advisor, evaluate the policies and practices of meetings of the House of Bishops and recommend changes that may contribute to a healthy environment with regard to alcohol and substance misuse and other forms of addiction abuse; and
3. recommends that CREDO develop a program component to help participants explore their relationship to alcohol and substance misuse and other forms of addiction, drugs, and other addictive substances and behaviors.

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 $50,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #71)
Churchwide Leadership

The House of Deputies Committee on Churchwide Leadership presented its Report #16 on Resolution A166 (Amend Canon III.12.4(c) and add Canon III.12.4(d)) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A166)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That Canon III.12.4(c) is hereby amended to read as follows and Canon III.12.4(d) is added to read as follows:

Section 4. Residency; Vacancy in the Episcopate

(c) A Bishop Diocesan, whenever leaving the Diocese for six consecutive months or more, shall authorize in writing, under hand and seal, the Bishop Coadjutor, the Bishop Suffragan if the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese so provide, or, should there be none, the Standing Committee of the Diocese, to act as the Ecclesiastical Authority thereof during the absence. The Bishop Coadjutor, or the Bishop Suffragan if the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese so provide, or, should there be none, the Standing Committee may at any time become serve as the Ecclesiastical Authority upon the written request of the Bishop and continue to act as such until the request is revoked by the Bishop Diocesan in writing.

(d) A vacancy in the episcopate shall be deemed to exist on the occurrence of any of the following: (i) the death, resignation, deposition or removal of the Bishop exercising jurisdiction, or (ii) the declaration by the Presiding Bishop or by resolution of the Standing Committee of the Diocese that the Bishop has been declared of unsound mind by an order of court or certified by at least two licensed medical doctors, psychologists or psychiatrists who have examined the case.

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That Canon III.12.4(c) is hereby amended to read as follows and Canon III.12.4(d) is added to read as follows:

Section 4. Residency; Vacancy in the Episcopate

(c) A Bishop Diocesan, whenever leaving the Diocese for six consecutive months or more, shall authorize in writing, under hand and seal, the Bishop Coadjutor, the Bishop Suffragan if the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese so provide, or, should there be none, the Standing Committee of the Diocese, to act as the Ecclesiastical Authority thereof during the absence. The Bishop Coadjutor, or the Bishop Suffragan if the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese so provide, or, should there be none, the Standing Committee may at any time become serve as the Ecclesiastical Authority upon the written request of the Bishop and continue to act as such until the request is revoked by the Bishop Diocesan in writing.

(d) A vacancy in the episcopate shall be deemed to exist on the occurrence of any of the following:

   (i) the death, resignation, deposition or removal of the Bishop exercising jurisdiction, or
(ii) the declaration by the Presiding Bishop or by resolution of the Standing Committee of the Diocese that the Bishop has been declared of unsound mind by an order of court or certified by at least two licensed medical doctors, psychologists or psychiatrists who have examined the case, the incapacity (or inability to return from an absence within a time certain) of the Bishop exercising jurisdiction following the issuance of a court order by a court of competent jurisdiction or by determination of at least two licensed medical doctors, psychologists or psychiatrists, who have examined the case, as declared by

(A) the Presiding Bishop; or

(B) resolution of the Standing Committee of the Diocese.

Motion carried

Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #72)

Church Pension Fund

The House of Deputies Committee on Church Pension Fund presented its Report #4 on Resolution C029 (Clergy Compensation by Race) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:

(C029)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention, recognizing the need for The Episcopal Church to participate in “Becoming Beloved Community,” directs Church Pension Group to develop a strategy for collecting, compiling, and reporting clergy compensation data by race; and be it further

Resolved, That this strategy include collecting this data from clergy currently enrolled in the Church Pension Fund, as well as from future enrollees as part of its standard intake process; and be it further

Resolved, That Church Pension Group present for approval its proposed strategy to Executive Council at its winter 2019 meeting; and be it further

Resolved, That the Church Pension Group “2019 Clergy Compensation Report,” as well as reports for subsequent years, include data about compensation by race.

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention, recognizing the need for The Episcopal Church to participate in “Becoming Beloved Community,” directs Church Pension Group the Recorder of Ordinations to develop and implement a strategy for collecting, compiling, and reporting canonically resident clergy compensation data by race; and be it further

Resolved, That this strategy include collecting this data from clergy currently enrolled in the Church Pension Fund, as well as from future enrollees as part of its standard intake process; and be it further

Resolved, That Church Pension Group the Recorder of Ordinations present for approval its proposed strategy to Executive Council at its winter spring 2019 meeting; and be it further
Resolved, That recognizing the time required to properly compile the data, the Church Pension Group “2019 2020 Clergy Compensation Report,” as well as reports for subsequent years, include data about compensation by race.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #73)

The House of Deputies Committee on Church Pension Fund presented its Report #5 on Resolution C023 (Medical Trust Provider Option) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(C023)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention requests that the Church Pension Group make available at least two health insurance providers in each diocese; and be it further
Resolved, That in any diocese or area in which only one health insurance provider is available under the Church Pension Group Denominational Health Plan, and in which the availability of only one provider would have a material negative impact on the diocese’s employees, congregations, new recruitment, or overall well-being, that diocese will be permitted to seek other insurance options outside of the Denominational Health Plan.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention requests that the Church Pension Group strive to make available at least two health insurance providers in each diocese; and be it further
Resolved, That in any diocese or area in which only one health insurance provider is available under the Church Pension Group Denominational Health Plan, and in which the availability of only one provider would have a material negative impact on the diocese’s employees, congregations, new recruitment, or overall well-being, that diocese will be permitted to seek other insurance options outside of the Denominational Health Plan.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #74)

The House of Deputies Committee on Church Pension Fund presented its Report #6 on Resolution C004 (Study the Implications of Expanding Paid Family Leave) and moved to take no further action.

Motion carried
The House took no further action
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #75)

The House of Deputies Committee on Church Pension Fund presented its Report #7 on Resolution C052 (Paid Family Leave) and moved to take no further action.

Motion carried
The House took no further action
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #76)
Stewardship and Socially Responsible Investing

The House of Deputies Committee on Stewardship and Socially Responsible Investing presented its Report #4 on Resolution A009 (Creating Greening Loans) and moved to take no further action.

Motion carried
The House took no further action
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #77)

Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance

The House of Deputies Committee on Program, Budget and Finance presented its Report #1 on Resolution A137 (Request Budget Allocation for Work of Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons) and moved to take no further action.

Motion carried
The House took no further action
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #78)

Constitution and Canons

The House of Deputies Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #9 on HB Message #11 on Resolution A130 (Amend Canon III.12.7 - Correcting for Uniformity) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #80)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A130)
Resolved, That Canon III.12.7 be amended as follows:

Sec. 7. Release and Removal from the Ordained Ministry of this Church

(a) If any Bishop of The Episcopal Church shall express, in writing, to the Presiding Bishop, an intention to be released and removed from the ordained Ministry of this Church and from the obligations attendant thereto, including those promises made at Ordination in the Declaration required by Article VIII of the Constitution of the General Convention, it shall be the duty of the Presiding Bishop to record the matter. The Presiding Bishop, being satisfied that the person so declaring is acting voluntarily and for causes, which do not affect the person's moral character, and is neither the subject of information concerning an Offense that has been referred to an Intake Officer nor a Respondent in a pending disciplinary matter as defined in Title IV of these Canons, 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 person is released and removed from the ordained Ministry of this Church and from the obligations attendant thereto, and is deprived of the right to exercise in The Episcopal Church 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, at the person's request, give a certificate to this effect to the person so released and removed from the ordained Ministry.
(b) If a Bishop submitting the writing described in Section 7(a) of this Canon be the subject of information concerning an Offense that has been referred to an Intake Officer or a Respondent in a pending disciplinary matter as defined in Title IV of these Canons, the Presiding Bishop shall not consider or act upon the written request unless and until the disciplinary matter shall have been resolved by a dismissal, Accord, or Order and the time for appeal or rescission of such has expired.

(c) In the case of the release and removal of a Bishop from the ordained Ministry of the Church as provided in this Canon, a declaration of removal and release, and removal shall be pronounced by the Presiding Bishop in the presence of two or more Bishops, and shall be entered in the official records of the House of Bishops and of the Diocese in which the Bishop being removed and released is canonically resident. The Presiding Bishop shall give notice thereof in writing to the Secretary of the Convention and the Ecclesiastical Authority and the Standing Committee of the Diocese in which the Bishop was canonically resident, to all Bishops of this Church, the Ecclesiastical Authority of each Diocese of this Church, the Recorder, the Secretary of the House of Bishops, the Secretary of the General Convention, The Church Pension Fund, and the Board for Transition Ministry.

The House of Deputies Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #4 on HB Message #8 on Resolution A090 (Amend Canons regarding Full Communion) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #81)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A090)

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention amend the following identified Canons to read as follows:

Canon I.4.9(a) Ordained Ministers and Lay Communicants of this Church, or of some church in full communion with this Church, in good standing, who qualify in accordance with the standards and procedures adopted from time to time by the Executive Council, shall be eligible for appointment as Missionaries of this Church.

(b) Members in good standing of Churches not in full communion with this Church, but otherwise qualified as above, may, at the request of the Ecclesiastical Authority of the jurisdiction in which the requirement exists, be employed and assigned to positions for which they are professionally prepared; and may receive the same stipends and other allowances as appointed Missionaries. The Ecclesiastical Authority of a jurisdiction may employ any qualified person for work in the jurisdiction.

Canon I.11.2(a) The House of Bishops may establish a Mission in any Area not included within the boundaries of a Diocese of this Church, or of a Church in full communion with this Church, under such conditions and agreements, not inconsistent with the Constitution and Canons of this Church, as shall be approved by the House of Bishops from time to time.
Canon I.11.2(c) For every such Area Mission, a Bishop of this Church, or of a church in full communion with this Church, shall be assigned by the House of Bishops to give episcopal oversight. The person so assigned, if a Bishop of this Church, shall, for the duration of such assignment, exercise jurisdiction as a Missionary Bishop under these Canons, so far as they are applicable to the Area Mission; and should occasion arise for the function of a Standing Committee or a Commission on Ministry, the Bishop shall appoint a board or boards of Clergy and Lay Persons resident in the area, to fulfill such functions as may be required.

Canon 1.11.2(e) An Area Mission may be terminated by the House of Bishops as a mission of this Church; or it may be transferred by them to become a mission of another Church, or to become a constituent part of an autonomous Province in full communion with this Church; or it may organize itself as an extra-provincial Diocese.

Canon I.11.3(a) An Area not previously organized as a Diocese, and not under the permanent jurisdiction of a Bishop in full communion with this Church, may, upon application for admission, in accordance with the procedures of Article V, Section 1, be admitted as a Diocese, and may be accepted as a Missionary Diocese within the meaning of Sec. 1 of this Canon. Such Missionary Diocese, and every present Missionary Diocese organized by the House of Bishops under previously existing Canons and admitted into union with the General Convention, shall be governed by a Constitution and Canons, adopted by the Convention of the said Diocese, which acknowledge the authority of the Constitution and Canons of the General Convention, and incorporate the provisions set forth in the subsequent paragraphs of this section.

Canon I.11.3(b) In the event a Missionary Diocese beyond the territory of the United States of America is incapable of functioning as a jurisdiction in union with the Episcopal Church, and the Bishop, or if there be none the Ecclesiastical Authority, of such Diocese, after consultation with appropriate diocesan authorities and the Presiding Bishop agree that continuation in union with this Church is no longer feasible, the Presiding Bishop is authorized, after consultation with the appropriate authorities in the Anglican Communion, to take such action as needed for such Diocese to become a constituent part of another Province or Regional Council in full communion with this Church.

Canon I.11.4. Notice shall be sent to all Archbishops and Metropolitans, and all Presiding Bishops, of Churches in full communion with this Church, of the establishment of any Area Mission, or of the organization or change of status of any Missionary Diocese outside the United States; and of the consecration, or assignment, of a Missionary Bishop therefor.

It is hereby declared as the judgment of this Church that no two Bishops of Churches in full communion with each other should exercise jurisdiction in the same place; except as may be defined by a concordat adopted jointly by the competent authority of each of the said Churches, after consultation with the appropriate inter-Anglican body.

Canon I.15.7. The Presiding Bishop may, from time to time, by written commission under the episcopal signature and seal, assign to a Bishop or Bishops of this Church, or of a Church in full communion with this Church, the care of, and responsibility for, one or more of such Congregations and the Clergy officiating therein, for such period of time as the Presiding Bishop may deem expedient; provided that, should such term expire in a
year during which a General Convention is to be held, prior to said Convention, the commission may be extended until the adjournment of the Convention.

Canon I.16.3 A Member of the Clergy of such Congregation who shall have been ordained by a Bishop not in full communion with this Church, but the regularity of whose ordination is approved by the Presiding Bishop, shall be admitted in the appropriate Order under the provision of Canon III.10.3.

Canon I.17.1(c) It is expected that all adult members of this Church, after appropriate instruction, will have made a mature public affirmation of their faith and commitment to the responsibilities of their Baptism and will have been confirmed or received by the laying on of hands by a Bishop of this Church or by a Bishop of a Church in full communion with this Church. Those who have previously made a mature public commitment in another Church may be received by the laying on of hands by a Bishop of this Church, rather than confirmed.

Canon I.17.1(d) Any person who is baptized in this Church as an adult and receives the laying on of hands by the Bishop at Baptism is to be considered, for the purpose of this and all other Canons, as both baptized and confirmed; also, Any person who is baptized in this Church as an adult and at some time after the Baptism receives the laying on of hands by the Bishop in Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows is to be considered, for the purpose of this and all other Canons, as both baptized and confirmed; also,

Any baptized person who received the laying on of hands at Confirmation (by any Bishop in apostolic historic succession) and is received into the Episcopal Church by a Bishop of this Church is to be considered, for the purpose of this and all other Canons, as both baptized and confirmed; and also, Any baptized person who received the laying on of hands by a Bishop of this Church at Confirmation or Reception is to be considered, for the purpose of this and all other Canons, as both baptized and confirmed.

Canon I.17.4(a) A member of this Church removing from the congregation in which that person's membership is recorded shall procure a certificate of membership indicating that person is recorded as a member (or adult member) of this Church and whether or not such a member:

(1) is a communicant;
(2) is recorded as being in good standing;
(3) has been confirmed or received by a Bishop of this Church or a Bishop in full communion with this Church.

Canon I.17.4(d) Any communicant of any Church in full communion with this Church shall be entitled to the benefit of this section so far as the same can be made applicable.

Canon I.20: Of Churches in Full Communion

Sec. 1. The Episcopal Church, a member of the Anglican Communion, has a relationship of full communion with those Churches in the historic episcopal succession, including those duly constituted Dioceses, Provinces, and regional Churches in communion with the
See of Canterbury, and those Churches in the historic episcopal succession with whom it has entered into covenant agreements including:

(a) the Old Catholic Churches of the Union of Utrecht,
(b) la Iglesia Filipina Independiente/the Philippine Independent Church,
and
(c) the Mar Thoma Syrian Church of Malabar.

Sec. 2. The Episcopal Church has a relationship of full communion with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America under the terms of and as defined by “Called to Common Mission,” which was adopted by the 73rd General Convention of the The Episcopal Church as Resolution GC2000-A040.

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 and as defined by 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 GC2009-A073.

Canon III.9.5. Transfer to Churches in Full Communion with This Church

(a) A Priest desiring to become canonically resident within a Diocese or equivalent jurisdiction of a Church in Full Communion full communion with The Episcopal Church (as identified in Canon I.20) or Church in Communion with This Church (as identified by Canon III.10.2.(a)(3)) shall request a testimonial from the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese of current canonical residence, which testimonial shall be given by the Ecclesiastical Authority to the applicant, and a duplicate thereof may be sent to the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese or equivalent jurisdiction to which transfer is proposed. The testimonial may include a portfolio of training, continuing education, and exercise of ministries. The testimonial shall be in the following form or in the form specified by the receiving Diocese or equivalent jurisdiction:

I hereby certify that A.B., who has signified to me the desire to be transferred to the Ecclesiastical Authority of__________, is a Priest of the Diocese of_________of the Episcopal Church in good standing, and has not, so far as I know or believe, been justly liable to evil report, for error in religion or for viciousness of life, for the last three years.

(Date)_________(Signed)__________________________

Canon III.9.5(b) If the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese or equivalent jurisdiction of the Church in full communion full communion or Church in Communion with this The Episcopal Church accepts the testimonial, the canonical residence of the Priest transferred shall date from such acceptance, and notice of acceptance shall be promptly forwarded by the Priest to the Ecclesiastical Authority in the sending Diocese. Such notification from the receiving Ecclesiastical Authority may be in the following form:
I hereby certify that A.B. has been canonically transferred to my jurisdiction and is a Priest in good standing.

(Date)_________(Signed) ______________________________

Upon receipt of said acceptance, the Ecclesiastical Authority of the sending Diocese shall notify the Church Pension Fund and the Recorder of Ordinations of the priest’s departure from the Episcopal Church.

Canon III.9.5(c) This provision shall not be used for Priests who seek to enter churches Not in Communion not in full communion with This The Episcopal Church or for those who seek transfer to another Province of the Anglican Communion while remaining geographically within the boundaries of the Episcopal Church. In such cases the provisions of Canon III.8.6 shall be followed.

Canon III.9.7(c) No Rector or Priest-in-Charge of any congregation of this Church, or if there be none, no Wardens, Members of the Vestry, or Trustees of any congregation, shall permit any person to officiate in the congregation without sufficient evidence that such person is duly licensed and ordained and in good standing in this Church; provided, nothing in these Canons shall prevent:

(1) The General Convention, by Canon or otherwise, from authorizing persons to officiate in congregations in accordance with such terms as it deems appropriate; or

(2) The Bishop of any Diocese from giving permission

(i) To a Member of the Clergy of this Church, to invite Clergy of another Church to assist in the Book of Common Prayer Offices of Holy Matrimony or of the Burial of the Dead, or to read Morning or Evening Prayer, in the manner specified in Canon III.9.5; or

(ii) To Clergy of any other church to preach the Gospel, or in ecumenical settings to assist in the administration of the sacraments; or

(iii) To godly persons who are not Clergy of this Church to address the Church on special occasions; or

(iv) To the Member of the Clergy or Priest-in-Charge of a congregation or if there be none, to the Wardens, to invite Clergy ordained in another church in full communion with this Church to officiate on an occasional basis, provided that such clergy are instructed to teach and act in a manner consistent with the Doctrine, Discipline, and Worship of this Church.

Canon III.9.7(e) Any Priest desiring to officiate temporarily outside the jurisdiction of this Church but in a Church in full communion with this Church, shall obtain from the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese in which the person is canonically resident, a testimonial which shall set forth the person’s official standing, and which may be in the following form:
I hereby certify that A.B., who has signified to me the desire to be permitted to officiate temporarily in churches not under the jurisdiction of The Episcopal Church, yet in full communion with this Church, is a Priest of ______ in good standing, and as such is entitled to the rights and privileges of that Order.

(Date) (Signed) 

Such testimonial shall be valid for one year and shall be returned to the Ecclesiastical Authority at the end of that period. The Ecclesiastical Authority giving such testimonial shall record its issuance, the name of the Priest to whom issued, its date and the date of its return.

Canon III.10.2(a)(3):
(3) The provisions of this Section 1 Sections 2 and 3 shall be fully applicable to all Members of the Clergy ordained in any Church in the process of entering the historic episcopal succession with which The Episcopal Church is in full communion with this Church as specified in Canon I.20, subject to the any covenant of the two Churches as adopted by the General Convention.

(i) those duly constituted Dioceses, Provinces, and regional Churches in communion with the See of Canterbury,
(ii) the Old Catholic Churches of the Union of Utrecht,
(iii) the Philippine Independent Church, and
(iv) the Mar Thoma Syrian Church of Malabar.
(v) the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Canon III.11.9(c)
(c) Missionary Bishops
(1) The election of a person to be a Bishop in a Missionary Diocese shall be held in accordance with the procedures set forth in the Constitution and Canons of this Church.
(2) The Convention of a Missionary Diocese may, in lieu of electing a Bishop, request that such election be made on its behalf by the Synod of the Province, or the House of Bishops of the Province subject to confirmation of the Provincial Council, or the Regional Council of Churches in full communion with this Church of which the Diocese is a member.

Canon III.12.5(b)
An Assistant Bishop may be appointed from among the following:
(i) Bishops Diocesan, Bishops Coadjutor, or Bishops Suffragan, who under the Constitution and Canons of this Church would be eligible for election in that Diocese; provided that at the time of accepting any such appointment a Bishop Diocesan, Bishop Coadjutor or Bishop Suffragan shall resign that office;
(ii) Bishops of this Church who, having resigned their previous responsibilities, are qualified to perform episcopal acts in this Church; and
(g) Bishops of a Church in full communion with this Church, in good standing therein, if they:

(i) have previously resigned their former responsibilities;
(ii) have received approval, by a competent authority within the Church of their ordination or appointment to the position of Assistant Bishop;
(iii) have exhibited satisfactory evidence of moral and godly character and having met theological requirements;
(iv) have promised in a writing submitted to the Bishop making the appointment to submit in all things to the Doctrine, Discipline and Worship of this Church;
(v) have submitted to and satisfactorily passed a thorough examination covering their medical, psychological and psychiatric condition by recognized and licensed professionals appointed by the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese with the approval of the Presiding Bishop. The forms for medical, psychological and psychiatric reports prepared by The Church Pension Fund shall be used for these purposes.

Canon III.12.9(h)

(h) A resigned Bishop may only perform any episcopal act at the request of or with the permission of the Bishop Diocesan within that Bishop's Diocese. A resigned Bishop may, by vote of the Convention of any Diocese and with the consent of the Bishop of that Diocese, be given an honorary seat in the Convention, with voice but without vote, or be given an honorary seat in the Cathedral of any Diocese, by and subject to the authority competent to grant such seat. The resigned Bishop shall report all official acts to the Bishop Diocesan and to the Diocese in which the acts are performed. These provisions shall also be applicable to a resigned Bishop of another Church in full communion with this Church, subject to the approval of competent authority within the other Church, where such approval may be required.

Canon IV.14.12(b)

(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 Office of Transition Ministry, and to the Secretary of the House of Bishops, and to all Archbishops and Metropolitans, and to all Presiding Bishops of Churches in full communion with this Church.

Canon IV.16

CANON 16: Of Abandonment of The Episcopal Church

(A) By a Bishop

Sec. 1. If the Disciplinary Board for Bishops receives information suggesting that a Bishop may have abandoned 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 full communion with this Church; or (iii) by exercising Episcopal acts in and for a religious body other than the Church or another church in full
communication 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, the Board shall
promptly notify the Presiding Bishop and the Bishop in question that it is considering
the matter. Upon receipt of such notification, the Presiding Bishop may, with the advice
and consent of the Advisory Council to the Presiding Bishop, place restrictions on the
ministry of the Bishop in question for the period while the matter is under considera-
tion by the Board. If, after consideration of the matter, the Board concludes, by a majority
vote of all of its members, that the Bishop in question has abandoned The Episcopal
Church, the Board shall certify the fact to the Presiding Bishop and with the certificate
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.

(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, may have abandoned The Episcopal Church, the Standing
Committee shall promptly notify the Bishop Diocesan and the Priest or Deacon in
question that it is considering the matter. Upon receipt of such notification, the Bishop
Diocesan may, with the advice and consent of the Standing Committee, place
restrictions on the ministry of the Priest or Deacon in question for the period while the
matter is under consideration by the Standing Committee. 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 full 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 its determination, together with a statement setting out in a
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 4 of this Canon 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.
The House of Deputies Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #10 on HB Message #35 on Resolution A094 (Amend Canon III.4.1(b) for Clarity Regarding Bishop Suffragan of the Armed Forces) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #82)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A094)
Resolved, That Canon III.4.1(b) is hereby amended to read as follows:

(b) The Presiding Bishop or the Bishop Suffragan for the Armed Forces of the United States, Veterans' Administration Medical Centers, and Federal Correctional Institutions may authorize a member of the Armed Forces to exercise one or more of these ministries in the Armed Forces in accordance with the provisions of this Canon. Requirements and guidelines for the selection, training, continuing education, and deployment of such persons shall be established by the Bishop granting the license.

The House of Deputies Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #11 on HB Message #16 on Resolution A095 (Amend Canon IV.4.1) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #83)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A095)
Resolved, That Canon IV.4.1(h) is hereby amended to read as follows:

(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 good cause; or
(8) habitual neglect of public worship, and of the Holy Communion, according to the order and use of the Church; or and
(8) (9) any Conduct Unbecoming a Member of the Clergy.
The House of Deputies Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #6 on HB Message #9 on Resolution A096 (Amend Canons Pertaining to Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #85)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A096)

Resolved, That Canon I.9.1 is hereby amended to read as follows:

CANON 9: Of Provinces

Sec 1. Subject to the proviso in Article VII of the Constitution, the Dioceses of this Church shall be and are hereby united into Provinces as follows:

The First Province shall consist of the Dioceses within the States of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Connecticut.

The Second Province shall consist of the Dioceses within the States of New York and New Jersey, the Dioceses of Haiti and the Virgin Islands, and the Convocation of American Churches in Europe The Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe.

And be it further

Resolved, That Canon II.3.6(d) is hereby amended to read as follows:

II.3.6(d) In the event of the authorization of such variations, adjustments, substitutions, or alternatives, as aforesaid, it shall be the duty of the Custodian of the Standard Book of Common Prayer to notify the Ecclesiastical Authority of every Diocese, and the Convocation of American Churches in Europe The Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe, of such action, and to give notice thereof through the media of public information.

And be it further

Resolved, That Canon III.5.1(b) is hereby amended to read as follows:

III.5.1(b) The Council of Advice of the Convocation of American Churches in Europe The Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe, and the board appointed by a Bishop having jurisdiction in an Area Mission in accordance with the provisions of Canon I.11.2(c), shall, for the purpose of this and other Canons of Title III have the same powers as the Standing Committee of a Diocese.

The House of Deputies Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #12 on HB Message #17 on Resolution A107 (Amend Canon III.11.2 Regarding the Election of a Bishop) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #86)
Final Text of Resolution:

(A107)

Resolved, That Canon III.11.2 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2. It shall be lawful, within six months prior to the effective date of the resignation of a Diocesan Bishop, for the Bishop, with the advice and consent of the Standing Committee, may call for to call a special meeting of the Convention of the Diocese, to be held no earlier than six months prior to the effective date of the Bishop Diocesan's resignation, to elect a successor; provided that if the Convention is to meet in regular session meanwhile, it may hold the election during the regular session. The proceedings incident to the ordination preparation for the ordination of the successor shall be as provided in this Canon; but the Presiding Bishop shall not take order for the ordination to be on any date prior to that upon which the resignation is to become effective.

The House of Deputies Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #2 on HB Message #14 on Resolution A157 (Amend Canon III.11.2) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #87)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A157)

Resolved, That Canon III.11.2 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2. It shall be lawful, within six months prior to the effective date of the resignation of a Diocesan Bishop, for the Bishop, with the advice and consent of the Standing Committee, to call a special meeting of the Convention of the Diocese, to be held no earlier than six months prior to the effective date of the Bishop Diocesan's resignation, to elect a successor; provided that if the Convention is to meet in regular session meanwhile, it may hold the election during the regular session. The proceedings incident to the ordination preparation for the ordination of the successor shall be as provided in this Canon; but the Presiding Bishop shall not take order for the ordination to be on any date prior to that upon which the resignation is to become effective.

The House of Deputies Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #14 on HB Message #19 on Resolution C025 (Amend Canons I.9.1, II.3.6(d) and III.5.1(b)) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #88)

Final Text of Resolution:

(C025)

Resolved, That the third paragraph of Canon I.9.1 be hereby amended to read as follows:

...
The Second Province shall consist of the Dioceses within the States of New York and New Jersey, the Dioceses of Haiti and the Virgin Islands, and the Convocation of American Episcopal Churches in Europe.

And be it further

Resolved, That Canon II.3.6(d) be hereby amended to read as follows:

(d) In the event of the authorization of such variations, adjustments, substitutions, or alternatives, as aforesaid, it shall be the duty of the Custodian of the Standard Book of Common Prayer to notify the Ecclesiastical Authority of every Diocese, and the Convocation of American Episcopal Churches in Europe, of such action, and to give notice thereof through the media of public information.

And be it further

Resolved, That Canon III.5.1(b) be hereby amended to read as follows:

The Council of Advice of the Convocation of American Episcopal Churches in Europe, and the board appointed by a Bishop having jurisdiction in an Area Mission in accordance with the provisions of Canon I.11.2(c), shall, for the purpose of this and other Canons of Title III have the same powers as the Standing Committee of a Diocese.

Safeguarding and Title IV

The House of Deputies Committee on Safeguarding and Title IV presented its Report #18 on Resolution A125 (Amend Canon IV.2 and IV.13 pertaining to Declining to Advance Proceedings) and moved to refer the resolution to the Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A125)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the following section of Canon IV.2 be amended to read as follows:

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 obtaining leave from the Hearing Panel to decline to advance proceedings or to refer 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 president of the Disciplinary Board at any time after the matter has been referred out of
the Reference Panel, and, when the prosecution of the case may impact the mission, life, or ministry of the Church, with the Bishop Diocesan.

And be it further

Resolved, That Canon IV.13 be amended by inserting before the existing Section 10 a new section as follows and renumbering succeeding sections:

Sec. 10. At any time before the matter is submitted to the Hearing Panel for decision, the Church Attorney may file a motion requesting leave to decline to advance proceedings or a motion to refer the matter back to the Intake Officer or the Bishop Diocesan for pastoral response in lieu of disciplinary action. The Church Attorney shall serve notice of the motion on the Complainant, the Respondent, and the Bishop Diocesan, any of whom may file a response within fifteen (15) days of receipt of the motion, or within such other time as the Hearing Panel may direct. Upon receipt of such a motion, the Hearing Panel will promptly set the motion for hearing. If leave to decline to advance proceedings is granted, the Hearing Panel shall enter an Order of dismissal. The decision on the motion shall be provided to the Church Attorney, the Complainant, the Respondent, and the Bishop Diocesan and placed on the record of proceedings.

Motion carried
Resolution referred

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #89)

The House of Deputies Committee on Safeguarding and Title IV presented its Report #21 on Resolution A108 (Amend Canon III.6.5(g) Addressing Harassment and Sexual Misconduct) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A108)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention amend Canon III.6.5(g) as follows:

(g) Preparation for ordination shall include training regarding

(1) prevention of sexual misconduct of both children and adults.

(2) civil requirements for reporting and pastoral opportunities for responding to evidence of abuse.

(3) the Constitution and Canons of The Episcopal Church, particularly Title IV thereof.

(4) the Church’s teaching on racism.

And be it further

Resolved, That Canon III.8.5(h) shall be amended as follows:

(h) Preparation for ordination shall include training regarding

(1) prevention of sexual misconduct of both children and adults.
And be it further

Resolved, That Canon III.9.6 shall be amended by adding a subsection (d) as follows:

(d) It shall be the duty of the Rector or Priest-in-Charge to ensure that a policy regarding harassment and sexual misconduct is promulgated and enforced in the local Parish, and that such a policy is publicly posted or made available within the congregation upon request.

And be it further

Resolved, That Canon III.12.3 shall be amended by adding a subsection (f) to read as follows:

(f) The Bishop Diocesan shall ensure that a diocesan policy regarding harassment and sexual misconduct, and the process of reporting it, is promulgated by the appropriate body and enforced throughout the diocese, and that a written copy thereof is kept on file at the diocesan office, is posted on the diocesan website and is made available upon request. In the absence of a Bishop Diocesan, the Ecclesiastical Authority shall assume this responsibility.

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention amend Canon III.6.5(g) as follows:

(g) Preparation for ordination shall include training regarding

(1) prevention of sexual misconduct of against both children and adults.

(2) civil requirements for reporting and pastoral opportunities for responding to evidence of abuse.

(3) the Constitution and Canons of The Episcopal Church, particularly Title IV thereof.

(4) the Church’s teaching on racism.

And be it further

Resolved, That Canon III.8.5(h) shall be amended as follows:

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(1) prevention of sexual misconduct of against both children and adults.

(2) civil requirements for reporting and pastoral opportunities for responding to evidence of abuse.

(3) the Constitution and Canons of The Episcopal Church, particularly Title IV thereof.

(4) the Church’s teaching on racism.

And be it further

Resolved, That Canon III.9.6 shall be amended by adding a subsection (d) as follows:
(d) It shall be the duty of the Rector or Priest-in-Charge to ensure that a policy regarding harassment and sexual misconduct is promulgated and enforced in the local Parish, and that such a policy is publicly posted or made available within the congregation upon request.

And be it further

Resolved, That Canon III.12.3 shall be amended by adding a subsection (f) to read as follows:

(f) The Bishop Diocesan shall ensure that a diocesan policy regarding harassment and sexual misconduct, and the process of reporting it, is promulgated by the appropriate body and enforced throughout the diocese, and that a written copy thereof is kept on file at the diocesan office, is posted on the diocesan website and is made available upon request. In the absence of a Bishop Diocesan, the Ecclesiastical Authority shall assume this responsibility.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #90)

Safeguarding Title IV

House of Deputies Committee on Safeguarding and Title IV presented its Report #20 on Resolution A181 (Liability Insurance for Clergy) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A181)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons to examine the potential difficulties concerning clergy being able to obtain adequate representation during a Title IV procedure and directs the Commission to bring to the 80th General Convention specific recommendations which address the means by which clergy will be as adequately represented as are the dioceses bringing forth Title IV actions.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #91)

House of Deputies Committee on Safeguarding and Title IV presented its Report #19 on Resolution A184 (Amend Title III.8.5(h)) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A184)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That Title III.8.5 (h) be amended as follows:

(h) Preparation for ordination shall include training regarding

(1) prevention of sexual misconduct.
(2) civil requirements for reporting and pastoral opportunities for responding to evidence of abuse.
(3) the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church, particularly Title IV thereof, utilizing, but not limited to use of, the Title IV training website of The Episcopal Church.

(4) the Church’s teaching on racism

Motion carried
Resolution adopted

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #92)

Governance and Structure

The House of Deputies Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #10 on Resolution A073 (Mandates to Provinces) and moved adoption of a substitute.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A073)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That prior to enacting legislative actions involving provinces, governing bodies, including General Convention and Executive Council, review the action in order to determine if all provinces have the capacity to enact these actions and make adjustments in the legislation to allow for diversity in responses.

Committee Substitute:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That prior to taking action affecting provinces, the governing bodies of this Church, including General Convention and Executive Council, first consider the likely and potential unanticipated impacts on provinces to determine if all provinces have the financial and other resources necessary to comply with the actions, and make appropriate adjustments in the measures to allow for differences in these resources.

Motion carried
Substitute resolution adopted

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #93)

The House of Deputies Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #12 on Resolution A075 (Executive Council Representatives from Provinces) and moved adoption of a substitute.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A075)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the Joint Standing Committee on Nominations develop a process for ensuring diverse representation on Executive Council including qualified persons from all the provinces in The Episcopal Church; and be it further
Resolved, That the election of these qualified people be held at General Convention rather than as part of provincial elections.

Committee Substitute:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church urges the Executive Council, in consultation with the provinces and the Joint Standing Committee on Nominations, to develop best practices for provinces to use when nominating and electing provincial
representatives to Executive Council, which practices will continue to ensure diverse and qualified candidates, and that the Executive Council commend those best practices to the leadership of the provinces.

Motion carried
Substitute resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #94)

The House of Deputies Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #11 on Resolution A072 (Provincial Geographic Boundaries) and moved adoption of a substitute.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A072)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That in the 2018-2021 triennium, dioceses review, consider and align with whichever province best serves their identity and needs, as the Constitution and Canons allow.

Committee Substitute:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That in the 2018-2021 triennium, each diocese of this Church review its involvement in and relationship to its current province, and faithfully discern whether, based on its identity, gifts and needs, it may wish to explore established constitutional and canonical paths toward becoming a constituent diocese of a different province.

Motion carried
Substitute resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #95)

The House of Deputies Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #9 on Resolution A060 (Create a Task Force to Study Church's Pension System) and moved adoption of a substitute.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A060)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention direct the Presiding Officers of The Episcopal Church to appoint a Task Force on the Church's Pension System consisting of three (3) bishops, three (3) presbyters or deacons, and six (6) lay persons, and that at least one (1) of the persons appointed to the Task Force be knowledgeable and experienced in the governance and structure of The Episcopal Church; at least one (1) of the persons appointed to the Task Force be knowledgeable and experienced in corporate and not for profit structures and governance; and at least one of (1) the persons appointed be knowledgeable and experienced in the law, structure, and/or governance of pension plans; and be it further

Resolved, That the Task Force be directed to study the history of the creation of the Church Pension Fund with an emphasis on its historical relationship to The Episcopal Church and the Church’s involvement in its creation; its current structure, governance, and relationship to The Episcopal Church including but not limited to the right of the General Convention to direct the Church Pension Fund; the obligations and responsibilities of the Church Pension Fund owes The Episcopal Church; the ownership of the data provided by various persons and organizations of the Church to the Church Pension Fund in its capacity as the Recorder of Ordinations; the extent of the Church's right to set the terms and provisions of the pension plans and other benefit programs provided by or administered by the Church
Pension Fund or any of its affiliates; the authority of the General Convention to limit or expand the businesses engaged in by the Church Pension Fund or any of its affiliates including providing products or services to groups or individuals not associated with The Episcopal Church; and such other issues as the Task Force identifies during its work; and be it further

Resolved, That the Task Force study the governing documents of the Church Pension Fund and all its affiliates, consult with the Board of Trustees and individual Trustees of the Church Pension Fund as well as its staff, consult as needed with legal, corporate, not for profit or pension experts; and be it further

Resolved, That the Task Force be directed to report to the 80th General Convention and make any recommendations it deems necessary including, but not limited to, recommendations for improving, clarifying or effecting changes in the relationship between the Church Pension Fund and The Episcopal Church; and be it further

Resolved, That the Task Force also be directed to study the current state of parity between the pensions of lay and ordained church workers, domestic and non-domestic church workers and church workers of disparate incomes with a particular focus on how those income disparities are manifest across gender and racial or ethnic lines; and to present to the 80th General Convention the specific ways in which the current pension system does and does not reflect parity across the church; and be it further

Resolved, That the Task Force be directed to seek input from the Trustees and officers of the Church Pension Group on new models for the pension system that would achieve true parity; and to present to the 80th General Convention its recommendation on the adoption of new models for the pension system that would achieve better parity; 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 $50,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

Committee Substitute:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention invite the Executive Council and the Church Pension Fund to study jointly the historical and current relationship of The Episcopal Church and the Church Pension Fund in order to achieve greater clarity on their respective roles, responsibilities and authority; and be it further

Resolved, That the Executive Council and the Church Pension Fund issue a joint report about this study by December 31, 2019.

Motion carried
Substitute resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #96)

Committee to Receive the Report of Resolution A169

The House of Deputies Committee to Receive the Report of Resolution A169 presented its Report #5 on Resolution A062 (Amend Canon II.3.6-9) and moved to refer the resolution to the Committee on Constitutions and Canons.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A062)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church amend Canon II.3.6 as follows:
Sec. 6.
(a) Whenever the General Convention, pursuant to Article X(b) of the Constitution, shall authorize for trial use a proposed revision of the Book of Common Prayer, or of a portion or portions thereof, the enabling Resolution shall specify the period of such trial use, the precise text thereof, and any special terms or conditions under which such trial use shall be carried out.

(b) It shall be the duty of the Custodian of the Standard Book of Common Prayer:

(1) To arrange for the publication of such proposed revision;
(2) To protect, by copyright, the authorized text of such revision, on behalf of the General Convention; which copyright shall be relinquished when such proposed revision or revisions shall have been adopted by the General Convention as an alteration of, or addition to, the Book of Common Prayer;
(3) To certify that printed copies of such revision or revisions have been duly authorized by the General Convention, and that the printed text conforms to that approved by the General Convention.

(c) During the said period of trial use and under the modifying conditions specified, only the material so authorized, and in the exact form in which it has been so authorized, shall be available as an alternative for the said Book of Common Prayer or the said portion or portions thereof; provided, however, that it shall be competent for the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies, jointly, on recommendation by a resolution duly adopted at a meeting of the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music communicated to the said presiding officers in writing, to authorize variations and adjustments to, or substitutions for, or alterations in, any portion of the texts under trial, which seem desirable as a result of such trial use, and which do not change the substance of a rite.

(d) In the event of the authorization of such variations, adjustments, substitutions, or alternatives, as aforesaid, it shall be the duty of the Custodian of the Standard Book of Common Prayer to notify the Ecclesiastical Authority of every Diocese, and the Convocation of the American Churches in Europe, of such action, and to give notice thereof through the media of public information.

And be it further

Resolved, That Canon II.3 be amended by adding a new Section 7 and renumbering all subsequent sections:

Sec. 7. Whenever the General Convention, pursuant to Article X(c) of the Constitution, shall authorize alternative liturgies to one or more liturgies in the Book of Common Prayer or additional liturgies to those in the Book of Common Prayer, the enabling Resolution shall specify the precise texts thereof, and the terms and conditions under which such liturgies may be used.

Motion carried
Resolution re-referred to a Legislative Committee
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #97)
The House of Deputies Committee to Receive the Report of Resolution A169 presented its Report #6 on Resolution B010 (Concerning the Service of the Church) and moved to refer the resolution to the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(B010)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention substitute the word “preferred” for the word “principal” in the first sentence of the introduction to the Book of Common Prayer (BCP page 13) so that it would read:

“The Holy Eucharist, the **principal** preferred act of Christian worship on the Lord’s Day and other major Feasts, and Daily Morning and Evening Prayer, as set forth in this Book, are the regular services appointed for public worship in this Church.”

Motion carried  
Resolution referred  
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #98)

The House of Deputies Committee to Receive the Report of Resolution A169 presented its Report #7 on Resolution C024 (Translations of Book of Common Prayer) and moved adoption with amendment.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(C024)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music, in cooperation with the Custodian of the Book of Common Prayer, be directed to begin work forthwith on translations of essential selections of the Book of Common Prayer, as well as other authorized liturgical resources, including "Enriching Our Worship", into Spanish, Creole, and French, according to the principles outlined in Canon II.3.5; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance consider a budget allocation of $50,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

**Committee Amendment:**

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music be directed to consider and propose to the 80th General Convention a process for translating Enriching Our Worship, Book of Occasional Services, and other authorized liturgical resources into the primary languages currently in use in this church, in cooperation with the Custodian of the Book of Common Prayer, be directed to begin work forthwith on translations of essential selections of the Book of Common Prayer, as well as other authorized liturgical resources, including "Enriching Our Worship", into Spanish, Creole, and French, according to the principles outlined in Canon II.3.5; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance consider a budget allocation of $50,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

Motion carried  
Resolution adopted with amendment  
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #99)
Christian Formation and Discipleship

The House of Deputies Committee on Christian Formation and Discipleship presented its Report #16 on Resolution A055 (Develop Multicultural Ministry Pathways) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A055)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention invite the multicultural ministers of the Church center to further develop channels and pathways for sharing the gifts of ministry that exist in abundance in our Black, Latino/Hispanic, Asian American and Native communities with the wider Church, such as: an expanded New Communities gathering; regional or provincial trainings for ministry development officers, to share best practices for multicultural leadership development; and new channels for sharing the gifts of lay-led multicultural ministry that are already well-developed in the dioceses of Province IX and in outlying communities throughout the Church; and be it further

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

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention invite the multicultural ministers of the Church center to further develop channels and pathways for sharing the gifts of ministry that exist in abundance in our Black, Latino/Hispanic, Asian American and Native communities with the wider Church, such as: an expanded New Communities gathering; regional or provincial trainings for ministry development officers, to share best practices for multicultural leadership development; and new channels for sharing the gifts of lay-led multicultural ministry that are already well-developed in the dioceses of Province IX and in outlying communities throughout the Church; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention direct the multicultural ministers of the Church center to collect, evaluate, disseminate, and encourage the development of excellent resources and best practices for the discernment, theological education, and formation of culturally diverse clergy; to work with other groups to publicize the availability of these resources to The Episcopal Church, its dioceses, congregations and to persons involved in culturally diverse ministries and Christian formation; and to seek feedback regarding resources needed (and used) by the widest possible variety of groups within the Church; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance consider a budget allocation of $100,000-$250,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #100)
Churchwide Leadership

The House of Deputies Committee on Churchwide Leadership presented its Report #15 on Resolution A171 (Amend Canon III.13) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A171)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That Canon III.13 is hereby amended to read as follows:

CANON 13: Of Dioceses without Bishops

Sec. 1. (a). Upon the death, resignation, deposition, or removal of a Bishop Diocesan, a Bishop Suffragan or Bishop Coadjutor of the Diocese may serve as the Bishop Diocesan Pro Tempore in accordance with Article II of the Constitution and the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese. If a Bishop Suffragan or Bishop Coadjutor of the Diocese is not serving as its Bishop Diocesan Pro Tempore, a Diocese without a Bishop Diocesan may, by an act of its Convention, and in consultation with the Presiding Bishop, be placed under the provisional charge and authority of a Bishop of this Church of another Diocese or of a resigned Bishop of this Church, who shall by that act be authorized to serve as Bishop Diocesan Pro Tempore and to exercise jurisdiction and carry out all the duties and offices of the Bishop Diocesan of the Diocese until a Bishop Diocesan is elected and ordained for that Diocese or until the act of the Convention is revoked.

Sec. 3. (b) A Diocese, while under the provisional charge of a Bishop Diocesan Pro Tempore, shall not invite any other Bishop to visit and exercise episcopal acts or authority without the consent of the Bishop Diocesan Pro Tempore in charge.

Sec. 2. Any Bishop may, on the invitation of the Convention or of the Standing Committee of any Diocese where there is no Bishop, visit and exercise episcopal offices, but shall not exercise jurisdiction, in that Diocese or any part of it as a Bishop Provisional for the Diocese. This invitation may include a letter of agreement, shall be for a stated period and may be revoked at any time. A Diocese may have more than one Bishop Provisional serving the Diocese, and in such case the respective duties and responsibilities of the Bishops Provisional shall be set forth in their letters of agreement.

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That Canon III.13 is hereby amended to read as follows:

CANON 13: Of Dioceses without Bishops

Sec. 1. (a). Upon the death, resignation, deposition, or removal of a Bishop Diocesan, a Bishop Suffragan or Bishop Coadjutor of the Diocese may serve as the Bishop Diocesan Pro Tempore in accordance with Article II of the Constitution and the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese. If a Bishop Suffragan or Bishop Coadjutor of the Diocese is not serving as its Bishop Diocesan Pro Tempore, a Diocese without a Bishop Diocesan may, by an act of its Convention, and in consultation with the Presiding Bishop, be placed under the provisional charge and authority of a Bishop of this Church of another Diocese or of a resigned Bishop of this Church, who shall by that act be authorized to serve as Bishop Diocesan Pro Tempore and to exercise jurisdiction and carry out all the duties and offices of the Bishop Diocesan of the Diocese until a Bishop Diocesan is elected and ordained for that Diocese or until the act of the Convention is revoked.
Sec. 3. (b) A Diocese, while under the provisional charge of a Bishop Diocesan Pro Tempore, shall not invite any other Bishop to visit and exercise episcopal acts or authority without the consent of the Bishop Diocesan Pro Tempore in charge.

Sec. 2. Any Bishop may, on the invitation of the Convention or of the Standing Committee of any Diocese where there is no Bishop, visit and exercise episcopal offices, but shall not exercise jurisdiction, in that Diocese or any part of it as a Bishop Provisional for the Diocese. This invitation may include a letter of agreement, shall be for a stated period and may be revoked at any time. A Diocese may have more than one Bishop Provisional serving the Diocese, and in such case the respective duties and responsibilities of the Bishops Provisional shall be set forth in their letters of agreement.

And be it further

Resolved, That this Amendment to Canon III.13 shall be effective as of July 15, 2018; and be it further

Resolved, That because of the number of current episcopal transitions, the Secretary of General Convention is encouraged to communicate notice of the adoption of this resolution as soon as practicable.

Motion carried

Resolution adopted with amendment

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #101)

The House of Deputies Committee on Churchwide Leadership presented its Report #13 on Resolution D057 (Impairment Commission - Training on Alcohol and Substance Misuse) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:

(D057)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention directs the Executive Council to take the necessary steps to develop a mandatory training program with respect to alcohol and substance misuse (to be renewed at designated intervals) for all persons in the process of formation for ordination and for all priests and deacons currently licensed, with the goal that those in the formation process and all clergy would:

1. Be trained in prior resolutions of the General Convention regarding impairment;
2. Recognize impairment; and
3. Provide tools for reporting incidents involving impaired clergy and remove barriers that impede individuals from reporting.

And be it further

Resolved, That the Executive Council consider using training materials through publicly available resources at no cost, such as the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (samhsa.gov).

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention directs the Executive Council to take the necessary steps to develop a mandatory training program with respect to alcohol and substance misuse and other forms of addiction (to be renewed at designated intervals) for all
persons in the process of formation for ordination and for all priests and deacons currently licensed, with the goal that those in the formation process and all such clergy would:

1. Be trained in prior resolutions of the General Convention regarding impairment;
2. Recognize impairment; and
3. Provide tools for reporting incidents involving impaired clergy and remove barriers that impede individuals from reporting.

And be it further

Resolved, That the Executive Council consider using training materials through publicly available resources at no cost, such as the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (samhsa.gov).

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #102)

End of Consent Calendar

Election of the Trustees of the Church Pension Fund

Election Ballot #1 was taken for Trustees of Church Pension Fund.

Ballot #1 taken

The President read the results of Election Ballot #1 for Trustees of the Church Pension Fund. The following were elected: Canon Rosalie Simmonds Ballentine, Mr. Ryan Kusumoto, Delbert Glover, Ph.D., Ms. Yvonne O’Neal, The Rt. Rev. Diane M. Jardine Bruce, The Rev. Austin K. Rios, The Very Rev. Sam Candler, Mr. Solomon Owayda, Canon Kathryn Weathersby McCormick, The Rt. Rev. Julio Holguin and Ms. Linda Watt.

Election Ballot #2 was taken for the Trustees of the Church Pension Fund.

Ballot #2 taken

The President read the results of Election Ballot #2. The President declared there was not an election.

Election Ballot #3 was taken for the Trustees of the Church Pension Fund.

Ballot #3 taken

The President read the results of Election Ballot #3. The President declared there was not an election.

In accordance with House Rule 15, the number of nominees were dropped to five: Clifton Daniel, III, Gordon Fowler, Jr., Marlene Weigert, John Smylie, and Nicholas Elsishans.

Election Ballot #4 was taken for the Trustees of the Church Pension Fund.

Ballot #4 taken

The President read the results of Election Ballot #4. The Rt. Rev. Clifton Daniel III was elected.

Election of Members of Executive Council

Election Ballot #1 was taken for clergy members of Executive Council.

Ballot #1 taken

The President read the results of Ballot #1. The Rev. Devon Anderson was elected.
Election Ballot #2 was taken for clergy members of Executive Council.  

The President read the results of Election Ballot #2. The President declared there was not an election.

Election Ballot #3 was taken for clergy members of Executive Council.  

The President read the results of Election Ballot #3. The Rev. Anne E. Kitch was elected.

Election Ballot #1 was taken for lay members of Executive Council.  

The President read the results of Election Ballot #1. The following were elected: Ms. Sarah Stonesifer, Ms. Diane Pollard, Ms. Rose Sconiers and Ms. Andrea McKellar.

Election Ballot #2 was taken for lay members of Executive Council.  

The President read the results of Election Ballot #2. Ms. Pauline Getz was elected.

Election Ballot #3 was taken for lay members of Executive Council.  

The President read the results of Election Ballot #3. The President declared there was not an election.

In accordance with House Rule 15, the number of nominees were dropped to five: Liza Anderson, William Powel, Stephen Hutchinson, Angela Smith, and Kelly Phelan.

Election Ballot #4 was taken for lay members of Executive Council.  

The President read the results of Election Ballot #4. Ms. Liza Anderson was elected.

**Election of Treasurer of General Convention**

Election Ballot #1 was taken for Treasurer of General Convention.  

The President read the results of Election Ballot #1. Mr. N. Kurt Barnes was elected the Treasurer of General Convention.

**Election of Trustees of General Theological Seminary**

Election Ballot #1 was taken for clergy members of the Trustees of General Theological Seminary.  

The President read the results of Election Ballot #1. The Rev. Thomas Dillon and the Rev. T. James Kodera were elected.

Election Ballot #1 was taken for lay members of the Trustees of General Theological Seminary.  

The President read the results of Election Ballot #1. Ms. Dianne Audrick Smith and Mr. Michael Braxton were elected.
Election of the Disciplinary Board for Bishops
Election Ballot #1 was taken for clergy members of the Disciplinary Board for Bishops.

The President read the results of Election Ballot #1. The Rev. Irene Tanabe and the Rev. Alistair So were elected.

Election Ballot #1 was taken for lay members of the Disciplinary Board for Bishops.

The President read the results of Election Ballot #1. Ms. Melissa Perrin was elected.

Election Ballot #2 was taken for lay members of the Disciplinary Board for Bishops.

The President read the results of Election Ballot #2. Mr. Joseph Alarid was elected.

Election of President of the House of Deputies
The President relinquished the Chair to the Vice President.

Election Ballot #1 was taken for President of the House of Deputies.

The Chair read the results of Election Ballot #1. Deputy Jennings was elected President of the House of Deputies.

The Chair welcomed the President to the podium to make remarks to the House. The President expressed her thanks to the House for the opportunity to serve for three more years.

The Vice President relinquished the Chair to the President.

Recess
The President announced that the House would stand in recess until 6:10 p.m.

Reconvene
The President called the House to Order at 6:10 p.m.

Introduction of Mr. Robert Radtke
The Secretary introduced Mr. Robert Radtke, president of Episcopal Relief and Development. Mr. Radtke delivered remarks and showed a video about the ongoing work of Episcopal Relief and Development.
Committee to Receive the Report of Resolution A169

The President announced that the clerical and lay deputations from Central Florida, Springfield, Albany, and Dallas requested that the vote on Resolution B012 be a vote by orders.

The House of Deputies Committee to Receive the Report of Resolution A169 presented its Report #2 on Resolution B012 (Marriage Rites for the Whole Church) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:

(B012)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention authorize for continued trial use, in accordance with Article X of the Constitution and Canon II.3.6, “The Witnessing and Blessing of a Marriage” and “The Celebration and Blessing of a Marriage 2” (from “Liturgical Resources I: I Will Bless You and You Will Be a Blessing, Revised and Expanded 2015”); and be it further

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Resolved, That the period of trial use for these liturgies shall extend without limit of time; and be it further

Resolved, That “The Blessing of a Civil Marriage 2” and “An Order for Marriage 2” be published in a revised and expanded 2018 version of “Liturgical Resources 1: I Will Bless You and You Will Be a Blessing,” and made available electronically in English, Spanish, and French at no cost by the first Sunday of Advent 2018; and be it further

Resolved, That all congregations and worshipping communities of this Church that understand themselves called to incorporate these liturgies into their common life, are authorized to do so by the rector or priest-in-charge (Canon III.9.6), and are permitted to do so by civil law, shall have access to these liturgies, under the direction of the bishop exercising ecclesiastical authority; and be it further

Resolved, That where diocesan canons or bishops exercising ecclesiastical authority do not authorize the use of these liturgies for persons of the same sex, congregations may request, and when requesting shall receive delegated episcopal pastoral oversight (DEPO) by a bishop of this Church who shall provide access to these liturgies, as permitted by civil law; and be it further

Resolved, That bishops continue the work of leading the Church in comprehensive engagement with these materials and continue to provide generous pastoral response to meet the needs of members of this Church; and be it further

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Resolved, That the Task Force seek a lasting path forward for mutual flourishing consistent with this Church’s polity and the 2015 “Communion across Difference” statement of the House of Bishops, affirming (1) the clear decision of General Convention that Christian marriage is a covenant open to two people of the same sex or of the opposite sex, (2) its firm commitment to make provision for all couples asking to be married in this Church to have access to authorized liturgies; and also affirming (3) the indispensable place that the minority who hold to this Church’s historic teaching on marriage have in our common life, whose witness our Church needs; and be it further

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Deputies asked questions of the committee during the time allotted by the special order.

When the time allotted for questions ended, debate ensued.

The President noted that the time for the legislative session to end had come and that debate on Resolution B012 would continue at the next legislative session.

[Ed. Note: Debate resumed on resolution B012 on July 9, 2019 (Day 5).]

Announcements

The Secretary read the announcements.

Recess

The President recessed the House at 7:01 p.m. to reconvene on July 9, at 10:30 a.m.
MORNING SESSION

Reconvene
The President called the House to Order at 10:30 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 #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

Certification of Deputies
The House of Deputies Committee on Credentials presented its Report #6 for the morning session of the Fifth Legislative Day. There were 424 clerical deputies and 419 lay deputies certified and seated, bringing the total count of the House to 843, representing 110 dioceses in the clerical order and 110 in the lay order. The number of votes for a motion to prevail by a simple majority was 422. The number of votes for a motion to prevail by a two-thirds majority was 562. The number of dioceses for a motion requiring a Vote By Orders to prevail was 56 in the lay order and 56 in the clerical order. The number of dioceses for a motion requiring a Vote By Orders to prevail by a two-thirds majority was 74 in the lay order and 74 in the clerical order. There were 8 new deputies certified and 73 changes in deputation on this day, as follows:

Newly certified deputies:
Lisa Brown, Diocese of Pittsburgh
Nancy Chalfant-Walker, Diocese of Pittsburgh
Jon Delano, Diocese of Pittsburgh
Jamie McMahon, Diocese of Pittsburgh
Kristian Opat, Diocese of Pittsburgh
James Simons, Diocese of Pittsburgh
Stephen Stagnitta, Diocese of Pittsburgh
Nancy Threadgill, Diocese of Pittsburgh

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The Secretary moved that the report be accepted.

Motion carried
Report accepted

Announcement

The President made the House aware that the Vice President had been called away from the General Convention. Pursuant to House Rule 5, the President announced that Deputy Kitagawa of Arizona would chair the House should the President need to relinquish the chair.

Messages from the House of Bishops

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

HB Message #45: B023 (Armenian Rite for Holy Cross Day) Adopted
HB Message #46: D012 (Add the Four Chaplains of the USAT Dorchester to the Church Calendar) Referred to an Interim Body
HB Message #47: C058 (Add the Rev. Frederick B. "Ted" Howden Jr. to LFF, 2018) Referred to an Interim Body
HB Message #48: C027 (The Celebration of the life and work of Dorothy Day, Christian Activist) Referred to an Interim Body
HB Message #49: C051 (Include The Way of Light Liturgy in Book of Occasional Services) Took No Further Action
HB Message #50: C055 (Commemoration of Father Paul Wattson) Referred to an Interim Body
HB Message #51: C012 (Add Origen of Alexandria to the Church Calendar) Referred to an Interim Body
HB Message #52: A219 (Refer Portions of The Proposed Book of Occasional Services 2018) Adopted
HB Message #53: C003 (Way of Light Liturgy) Referred to an Interim Body
| HB Message #54: | A217 (Consultation of Common Revised Common Lectionary Daily Readings) Adopted |
| HB Message #55: | C060 (Breaking the Episcopal Stained Glass Ceiling) Adopted with Amendment. |
| HB Message #56: | Do80 (Recommendation for Ecumenical Agreements) Re-referred to a Legislative Committee |
| HB Message #57: | A216 (Calendar Reformation) Adopted with Amendment. |
| HB Message #58: | D043 (Welcoming the Church of South India into the United States of America) Adopted with Amendment |
| HB Message #59: | [Ed. Note: replaced by HB Message #98 ] |
| HB Message #60: | [Ed. Note: replaced by HB Message #96 ] |
| HB Message #61: | A154 (Amend Canon I.13.3(a)) Adopted |
| HB Message #62: | [Ed. Note: replaced by HB Message #103 ] |
| HB Message #63: | [Ed. Note: replaced by HB Message #97 ] |
| HB Message #64: | D054 (Expand YASC and EVIM Support) Adopted |
| HB Message #65: | [Ed. Note: replaced by HB Message #104 ] |
| HB Message #66: | [Ed. Note: replaced by HB Message #95 ] |
| HB Message #67: | D029 (Condemning Prolonged Solitary Confinement as a Form of Torture) Adopted with Amendment |
| HB Message #68: | A175 (Amend Article II.7 - Second Reading) Adopted |
| HB Message #69: | A080 (A Season of Provincial Discernment) Took No Further Action |
| HB Message #70: | A176 (Amend Article V - Second Reading) Adopted |
| HB Message #71: | D048 (Review of Disability Language in the Constitution and Canons) Adopted |
| HB Message #72: | A040 (Formal Response to "The Church: Towards a Common Vision") Took No Further Action |
| HB Message #73: | A008 (Continuing the Advisory Council on the Stewardship of Creation) Took No Further Action |
| HB Message #74: | C059 (Dialogue between The Episcopal Church and the Lutheran Church in Bavaria) Took No Further Action |
| HB Message #75: | A046 (Host a Racial Reconciliation Awards Program) Rejected |
| HB Message #76: | [Ed. Note: replaced by HB Message #99 ] |
| HB Message #77: | A150 (Amend Article I.2 of the Constitution) Adopted with Amendment |
| HB Message #78: | A151 (Amend Article II.4-8 of the Constitution) Adopted with Amendment |
| HB Message #79: | [Ed. Note: replaced by HB Message #100 ] |
| HB Message #80: | A163 (Amend Canon III.11 to add Canon III.11.10) Rejected |
| HB Message #81: | [Ed. Note: replaced by HB Message #102 ] |
| HB Message #82: | B022 (Support for the Episcopal Church in the Philippines and Joint Efforts to Continue the Jesus Movement Scholarship Program) Adopted with Amendment |
| HB Message #83: | C039 (Amend Parochial Report) Took No Further Action |
| HB Message #84: | A170 (Amend Canon III.12.12(a)) Adopted |
| HB Message #85: | D063 (Supporting Christians in Iraq) Adopted with Amendment |
| HB Message #86: | A053 (Design a New Parochial Report) Adopted with Amendment |
| HB Message #87: | A058 (Encourage Use of Asset Map) Adopted with Amendment |
| HB Message #88: | A051 (Modify Parochial Report) Adopted with Amendment |
| HB Message #89: | [Ed. Note: replaced by HB Message #105 ] |
| HB Message #90: | A071 (Provincial Vitality) Took No Further Action |
| HB Message #91: | [Ed. Note: replaced by HB Message #106 ] |
| HB Message #92: | A074 (The Prophetic Voice of Provinces) Took No Further Action |
| HB Message #93: | [Ed. Note: replaced by HB Message #107 ] |
| HB Message #94: | D017 (Reducing Sexual Harassment, Assault and Exploitation in the Workplace) Adopted |
### Dispatch of Business

The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business presented its Report #14 on Resolution X011 (Special Order for D019, Ending Church Complicity in the Occupation) and moved adoption.

#### Original Text of Resolution:

(X011)

Resolved, That the House of Deputies set special rules of order for debate on the Fifth Legislative Day, July 9th, for the first item of legislative business following the Consent Calendar for the consideration of Resolution D019, Ending Church Complicity in the Occupation,

1. Total time of the discussion shall be 60 minutes.
2. The first 10 minutes will be for clarifying questions only.
3. Then follows 30 minutes of debate on the resolution. No motions to amend or substitute will be in order during this time.
4. Following the 30 minutes of debate, the House will consider amendments or substitutes.
5. Amendments will be considered in the order in which they are pre-filed. Debate on each amendment will be limited to 6 minutes.
6. No motion to end debate early during this debate will be in order.
7. The Resolution D019 will be placed on Day 5 Legislative Calendar.

The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business moved to amend Resolution X011 to strike "following the Consent Calendar" and add "for the afternoon legislative session".

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

- **Motion carried**
- **Resolution adopted with amendment**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #110)
Final Text of Resolution

(X011)

Resolved, That the House of Deputies set special rules of order for debate on the Fifth Legislative Day, July 9th, for the first item of legislative business for the afternoon Legislative Session for the consideration of Resolution D019, Ending Church Complicity in the Occupation,

1. Total time of the discussion shall be 60 minutes.
2. The first 10 minutes will be for clarifying questions only.
3. Then follows 30 minutes of debate on the resolution. No motions to amend or substitute will be in order during this time.
4. Following the 30 minutes of debate on the resolution, the House will consider amendments or substitutes.
5. Amendments will be considered in the order in which they are pre-filed. Debate on each amendment will be limited to 6 minutes.
6. No motion to end debate early during this debate will be in order.
7. The Resolution D019 will be placed on Day 5 Legislative Calendar.

Introduction of the Official Youth Presence

The President welcomed the Official Youth Presence and introduced Ms. Maria Gonzalez of Olympia, who addressed the House. The President then presented the delegation with medals to commemorate their time at the General Convention.

Committee to Receive the Report of Resolution A169

The time for debate on Resolution B012 (Marriage Rites for the Whole Church) continued.

Deputy Humphrey of Rhode Island moved an amendment.

Proposed Amendment:

Remove the seventh and eleventh resolve clauses and add the following after the sixth resolve clause:

Resolved, That all congregations and worshipping communities of this Church who desire to incorporate these Trial Use liturgies into their common life, are authorized to do so by the rector or priest-in-charge (Canon III.9.6), and where permitted by civil law, shall have access to these liturgies, under the direction of the bishop exercising ecclesiastical authority; and be it further

Resolved, That where diocesan canons or bishops exercising ecclesiastical authority do not authorize the use of these liturgies for persons of the same sex, congregations may request, and when requesting shall receive, that they be entrusted to the pastoral care and spiritual responsibility of another bishop of this Church who shall provide access to these liturgies, as permitted by civil law; and be it further

Add the following after the tenth resolve clause:

Resolved, That the provisions of Canon I.19.3 regarding marriage after divorce apply equally to these liturgies, in accordance with guidelines established by each diocese or bishop designated as chief liturgical officer for a congregation; and be it further

A vote was taken on the amendment.

Motion defeated
Amendment defeated
Deputy Seitz of West Virginia moved an amendment.

**Proposed Amendment:**
Remove the eighth and sixteenth resolve clauses, as well as the following text from the seventh resolve clause: "allowing all couples to be married in their home church".

Motion defeated
Amendment defeated

Deputy Ammons of Florida moved Deputy Singleton of Florida's amendment.

**Proposed Amendment:**
In the first resolve clause, delete "trial" and "in accordance with Article X of the Constitution and Canon II.3.6" and add "$in the Book of Occasional Services (Libro de Ritos Ocasionales)" following "use,\". Delete the second and third resolve clauses. In the sixth resolve clause, delete "Liturgical Resources 2" and replace with "$Book of Occasional Services (Libro de Ritos Ocasionales)\". In the eighteenth resolve clause, delete "Liturgical Resources 2" and replace with "$Book of Occasional Services (Libro de Ritos Ocasionales)\".

Motion defeated
Amendment defeated

Deputy Hayes of California moved an amendment.

**Proposed Amendment:**
Remove the seventh resolve clause and replace with the following:

Resolved, That under the canonical direction of the Rector or Member of the Clergy in charge and where permitted to do so by civil law, provision will be made for all couples desiring to use these marriage liturgies in their local congregation or worshipping community; and be it further

Resolved, That in dioceses where the bishop exercising ecclesiastical authority (or, where applicable, ecclesiastical supervision) holds a theological position that does not embrace marriage for same-sex couples, and there is a desire to use such rites by same-sex couples in a congregation or worshipping community, the bishop exercising ecclesiastical authority (or ecclesiastical supervision) shall invite, as necessary, another bishop of this Church to provide pastoral support to the couple, the Member of the Clergy involved and the congregation or worshipping community in order to fulfill the intention of this resolution that all couples have convenient and reasonable local congregational access to these rites; and be it further

The President announced that the time for debate on the amendment and the resolution had ended.
Deputy Dinwiddie of Michigan moved to extend the time for debate by four minutes.

Motion defeated

An electronic vote was taken on the amendment, resulting in 505 yes votes and 329 no votes.

Motion carried
Amendment adopted
Ballot #3 - Vote by Orders

A Vote by Orders was taken on Resolution B012.

Prayers

The President called on the Chaplain for prayers.

Results of Ballot #3: Vote By Orders of Resolution B012

The President read the results of Ballot #3.

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Motion carried

Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #111)

The House of Deputies Committee to Receive the Report of Resolution A169 presented its Report #4 on Resolution A063 (Amend Article X of the Constitution of The Episcopal Church (First Reading)) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A063)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church amend Article X of the Constitution of The Episcopal Church as follows

ARTICLE X

The Book of Common Prayer, as now established or hereafter amended by the authority of this Church, shall be in use in all the Dioceses of this Church. No alteration thereof or addition thereto shall be made unless the same shall be first proposed in one regular meeting of the General Convention and by a resolve thereof be sent within six months to the Secretary of the Convention of every Diocese, to be made known to the Diocesan Convention at its next meeting, and be adopted by the General Convention at its next succeeding regular meeting by a majority of all Bishops, excluding retired Bishops not present, of the whole number of Bishops entitled to vote in the House of Bishops, and by a vote by orders in the House of Deputies in accordance with Article I, Sec. 5, except that concurrence by the orders shall require the affirmative vote in each order by a majority of the Dioceses entitled to representation in the House of Deputies. But notwithstanding anything herein above contained, the General Convention may at any one meeting, by a majority of the whole number of the Bishops entitled to vote in the House of Bishops, and by a majority of the Clerical and Lay Deputies of all the Dioceses entitled to representation in the House of Deputies, voting by orders as previously set forth in this Article:
(a) Amend the Table of Lessons and all Tables and Rubrics relating to the Psalms.

(b) Authorize for trial use throughout this Church, as an alternative at any time or times to the established Book of Common Prayer or to any section or Office thereof, a proposed revision of the whole Book or of any portion thereof, duly undertaken by the General Convention.

(c) Authorize for use throughout this Church, as provided by Canon, alternative and additional liturgies to supplement those provided in the Book of Common Prayer.

And provided that nothing in this Article shall be construed as restricting the authority of the Bishops of this Church to take such order as may be permitted by the Rubrics of the Book of Common Prayer or by the Canons of the General Convention for the use of special forms of worship.

A vote was taken on Resolution A063.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #112)

Rules of Order
The House of Deputies Committee on Rules of Order presented its Report #2 on Resolution A186 (Amend House of Deputies Rule of Order XV) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A186)
Resolved, That the House of Deputies of the 79th General Convention amends XV of the House Rules of Order as follows:

XV. Elections
(A) Nominations

(1) The submission of the Report of the Joint Standing Committee on Nominations to the General Convention of its nominees will automatically nominate those persons for any election to be conducted by the House.

(2) Nominations by any two Deputies may nominate additional eligible persons before in any election to be conducted by the House.

(3) Each nomination must be submitted in writing to the Secretary, in a form adopted by the Joint Standing Committee on Nominations, to the Secretary. The Secretary will publish all nominations no later than by the end of the third legislative day.

(4) All Nominations must be submitted by the adjournment of the third legislative day, except that:
(i) Nominations for the office of Vice President of the House must be submitted by the adjournment of the next legislative day after the election of the President of the House of Deputies has been completed.

(3) There are no nominating speeches for any office or position, except for the President and the Vice President of the House. No nominating speeches will be held for any office or position. In a contested election for President or Vice President of the House, a candidate forum may be held to allow the nominees to give a brief speech and Deputies the opportunity to ask questions of the nominees.

(B) Voting Requirements

(1) All elections will be by individual secret ballot, paper or electronic, except where there are no more nominees than open seats, in which case the voice vote may be held at the discretion of the President.

(2) A majority vote is required to elect unless the Constitution, Canons, or Rules of Order requires a different vote. In any election in which more than one position will be filled from the same pool of nominees, a majority is calculated based upon the number of voters who cast a ballot in that election.

(3) On any ballot prepared by the Secretary, the candidates will be listed in alphabetical order by last name.

(C) Balloting Procedures

(1) In all elections in which there are eight or fewer nominees, the following voting procedure will be used if the election has not been completed:

(i) After the third ballot there will be only two more nominees than the number of vacancies to be filled on the ballot, the nominees will be reduced to two more than the number of vacancies to be filled; and

(ii) After the fifth ballot only one more nominee than the number of vacancies to be filled will be on the ballot, the nominees will be reduced to one more than the number of vacancies to be filled.

(2) In all elections in which there are more than eight nominees, the following procedure will be used if the election has not been completed:

(i) After the third ballot there will be only four more nominees than the number of vacancies to be filled on the ballot in the election; and

(3) After the fifth ballot, the nominees there will be reduced to only one more nominee than the number of vacancies to be filled on the ballot in the election.
(3) In all cases where nominees are to be reduced under these rules, the nominees with the lowest number of votes will be eliminated.

(4) If more nominees receive a majority vote than the number of positions to be elected, those nominees receiving the highest number of votes will be elected.

(5) If there is a tie to either eliminate or elect a nominee, a runoff ballot will be held between the nominees tied.

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, That the House of Deputies of the 79th General Convention amends XV of the House Rules of Order as follows:

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(3) Each nomination is must be submitted in writing to the Secretary, in a form adopted by the Joint Standing Committee on Nominations, to the Secretary, . The Secretary will publish all nominations no later than by the end of the third legislative day.

(4) All Nominations must be submitted by the adjournment of the third legislative day, except that:

(i) Nominations for the office of Vice President of the House must be submitted by the adjournment of the next legislative day after the election of the President of the House of Deputies has been completed.

(3 5) There are no nominating speeches for any office or position, except for the President and the Vice President of the House. No nominating speeches will be held for any office or position. In a contested election for President or Vice President of the House, a candidate forum may be held organized by the Secretary to allow the nominees to give a brief speech and Deputies the opportunity to ask questions of the nominees.

(B) Voting Requirements

(1) All elections will be by individual secret ballot, paper or electronic, except where there are no more nominees than open seats, in which case the a voice vote may be by voice held at the discretion of the President.

(2) A majority vote is required to elect unless the Constitution, Canons, or Rules of Order requires a different vote. In any election in which more than one
position will be filled from the same pool of nominees, a majority is calculated based upon the number of voters who cast a ballot in that election.

(3) On any ballot prepared by the Secretary, the candidates will be listed in alphabetical order by last name.

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(1) In all elections in which there are eight or fewer nominees, the following voting procedure will be used if the election has not been completed:

(i) After the third ballot there will only be two more nominees than the number of vacancies to be filled on the ballot, the nominees will be reduced to two more than the number of vacancies to be filled; and

(ii) After the fifth ballot only one more nominee than the number of vacancies to be filled will be on the ballot, the nominees will be reduced to one more than the number of vacancies to be filled.

(2) In all elections in which there are more than eight nominees, the following procedure will be used if the election has not been completed:

(i) After the third ballot there will be only four more nominees than the number of vacancies to be filled on the ballot, in the election; and

(ii) After the fifth ballot, the nominees will be reduced to only one more nominee than the number of vacancies to be filled on the ballot in the election.

(3) In all cases where nominees are to be reduced under these rules, the nominees with the lowest number of votes will be eliminated.

(4) If more nominees receive a majority vote than the number of positions to be elected, those nominees receiving the highest number of votes will be elected.

(5) If there is a tie to either eliminate or elect a nominee, a runoff ballot will be held between the nominees tied.

Deputy Snow of Oregon moved to restore the words "may be" to the first section under voting requirements.

Motion carried
Amendment adopted

A vote was taken on Resolution A186.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #113)
Final Text of Resolution

(A186)

Resolved, That the House of Deputies of the 79th General Convention amends XV of the House Rules of Order as follows:

XV. Elections

(A) Nominations

(1) The submission of the Report of the Joint Standing Committee on Nominations to the General Convention of its nominees will automatically nominate those persons for any election to be conducted by the House.

(1 2) Nominations by any two Deputies may nominate additional eligible persons are permitted before in any election to be conducted by the House.

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(B) Voting Requirements

(1) All elections will be by individual secret ballot, paper or electronic, except where there are no more nominees than open seats, in which case the a voice vote may be by voice held at the discretion of the President.

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(1) In all elections in which there are eight or fewer nominees, the following voting procedure will be used if the election has not been completed:

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(ii) After the fifth ballot only one more nominee than the number of vacancies to be filled will be on the ballot, the nominees will be reduced to one more than the number of vacancies to be filled.

(2) In all elections in which there are more than eight nominees, the following procedure will be used if the election has not been completed:

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(ii) After the fifth ballot, the nominees will be reduced to only one more nominee than the number of vacancies to be filled on the ballot in the election.

(3) In all cases where nominees are to be reduced under these rules, the nominees with the lowest number of votes will be eliminated.

(4) If more nominees receive a majority vote than the number of positions to be elected, those nominees receiving the highest number of votes will be elected.

(5) If there is a tie to either eliminate or elect a nominee, a runoff ballot will be held between the nominees tied.

The House of Deputies Committee on Rules of Order presented its Report #3 on Resolution A059 (Amend HOD Rules of Order III - Additional Duties of Deputies) and moved the resolution, recommending rejection.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A059)

Resolved, That the House of Deputies hereby amends the Rules of Order to add III.C.1-4:

(C) Duties of Deputies

(1) Deputies shall be required to report to their Diocese within sixty (60) days after General Convention the legislation passed which is of interest to congregations in their Diocese. Deputies shall prepare a report, in an understandable format, outlining passed legislation and other topics of
importance to the Diocese and shall disseminate this report to all congregations within the Diocese.

(2) Deputies shall put forth at their Diocesan Convention all General Convention legislation that should be adopted at the Diocesan level, and report to the Office of General Convention on the status of such legislation.

(3) Deputies shall continue to be a resource to their Diocese for information on legislation passed at General Convention until such time as a new deputation is elected.

(4) Deputies shall serve as a conduit to their Dioceses of any items of importance disseminated by the President of the House of Deputies until such time as their successors are elected.

And be it further

Resolved, That pursuant to Canon I.1.2, this will remain in force until amended or repealed by the House.

A vote was taken on Resolution A059.

Motion defeated
Resolution rejected
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #114)

The House of Deputies Committee on Rules of Order presented its Report #4 on Resolution A188 (Amend HOD Rules of Order II) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A188)

Resolved, That the House of Deputies amends House of Deputies Rules of Order by inserting the following section at the end of Rule II:

(F) Memorial Roll

(1) The Secretary will prepare a Memorial Roll of all previous Deputies who have died since the last meeting of the House or who have not otherwise been remembered at a meeting of the House.

(2) At each General Convention, time will be set aside to read aloud the names on the Memorial Roll and for prayers by the Chaplain.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #115)

Final Text of Resolution

(A188)

Resolved, That the House of Deputies amends House of Deputies Rules of Order by inserting the following section at the end of Rule II:
(F) Memorial Roll

(i) The Secretary will prepare a Memorial Roll of all previous Deputies who have died since the last meeting of the House or who have not otherwise been remembered at a meeting of the House.

(ii) At each General Convention, time will be set aside to read aloud the names on the Memorial Roll and for prayers by the Chaplain.

The House of Deputies Committee on Rules of Order presented its Report #5 on Resolution A193 (Amend Rules of Order XVI) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A193)

Resolved, That the House of Deputies Rules of Order Rule XVI be amended as follows:

XVI: Confirmation of the Election of a Presiding Bishop

(A) When the President receives the name of the bishop elected by the House of Bishops to serve as Presiding Bishop, the President will inquire whether it is the will of the house to receive the name in a closed session. refer the name to the Legislative Committee on the Confirmation of the Presiding Bishop.

(B) Committee recommends. The Legislative Committee on the Confirmation of the Presiding Bishop will make a recommendation to the House on whether to confirm or not to confirm the choice of the House of Bishops.

(C) The House may choose to receive the name Committee’s report to the House in a closed session.

(D) If the House chooses to receive the name report in a closed session, the House may continue in a closed session for the purpose of debate.

(E) Following the end of debate, the House will move out of a closed session. The Committee will repeat its recommendation and the House will immediately vote on the confirmation recommendation.

(F) The House will vote by individual secret ballot, paper or electronic, unless a Vote by Orders is requested.

(G) A majority vote is required to confirm.

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, That the House of Deputies rule XVI be amended as follows:

XVI: Confirmation of the Election of a Presiding Bishop

(A) When the President receives the name of the bishop elected by the House of Bishops to serve as Presiding Bishop, the President will inquire whether it is the will of the house to receive the name in a closed session. refer the name to the Legislative Committee on the Confirmation of the Presiding Bishop. Committee recommends.
B. The Legislative Committee on the Confirmation of the Presiding Bishop will make a recommendation to the House on whether to confirm or not to confirm the choice of the House of Bishops.

C. The House may choose to receive the Committee's report to the House in a closed session.

D. If the House chooses to receive the report in a closed session, the House may continue in a closed session for the purpose of debate.

E. Following the end of debate, the House will move out of a closed session. The Committee will repeat its recommendation and the House will immediately vote on the recommendation.

F. The House will vote by individual secret ballot, paper or electronic, unless a Vote by Orders is requested.

G. A majority vote is required to confirm.

And be it further

Resolved, That the House of Deputies rule VIII. A. i. ii. be amended as follows:

VIII: Legislative Committees

A. General Rules on Legislative Committees

1. Appointment and Creation

i. No later than 90 days before the first legislative day of General Convention, the President will appoint Legislative Committees for the work of the House of Deputies at General Convention.

ii. The Legislative Committees may include the following and any others that the President designates:

[... Note: no change to items a-n]

o. Confirmation of the Presiding Bishop.

Receives the Report from the House of Bishops regarding the election of a Presiding Bishop, and recommends action regarding confirmation.

Deputy Sibley of Long Island moved to end debate.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on Resolution A193.

Motion defeated
Resolution rejected

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #116)
The House of Deputies Committee on Rules of Order presented its Report #6 on Resolution A187 (Amend HOD Rules of Order XIV) and moved adoption with amendment.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(A187)

Resolved, That the House of Deputies amends House of Deputies Rules of Order XIV as follows:

(A) Every Deputy must vote when a matter is put to a vote except the Chair. If the Chair is a Deputy, the Chair should not ordinarily vote on any matter unless the Chair’s vote will affect the outcome of the matter, the vote is a vote by orders, or the vote is being conducted by a secret ballot.

**Committee Amendment:**

Resolved, That the House of Deputies amends House of Deputies Rules of Order XIV as follows:

(A) Every Deputy must vote when a matter is put to a vote except the Chair Presiding Officer. If the Chair Presiding Officer is a Deputy, the Chair Presiding Officer should not ordinarily vote on any matter unless the Chair Presiding Officer’s vote will affect the outcome of the matter, the vote is a vote by orders, or the vote is being conducted by a secret ballot.

A vote was taken on resolution A187. 

Motion carried 
Resolution adopted with amendment   
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #117)

**Final Text of Resolution:**

Resolved, That the House of Deputies amends House of Deputies Rules of Order XIV as follows:

(A) Every Deputy must vote when a matter is put to a vote except the Presiding Officer. If the Presiding Officer is a Deputy, the Presiding Officer should not ordinarily vote on any matter unless the Presiding Officer’s vote will affect the outcome of the matter, the vote is a vote by orders, or the vote is being conducted by a secret ballot.

**Stewardship and Socially Responsible Investing**

The House of Deputies Committee on Stewardship and Socially Responsible Investing presented its Report #11 on Resolution B007 (Ethical Investing in Gun Manufacturers) and moved adoption with amendment.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(B007)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention encourage dioceses, church organizations and individual Episcopalians to practice shareholder engagement by investing in the publicly traded stock of gun manufacturers and retailers in order to encourage these companies to do everything in their power to minimize lethal and criminal uses of their products; and be it further 

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention commend to the church the Mosbacher-Bennett Principles for Investors in the Gun Industry developed by Do Not Stand Idly By.
Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention encourage dioceses, church organizations and individual Episcopalians to practice shareholder engagement by investing in the publicly traded stock of gun manufacturers and retailers in order to encourage these companies direct the Executive Council Committee on Corporate Social Responsibility to develop and implement a shareholder engagement plan by which dioceses, church organizations, and individual Episcopalians investing in the publicly traded stock of gun manufacturers and retailers could act to effect change in these companies through the practices of shareholder advocacy to do everything in their power to minimize lethal and criminal uses of their products; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention commend to the church the Mosbacher-Bennett Principles for Investors in the Gun Industry developed by Do Not Stand Idly By.

Point of Order

Deputy Read of West Texas inquired about the content of the Mosbacher-Bennett Principles for Investors in the Gun Industry.

The President moved to delay consideration on Resolution B007 until a link to the relevant document could be supplied to the House.

Motion carried
Consideration postponed

[Ed. Note: Debate continued on resolution B007 on July 10, 2018 (Day 6).]

Churchwide Leadership

The House of Deputies Committee on Churchwide Leadership presented its Report #4 on Resolution A147 (Pilot Board for Episcopal Transitions) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A147)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That a pilot Board for Episcopal Transitions be appointed for a period of six years commencing at the adjournment of the 79th General Convention; and be it further

Resolved, That the pilot Board be composed of up to twelve persons appointed jointly by the Presiding Bishop and President of the House of Deputies; at least two members will have served as a Transition Consultant in an episcopal search within the past three years; at least one member will have served on an episcopal search committee in an episcopal search process within the past three years; at least two members will be bishops, two will be priests or deacons and two will be lay persons; at least one member will be experienced in collecting and analyzing data; and at least one member shall be a current or former diocesan chancellor; and be it further

Resolved, That the pilot Board working in collaboration with and helping resource the Office of Pastoral Development shall be responsible for:

- revising existing resources and creating new resources to assist dioceses in the discernment, nomination, search, election, and transition processes for episcopal transitions;
- establishing a process and developing resources by which individuals may seek support in discerning a possible call to the episcopate;
- gathering and analyzing data regarding diversity in episcopal transitions, developing processes and resources to encourage diversity in the episcopate;
recruiting, training and evaluating Transition Consultants and missional review consultants;
• encouraging electing dioceses to contract for the services of a Transition Consultant throughout the episcopal search and election process;
• formalizing and expanding recruitment and training for Transition Consultants;
• standardizing and monitoring the contracts used by Transition Consultants with electing dioceses;
• establishing a process to review the performance of each Transition Consultant, including the use of individual performance records for each Transition Consultant and to provide for their collection and analysis.
• establishing a process for electing dioceses to provide individual performance evaluations based upon objective standards for the Transition Consultant(s) who served the electing diocese from which the work of each Transition Consultant can be evaluated.
• providing ways in which one or more Transition Consultants can participate in the maintenance of the Raising Up of Episcopal Leadership - A Manual for Dioceses in Transition and evaluation of the effectiveness of the episcopal election process.
• developing guidelines for reference, background, medical, and psychological screening of persons considered for nomination for episcopal elections and guidelines for the dissemination, evaluation, and record keeping of the screening information gathered.

And be it further
Resolved, That the pilot Board report semi-annually to the Executive Council and triennially to the General Convention; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention chooses to not establish the pilot Board, the General Convention refer the above proposals of this Resolution to the Office of Pastoral Development for review and appropriate action; and be it further

Resolved, That the amount of $100,000 be appropriated for the organization and initial resources of the pilot Board, to include two meetings per year.

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That a pilot Board for Episcopal Transitions Task Force to assist the Office of Pastoral Development be appointed for an initial period of six-three years commencing at the adjournment of the 79th General Convention; and be it further

Resolved, That the pilot Board Task Force be composed of up to twelve persons appointed jointly by the Presiding Bishop and President of the House of Deputies; at least two members will have served as a Transition Consultant in an episcopal search within the past three years; at least one member will have served on an episcopal search committee in an episcopal search process within the past three years; at least two members will be bishops, two will be priests or deacons and two will be lay persons; at least one member will be experienced in collecting and analyzing data; and at least one member shall be a current or former diocesan chancellor in consultation with the Bishop for Pastoral Development. Membership of the Task Force will represent the diversity of all the baptized within the Church and will consider particular gifts and experiences that will be beneficial to the work of the Task Force; and be it further

Resolved, That the pilot Board Task Force working in collaboration with and helping resource will concentrate its work on assisting the Office of Pastoral Development shall be responsible for:
• revising existing resources and creating new resources to assist dioceses in the discernment, nomination, search, election, and transition processes for episcopal transitions;
• making available through open-source and digital networks, the variety of materials for use by individuals, dioceses, and consultants in the discernment, nomination, search, election and transition processes for episcopal elections;
• establishing a process and developing resources by which individuals may seek support in discerning a possible call to the episcopate;
• gathering and analyzing data regarding diversity in episcopal transitions, developing processes and resources to encourage diversity in the episcopate;
• recruiting, training and evaluating Transition Consultants and missional review consultants;
• encouraging electing dioceses to contract for the services of a Transition Consultant throughout the episcopal search and election process;
• formalizing and expanding recruitment and training for Transition Consultants;
• standardizing and monitoring the contracts used by Transition Consultants with electing dioceses;
• establishing a process to review the performance of each Transition Consultant, including the use of individual performance records for each Transition Consultant and to provide for their collection and analysis.
• establishing a process for electing dioceses to provide individual performance evaluations based upon objective standards for the Transition Consultant(s) who served the electing diocese from which the work of each Transition Consultant can be evaluated.
• providing ways in which one or more Transition Consultants can participate in the maintenance of the Raising Up of Episcopal Leadership - A Manual for Dioceses in Transition and evaluation of the effectiveness of the episcopal election process.
• developing enhancing guidelines for reference, background, medical, and psychological screening of persons considered for nomination for episcopal elections and guidelines for the dissemination, evaluation, and record keeping of the screening information gathered.

And be it further

Resolved, That the pilot Board Bishop for Pastoral Development report semi-annually to the Executive Council and triennially to the next General Convention; and be it further

Resolved, That if the General Convention chooses to not establish the pilot Board, the General Convention refer the above proposals of this Resolution to the Office of Pastoral Development for review and appropriate action; and be it further

Resolved, That the amount of $100,000 $250,000 be appropriated for the organization and initial resources of the pilot Board Task Force, to include two meetings per year.

Point of Order

Deputy Linares of Puerto Rico informed the House that the Spanish translation of Resolution B007 appeared to be wrong.

The President moved to delay consideration of Resolution A147 until the translation was corrected.

Motion carried
Consideration postponed

The President was informed that Deputy Linares was speaking about Resolution B007, not Resolution A147, so debate resumed on Resolution A147.
Deputy Hallanan of the Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe moved to amend the resolution.

**Proposed Amendment:**
Restore "6" and remove "3" in the first resolve clause.
A vote was taken on the amendment.

**Motion defeated**
**Amendment defeated**

A vote was taken on Resolution A147.

**Motion carried**
**Resolution adopted with amendment**
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #118)

**Announcements**
The Secretary read the announcements.

**Recess**
Following announcements, the President announced that the House would stand in recess until 2:15 p.m.
AFTERNOON SESSION

Reconvene

The President called the House to Order at 2:19 p.m.

Prayers

The President called on the Chaplain for prayers.

Certification of Deputies

The House of Deputies Committee on Credentials presented its Report #7 for the afternoon session of the Fifth Legislative Day. There were 424 clerical deputies and 419 lay deputies certified and seated, bringing the total count of the House to 843, representing 110 dioceses in the clerical order and 110 in the lay order. The number of votes for a motion to prevail by a simple majority was 422. The number of votes for a motion to prevail by a two-thirds majority was 562. The number of dioceses for a motion requiring a Vote By Orders to prevail was 56 in the lay order and 56 in the clerical order. The number of dioceses for a motion requiring a Vote By Orders to prevail by a two-thirds majority was 74 in the lay order and 74 in the clerical order. There were 7 new deputies certified and 63 changes in deputation on this day, as follows:

Newly certified deputies

Rosalie Simmonds Ballentine, Diocese of the Virgin Islands
Amonteen Doward, Diocese of the Virgin Islands
Erminie George, Diocese of the Virgin Islands
Stedwart Lee, Diocese of the Virgin Islands
Sandra Walters Malone, Diocese of the Virgin Islands
Yvette Ross-Edwards, Diocese of the Virgin Islands
Alecia Wells, Diocese of the Virgin Islands

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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 #108:** A038 (Affirm Inter-Anglican Secretariat) Concurred.
- **HB Message #109:** D062 (Companionship with Sudanese Christians) Adopted with Amendment.
- **HB Message #110:** D024 (Support for the Episcopal Church of South Sudan and Sudan and Their Efforts to Foster Peace) Adopted with Amendment.

### Social Justice and International Policy

The House of Deputies Committee on Social Justice and International Policy presented its Report #6 on Resolution D019 (Ending Church Complicity in the Occupation) and moved adoption.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(D019)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention continue its firm support for the right of Israel to exist in secure borders as established and recognized by the United Nations, but also continues its strong opposition to Israel’s occupation in perpetuity of the West Bank, East Jerusalem and the Gaza Strip which is now recognized by the United Nations as the sovereign state of Palestine; and be it further

Resolved, That in order to end The Episcopal Church’s complicity in the 51 year old occupation, the General Convention direct the Executive Council’s Committee on Corporate Social Responsibility to develop a human rights social criteria investment screen based on the social teachings of this Church and 70 years of Church policy on Israel/Palestine by General Convention and Executive Council as the basis for such a screen in the Israeli occupation of Palestine i.e., the West Bank, East Jerusalem and the Gaza Strip, and to present a recommendation to the Executive Council for action before the end of 2020.

Deputy Bennett of New Jersey moved to amend the resolution.

**Proposed Amendment:**

To delete "2020" and replace with "2019".

**Motion carried**

**Amendment adopted**

Deputy Sedlacek of Oregon moved to amend the resolution.

**Proposed Amendment:**

In the first resolve clause, following General Convention, insert "reaffirm the prior action of General Convention, 1991-D122, "Distinguish Between Criticism of Israeli Policy and Anti-Jewish Prejudice"; and be it further" and insert "Resolved, That General Convention" before "continue its firm support".

**Motion carried**

**Amendment adopted**

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Deputy Boyce of Massachusetts moved to amend the resolution.

**Proposed Amendment:**
Following the second resolve clause, add: "; and be it further Resolved, That the 79th General Convention urge dioceses and worshipping communities to consider developing similar human rights social criteria investment screens in response to the Israel/Palestine crisis.

An electronic vote was taken on the amendment, resulting in 425 yes votes and 405 no votes.

Motion carried
Amendment adopted

Deputy Sibley of Long Island moved to amend the resolution.

**Proposed Amendment:**
In the second resolve clause, delete "in order to end The Episcopal Church's complicity in the 51 year old occupation," as well as "and 70 years of Church policy on Israel/Palestine by General Convention and Executive Council as the basis for such a screen in the Israeli occupation of Palestine i.e., the West Bank, East Jerusalem and the Gaza Strip,"

A vote was taken on the amendment.

Motion defeated
Amendment defeated

Deputy Boehner of Delaware requested an electronic vote on the main motion.

Prayers
The President called on the Chaplain for prayers.

An electronic vote was taken on Resolution D019, resulting in 619 yes votes and 214 no votes.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #120)

**Churchwide Leadership**
The House of Deputies Committee on Churchwide Leadership presented its Report #5 on Resolution A172 (Amend Canon I.2.3) and moved the resolution, recommending rejection.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(A172)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That Canon I.2.3 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 3. (a) Upon the expiration of the term of office of the Presiding Bishop, if the former Presiding Bishop has not attained the age necessary for full retirement as determined by the Church Pension Fund, he or she shall nonetheless be eligible for full retirement. The Bishop who is elected successor shall tender to the House of Bishops a resignation from the Bishop’s previous jurisdiction to take effect upon the date of assuming the office of...
Presiding Bishop, or, upon good cause with the advice and consent of the Advisory Committee established under the Rules of Order of the House of Bishops, not later than six months thereafter.

Motion defeated
Resolution rejected

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #119)

The House of Deputies Committee on Churchwide Leadership presented its Report #6 on Resolution A168 (Amend Canon III.12.9(a)) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A168)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That Section 9(a) of Canon III.12.9 is hereby amended to read as follows:

(a) Each Bishop, upon attaining the age of seventy-two years, shall resign as required by Article II, Sec. 9 of the Constitution. The resignation shall be sent to the Presiding Bishop, who shall immediately communicate it to every Bishop of this Church exercising jurisdiction and shall declare the resignation accepted, effective at a designated date not later than three months from the date the resignation was tendered. No Bishop having reached the age of seventy-two years shall exercise jurisdiction.

Deputy Sampson of Navajoland Area Mission moved to amend the resolution.

Proposed Amendment:
Add the following sentence at the end of the resolution: "This provision would not apply to bishops serving in area missions due to certain circumstances."

The Chancellor advised the House that this amendment would violate the Constitution.

The President declared the amendment was out of order.

Motion defeated
Amendment defeated

Deputy Brannon of Idaho moved to end debate.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on Resolution A168.

Motion defeated
Resolution rejected

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #121)
The House of Deputies Committee on Churchwide Leadership presented its Report #7 on Resolution A155 (Amend Canon III.5.1(c)) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A155)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That Canon III.5.1(c) is hereby amended to read as follows:

(c) In case of a vacancy in the episcopate in a Diocese, as defined in Canon III.12.4(d), the Ecclesiastical Authority may authorize and request the President of the House of Bishops of the Province to take order for an ordination.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #122)

The House of Deputies Committee on Churchwide Leadership presented its Report #8 on Resolution A173 (Amend Canon I.2.1(a-f)) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A173)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That Canon I.2.1(a-f) is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 1 (a) At each General Convention a Joint Nominating Committee for the election of the Presiding Bishop shall be elected. The Nominating Committee shall be comprised of 15 members, consisting of five Bishops; five clerical members, including at least one deacon; and five lay people. The Joint Standing Committee on Nominations will nominate a slate for election to the Nominating Committee, in accordance with the Joint Standing Committee on Nominations' canonical charge and procedures, and guided by the skill sets needed for effective service on the Nominating Committee. The nominees for the Joint Standing Committee for the Nomination of the Presiding Bishop may but need not be deputies to General Convention. The House of Deputies shall elect five Clerical and five Lay Deputy as members of the Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop, with a majority of those voting necessary for election.

At each General Convention the House of Deputies shall elect one Clerical and one Lay Deputy from each Province as members of the Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop. A Deputy from a particular Province may be nominated only by another Deputy from the same Province, but the election of each member of the Committee shall be by the entire membership of the House of Deputies, with a majority of those voting necessary for election. Prior to the election, the Clerical and Lay Deputies from each Province shall hold a caucus, at which two Clerical Deputies and two Lay Deputies as nominees shall be selected by the caucus, and these shall be the only nominees upon which the House of Deputies shall vote in electing the members of the Joint Nominating Committee. The President of the House of Deputies, after consultation with representatives of youth, shall appoint two persons, age 16-21, as members of the Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop.
(b) At each General Convention the House of Bishops shall elect five Bishops as members of the Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop, guided by the skill sets needed for effective service on the Nominating Committee.

At each General Convention the House of Bishops shall elect one Bishop from each Province as a member of the Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop. A Bishop from a particular Province may be nominated only by another Bishop from the same Province, but the election of each member of the Committee shall be by the entire membership of the House of Bishops, with a majority of those voting necessary for election. Prior to the election, the Bishops from each Province shall hold a caucus, at which two Bishops as nominees shall be selected by the caucus, and these shall be the only nominees upon which the House of Bishops shall vote in electing the members of the Joint Nominating Committee.

(c) In the event vacancies shall occur in the Joint Nominating Committee after the election of its members due to death, disability, resignation, or other cause within one year of the next General Convention, the vacancies shall not be filled and the remaining members shall constitute the Joint Nominating Committee. In the event such vacancies shall occur more than one year prior to the next General Convention, the Presiding Officer of the House of Bishops shall appoint Bishops and the President of the House of Deputies shall appoint Clerical and Lay Deputies, in all cases from the same Provinces as those Bishops or Deputies whose positions are being filled. An elected or appointed member who shall not be a Deputy to the next General Convention shall continue as a member of the Joint Nominating Committee until the adjournment of such next General Convention. A member of the Committee who transfers from one Province to another or a Lay Deputy who is ordained Presbyter or Deacon, or a Presbyter or Deacon who is consecrated a Bishop, shall not thereby become ineligible to continue to serve on the Joint Nominating Committee through the next succeeding General Convention. A Lay member of the Committee who is ordained Presbyter or Deacon, or a Presbyter or Deacon who is consecrated a Bishop before the next General Convention, shall not thereby become ineligible to continue to serve on the Joint Nominating Committee through the next succeeding General Convention.

(d) The Joint Nominating Committee shall remain in office until the adjournment of the next General Convention, at which a new Joint Nominating Committee shall be elected. Members of the Committee are eligible for reelection.

(e) The Joint Nominating Committee shall develop and manage a process for soliciting and identifying qualified nominees for the office of Presiding Bishop and for providing the 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) establishing 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 each Bishop so nominated to be included in the information distributed about the nominees; (3) providing pastoral care for each nominee bishop and his or her family and diocese; and (4) determining and providing for transition assistance to the Presiding Bishop and the Presiding Bishop-elect must enable the work to be done efficiently and as cost-effectively as practicable. This process shall be designed to encourage diversity that reflects the breadth of The Episcopal Church. The process shall
include (1) the Nominating Committee shall inform the wider church of the process and timeline; (2) the Nominating Committee shall prepare a profile for the election of the next Presiding Bishop, and the profile will be distributed widely to the Church; (3) 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; (4) establishing a timely process for any bishop or deputy to nominate any other member of the House of Bishops through a petition process, and for each Bishop so nominated to be vetted through the same process of background and reference checks as all nominees, and for each Bishop so nominated to be included in the information distributed about the nominees; and (5) providing pastoral care for each nominee bishop and his or her family and diocese.

(f) A Presiding Bishop Transition Committee shall be appointed by the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies. The members shall have the necessary skills and talents to determine the need for and provide for transition assistance to the Presiding Bishop and the Presiding Bishop-elect.

(g) A small Presiding Bishop Installation Committee shall be appointed by Executive Council with the necessary skills and talents to plan for and carry out a Celebration of New Ministry for the new Presiding Bishop.

(h) At the General Convention at which a Presiding Bishop is to be elected, the Joint Nominating Committee shall present to the House of Bishops and the House of Deputies in Joint Session the names of not fewer than three members of the House of Bishops, along with those nominated through the petition process, for the consideration of the two Houses in the choice of a Presiding Bishop, and there may be discussion of all nominees. At the Joint Session to which the Joint Nominating Committee shall report, any Bishop or Deputy may nominate any other member of the House of Bishops for the consideration of the two Houses in the choice of a Presiding Bishop, and there may be discussion of all nominees. Commencing on the day following the Joint Session, election shall be by the House of Bishops from among such nominees. If the House of Bishops shall find itself unable to elect a Presiding Bishop from among such nominees, another Joint Session shall be held, at which additional nominations may be received, and on the following day, election shall be by the House of Bishops from among all of the nominees. After the election by the House of Bishops, report of the result thereof, including the number of votes cast for each nominee on each ballot, shall be made to the House of Deputies which shall vote to confirm or not to confirm such choice of Presiding Bishop.

The rest of the canon continues as numbered.

Committee Amendment:

Resolved the House of Bishops concurring, That Canon I.2.1(a-f) is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 1 (a) At each General Convention a Joint Nominating Committee for the election of the Presiding Bishop shall be elected. The Nominating Committee shall be comprised of Fifteen (15) members. Fifteen (15) of those members shall consist ing of five Bishops; five clerical members, including at least one deacon; and five lay people. The Joint Standing Committee on Nominations will nominate a slate for election to the Nominating Committee, in accordance with the Joint Standing Committee on Nominations’ canonical charge and procedures, and guided by the skill sets needed for effective service on the Nominating Committee. The nominees for the Joint Standing Committee for the Nomination of the Presiding Bishop may
but need not be deputies to General Convention. The House of Deputies shall elect five Clerical and five Lay Deputy as members of the Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop, with a majority of those voting necessary for election.

At each General Convention the House of Deputies shall elect one Clerical and one Lay Deputy from each Province as members of the Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop. A Deputy from a particular Province may be nominated only by another Deputy from the same Province, but the election of each member of the Committee shall be by the entire membership of the House of Deputies, with a majority of those voting necessary for election. Prior to the election, the Clerical and Lay Deputies from each Province shall hold a caucus, at which two Clerical Deputies and two Lay Deputies as nominees shall be selected by the caucus, and these shall be the only nominees upon which the House of Deputies shall vote in electing the members of the Joint Nominating Committee. The President of the House of Deputies, after consultation with representatives of youth, shall appoint two persons, age 16-21, as members of the Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop.

(b) At each General Convention the House of Bishops shall elect five Bishops as members of the Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop, guided by the skill sets needed for effective service on the Nominating Committee.

At each General Convention the House of Bishops shall elect one Bishop from each Province as a member of the Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop. A Bishop from a particular Province may be nominated only by another Bishop from the same Province, but the election of each member of the Committee shall be by the entire membership of the House of Bishops, with a majority of those voting necessary for election. Prior to the election, the Bishops from each Province shall hold a caucus, at which two Bishops as nominees shall be selected by the caucus, and these shall be the only nominees upon which the House of Bishops shall vote in electing the members of the Joint Nominating Committee.

(c) The Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies shall also jointly appoint three members to the Joint Nominating Committee to ensure the cultural and geographic diversity of the Church and the skill sets needed for effective service on the Nominating Committee.

(d) In the event vacancies shall occur in the Joint Nominating Committee after the election of its members due to death, disability, resignation, or other cause within one year of the next General Convention, the vacancies shall not be filled and the remaining members shall constitute the Joint Nominating Committee. In the event such vacancies shall occur more than one year prior to the next General Convention, the Presiding Officer of the House of Bishops shall appoint Bishops and the President of the House of Deputies shall appoint Clerical and Lay Deputies in all cases from the same Provinces as those Bishops or Deputies whose positions are being filled. An elected or appointed member who shall not be a Deputy to the next General Convention shall continue as a member of the Joint Nominating Committee until the adjournment of such next General Convention. A member of the Committee who transfers from one Province to another or a Lay Deputy who is ordained Presbyter or Deacon, or a Presbyter or Deacon who is consecrated a Bishop, shall not thereby become ineligible to continue to serve on the Joint Nominating Committee through the next succeeding General Convention. A Lay member of the Committee who is ordained Presbyter or Deacon, or a Presbyter or Deacon who is consecrated
a Bishop before the next General Convention, shall not thereby become ineligible to continue
to serve on the Joint Nominating Committee through the next succeeding General Convention.

(d) The Joint Nominating Committee shall remain in office until the adjournment of the
next General Convention, at which a new Joint Nominating Committee shall be elected.
Members of the Committee are eligible for reelection.

(e) The Joint Nominating Committee shall develop and manage a process for soliciting
and identifying qualified nominees for the office of Presiding Bishop and for providing
the 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) establishing 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 each Bishop so nominated to be included in the
information distributed about the nominees; (3) providing pastoral care for each nominee
bishop and his or her family and diocese; and (4) determining and providing for transition
assistance to the Presiding Bishop and the Presiding Bishop-elect must enable the work to
be done efficiently and as cost-effectively as practicable. This process shall be designed to
encourage diversity that reflects the breadth of The Episcopal Church. The process shall
include (1) the Nominating Committee shall inform the wider church of the process and
timeline; (2) the Nominating Committee shall prepare a profile for the election of the next
Presiding Bishop, and the profile will be distributed widely to the Church; (3) 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; (4)
establishing a timely process for any bishop or deputy to nominate any other member of the
House of Bishops through a petition process, and for each Bishop so nominated to be vetted
through the same process of background and reference checks as all nominees, and for each
Bishop so nominated to be included in the information distributed about the nominees; and
(5) providing pastoral care for each nominee bishop and his or her family and diocese.

(f) A Presiding Bishop Transition Committee shall be appointed by the Presiding Bishop and
the President of the House of Deputies. The members shall have the necessary skills and
talents to determine the need for and provide for transition assistance to the Presiding Bishop
and the Presiding Bishop-elect.

(g) A small Presiding Bishop Installation Committee shall be appointed by Executive
Council with the necessary skills and talents to plan for and carry out a Celebration of New
Ministry for the new Presiding Bishop.

(h) At the General Convention at which a Presiding Bishop is to be elected, the Joint
Nominating Committee shall present to the House of Bishops and the House of Deputies in
Joint Session the names of not fewer than three members of the House of Bishops, along
with those nominated through the petition process, for the consideration of the two Houses
in the choice of a Presiding Bishop, and there may be discussion of all nominees. At the Joint
Session to which the Joint Nominating Committee shall report, any Bishop or Deputy may
nominate any other member of the House of Bishops for the consideration of the two
Houses in the choice of a Presiding Bishop, and there may be discussion of all nominees.
Commencing on the day following the Joint Session, election shall be by the House of
Bishops from among such nominees. If the House of Bishops shall find itself unable to elect
a Presiding Bishop from among such nominees, another Joint Session shall be held, at which additional nominations may be received, and on the following day, election shall be by the House of Bishops from among all of the nominees. After the election by the House of Bishops, report of the result thereof, including the number of votes cast for each nominee on each ballot, shall be made to the House of Deputies which shall vote to confirm or not to confirm such choice of Presiding Bishop.

The rest of the canon continues as numbered.

A vote was taken on resolution A173.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #123)

Safeguarding and Title IV

The House of Deputies Committee on Safeguarding and Title IV presented its Report #3 on Resolution D016 (Seeking Truth, Reconciliation and Restoration) and moved adoption of a substitute.

Original Text of Resolution:

(D016)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention as the Body of Christ, confess our sins of gender-based discrimination, harassment, and violence against women and girls in all their forms as we understand these sins, which include, but are not limited to, sexual and gender-based harassment, sexual assault, physically, spiritually, and emotionally abusive behavior, and oppression based on gender, particularly as these sins have denigrated and devalued women and their ministries; acknowledge that within our patriarchal culture, the misuse of power and authority is primarily exercised by men with the vast majority of victims being women; have created a culture of excuses, justifications, enabling, and dishonesty around gender-based discrimination and violence; have not heard the experiences of women with the goal of justice through acts of contrition, restoration, and reconciliation; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention calls the Church to turn from the systems of oppression, patriarchy, heteronormativity, white supremacy, and our colonial legacy, among them, and seek to engage in restoration of the dignity of women and reconciliation from past acts, beginning with confessing to God and to one another the truth that we have not loved God with our whole heart, and mind, and strength, and that we have not loved, respected, and honored the presence, gifts, equality, and ministry of women, seeing in them the presence of Christ; we have embraced patriarchal power, and in doing so, have exploited women and been blind to injustice and prejudice; and we seek to repent and be restored to God and to each other; with the church and each diocese declaring a period of fasting and repentance for this sin; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention authorize the establishment of a Task Force for Women, Truth, and Reconciliation for the purpose of helping the Church engage in truth-telling, confession, and reconciliation regarding gender-based discrimination, harassment, and violence against women and girls in all their forms by those in power in the Church, making an accounting of things done and left undone in thought, word, and deed, intending amendment of life, and seeking counsel, direction, and absolution as we are restored in love, grace, and trust with each other through Christ; and be it further
Resolved, That this Task Force be appointed jointly by the President of the House of Deputies and the Presiding Bishop, with 15 members - 6 lay people (at least 4 of whom identify as women), 6 priests or deacons members (at least 4 of whom identify as women), and 3 bishops members (at least 2 of whom identify as women). The overall composition of this task force shall include members of the LGBTQ+ community, people of color, and reflect regional diversity. This Task Force shall report its progress to Executive Council, present a public time line, summary of ongoing work easily accessible by members of The Episcopal Church, and report back to the 80th General Convention on the following tasks:

- To conduct a review of statistics, responses, and data regarding gender-based discrimination, harassment, and violent behavior that has been experienced by those who identify as women in our church; and present this information in accessible, public, and informative ways as a truthful reality of the treatment of women; and the impact of this treatment on lay and ordained women and girls, their ministries, and the ministry of the Church;

- To create a Truth and Reconciliation process to guide churches, dioceses, provinces, and the general Church as they develop their own paths for reconciliation and restoration, with emphasis given to discerning the qualities of methods churches, dioceses, provinces, and the general Church may implement to witness the truth and to seek justice, restoration, and reconciliation; recognizing a one-size-fits-all process will not be helpful given the diversity of our Church, and that identifying qualities for a process invites churches, dioceses, provinces, and general Church to map their ways forward to justice, restoration, and reconciliation with guidance;

- To conduct a comprehensive internal audit and analysis of the internal church-wide structures that exist, or are needed, to educate and inform the Church about the realities and consequences of gender-based discrimination, harassment, and violence against women and girls in all their forms; to develop programs to proactively reduce incidences of gender-based discrimination, harassment, and violence within the church; as well as to develop resources that build the capacity of the Church to provide trauma informed pastoral care for victims;

- To oversee an external audit conducted by an outside auditor of the culture within church-wide structures in order to identify systemic expressions of power and leadership that create and continue gender-based discrimination, harassment, and violence against women and girls in all their forms, particularly the impact of this system as it manifests in access to leadership, pay inequity, imbalances in power, inequality in leadership, gender-based discrimination, sexual harassment and violence, and the enabling of gender-based violence by those in positions of power throughout the church that diminishes, excuses, and discounts discrimination, abuse, and harassment, contrary to the Gospel of Christ;

And be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request that the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance consider a budget allocation of $280,000 for the implementation of this resolution which will provide funding for regular meetings, including bi-annual in-person meetings throughout the triennium ($150,000); contract with external firm to conduct a culture audit ($65,000); website, communications, and staff support ($50,000); and expenses associated with in-person presentations of findings to strategic groups, including Executive Council, the House of Bishops, and other groups as determined by the Task Force, the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies ($15,000).
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-To develop a survey on gender-based discrimination, harassment, and violence against women and girls in all their forms as we understand these sins, which include, but are not limited to, sexual and gender harassment, sexual assault, physical, spiritual, and emotionally abusive behavior, and oppression based on gender. This survey shall be modeled on the survey used to gather information and compile the 2017 report “Sexual Misconduct in the United Methodist Church: US Update,” and the task force shall create said survey no later than December of 2019 and shall work with appropriate general Church organizations, dioceses, and church leadership, both lay and clergy, to distribute widely in the Episcopal Church for access by both laity and clergy no later than spring of 2020, said
survey being available primarily on-line, and with adaptations made as determined by the

- To conduct a review of survey responses and data regarding gender-based discrimination,
harassment, and violent behavior that has been experienced by those who identify as
women in our church; and present this information in accessible, public, and informative
ways as a truthful reality of the treatment of women; and the impact of this treatment on
lay and ordained women and girls, their ministries, and the ministry of the Church to the
following members and organizations of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United
States of America: the House of Bishops, the Executive Council, the National Association of
Episcopal Schools; all Episcopal Seminaries (including diocesan formation programs for
ordination); Episcopal Camps and Conference Centers; Diocesan Youth Directors; all Canons
to the Ordinary; all Transition Officers; all diocesan Chancellors; and any other bodies,
organizations, or committees that the President of the House of Deputies or the Presiding
Bishop deem necessary;

- To coordinate and receive reports from the aforementioned persons and organizations no
later than six months after the publication of the survey response report with the following
written responses to the report, a copy of the same responses shared with the Presiding
Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies: How their body and/or institution has
contributed to a church culture of gender-based discrimination, harassment, and violence
against women and girls in all their forms, when appropriate detailing specific examples of
this culture that has approved of this behavior, ignored and/or excused this behavior, and
how this culture has damaged the body and/or institution; The body and/or institution’s
plan of action within their body or institution that can bring about a culture of truth telling,
repentance, reconciliation, and justice in our church; including a time line of said plan of
action; and any other questions the task force, in consultation with the Presiding Bishop
and the President of the House of Deputies, deem helpful and necessary for the general
Church to confess the truth of the impact of the sin of gender-based discrimination,
harassment, and violence against women and girls in all their forms and to engage the
process of restoration and reconciliation;

- To create a Truth and Reconciliation process to guide churches, dioceses, provinces, and
the general Church as they develop their own paths for reconciliation and restoration, with
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the general Church may implement to witness the truth and to seek justice, restoration,
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And be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request that the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance consider a budget allocation of $320,000 for the implementation of this resolution which will provide funding for regular meetings, including bi-annual in-person meetings throughout the triennium ($150,000); costs associated with creating and distributing the survey and subsequent reports ($40,000); contract with external firm to conduct a culture audit ($65,000); website, communications, and staff support ($50,000); and expenses associated with in-person presentations of findings to strategic groups, including Executive Council, the House of Bishops, and other groups as determined by the Task Force, the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies ($15,000).

Pursuant to House Rule 12, the President ended debate as there was no one in the queue to speak against the resolution.

A vote was taken on Resolution D016.

Motion carried
Substitute resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #124)

Announcements

The Secretary read the announcements.

Recess

The President recessed the House at 4:55 p.m. to reconvene on July 10, at 10:30 a.m. for the Joint Session. The House will reconvene on July 10, at 2:15 p.m.
Sixth Day
Tuesday
July 10, 2018

JOINT SESSION

Reconvene
The Presiding Bishop called the Joint Session to Order at 10:32 a.m.

Prayers
The Presiding Bishop led the Joint Session in prayer.

Joint Session on the Care of Creation
The Presiding Bishop called on the Rev. David Crabtree to facilitate the Joint Session on the Care of Creation. Deacon Crabtree introduced presenters the Rev. Stephanie McIyre Johnson, Ms. Bernadette Demientieff, Sister Helena Marie, and the Most Rev. Thabo Makgoba, as well as a video produced by the Advisory Council for the Stewardship of Creation.

Following the presentations, Deacon Crabtree invited those in the Joint Session to engage a partner in conversation regarding what stood out for them from the presentations, as well as what they hear Jesus calling them to do with regard to the care of creation.

Following the time allotted for those conversations, Deacon Crabtree then invited those in the Joint Session to engage in table discussions in regard to how our churches and institutions might respond to what Jesus is calling us to collectively.

Following the time allotted for table conversations, Deacon Crabtree encouraged those in the Joint Session to consider what their dioceses and congregations might need to move forward in the work that they discussed in the session conversations. He encouraged those in the session to share their insights and what their needs might be on provided emails, numbers for texting, and Twitter accounts.

Recess
The Presiding Bishop adjourned the Joint Session at 11:55 a.m.
AFTERNOON SESSION

Reconvene
The President called the House to Order at 2:17 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 #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

Certification of Deputies
The House of Deputies Committee on Credentials presented its Report #8 for the afternoon session of the Sixth Legislative Day. There were 424 clerical deputies and 419 lay deputies certified and seated, bringing the total count of the House to 843, representing 110 dioceses in the clerical order and 110 in the lay order. The number of votes for a motion to prevail by a simple majority was 422. The number of votes for a motion to prevail by a two-thirds majority was 562. The number of dioceses for a motion requiring a Vote By Orders to prevail was 56 in the lay order and 56 in the clerical order. The number of dioceses for a motion requiring a Vote By Orders to prevail by a two-thirds majority was 74 in the lay order and 74 in the clerical order. There were 192 changes in deputation on this day, as follows:

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The Secretary moved that the report be accepted.  

Motion carried  
Report accepted

Presentations

The President awarded the House of Deputies Medal to Deputy Sherrod of Fort Worth and Deputy Hamilton of South Carolina for their distinguished service to the House, The Episcopal Church, and their respective communities.

Messages from the House of Bishops

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

HB Message #111:  A032 (Congregational Redevelopment) Adopted with Amendment
HB Message #112:  A035 (Commend "The Church Towards A Common Vision") Adopted with Amendment
HB Message #113:  A097 (Amend Canons III.7.11(a)(3) and III.12.8(a)(3) regarding Return of Clergy After Release and Removal) Adopted with Amendment
HB Message #114:  D007 (Disaster Resilience Policy) Adopted with Amendment
HB Message #115:  C008 (Advocacy for Creation Care) Adopted with Amendment
HB Message #116:  D032 (Equal Access to Health Care Regardless of Gender) Adopted with Amendment
Dispatch of Business

The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business moved the suspension of House Rules VI.A.2.i and VI.C.1 in order for the Consent Calendar to be the first item of business in the afternoon sessions of the Eighth and Ninth Legislative Days and to allow any resolutions removed from those Consent Calendars to be placed on the Daily Calendar of the Ninth Legislative Day.

Motion carried
Rules suspended

Election of Vice President of the House of Deputies

Election Ballot #1 was taken for Vice President of the House of Deputies.

Ballot #1 taken

The President read the results of Election Ballot #1.

Newly elected Vice President of the House of Deputies:

Byron Rushing
Election of the Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop (Lay) Province I

Election Ballot #1 was taken for the Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop (Lay) Province I.

The President read the results of Election Ballot #1.

Newly elected lay member of the Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop Province I:

Sarah Ambrogi

Election of the Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop (Clergy) Province I

The President inquired of the nominees whether the information in the Virtual Binder was correct.

Point of Order

Deputy Humphrey of Rhode Island stated that his biography had been submitted and was missing.

The President moved to postpone the election for the clergy member of the Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop for Province I until the information was corrected.

Motion carried

Election postponed

Point of Order

Deputy Zamboni of New Jersey made the President aware that photos and biographies were missing for more of the nominees.

Point of Order

Deputy Baker of Vermont stated that his biography had been submitted and was missing.

The President moved to postpone elections for the Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop until all information could be corrected.

Motion carried

Election postponed

[Ed. Note: Elections were continued on July 11, 2018 (Day 7).]

Consent Calendar

The Secretary announced that Resolutions A151 (Amend Article I.4-8 of the Constitution), A014 (The Use of Carbon Offsets), A120 (Amend IV.19.30 to Create Discipline Database, Amend III.12.7(c) and IV.13.11), B019 (Impact Investing for Palestine), C038 (Safeguard the Rights of Palestinian Children), D027 (Pursuing Justice in Gaza), D038 (Civil Rights and Equality for All in Israel), A195 (Establishing a Staff Person for Liturgy and Music on the Staff of the Presiding Bishop), and D039 (Regarding Occupation and Apartheid) had been withdrawn from the Consent Calendar.
Constitution and Canons

The House of Deputies Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #1 on HB Message #13 on Resolution A153 (Amend Article IV of the Constitution) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #126)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A153)

Resolved, That Article IV of the Constitution is hereby amended to read as follows:

ARTICLE IV
In every Diocese a Standing Committee shall be elected by the Convention thereof, except that provision for filling vacancies between meetings of the Convention may be prescribed by the Canons of the respective Dioceses. When there is a Bishop in charge of the Diocese, the Standing Committee shall be the Bishop's Council of Advice. If there be no Bishop or Bishop Coadjutor or Bishop Suffragan Bishop canonically authorized to act, the Standing Committee shall be the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese for all purposes declared by the General Convention. The rights and duties of the Standing Committee, except as provided in the Constitution and Canons of the General Convention, may be prescribed by the Canons of the respective Dioceses.

The House of Deputies Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #3 on HB Message #34 on Resolution A089 (Amend Articles VI and VIII regarding Full Communion) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #128)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A089)

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention amend Articles VI and VIII to read as follows:

ARTICLE VI
Sec. 1. The House of Bishops may establish a Mission in any area not included within the boundaries of any Diocese of this Church or of any Church in full communion with this Church, and elect or appoint a Bishop therefore.

ARTICLE VIII
No person shall be ordered Priest or Deacon to minister in this Church until the person shall have been examined by the Bishop and two Priests and shall have exhibited such testimonials and other requisites as the Canons in that case provided may direct. No person shall be ordained and consecrated Bishop, or ordered Priest or Deacon to minister
in this Church, unless at the time, in the presence of the ordaining Bishop or Bishops, the person shall subscribe and make the following declaration:

I 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 I do solemnly engage to conform to the Doctrine, Discipline, and Worship of the Episcopal Church.

Provided, however, that any person consecrated a Bishop to minister in any Diocese of an autonomous Church or Province of a Church in full communion with this Church may, instead of the foregoing declaration, make the promises of Conformity required by the Church in which the Bishop is to minister.

If any Bishop ordains a Priest or Deacon to minister elsewhere than in this Church, or confers ordination as Priest or Deacon upon a Christian minister who has not received Episcopal Ordination, the Bishop shall do so only in accordance with such provisions as shall be set forth in the Canons of this Church.

No person ordained by a foreign Bishop, or by a Bishop not in full communion with this Church, shall be permitted to officiate as a Minister of this Church until the person shall have complied with the Canon or Canons in that case provided and also shall have subscribed the aforesaid declaration.

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. 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.

The House of Deputies Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #5 on HB Message #7 on Resolution A003 (Amend Canon l.1.14(a) on General Convention Approval of Sites for General Convention) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #127)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A003)

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention amend Canon l.1.14(a) as follows:

Sec. 14(a) At each meeting of the General Convention the Joint Standing Committee on Planning and Arrangements shall submit to the General Convention its recommendations for sites for the meeting of the General Convention to be held as the third succeeding General Convention following the General Convention at which the report is made. In making such recommendations, the Committee shall certify to the Convention
the willingness of the Dioceses within which recommended sites are located to have the General Convention meet within their jurisdictions.

The House of Deputies Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #7 on HB Message #10 on Resolution A122 (Amend Article IX to Change Removal to Admonition) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #129)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A122)

Resolved, That the Article IX of the Constitution be amended as follows:

ARTICLE IX

The General Convention may, by Canon, establish one or more Courts for the Trial of Bishops.

Presbyters and Deacons canonically resident in a Diocese shall be tried by a Court instituted by the Convention thereof; Presbyters and Deacons canonically resident in a Missionary Diocese shall be tried according to Canons adopted by the Bishop and Convocation thereof, with the approval of the House of Bishops; provided that the General Convention in each case may prescribe by Canon for a change of venue.

The General Convention, in like manner, may establish or may provide for the establishment of Courts of Review of the determination of diocesan or other trial Courts.

The Court for the review of the determination of the trial Court, on the trial of a Bishop, shall be composed of Bishops only.

The General Convention, in like manner, may establish an ultimate Court of Appeal, solely for the review of the determination of any Court of Review on questions of Doctrine, Faith, or Worship.

None but a Bishop shall pronounce sentence of admonition, or suspension, or removal, or deposition from the Ministry, on any Bishop, Presbyter, or Deacon; and none but a Bishop shall admonish any Bishop, Presbyter, or Deacon.

A sentence of suspension shall specify on what terms or conditions and at what time the suspension shall cease. A sentence of suspension may be remitted in such manner as may be provided by Canon.

The House of Deputies Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #8 on HB Message #18 on Resolution A113 (Amend Article V.4 of the Constitution) and moved concurrence with referral to an interim body.

Motion carried
The House concurred
Resolution referred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #130)
The House of Deputies Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #13 on HB Message #12 on Resolution A152 (Amend Article III of the Constitution) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #131)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A152)

Resolved, That Article III of the Constitution is hereby amended to read as follows:

ARTICLE III

Bishops may be consecrated for foreign lands upon due application therefrom, with the approbation of a majority of the Bishops of this Church entitled to vote in the House of Bishops, certified to the Presiding Bishop; under such conditions as may be prescribed by Canons of the General Convention. Bishops so consecrated shall not be eligible to the office of Diocesan or of Bishop Coadjutor of any Diocese in the United States or be entitled to vote in the House of Bishops, nor shall they perform any act of the episcopal office in any Diocese or Missionary Diocese of this Church, unless requested so to do by the Ecclesiastical Authority thereof. If a Bishop so consecrated shall be subsequently duly elected as a Bishop of a Missionary Diocese of this Church, such election shall then confer all the rights and privileges given in the Canon Canons to such Bishops.

Safeguarding and Title IV

The House of Deputies Committee on Safeguarding and Title IV presented its Report #22 on Resolution A135 (Examine Cultural Homogeneity of the Canons) and moved adoption with Amendment

Original Text of Resolution:

(A135)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention charges the Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons to examine the cultural homogeneity of the Canons, especially concerning the propriety and applicability of the Title IV in non-domestic jurisdictions where Canon Law is not consistent with Civil and Criminal Law, and make recommendations to a future meeting of the General Convention concerning the same.

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention charges the Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons, in consultation with appropriate Episcopal Church staff members and the Office of Pastoral Development, to examine the cultural homogeneity of the Canons, especially concerning the propriety and applicability of the Title IV in non-domestic jurisdictions where Canon Law is not consistent with Civil and Criminal Law, and make recommendations to a future meeting of the General Convention concerning the same.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #132)
The House of Deputies Committee on Safeguarding and Title IV presented its Report #24 on Resolution A116 (Amend Canon I.1.2(n) regarding Title IV Training) and moved adoption with Amendment

Original Text of Resolution:

(A116)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That Canon I.1.2(n) be amended to add the following subsection (vii) to read in full as follows:

(vii) Conduct a continuing and comprehensive review and update of the Title IV training materials, including drafting such changes as are necessitated by changes to these Constitution and Canons, or as may be deemed appropriate to maintain such training materials in a current and effective status.

And be it further
Resolved, That the 79th General Convention request the Joint Standing Commission on Program, Budget, and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $60,000 for the ongoing maintenance and updating of the Title IV training materials and website.

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That Canon I.1.2(n) (1) be amended to add the following subsection (vii) to read in full as follows:

(vii) Conduct a continuing and comprehensive review and update of the Title IV training materials, including drafting such changes as are necessitated by changes to these Constitution and Canons, or as may be deemed appropriate to maintain such training materials in a current and effective status.

And be it further
Resolved, That the 79th General Convention request the Joint Standing Commission on Program, Budget, and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $60,000 for the ongoing maintenance and updating of the Title IV training materials and website.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #133)

Social Justice and International Policy

The House of Deputies Committee on Social Justice and International Policy presented its Report #12 on Resolution D018 (Negotiating the Israeli/Palestinian Conflict) and moved adoption with Amendment

Original Text of Resolution:

(D018)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church recognize the right of both Israelis and Palestinians to self-determination and to live as sovereign peoples in their homeland, with full human and civil rights and with democratic rule of one person, one vote; and be it further
Resolved, That The Episcopal Church reaffirm our commitment to a negotiated solution between the two parties guided by international law and supported by the international community; and be it further
Resolved, That The Episcopal Church acknowledge that such a peace agreement, agreed upon by both parties, may include a two-state solution as envisioned in the Oslo Accords, leading to a viable, sovereign state for Palestinians, comprising the West Bank, East Jerusalem, and the Gaza Strip, alongside a secure and universally recognized State of Israel, or may encompass other solutions such as one binational state or confederation, recognizing that these possibilities are being raised as the material conditions for a two-state solution have deteriorated due to accelerated settlement expansion in East Jerusalem and the West Bank since the Oslo Accords were signed; and be it further

Resolved, That no people’s right to self-determination should be exercised at the expense of another’s right to self-determination, and that any negotiated solution be founded upon mutual recognition of the humanity and past and present sufferings of both parties and provide guarantees for the human and civil rights of ethnic and religious minorities within any state, federation, or national boundaries that may be created.

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church recognize the right of both Israelis and Palestinians to self-determination and to live as sovereign peoples in their homeland, with full human and civil rights and with democratic rule of one person, one vote; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church reaffirm our commitment to a negotiated solution between the two parties guided by international law and supported by the international community; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church acknowledge that such a peace agreement, agreed upon by both parties, may include a two-state solution as envisioned in the Oslo Accords, leading to a viable, sovereign state for Palestinians, comprising the West Bank, East Jerusalem, and the Gaza Strip, alongside a secure and universally recognized State of Israel, or may encompass other solutions such as one binational state or confederation, recognizing that these possibilities are being raised as the material conditions for a two-state solution have deteriorated due to accelerated settlement expansion in East Jerusalem and the West Bank since the Oslo Accords were signed; and be it further

Resolved, That no people’s right to self-determination should be exercised at the expense of another’s people’s right to self-determination, and that any negotiated solution be founded upon mutual recognition of the humanity and past and present sufferings of both all parties and provide guarantees for the human and civil rights of ethnic and religious minorities within any state, federation, or national boundaries that may be created, and that this right to self-determination has been robustly supported by the testimony of Palestinian Christians, Palestinian Muslims, American Jews and Israeli Jews at this Convention.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #134)

Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music

The House of Deputies Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #1 on HB Message #28 on Resolution A054 (An Offering of Prayer for the Whole Church) and moved concurrence with referral to an interim body.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #187)
Final Text of Resolution:

(A054)

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention invite the multicultural ministers of the Church who are tasked with supporting the work of the Church's Black, Latino/Hispanic, Asian American and Native communities to work with liturgists and ministers in their communities to create a collection of prayer, liturgy and music as a gift for the Church in recognition and witness to the presence of Christ in all of our communities, traditions, and cultural expressions, knowing that as we live, we pray, and that as we pray, we live; and be it further

Resolved, That this collection be presented to the 80th General Convention for use by the whole Episcopal Church; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance consider a budget allocation of $20,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

The House of Deputies Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #2 on HB Message #27 on Resolution D040 (The Status of Women Church Musicians) and moved concurrence with referral to an interim body.

Motion carried
The House concurred
Resolution referred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #188)

Christian Formation and Discipleship

The House of Deputies Committee on Christian Formation and Discipleship presented its Report #13 on Resolution A023 (Assist Vocation Discernment Groups) and moved to take no further action.

Motion carried
The House took no further action
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #135)

The House of Deputies Committee on Christian Formation and Discipleship presented its Report #14 on Resolution A026 (Identify Effective Formation Models) and moved to take no further action.

Motion carried
The House took no further action
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #136)

The House of Deputies Committee on Christian Formation and Discipleship presented its Report #12 on Resolution A024 (Forming Culturally Diverse Clergy) and moved to take no further action.

Motion carried
The House took no further action
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #137)
The House of Deputies Committee on Christian Formation and Discipleship presented its Report #15 on Resolution A025 (Bishops and Small-Congregation Clergy) and moved to take no further action.

Motion carried
The House took no further action
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #138)

Congregational and Diocesan Vitality
The House of Deputies Committee on Congregational and Diocesan Vitality presented its Report #1 on HB Message #88 on Resolution A051 (Modify Parochial Report) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #139)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A051)
Resolved, That this 79th General Convention request the Committee on the State of the Church to add the following to the diocesan parochial report with respect to parish and congregation Safe Church Self-Audits as required by the Model Policies for the Protection of Children and Youth and the Model Policies for the Protection of Vulnerable Adults approved in 2017: (1) the total number of parish and congregation Safe Church Self-Audits expected to be submitted to the diocese, (2) the number of self-audits received by the diocese, (3) the number of outstanding self-audits, and (4) the date when outstanding self-audits are expected to be received.

The House of Deputies Committee on Congregational and Diocesan Vitality presented its Report #2 on HB Message #86 on Resolution A053 (Design a New Parochial Report) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #190)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A053)
Resolved, That the 79th General Convention charge the House of Deputies Committee on the State of the Church to work with the Office of the General Convention and Executive Council to design a simplified parochial report relevant to the diversity of The Episcopal Church's participation in God's mission in the world; and be it further

Resolved, That the House of Deputies Committee on the State of the Church solicit input from critical parochial report stakeholders including: (1) data providers to ensure that the data is easily collected and compiled and (2) data users to ensure that the data collected is relevant to their work; and be it further

Resolved, That the user interface be improved both for entering data and downloading data and to provide an application programming interface to allow data to be integrated into other networked tools for broader sharing and analysis.
The House of Deputies Committee on Congregational and Diocesan Vitality presented its Report #4 on HB Message #87 on Resolution A058 (Encourage Use of Asset Map) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #191)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A058)

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention challenge all congregations to fully complete their profile on the Episcopal Asset Map, a joint project of The Episcopal Church and Episcopal Relief & Development.

The House of Deputies Committee on Congregational and Diocesan Vitality presented its Report #3 on HB Message #106 on Resolution A144 (Diocesan Missional Review) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #192)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A144)

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention finds it to be in the best interests of The Episcopal Church that all dioceses and other jurisdictions of the Church engage in the process of a missional review periodically but no less often than prior to engaging in an episcopal search process; and be it further

Resolved, That the missional review will seek to look thoroughly into the vitality and viability of the congregations and ministries of the diocese, seeking at all times to ask the deep discernment question “what is God calling us to be and do at this time and in this place.”

Topics for the missional review include but are not limited to

• Worship and spiritual life;
• Formation for all ages;
• Engagement with the wider community, concern for neighbors and stranger, care for creation;
• Stewardship of financial resources, property, and people;
• Care for clergy and lay staff, policies and practices which seek equality and justice, recognizing the dignity and inherent worth of every human being;
• Fellowship and collegiality among and between congregations, clergy, and ministries;
• Areas of, and possibilities for, collaboration and networking, including with other dioceses and communion partners;
• Opportunities for new communities of faith and redevelopment work;
• Hopes, fears, and dreams.

A thorough review will seek examples of robust engagement and creative expressions in the various foci of review as well those places where increased time and attention must be paid in order to be become more vital, dynamic and sustainable; and be it further

Resolved, That the diocese undertaking the missional review shall seek assistance from the Office of Pastoral Development for the process of review and possibilities for consultants.
Ministry

The House of Deputies Committee on Ministry presented its Report #4 on HB Message #96 on Resolution A093 (Amend Canon III.8.7(f) - Deacons Who Subsequently Seek Ordination to the Priesthood) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #193)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A093)
Resolved, That Canon III.8.7(f) is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 7(f) A person ordained to the Diaconate under Canon III.6 who is subsequently called to the Priesthood shall fulfill the Postulancy and Candidacy requirements set forth in this Canon. Upon completion of these requirements, the Deacon may be ordained to the Priesthood.

A person ordained to the Diaconate under Canon III.6 who subsequently expresses a call to the Priesthood shall apply to the Bishop Diocesan and the Commission on Ministry. The Commission on Ministry and Bishop Diocesan shall ensure that the Deacon meets the formational requirements set forth in III.8.5(g) and shall recommend such additional steps as may be necessary and required. Upon completion of these requirements and those required for Postulancy and Candidacy as set forth in Canon III.8, the Deacon may be ordained to the Priesthood.

The House of Deputies Committee on Ministry presented its Report #6 on HB Message #84 on Resolution A170 (Amend Canon III.12.12(a)) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #194)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A170)
Resolved, That Section 12(a) of Canon III.12.12 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 12. Dissolution of the Pastoral Relation between a Bishop and Diocese

(a) If for any urgent reason a Bishop or two-thirds majority of all the members of the Standing Committee or a two-thirds majority vote of Diocesan Convention, based on a vote in a duly-called meeting, desires a dissolution of the pastoral relationship, and the parties cannot agree, any party may give notice in writing to the Presiding Bishop with a copy available to the Bishop or and also to the Standing Committee if the decision comes from the Diocesan Convention. Such notice shall include sufficient information to inform the Presiding Bishop 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, a separate report from the mediator or consultant will be
submitted to the Presiding Bishop with copies available to the Bishop and Standing Committee.

Church Pension Fund
The House of Deputies Committee on Church Pension Fund presented its Report #8 on Resolution D037 (Amend Canon I.8) and moved adoption of a substitute.

Original Text of Resolution:
(D037)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention amend Canon I.8 by inserting a new Section 9, and renumbering the remaining sections:

Sec. 9. Report on Clergy Compensation. The Church Pension Fund shall submit to each regular meeting of General Convention a Report on clergy compensation, listing by diocese for each congregation separately the average Sunday attendance, Normal Operating Income from the Parochial Report, the years of ordained experience of each stipendiary cleric, the percent of time each stipendiary cleric works, and total pension-assessable compensation of each stipendiary cleric for the previous year. Congregations and clergy shall not be identified by name or city in the Report. The Report shall also list the average of the total pension-assessable compensation for all clergy for the preceding five years by gender identity (male, female, or non-binary). The Report shall also be sent to the Diocesan Council or similar body and Bishop(s) of every diocese within thirty days of the conclusion of the General Convention.

And be it further
Resolved, That the Executive Council authorize a comprehensive clergy compensation survey to be completed by 2020 of all stipendiary priests. Said survey should include all forms of compensation, including but not limited to stipend/utilities/housing (SHU), value of any automobile provided, value of any telephone benefit provided, and tuition remission for the priest’s children. The survey shall collect data on each individual including gender identity, years of ordained service, percentage of time employed, size of parish by Average Sunday Attendance and Normal Operating Income from the Parochial Report, and the role and/or title of each stipendiary priest; and be it further
Resolved, That the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance be requested to allocate sufficient funds to carry out the requested survey.

Committee Substitute:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention, recognizes ongoing disparities of compensation and the need for greater insight into data and trends across the church; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention direct the Church Pension Group, drawing upon the report of the House of Deputies Special Committee on Sexual Harassment and Exploitation to the 79th General Convention and other relevant resources, expand its Clergy Compensation Report to include greater specificity as it relates to gender identity, bringing together in a single report as much detailed information as possible, up to the limits of applicable privacy standards and laws; and be it further
Resolved, That any necessary supplemental data be gathered by the Office of Research at the Episcopal Church Center through surveys or other forms of research; and be it further
Resolved, That the Church Pension Group will report on changes to the Clergy Compensation Report at the Spring 2019 meeting of Executive Council.

Motion carried
Substitute resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #149)

Constitution and Canons
The House of Deputies Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #15 on HB Message #99 on Resolution A004 (Amend Joint Rule VII.18) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #195)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A004)
Resolved, That Joint Rule VII.18 on the Joint Standing Committee on Nominations be amended as follows:

18. The Joint Standing Committee on Nominations shall be composed of three Bishops, three Presbyters, and six Lay Persons. Members who are Presbyters, or Lay Persons shall be have served as deputies to the most recent General Convention and will continue to serve as members of the Joint Standing Committee if elected as either a deputy or alternate to until the next General Convention.

The House of Deputies Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #16 on HB Message #77 on Resolution A150 (Amend Article I.2 of the Constitution) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #196)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A150)
Resolved, That Article I, Section 2 of the Constitution is hereby amended to read as follows:

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Sec. 2. Each Bishop of this Church having jurisdiction, every Bishop Coadjutor, every Bishop 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 mission strategy determined by action of the General Convention or the House of Bishops, has resigned a jurisdiction, shall have a seat 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.
The House of Deputies Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #18 on HB Message #61 on Resolution A154 (Amend Canon I.13.3(a)) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #197)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A154)
Resolved, That Canon I.13.3(a) is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 3 (a) Where Parish boundaries are not defined by law, or settled by Diocesan Authority action of the Convention of the Diocese under Section 2 of this Canon, or are not otherwise settled, they shall be defined by the civil divisions of the State as follows:

Churchwide Leadership

The House of Deputies Committee on Churchwide Leadership presented its Report #19 on Resolution A160 (Amend Canon III.11.9(a)) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A160)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That Canon III.11.9(a) is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 9. Other Bishops
(a) Bishops Coadjutor

(i) If a Diocese discerns a need for another Bishop in order to provide for orderly transition, the Diocese may elect a Bishop Coadjutor who shall have the right of succession. The consent of a majority of the Bishops exercising jurisdiction and of the several Standing Committees must be obtained. The election will be held in accordance with Canon III.1.1 and this Canon III.11.9(a).

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #150)

The House of Deputies Committee on Churchwide Leadership presented its Report #18 on Resolution A161 (Amend Canon III.9(b)) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A161)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That Canon III.11.9(b) is hereby amended to read as follows:

(b) Bishops Suffragan
(1) If a Diocese discerns a need for another Bishop due to the extent of diocesan work, the Diocese may elect a Bishop Suffragan in accordance with Canon III.11.1 and this Canon III.11.9(b).

(2) Before the election of a Bishop Suffragan in a Diocese, the consent of a majority of the Bishops exercising jurisdiction and of the several Standing Committees must be obtained.

(3) (i) (2)(i) A Bishop Suffragan shall act as an assistant to and under the direction of the Bishop Diocesan.

(ii) Before the election of a Bishop Suffragan in a Diocese, the Bishop Diocesan shall submit a consent with a description of the role and the duties of the Bishop Suffragan to the Convention of the Diocese.

(4) (3) The tenure of office of a Bishop Suffragan shall not be determined by the tenure of office of the Bishop Diocesan.

(5) (4) No Bishop Suffragan, while acting as such, shall be Rector, but may serve as Member of the Clergy in charge of a Congregation.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #151)

Constitution and Canons
The House of Deputies Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #21 on HB Message #71 on Resolution D048 (Review of Disability Language in the Constitution and Canons) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #198)

Final Text of Resolution:
(D048)

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons to review the governing documents of The Episcopal Church concerning the use and definition of the words ‘disabled’ and ‘disability’ and report their findings to the 80th General Convention; and be it further

Resolved, That the Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons propose amendments to the Constitution and Canons regarding the use of the words ‘disabled’ and ‘disability,’ implementing language, where appropriate, that accurately reflects the intended meaning in the documents.
World Mission

The House of Deputies Committee on World Mission presented its Report #1 on HB Message #82 on Resolution B022 (Support for the Episcopal Church in the Philippines and Joint Efforts to Continue the Jesus Movement Scholarship Program) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #199)

Final Text of Resolution:

(B022)

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention acknowledge with great thanks and strongly commend the continued efforts of the Episcopal Church in the Philippines (ECP) to bring about greater understanding and cooperation in theological education in Asia and the Pacific regions of the Anglican Communion by the creation of the Jesus Movement Scholarship Program (JMSP) which has helped to strengthen regional partnerships; and be it further

Resolved, That General Convention heartily commend the continued efforts of the ECP/TEC Joint Committee on Provincial Companionship (JCPC) and the many Anglican dioceses, parishes, and individuals who are working in partnership with the ECP and its dioceses to provide formation of lay and clergy leaders in Asia and the Pacific at Saint Andrews Theological Seminary (SATS); and be it further

Resolved, That General Convention urge congregations and dioceses of The Episcopal Church to seek new opportunities to provide support for the work of the ECP and the JCPC, with the assistance of church-wide leadership and staff, to locate resources to strengthen the efforts of the Jesus Movement Scholarship Program (JMSP); and be it further

Resolved, That General Convention urge dioceses and congregations in The Episcopal Church to make it a specific mission priority to reach out to Anglican partners in Asia and the Pacific, inviting them to seek opportunities for lay and clergy exchange visits and seminary formation, by exploring resource development to assist the ECP/JCPC in their efforts to foster appreciation and greater understanding about theological education, through ongoing support and additional resource development for the Jesus Movement Scholarship Program by 2021.

The House of Deputies Committee on World Mission presented its Report #2 on HB Message #97 on Resolution D050 (Solidarity with Victims of Religious Persecution) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #200)

Final Text of Resolution:

(D050)

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church reaffirm its commitment to the freedom of all people in all places to profess and practice their religious beliefs as a universal human right; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention express its concern that adherents of religious minorities in many nations and cultures are persecuted by religious majorities and by governments hostile to religion
through gratuitous criticism, legal strictures, social exclusion, economic discrimination, sanctuary desecration, and physical violence; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention encourage dioceses, congregations and mission organizations to include outreach to persecuted religious minorities in their international mission work; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention encourage dioceses, congregations and mission organizations to establish in their international mission work relationships of solidarity with Christians experiencing persecution by reason of their faith in Jesus Christ; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request congregations to include in the Prayers of the People intercessions for persecuted Christians and other persecuted religious minorities on the second Sunday of each of the following seasons of the Church Year: Advent, Epiphany, Lent, Easter, and Pentecost; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention encourage congregations and dioceses to support reputable organizations that help those who are victims of religious persecution; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request the Episcopal Church’s Office of Governmental Relations to advocate on behalf of legislation and international appeals to protect religious freedom; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention Office communicate this resolution to the United States Ambassador-at-Large for International Religious Freedom and to the bipartisan United States Commission on International Religious Freedom.

The House of Deputies Committee on World Mission presented its Report #3 on HB Message #64 on Resolution D054 (Expand YASC and EVIM Support) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #201)

Final Text of Resolution:

(D054)

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention affirm the Anglican and ecumenical mission consensus that incarnational and personal presence is important in global mission alongside funding and program initiatives and that therefore the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society should continue to send missionaries to serve in companionship with others around the world; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention encourage dioceses, seminaries, and congregations to recruit and support both Episcopal Volunteers in Mission (EVIMs) and Young Adult Service Corps members (YASCers); and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention increase its commitment to EVIM and YASC programs by increasing the budget to meet the escalating costs of travel and insurance for missionaries and to strengthen the promotion of both programs across the church; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance increase the Mission Personnel budget by $250,000 from $4,740,900 to $4,990,900 for the 2019-21 triennium in order to implement this resolution.
Church Pension Fund

The House of Deputies Committee on Church Pension Fund presented its Report #9 on Resolution A223 (Family Leave Policies) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A223)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention acknowledges the need for a well-defined, comprehensive family leave policy, paid and/or unpaid; and be it further

Resolved, That the appropriate joint standing committee of the Executive Council be directed to study and distribute model policies for paid and unpaid family leave for dioceses and their congregations and institutions to consider, with such models to be distributed to the dioceses by June 30, 2019; and be it further

Resolved, That General Convention urge every diocese to review such model policies and to implement comprehensive policies on family leave that fit their respective needs; and be it further

Resolved, That in view of the time required for study and actions by diocesan conventions, dioceses report their specific policies to the Office of General Convention no later than December 31, 2020.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #152)

World Mission

The House of Deputies Committee on World Mission presented its Report #4 on HB Message #104 on Resolution D061 (Develop Episcopal Gap Year Program) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #202)

Final Text of Resolution:

(D061)

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church direct the staff of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, especially the Office of Global Partnership and the Office of Young Adult and Campus Ministries, to conduct a pilot development of an Episcopal Gap Year Program in international mission for young adults, ages 18-23, who are between high school and other educational or vocational pursuits; and be it further

Resolved, That the program be guided by innovative models of such programs, including but not limited to the Young Adult Service Corps, and that it ensure accessibility to racial and ethnic minorities, to persons from non-U.S.-domestic dioceses, and to persons of limited financial means; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention encourage dioceses and congregations to recruit young adults to participate in the Gap Year Program and to support them with fund-raising assistance; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance consider a budget allocation of $90,000 for the 2019-2021 triennium in order to develop the Episcopal Gap Year Program.
Environmental Stewardship and Care of Creation

The House of Deputies Committee on Environmental Stewardship and Care of Creation presented its Report #2 on HB Message #95 on Resolution A010 (The Planting of "Paris Groves") and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #179)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A010)

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention affirm the importance of Episcopal Schools, Camps and Conference Centers in educating generations of Episcopalians, especially in matters of stewardship and relationship with Creation; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention, recognizing the timely importance of these conversations, commend all Episcopal Schools, Camp and Conference Centers, or other church-owned properties in making environmental stewardship and care of creation key components of formation in the 2019-2021 triennium; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention, as part of The Episcopal Church’s response to stand with international partners in affirming the Paris Climate Accord, commend each of the eighty-five (85) camp and conference centers in The Episcopal Church to establish “Paris Groves,” plantings of trees at the camp and conference centers or other church-owned properties that will serve as a visible witness to the significance of the Paris Accord and do the practical work of sequestration of carbon from the atmosphere; and be it further

Resolved, That each camp and conference center determine both the tree species and appropriate timing for their ecosystem and plant those species; and be it further

Resolved, That each Episcopalian be encouraged to donate for the establishment of Paris Groves or the maintenance of an existing forest; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention invite each Confirmand, person received into The Episcopal Church and each person reaffirming his or her Baptismal vows to plant a tree in gratitude and to cherish the wondrous works of God and protect and restore the beauty and integrity of all creation.

The House of Deputies Committee on Environmental Stewardship and Care of Creation presented its Report #1 on HB Message #33 on Resolution A011 (Oppose Environmental Racism) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #180)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A011)

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention affirm the need for governments, private industry and all people to act to protect the health of all persons from unsafe and unhealthy exposures to air and water pollution, toxic substances, or radiation in their food, water supply, living quarters, and work places; and be it further

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Resolved, That the Church recommit to the excellent work done by previous General Conventions of The Episcopal Church, specifically resolutions 2000-D005, 2012-B023, 2012-C079, and 2015-C013 and that General Convention affirm that no community, especially poor communities, those who live closest to the land in subsistence cultures, and members of marginalized ethnic groups, should bear a disproportionate risk of environmental pollution or degradation; and advocate for and support policies that protect these populations and the sanctity of communities and the livelihood of future generations from the disparate impact of climate change and environmental degradation; and be it further

Resolved, That General Convention direct the formation of a Task Force, not to exceed twelve people, including attorneys, health professionals, environmental professionals, and bishops and other clergy to study and report specific recommendations for appropriate changes in federal, state, or local law so that effective judicial remedies, based on a showing of disproportionate health or environmental impact on those living closest to the land in subsistence cultures, ethnic minorities or poor communities, can be obtained to address unwise governmental decisions with respect to land use, industrial, energy and transportation development, and application of environmental standards; and be it further

Resolved, That the Task Force will report to Executive Council by the end of 2019; and be it further

Resolved, That Program, Budget and Finance consider a budget allocation of $30,000 for the work of the Task Force for the Triennium.

Social Justice and International Policy

The House of Deputies Committee on Social Justice and International Policy presented its Report #15 on Resolution A222 (Against Caste-and Descent-Based Discrimination) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A222)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church commend the Dioceses of New York and Rochester in taking the lead in addressing the human rights violation of discrimination associated with caste and descent; and be it further

Resolved, That this General Convention condemn the human rights violation of discrimination based on caste and descent wherever it occurs and support its elimination particularly as it occurs within the United States and other countries both within and outside the Church; and be it further

Resolved, That this General Convention call on congregations throughout the Church to acknowledge the fundamental injustice of caste-and descent-based discrimination, a clear human rights violation; and be it further

Resolved, That this General Convention encourage all Episcopalians to engage in legislative advocacy and education at national, regional, and local levels to raise awareness of the pervasive nature of this human rights violation; and be it further

Resolved, That this General Convention encourage all Episcopalians become familiar with the India Network and other organizations addressing caste-and descent-based discrimination in their local areas.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #140)
The House of Deputies Committee on Social Justice and International Policy presented its Report #17 on Resolution C013 (Against Human Trafficking) and moved to take no further action.

**Motion carried**

**The House took no further action**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #141)

The House of Deputies Committee on Social Justice and International Policy presented its Report #16 on Resolution C061 (Encouraging the Use of the Code on Conduct for the Protection of Children) and moved to take no further action.

**Motion carried**

**The House took no further action**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #142)

**Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music**

The House of Deputies Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #13 on HB Message #45 on Resolution B023 (Armenian Rite for Holy Cross Day) and moved referral to the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music.

**Motion carried**

**Resolution referred**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #481)

[Ed. Note: Resolution B023 was incorrectly marked as a concur with referral to an interim body, instead of a referral. This has been corrected here. The House of Bishops therefore never received it again to concur on the referral. Technically the resolution was incomplete. However, the resolution was in fact referred before the error was discovered.]

The House of Deputies Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #4 on HB Message #46 on Resolution D012 (Add the Four Chaplains of the USAT Dorchester to the Church Calendar) and moved concurrence with referral to an interim body.

**Motion carried**

**The House concurred**

**Resolution referred**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #144)

**Environmental Stewardship and Care of Creation**

The House of Deputies Committee on Environmental Stewardship and Care of Creation presented its Report #4 on HB Message #42 on Resolution A013 (Facilitating the Development of the Church’s Ministry of the Care of Creation) and moved concurrence.

**Motion carried**

**The House concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #181)
Final Text of Resolution:

(A013)

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention affirm the President of the House Deputies' and the Presiding Bishop's call to the Church to recognize Care of Creation as an integral part of The Jesus Movement; and be it further

Resolved, That, as disciples of Jesus Christ, we recognize that the Earth is the Lord’s (Psalm 24), has been made in and through Christ (John 1) and we are placed in it as a garden planet (Genesis 2); and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention urge the establishment of an additional senior staff position for the Care of Creation as a member of the Episcopal Church Center staff; and be it further

Resolved, That this staff person shall serve as a resource for the Church, a liaison between Episcopal faith communities and institutions with their many creation care initiatives, network developer for sharing best practices, contact person for the denomination, partners and faith communities, ambassador between evangelism, racial justice and care of creation, and advocate for funding, visibility and action; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention authorize a Task Force for the Care of Creation to develop this aspect of the ongoing mission and ministry of The Episcopal Church; and be it further

Resolved, That this Task Force of up to 20 persons be appointed jointly by the President of the House of Deputies and the Presiding Bishop, with members to include a geographically diverse representation from the Church mindful to include younger generations, people of color and native persons who are and will be disproportionately affected by climate change; and be it further

Resolved, That this Task Force work during the period of 2018-2021 and submit a report to the 80th General Convention; and be it further

Resolved, That the Task Force shall develop and refine the small grants program begun by the 2015-2018 Advisory Council for Stewardship of Creation to support local and regional eco-ministry efforts; engage eco-justice site projects, and further develop creation care networks based on bioregions (a region defined by characteristics of the natural environment rather than by human-made divisions) and/or areas of affinity, (e.g. renewable energy, regenerative agriculture, liturgy, Christian formation); and be it further

Resolved, That the staff person for the Care of Creation shall liaise with and support the work of the Task Force for the Care of Creation; and be it further

Resolved, That the Task Force shall receive and help disseminate case studies and best practices in keeping with the spirit of the Paris Climate Accord, that is, supporting humanity's transition from industrial life to sustainable life; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention recommend to the President of the House Deputies and the Presiding Bishop in consultation with the Task Force to establish and to appoint persons to a Theology of Creation Working Group tasked with facilitating innovative educational offerings in environmental ethics and theology for the formation of clergy and laity; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request that the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance allocate $1.1 million for the implementation of this resolution and staff support and leadership from The Episcopal Church.
Stewardship and Socially Responsible Investing

The House of Deputies Committee on Stewardship and Socially Responsible Investing presented its Report #8 on Resolution A047 (Ethical Investments) and moved to take no further action.

Motion carried
The House took no further action
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #145)

Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music

The House of Deputies Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #11 on HB Message #54 on Resolution A217 (Consultation of Common Revised Common Lectionary Daily Readings) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #205)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A217)
Resolved, That the 79th General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to consider the Consultation on Common Text’s Revised Common Lectionary Daily Readings; and report to the 80th General Convention.

The House of Deputies Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #8 on HB Message #52 on Resolution A219 (Refer Portions of The Proposed Book of Occasional Services 2018) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #182)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A219)
Resolved, That the 79th General Convention commend the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music for their work on revision of the Book of Occasional Services, especially given the limited funding made available to them; and be it further

Resolved, That the following portions of The Proposed Book of Occasional Services 2018 be referred back to the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music for further revision and that the SCLM report on this work to the 80th General Convention:

Way of the Cross
On Maundy Thursday
When Members Leave a Congregation
Discernment for a new Church Mission
A Liturgy for Commissioning a Church Planter, Missioner or Mission Team
A Liturgy for the Opening of a New Congregation
Reaffirmation of Ordination Vows
And the parallel texts in French and Spanish

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 $12,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

Stewardship and Socially Responsible Investing
The House of Deputies Committee on Stewardship and Socially Responsible Investing presented its Report #7 on Resolution B026 (Embracing the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:
(B026)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church embrace the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals as the successor to the Millennium Development Goals; and be it further

Resolved, That the Sustainable Development Goals become the basis of development policy and action of The Episcopal Church in its institutions, dioceses, and congregations; and be it further

Resolved, That 0.7% of the budget for The Episcopal Church adopted at the 79th General Convention be devoted to development projects shaped by the lens of the Sustainable Development Goals, during the triennium 2019 – 2021.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #146)

Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music
The House of Deputies Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #9 on HB Message #53 on Resolution C003 (Way of Light Liturgy) and moved concurrence with referral to an interim body.

Motion carried
The House concurred
Resolution referred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #479)
The House of Deputies Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #6 on HB Message #48 on Resolution C027 (The Celebration of the Life and Work of Dorothy Day, Christian Activist) and moved concurrence with referral to an interim body.

Motion carried
The House concurred
Resolution referred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #480)

The House of Deputies Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #7 on HB Message #50 on Resolution C055 (Commemoration of Father Paul Wattson) and moved concurrence with referral to an interim body.

Motion carried
The House concurred
Resolution referred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #185)

The House of Deputies Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #10 on HB Message #47 on Resolution C058 (Add the Rev. Frederick B. "Ted" Howden Jr. to LFF, 2018) and moved concurrence with referral to an interim body.

Motion carried
The House concurred
Resolution referred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #186)

Stewardship and Socially Responsible Investing
The House of Deputies Committee on Stewardship and Socially Responsible Investing presented its Report #9 on Resolution D008 (Practicing Responsible Investing) and moved to take no further action.

Motion carried
The House took no further action
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #147)

World Mission
The House of Deputies Committee on World Mission presented its Report #5 on HB Message #85 on Resolution D063 (Supporting Christians in Iraq) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #189)

Final Text of Resolution:
(D063)
Resolved, That the General Convention of The Episcopal Church express its support for the right of all Christians and other persecuted minorities in Iraq to live their life of faith and develop their communities free of persecution, discrimination and violence; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention encourages The Episcopal Church, working in partnership with the Anglican Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf, to provide prayers, friendship, and material support as determined by the needs and aspirations of Iraq's Christians, as an expression of our love and recognition of their religious, cultural, and humanitarian inclusion in the sacred Body of Christ; and be it further

Resolved, That the Office of Governmental Relations monitor the status of the United States concerning Iraq’s Christians and other religious minorities, urge the State Department to advocate on their behalf, and report back to the Church; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the General Convention inform the Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf of this action.

Stewardship and Socially Responsible Investing
The House of Deputies Committee on Stewardship and Socially Responsible Investing presented its Report #10 on Resolution D044 (Tools for Effective Shareholder Engagement for Human Rights) and moved to take no further action.

Motion carried
The House took no further action
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #153)

Governance and Structure
The House of Deputies Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #18 on Resolution A076 (Amend Canon I.1.14(c)) and moved to refer the resolution to an interim body.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A076)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That Canon I.1.14(c) of the Canons is hereby amended to read as follows:

(c) From the sites approved by the General Convention, the Joint Committee, with the advice and consent of a majority vote of the following: The Presidents and the Vice-Presidents of both Houses of Convention, the Presidents of the Provinces and the Executive Council, shall determine the site for such General Convention and proceed to make all reasonable and necessary arrangements and commitments for that meeting of the General Convention. The site and date thus selected shall be deemed to have been appointed by the General Convention, as provided in the Constitution.

Motion carried
Resolution referred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #154)
The House of Deputies Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #17 on Resolution A077 (Amend Canon I.7.1(a)) and moved to refer the resolution to an interim body.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A077)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That Canon I.7.1(a) of the Canons is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 1. In every Province, Diocese, Parish, Mission and Institution connected with this Church, the following standard business methods shall be observed:

(a) All accounts of Provinces shall be audited annually by an independent certified public accountant, or independent licensed accountant, or such audit committee as shall be authorized by the Provincial Council. The Audit Report shall be filed with the Provincial Council, Leadership and the Executive Council not later than September 1 of each year, covering the preceding calendar year.

Motion carried
Resolution referred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #155)

The House of Deputies Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #16 on Resolution A079 (Amend Canon I.11.3(c)) and moved to refer the resolution to an interim body.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A079)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That Canon I.11.3(c) is hereby amended to read as follows:

(c) In every Missionary Diocese there shall be an annual Convention, composed of the Bishop or Bishops, the other Clergy of the Diocese, and Lay Delegates from the organized Congregations. Such Convention shall elect a Standing Committee, in accordance with the diocesan Canons, which shall have the powers and duties set forth for Standing Committees in Canon I.12 and in other Canons of the General Convention. It shall also elect Clerical and Lay Deputies and alternate Deputies to the General Convention, in accordance with its diocesan Canons, and the provisions of Article I.4 of the Constitution. If the Missionary Diocese is a member of a Province of this Church, it shall also provide for Clerical and Lay Deputies and alternate Deputies to the Synod, representation in the Province, in accordance with the diocesan Canons and the provisions of the Ordinances of the Province.

Motion carried
Resolution referred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #156)

The House of Deputies Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #15 on Resolution A099 (Amend Canon I.1(b) - Call Meeting of House of Deputies) and moved the resolution, recommending rejection.
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That Canon I.1(b) is hereby amended to read as follows:

(b) There shall be a President and a Vice-President of the House of Deputies, who shall perform the duties normally appropriate to their respective offices or specified in these Canons. They shall be elected not later than the seventh day of each regular meeting of the General Convention in the manner herein set forth. The House of Deputies shall elect from its membership, by a majority of separate ballots, a President and a Vice-President, who shall be of different orders. Such officers shall take office at the adjournment of the regular meeting at which they are elected, and shall continue in office until the adjournment of the following regular meeting of the General Convention. They shall be and remain ex-officio members of the House during their term of office. No person elected President or Vice-President shall be eligible for more than three consecutive full terms in each respective office. In case of resignation, death, absence, or inability, of the President, the Vice-President shall perform the duties of the office until the adjournment of the next meeting of the General Convention. In case of resignation, death, absence, or inability of the Vice-President, the President shall appoint a Deputy of the opposite order, upon the advice and consent of the lay persons, presbyters and deacons of the Executive Council, who shall serve until the adjournment of the next meeting of the General Convention. The President shall be authorized to appoint an Advisory Council for consultation and advice in the performance of the duties of the office. The President may also appoint a Chancellor to the President, a confirmed adult communicant of the Church in good standing who is learned in both ecclesiastical and secular law, to serve so long as the President may desire, as counselor in matters relating to the discharge of the responsibilities of that office. The President of the House of Deputies may, from time to time, assemble the House of Deputies of this Church to meet as a House of Deputies, and set the time, place, and manner of such meetings.
Bishops, two Presbyters or Deacons, and six Lay Persons to be elected by each subsequent regular meeting of the General Convention); (b) of 18 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 of the House of Deputies, the Chief Operating Officer, the Secretary of the General Convention, the Treasurer of the General Convention, the Chief Financial Officer of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, and the Chief Legal Officer of the Executive Council, all of whom 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 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 defeated
Resolution rejected
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #158)

The House of Deputies Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #14 on Resolution A226 (Site of 81st General Convention (2024)) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A226)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the following sites be considered for the 81st General Convention (2024): Anaheim, California (Diocese of Los Angeles), Detroit, Michigan (Diocese of Michigan), Louisville, Kentucky (Diocese of Kentucky), St. Louis, Missouri (Diocese of Missouri), and San Juan, Puerto Rico (Diocese of Puerto Rico).

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #159)

The House of Deputies Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #13 on Resolution A237 (Investigation of Pension Parity Resolution) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A237)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention urge the Church Pension Fund to report on the current state of parity between the pensions of lay and ordained Church employees, domestic and non-domestic Church employees and Church employees of disparate incomes, with a particular focus on how those income disparities are manifested across gender and racial or ethnic lines, understanding that lower compensation directly affects pension benefits; and be it further
Resolved, That the Church Pension Fund consider supplemental models for the pension system that would benefit lay and clergy employees while the Church works toward true parity in wages and employment practices; and be it further

Resolved, That the Church Pension Fund is invited to present its findings to the 80th General Convention.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #160)

Churchwide Leadership

The House of Deputies Committee on Churchwide Leadership presented its Report #20 on Resolution A139 (Analysis of Data from Episcopal Elections) and moved to take no further action.

Motion carried
The House took no further action
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #161)

The House of Deputies Committee on Churchwide Leadership presented its Report #21 on Resolution A140 (Diversity Guidelines for Episcopal Elections) and moved to take no further action.

Motion carried
The House took no further action
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #162)

The House of Deputies Committee on Churchwide Leadership presented its Report #22 on Resolution A141 (Training of Transition Consultants) and moved to take no further action.

Motion carried
The House took no further action
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #163)

The House of Deputies Committee on Churchwide Leadership presented its Report #23 on Resolution A142 (Adoption of Episcopal Election Procedures by Dioceses) and moved to take no further action.

Motion carried
The House took no further action
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #164)

End of Consent Calendar

Stewardship and Socially Responsible Investing

Debate continued on Resolution B007.

Deputy Funston of Kansas moved to amend the resolution.
Proposed Amendment:
Following "retailers could", add ", and, when similarly invested, the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society will,".

Deputy Frazer moved to amend the resolution.

Proposed Amendment:
Following "engagement plan", add "that is time-limited and goal-oriented".

Motion defeated
Amendment defeated

A vote was taken on Resolution B007.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #165)

The House of Deputies Committee on Stewardship and Socially Responsible Investing presented its Report #6 on Resolution C017 (A Just Peace in the Holy Land) and moved to take no further action.

Motion carried
The House took no further action
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #166)

Church Pension Fund

The House of Deputies Committee on Church Pension Fund presented its Report #1 on Resolution D045 (Pension Equity for Lay Employees) and moved adoption with Amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:

(D045)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention recognizes that the pension plans for lay employees provided for by the 76th General Convention in Resolution 2009-A138 do not provide equity in retirement benefits when compared to the pension plan for clergy provided by the Church Pension Fund pursuant to Canon I.8.1; and be it further

Resolved, That this General Convention affirms that in the interests of justice the pension plans for clergy and lay employees should be as equitable as possible; and be it further

Resolved, That to move towards equity between the pension plans for lay employees and clergy the following changes shall be made to the principles for providing pensions to lay employees as set forth in Resolution 2009-A138 such that principle 1 of that Resolution will now read:

1. The lay employee pension system shall provide benefits that shall include defined benefit plan(s) and defined contribution plan(s). Every eligible lay employee shall be offered a choice between participation in either a defined benefit plan or a defined contribution plan.
Principle 2 of Resolution 2009-A138 will now read:

2. If a defined benefit plan is selected by the employee, the employer assessment and/or contribution shall be not less than nine (9) percent of the employee’s compensation through 2019. The employer assessment and/or contribution shall increase by one (1) percent of the employee’s compensation in 2020 and for each year thereafter until the employer assessment and/or contribution reaches eighteen (18) percent. If a defined contribution plan is selected by the employee, the employer shall contribute not less than five (5) percent of the employee’s compensation through 2019. The employer’s contribution shall increase by one (1) percent of the employee’s compensation in 2020 and for each year thereafter until the employer assessment reaches eighteen (18) percent. The employer shall match at least four (4) percent of the employee’s contribution in 2019 and the employer’s match of the employee’s contribution shall increase by one (1) percent per year until the total contribution of the employer, both by contribution and match, totals eighteen (18) percent.

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention recognizes that the pension plans for lay employees provided for by the 76th General Convention in Resolution 2009-A138 do not provide equity in retirement benefits when compared to the pension plan for clergy provided by the Church Pension Fund pursuant to Canon I.8.1; and be it further

Resolved, That this the 79th General Convention affirms that in the interests of justice the pension plans for clergy and lay employees should be as equitable as possible; and be it further

Resolved, That to move towards equity between the pension plans for lay employees and clergy the following changes shall be made to the principles for providing pensions to lay employees as set forth in Resolution 2009-A138 such that principle 1 of that Resolution will now read:

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Resolved, That this General Convention urge parishes, dioceses, and other institutions that participate in the Church Pension Fund to take specific steps to reach parity in the pension contributions for lay and ordained
church workers while taking into consideration contributions toward other potential sources for retirement income (e.g. Social Security or other retirement plans); and be it further

Resolved, That the Church Pension Fund be asked to study the steps necessary to provide equity in the pension plans for lay and ordained church workers, when equity is defined as equal projected financial benefits for lay and ordained church workers given equivalent compensation, and compare the resulting possible plans with the pension benefits offered in comparable, non-church organizations and report the results of that study to Executive Council by July 1, 2020, for communication to the wider church, including but not limited to the 80th General Convention.

Deputy Patterson of Central New York moved to amend the resolution.

Proposed Amendment:
In the third resolve clause, delete "(e.g. Social Security or other retirement plans)".

Motion defeated
Amendment defeated

A vote was taken on Resolution D045.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #167)

Christian Formation and Discipleship

The House of Deputies Committee on Christian Formation and Discipleship presented its Report #5 on Resolution B011 (Inclusive Language Policies for Episcopal Seminaries and Formation Programs) and moved adoption with Amendment

Original Text of Resolution:

(B011)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That all theological seminaries affiliated with The Episcopal Church and all training programs and schools of formation sponsored or operated by one or more dioceses for the education and formation of persons for ordination be encouraged and requested to adopt policies calling for the use of bias-free and inclusive language for both God and humanity in all digital, written and oral communications, including lectures, discussions, papers, announcements, sermons, public notices and publications; and be it further

Resolved, That all theological seminaries affiliated with The Episcopal Church and all training programs and schools of formation sponsored or operated by one or more dioceses for the education and formation of persons for ordination be encouraged to provide opportunities to explore the theological foundations for the use of bias-free and inclusive language for God and humanity; and be it further

Resolved, That each such theological seminary, training program, and school of formation provide a copy of its inclusive language policy to the Secretary of the General Convention by October 1, 2019, and that the Secretary report on the policies received and not received to the Executive Council, to any appropriate interim body, and to the 80th General Convention.

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That all theological seminaries affiliated with The Episcopal Church and all training programs and schools of formation sponsored or operated by one or more dioceses for the education and formation of persons for ordination be encouraged and requested to
adopt policies calling for the use of bias-free and inclusive language for both God and humanity in all
digital, written and oral communications, including lectures, discussions, papers, announcements,
sermons, public notices and publications; and be it further

Resolved, That all theological seminaries affiliated with The Episcopal Church and all training programs
and schools of formation sponsored or operated by one or more dioceses for the education and
formation of persons for ordination be encouraged to provide opportunities to explore the theological
foundations for the use of bias-free and inclusive language for God and humanity.

Resolved, That each such theological seminary, training program, and school of formation provide a copy
of its inclusive language policy to the Secretary of the General Convention by October 1, 2019, and that
the Secretary report on the policies received and not received to the Executive Council, to any
appropriate interim body, and to the 80th General Convention.

Proposed Amendment:
Deputy Crossan of Delaware moved to strike the first resolve clause.
Deputy Remington of Central Gulf Coast moved to end debate.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

An electronic vote was taken on the amendment, resulting in 468 yes votes and 351 no votes.

Motion carried
Amendment adopted

Deputy Hart of Pennsylvania moved to end debate.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

An electronic vote was taken on Resolution B011, resulting in 507 yes votes and 313 no votes.

Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #168)

Recess
The President recessed the House at 4:02 p.m.

Reconvene
The President called the House to Order at 4:07 p.m.

Christian Formation and Discipleship
The House of Deputies Committee on Christian Formation and Discipleship presented its Report #8 on
Resolution C054 (Inclusion of Transgender People) and moved adoption with Amendment

Original Text of Resolution:
(C054)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention affirm the following guiding
principles for the inclusion of transgender people and urge that the Dioceses of The Episcopal Church
prayerfully consider adopting and implementing the following guiding principles for the inclusion of transgender people in their parishes, missions, schools and camps:

Guiding Principles for the Inclusion of Transgender People in Dioceses, Parishes, Missions, Schools and Camps:

We believe that all people are created in the image of God and that all people are beloved children of God. Because this is true,

1. We will protect the rights and respect the dignity of transgender persons, refusing to reject, judge, abuse, belittle or in any way dehumanize them.
2. We will engage the complex realities for transgender persons in our churches, schools, and camps, and not yield to the temptation to ignore those realities.
3. We will recognize and accept our responsibility to protect the privacy of transgender persons.
4. We will make decisions about transgender minors in our schools and camps in communication with their parents.
5. We will provide a safe environment for transgender persons, for those who support them, and for those who do not understand our commitment to these principles.
6. We will stay flexible in response to the complex and changing ramifications of this work by being open to relevant stories, to emerging information, and to the movement of the Holy Spirit.

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention affirm the following guiding principles for the inclusion of transgender and non-binary people and urge that the Dioceses of The Episcopal Church prayerfully consider adopting and implementing the following guiding principles for the inclusion of transgender and non-binary people in their parishes, missions, schools and camps:

Guiding Principles for the Inclusion of Transgender and Non-Binary People in Dioceses, Parishes, Missions, Schools and Camps:

We believe that all people are created in the image of God and that all people are beloved children of God. Because this is true,

1. We will protect the rights and respect the dignity of transgender and non-binary persons, refusing to reject, judge, abuse, belittle or in any way dehumanize them.
2. We will engage the complex realities for transgender and non-binary persons in our churches, schools, and camps, and not yield to the temptation to ignore those realities.
3. We will recognize and accept our responsibility to protect the privacy of transgender and non-binary persons.
4. We will make decisions about how to support transgender and non-binary minors in our schools and camps in sensitive and appropriate communication with their parents.
5. We will provide a safe environment for transgender and non-binary persons, for those who support them, and for those who do not understand our commitment to these principles.
6. We will stay flexible in response to the complex and changing ramifications of this work by being open to relevant stories, to emerging information, and to the movement of the Holy Spirit.

And be it further

Resolved, That materials to help promote the Guiding Principles of this resolution be developed and curated by the Office of Formation through partnerships with organizations such as Integrity and TransEpiscopal.

A vote was taken on resolution C054.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #148)
Evangelism and Church Planting

The House of Deputies Committee on Evangelism and Church Planting presented its Report #8 on Resolution A029 (Commend the Evangelism Charter for the Church to All Episcopalians) and moved adoption of a substitute.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A029)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the General Convention commends the Evangelism Charter for the Episcopal Church to dioceses, congregations, communities of faith, and all Episcopalians, urging them to read and study its principles and integrate them into their life of faith.

Committee Substitute:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention adopt the Evangelism Charter for The Episcopal Church as a framework for joining with our Presiding Bishop Michael Curry in expanding the loving, liberating, and life-giving Good News of Jesus through evangelism of the church, by the church, and for the church; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention urges dioceses and congregations to read and study its principles and integrate them into their life of faith as part of living into The Way of Love.

A vote was taken on resolution A029.

Motion carried
Substitute resolution adopted

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #169)

Governance and Structure

The House of Deputies Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #8 on Resolution A088 (Proposed Guidelines for Amending Church Records) and moved adoption of a substitute.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A088)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention urge all dioceses to adopt a policy regarding amending names in church records. The guidelines below are commended to all dioceses as a model.

Guidelines for Amending Church Records

Introduction

The following Guidelines for amending church records are recommended for use across The Episcopal Church, particularly in congregations, regarding name changes in Church records. These guidelines seek to honor and respect the dignity of every human being while also complying with necessary canonical and ethical standards. In carrying out this policy all those with pastoral authority are urged to exercise pastoral sensitivity and discretion, noting that in many instances name changes offer an opportunity for a restoration of dignity after trauma.
Diocesan and parish staff are custodians of records that are vital to understanding the state of the Church and supporting its members. Custodians of the records have the responsibility to maintain authentic records, provide appropriate access and protect the privacy of individuals. As society is coming to recognize the rights of people to legally change their names in ways that maintain their privacy, these guidelines and standards allow the Church to honor requests while maintaining the canonical, ethical and historical trustworthiness of the record. The following proposal offers an overview of major areas of consideration for maintaining and amending trustworthy church records. It is based on standard principles for maintaining vital records, current practices in federal, state and local government of the United States and practices of other religious organizations.

Those affected by these guidelines include transgender people, adoptees, parents and guardians of minors with name and gender changes, divorcees, family members, ordained clergy in parishes and other administrative personnel. Congregations, dioceses, the general church offices, agencies of The Episcopal Church (e.g., the Archives, the Church Pension Fund) and other Episcopal institutions all have records that could also come under these guidelines.

About records and data generally

- A record may include many different data elements, including multiple people’s names (e.g., parents’ names). The Church recognizes the prevailing societal understanding that individuals have an ownership interest in their name and other personal data, including the right to amend that information if it is inaccurate.
- Data elements subject to amendment are the name and gender fields. An individual’s ownership interest is limited to name and gender, and does not extend to one’s secondary participation in an event. The names of secondary participants (e.g., priests, parents, sponsors), places, and dates are not subject to amendment, unless they are the individual whose name was changed.

1.0 Records and data affected by 2015-D037

1.1 Sacramental records (baptismal, confirmation, marriage, death/burial)

- Some sacramental records such as the baptismal certificate are accepted in lieu of state and municipal vital records and therefore require a degree of authenticity. Ordination certificates are also required by many states to permit clergy to officiate at weddings.
- The Episcopal Church and its records custodians have an ethical and canonical duty to ensure that no doubt can be cast on the authenticity of the baptismal certificate or the historical trustworthiness of the original records for marriage, confirmation, and burials. As defined in 1.5.2 of the Constitution and Canons, records are "all fixed evidential information, regardless of method, media, format, or characteristics of the recording process, which have been created, received or gathered by the Church, its officers, agents or employees in pursuance of the legal, business and administrative function and the programmatic mission of the Church. Records include all original materials used to capture information, notwithstanding the place or conditions of creation, or the formality or informality of the characteristics of the record. The records and archives of the Church are not limited by the medium in which they are kept and include such formats as paper records, electronic records, printed records and publications, photo-reproduced images, and machine-readable tapes, film and disks."
• Certificates of baptism or other sacramental records are copies derived from the Parish Register. In other words, when a Church member receives a certificate, what is received is a certified (signed) copy. It is important that name and gender changes are made in the official register, from which any new certificate may be rendered upon request.

1.2 Congregational communicant lists and church membership rolls
• Records custodians should be conscious of any corresponding changes that should be made in non-sacramental membership lists or rolls when changes are made to sacramental records.

2.0 Requesting an amendment to a record
2.1 Who has the right to request an amendment?
• Persons may request an amendment to their own personal data in Church records.
• Parents/legal guardians may request an amendment on a minor’s behalf.

2.2 Circumstances for amending a record
2.2.1 Name changes after a legal change in status
• An individual who has made a legal name change may make a formal request (see below) to amend sacramental records (i.e., Parish Registers).
• Marriage, divorce, and remarriage warrant routine name changes.
• Adoptees and their parents may request a name change.

2.2.2 Other name change requests
• Name changes to administrative records permit more flexibility. Church personnel may recognize a priority need for honoring new identity or protecting personal safety. Flexibility should be balanced with discretion as to avoid name changes for fraudulent purposes.
• Parish Registers and administrative records (e.g., personnel records) could be amended to add a “preferred name” field, if a name has not been legally changed.

2.2.3 Gender change
• An individual may make a formal request (see below) to amend the gender assigned to the person in sacramental and administrative records.

2.2.4 Corrections
• Corrections to the Parish Register or other original record are permissible when bona fide evidence of an error is identified.

2.3 A Valid Request
• A record should not be changed without the receipt of a formal request in writing directed to the priest in charge of the congregation or a delegated authority (e.g., recorder, archivist).
• Name change requests must be accompanied by a legal instrument from civil authorities, which may include a court order, driver’s license, passport or other legal document.
• Gender change requests must be accompanied by supporting documentation, as described below.
3.0 Procedure for making name and identity changes to sacramental records

3.1 Evidence should accompany requests for a name or gender change:

- Original records (documents that verify an individual's original identity)
- Changed records (documents that verify an individual's new/changed identity)
- Pastoral care (evidence satisfactory to the priest that the individual freely and fully understands the changes to be made to the records and the privacy expectations)

3.2 Original Name/Gender: Verifying documents/declarations:

- Original signed, government issued identification with photograph (e.g., passport), or original birth certificate, or driver's license.
- Evidence from a member of the clergy of a continuing pastoral relationship in the individual's home parish or the person's agency relationship (e.g., chaplain).
- Special hardship cases (e.g., refugees, undocumented immigrants) for which the priest may consider other forms of evidence, such as student identification, refugee documentation or baptismal record.

3.3 New Identity: Verifying documents/declarations:

3.3.1 Name only, or Name and Gender (one of the following)

- Government-issued identification document with changes
- Court order
- Divorce papers
- Marriage certificate
- Proof of adoption

3.3.2 Gender only

- Signed statements by a healthcare/mental health professional certifying that the new gender is the requester's stated gender (or that of a minor when the request is made by the person's parent or guardian).
- Congregations may consider accepting other types of verification, for example, an affidavit from a family member or member of the clergy.

3.4 Who is authorized to amend a Congregation record?

- Priest (or Bishop) in charge of the congregation (or designee) Officiating member of the clergy
- Administrative records: Priest (or Bishop) in charge of the congregation, official recorder or custodian

3.5 Best practices for amending a record

- Never write over, obliterate or remove any original information.
- Draw a single line through the original information. Keep the previous entry legible.
- Sign or initial and date the line-through. Add the new information adjacent to the original entry, in the margin, or other available space, including the current date.
- Change the index entry, if one exists, in the same manner as above and add a cross reference under the new name.
- Correction of electronic records should follow the same principles as paper. Keep the original entry legible in some form allowed by the software (i.e., edit/save new record). Use the software’s note field to date and initial the record as an amended record and refer to the new record if necessary.
• A paper copy with signature should be generated for the Parish Register.
• In lieu of a paper copy, an e-signature must be affixed to meet canonical requirements. The importance of archiving electronic records cannot be overstated.

3.6 Retention and disposition of supporting documentation
• Supporting documentation is needed for changes to the Parish Register and personnel-type records, but once approved, supporting documentation that has personal information should be returned to the individual as retention places an undue security burden on the congregation.
• The recommended approach is to keep the formal request (letter or email) requesting amendments, which the priest or custodian initials as approved or declined. Duplicate copies of supporting documentation should be securely destroyed.

4.0 Privacy, Confidentiality and Access to Records
4.1 The right to view or receive a copy of sacramental or personnel-type records is restricted to:
• Principal individual
• Parents and legal guardians of minors
• Notarized designated delegate of the principal (such as family members or attorney)
• Priest in charge of the congregation or a Priest’s delegated administrator
• Civil authorities (e.g., law enforcement or court official) upon referral from the Church attorney or chancellor or in response to a valid subpoena.
• Pre-screened individuals seeking biological parent identity
• Due diligence:
  • Verification of identity and proof of intent of the principal or other parties listed above are recommended prior to releasing personal information. Privacy concerns envelop issues of identity theft, the protection of the personal safety of transgender individuals, victims of domestic violence, unauthorized intrusion of family members and the safety of persons at risk. The need to be diligent should not be used, however, as an obstacle to honoring a straightforward, legitimate request.

4.2 Church bodies are obliged to protect the privacy of the record. The following standards are recommended.
• An individual’s privacy extends across their personal history, including pre-amended and amended data.
• Records with personal information should not be open to browsing by anyone but the authorized delegate or custodian.
• Parish Registers and other records containing personally identifiable information should be held under secure lock.
• Information systems (databases, spreadsheets) should be password protected with strong passwords, and accessed only on a need-to-know basis.

4.3 When records become historical and open to the public.
• State laws may make some records open to the public upon the passage of a certain number of years or the death of a person. You must verify your state’s laws before allowing access to records because they are alleged to be “public.” Any inquiry for historical records should have a legitimate purpose: such as genealogical research and legal inquiries regarding inheritance and scholarly inquiries.
- Parish Registers should not be opened to external persons for browsing.
- Church records belong to the congregation and are not to be exploited for commercial or personal gain for third-parties.

Committee Substitute:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention appreciates the contribution of the TransEpiscopal community in articulating the need to change church records in keeping with an individual’s gender identity; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention direct the Archives of The Episcopal Church to develop guidelines regarding the amending of names and gender in church records, such guidelines to be reviewed by the Executive Council and promulgated across the Church by the Archives of The Episcopal Church by the end of 2019; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention urge dioceses and other agencies and institutions of the church, including but not limited to, general church offices, the Recorder of Ordinations, and seminaries to utilize such guidelines.

A vote was taken on resolution A088.

Motion carried
Substitute resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #170)

Ministry

The House of Deputies Committee on Ministry presented its Report #3 on HB Message #6 on Resolution A098 (Amend Canon III.12.10 - Timelines and Pastoral Response in Mediation) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #171)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A098)

Resolved, That Canon III.12.10 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 10. Reconciliation of Disagreements Affecting the Pastoral Relation between a Bishop and Diocese

When the pastoral relationship between a Bishop Diocesan, Bishop Coadjutor or Bishop Suffragan and the Diocese is imperiled by disagreement or dissension, and the issues are deemed serious by a Bishop of that Diocese or a two-thirds majority vote of all of the members of the Standing Committee or a two-thirds majority vote of all the members of the Diocesan Convention, any party may petition the Presiding Bishop, in writing, to intervene and assist the parties in their efforts to resolve the disagreement or dissension. The written petition shall include sufficient information to inform the Presiding Bishop and the parties involved of the nature, causes, and specifics of the disagreements or dissension imperiling the pastoral relationship. The Presiding Bishop shall initiate such proceedings as are deemed appropriate under the circumstances to attempt to reconcile the parties, which may include the appointment of a consultant or licensed mediator, and
shall include appropriate pastoral care for all affected parties and individuals. The parties to the disagreement, following the recommendations of the Presiding Bishop, shall labor in good faith toward that reconciliation. If such proceedings lead to reconciliation, said reconciliation shall contain definitions of responsibility and accountability for the Bishop and the Diocese. In the event reconciliation has not been achieved within nine (9) months from the date of the Presiding Bishop’s initial receipt of communication from the Diocese, the parties to the disagreement shall meet and decide whether or not to continue attempting to reconcile under this Section or to end proceedings under this Section. If the parties do not agree, proceedings under this Section shall end. The parties shall notify the Presiding Bishop of their decision in writing. If the parties agree to continue attempting to reconcile, either party may end the further proceedings at any time by written notification to the Presiding Bishop and the other party.

Privilege and Courtesy

The House of Deputies Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #2 on Resolution A191 (Official Youth Presence) and moved adoption.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #172)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A191)

Resolved, That the House of Deputies of the 79th General Convention expresses a heartfelt welcome and deep appreciation to the Official Youth Presence, who are representative of the diversity of The Episcopal Church; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention commends the members, chaperones, and coordinators of the Official Youth Presence for participating in and contributing to the governing process of The Episcopal Church.

The House of Deputies Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #1 on Resolution A192 (Church Publishing) and moved adoption.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #173)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A192)

Resolved, That the House of Deputies of the 79th General Convention congratulate Church Publishing on its 100th anniversary; and be it further

Resolved, That this Convention express gratitude to Church Publishing for its role in nurturing and educating children and adults in such matters as: Christian formation, church leadership, pastoral care, social justice, care of creation, and wellness; and be it further

Resolved, That we acknowledge Church Publishing’s role as an official publisher of The Episcopal Church and the official publisher of its General Convention; and be it further.
Resolved, That we commend Church Publishing for its expanding role in reaching out to an evolving audience within and beyond The Episcopal Church.

The House of Deputies Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #4 on Resolution A201 (Thanking Episcopalians for the Response to 2017 Disasters) and moved adoption.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #174)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A201)

Resolved, That the House of Deputies of the 79th General Convention extend heartfelt thanks for the response of Episcopalians, congregations, and dioceses in the aftermath of Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria; wildfires; and other natural disasters that struck dioceses in The Episcopal Church in 2017; and be it further

Resolved, That we acknowledge the outpouring of generous support enabling Episcopal Relief and Development and church partners to respond to urgent needs of those impacted by the storms and fires and to develop plans for assistance during long-term recovery.

The House of Deputies Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #5 on Resolution A202 (Appreciation for the House of Bishops’ Listening Session) and moved adoption.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #175)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A202)

Resolved, That the House of Deputies of the 79th General Convention expresses deep appreciation to those who have courageously and honestly allowed their stories of abuse to be shared at the House of Bishops’ Listening Session; and be it further

Resolved, That we commend the work of the Right Reverend DeDe Duncan-Probe and her Listening Session Planning Team to bring the matter of the #MeToo Movement to the attention of the House of Bishops and the greater Episcopal Church; and be it further

Resolved, That we express our gratitude to the House of Bishops for hearing, responding, and offering pastoral care and the ministry of reconciliation.

Motion to consider resolutions A203, A204 and A205 as a block
Deputy Washburn of Milwaukee moved to consider Resolutions A203, A204, and A205 as a block.

Motion carried
A vote was taken on Resolutions A203, A204, and A205.

Resolutions adopted
The House of Deputies Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #6 on Resolution A203 (Give Thanks to the People of Austin) and moved adoption.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #176)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A203)

Resolved, That the House of Deputies of the 79th General Convention express our thanksgiving to the City of Austin and the Honorable Steve Adler, Mayor, for their gracious hospitality and welcome; and be it further

Resolved, That the vibrant spaces, food, music, and culture of this city have sustained us in our work and inspired us for service.

The House of Deputies Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #7 on Resolution A204 (Give Thanks to the Diocese of Texas for Hosting Convention) and moved adoption.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #178)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A204)

Resolved, That the House of Deputies of the 79th General Convention expresses its deep thanks to the Right Reverend Andrew Doyle, his staff, and the people of the Diocese of Texas for their diligence and faithfulness in preparing for this Convention; and be it further

Resolved, That we give thanks for the generosity, hospitality, and witness offered in and through the great diversity and strength of the people of this Diocese.

The House of Deputies Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #8 on Resolution A205 (Give Thanks to the Diocese of Texas and to City of Austin Hosts) and moved adoption.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #177)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A205)

Resolved, That the House of Deputies of the 79th General Convention give thanks to the Episcopal Diocese of Texas and the City of Austin; and be it further

Resolved, That our appreciation extends to the bishops, staff, and people of the Diocese of Texas; and be it further

Resolved, That our appreciation extends to the City of Austin, especially to all shops, hotels and restaurants that have provided hospitality to those in attendance at General Convention; and be it further
Resolved, That our appreciation extends to the many staff members of the Austin Convention Center, JW Marriott, Hilton Austin, and other area hotels who have kept our facilities for meeting and working clean, comfortable, and ready for us.

Announcements

The Secretary read the announcements.

Recess

The President recessed the House at 4:53 p.m. to reconvene on July 11, at 10:30 a.m.
Seventh Day

Wednesday
July 11, 2018

MORNING SESSION

Reconvene
The President called the House to Order at 10:31 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 #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 #9 for the morning session of the Seventh Legislative Day. There were 424 clerical deputies and 419 lay deputies certified and seated, bringing the total count of the House to 843, representing 110 dioceses in the clerical order and 110 in the lay order. The number of votes for a motion to prevail by a simple majority was 422. The number of votes for a motion to prevail by a two-thirds majority was 562. The number of dioceses for a motion requiring a Vote By Orders to prevail was 56 in the lay order and 56 in the clerical order. The number of dioceses for a motion requiring a Vote By Orders to prevail by a two-thirds majority was 74 in the lay order and 74 in the clerical order. There was 1 new deputy certified and 97 changes in deputation on this day, as follows:

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Katherine Gould, Diocese of Texas

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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 #139:** E016 (Trustee of General Theological Seminary (Bishop)) Elected
**HB Message #140:** A189 (Create Task Force to Develop Process for Substance Abuse Screening) Adopted
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Dispatch of Business

The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business presented its Report #18 on Resolution X022 (Special Order of Debate for the General Convention Budget) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:
(X022)
Resolved, That the House of Deputies set special rules of order for debate on the Eighth Legislative Day, July 12th, for the first item of legislative business for the consideration of the Triennium Budget.

1. Total time of the discussion shall be 60 minutes.
2. The first 10 minutes will be for clarifying questions only.
3. Then follows 20 minutes of debate on the resolution. No motions to amend or substitute will be in order during this time.
4. Following the 20 minutes of debate, the House will consider amendments or substitutes.
5. All amendments must be prefiled before the start of the session where the budget will be considered. Amendments will be considered in the order in which they are pre-filed prior to the start of the Legislative Session. Debate on each amendment will be limited to 6 minutes.
6. No motion to end debate early during this debate will be in order.

Deputy Fleener moved to amend the resolution.

Proposed Amendment:
That any amendment made to the budget must be balanced.

Motion carried
Amendment adopted

A vote was taken on Resolution X022.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #276)

Final Text of Resolution:
(X022)
Resolved, That the House of Deputies set special rules of order for debate on the Eighth Legislative Day, July 12th, for the first item of legislative business for the consideration of the Triennium Budget.

1. Total time of the discussion shall be 60 minutes.
2. The first 10 minutes will be for clarifying questions only.
3. Then follows 20 minutes of debate on the resolution. No motions to amend or substitute will be in order during this time.
4. Following the 20 minutes of debate, the House will consider amendments or substitutes, which must keep the budget balanced.
5. All amendments must be prefiled before the start of the session where the budget will be considered. Amendments will be considered in the order in which they are pre-filed prior to the start of the Legislative Session. Debate on each amendment will be limited to 6 minutes.
6. No motion to end debate early during this debate will be in order.
Consent Calendar

The Secretary announced that Resolutions A041 (Episcopal Church-United Methodist Dialogue), D028 (Freedom of Speech and the Right to Boycott), C047 (Support of One Person, One Vote), A118 (Amend Canon IV.13 and Canon IV.14.7), A126 (Amend Canon IV.19 - Recommend Repeal of IV.19.31), D071 (Establish State Policy Networks), D070 (Amend Canon I.2.(n)), D078 (Authorize Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Expansive Language) for Trial Use), and A151 (Amend Article I.4-8 of the Constitution) had been withdrawn from the Consent Calendar.

[Ed. Note: Resolution D071 was removed from the Day 7 consent calendar to address a question that came up in review. It was later put onto the Day 9 consent calendar.]

Ministry

The House of Deputies Committee on Ministry presented its Report #8 on HB Message #120 on Resolution D010 (Create Position of Indigenous Theological Education Coordinator) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #207)

Final Text of Resolution:

(D010)

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention adopts the creation of a full-time Indigenous Theological Education Coordinator staff position as an education resource coordinator and developer for indigenous lay and ordained leaders for all Provinces and dioceses of The Episcopal Church, under the direction and supervision of the Office of the Indigenous Missioner; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention supports continuing development of shared resources for theological education based on, but not limited to, the six subject areas listed in Canon III.6.5(f-g) and Canon III.8.5(g-h) and of The Episcopal Church; and be it further

Resolved, That the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance consider a budget allocation of $398,600 for the implementation of this resolution.

Environmental Stewardship and Care of Creation

The House of Deputies Committee on Environmental Stewardship and Care of Creation presented its Report #6 on HB Message #115 on Resolution C008 (Advocacy for Creation Care) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #235)

Final Text of Resolution:

(C008)

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention in keeping with the House of Bishops’ 2011 commitment to combat climate change urge that the members of The Episcopal Church strive to transform our individual and communal lives towards sustainability; and be it further

Resolved, That Episcopalians be encouraged to use a web-based tool to support healthy, sustainable choices; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention request that the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance allocate $30,000 to be devoted over the triennium 2019-2021 to make a web-based carbon tracking tool such as “Sustaining Earth, Our Island Home” available to all Episcopalian.

The House of Deputies Committee on Environmental Stewardship and Care of Creation presented its Report #5 on HB Message #119 on Resolution C020 (Carbon Tax) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #236)

Final Text of Resolution:
(C020)
Resolved, That The Episcopal Church shall work with people of good will to materially reduce emissions of greenhouse gases in order to stabilize our climate; and be it further
Resolved, That the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church support public policy which may include Carbon Fee and Dividend model or other means accounting for greenhouse gas emissions from carbon based fuels to mitigate further irreversible climate change; and be it further
Resolved, That in implementing any such policies, the church will advocate for appropriate measures to reduce the economic impacts on poor people and people of modest income, which means might include use of a trust fund paid for with carbon fees and distributed to the poorest people first.

Ministry
The House of Deputies Committee on Ministry presented its Report #7 on HB Message #122 on Resolution D021 (Revise OTM Information) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #237)

Final Text of Resolution:
(D021)
Resolved, That on the Basic Information portion of the Ministry Portfolio maintained by the Office of Transition Ministry for a member of the clergy, the section titled Sex be deleted; and be it further
Resolved, That on the Compensation and Housing portion of the Ministry Portfolio maintained by the Office of Transition Ministry for a member of the clergy, the Current Annual Compensation section be deleted; and be it further
Resolved, That a specific amount or range of compensation be required on each Community Ministry Portfolio published by the Office of Transition Ministry; and be it further
Resolved, That these changes be made and take effect no later than December 31, 2018, and that they apply to all postings and information maintained by the Office of Transition Ministry as of that date.
Environmental Stewardship and Care of Creation

The House of Deputies Committee on Environmental Stewardship and Care of Creation presented its Report #7 on HB Message #102 on Resolution A018 (Episcopalians Participating in Paris Climate Agreement) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #238)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A018)

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention recognize that there is an important shift toward renewable energy which will help protect God's good creation. Supporting this shift is part of the Church's call to being part of the Jesus Movement in the world; and be it further

Resolved, That climate change be recognized as a human-made threat to all God's people, creatures and the entire created order, while particularly placing unjust and inequitable burdens and stresses on native peoples, those displaced by environmental change, poor communities and people of color; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention adopt the House of Bishops' 2011 Pastoral Teaching on the Environment commitment as the official position of the church; and be it further

Resolved, That through our ongoing role as observers at the United Nations, we will continue to fully and completely "advocate for a fair, ambitious, and binding climate treaty," and participate in future meetings of the Conference of Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change as an active, faithful and engaged voice for all of God's good earth; and be it further

Resolved, That as individuals and communities of faith, The Episcopal Church set an example, in the spirit of the Paris Climate Accord, by making intentional decisions about living lightly and gently on God's good earth, for example, through energy conservation, renewable energy, sustainable food practices and gardening; and be it further

Resolved, That dioceses, communities of faith and individuals committing to the Paris Climate Accord consider reporting on their commitments, actions and successes to the Executive Council.

Christian Formation and Discipleship

The House of Deputies Committee on Christian Formation and Discipleship presented its Report #17 on Resolution A022 (Create a Formation Networking Team) and moved adoption of a substitute.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A022)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention direct that a Formation Networking Team be established under the Office of the Presiding Bishop to serve as a networking referral hub for existing and specially-developed resources (online and otherwise) for the discernment of clergy and lay vocations, for clergy and lay formation, and for training clergy and lay leaders in matters such as evangelism, spiritual practices, discipleship, collaborative leadership, characteristics of small communities, relational and networking skills, raising up and empowering lay leadership, relating the Gospel to life, racial reconciliation, teaching and mentoring, and inspiring communities of faith; and be it further
Resolved, That the 79th General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $900,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

Committee Substitute:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention authorize a Theological Education Networking Task Force with membership appointed by Presiding Officers consisting of four lay persons, one priest, one deacon, and one bishop who represent the cultural and theological diversity in the Church, be established to serve as a networking and informational referral hub for the discernment, development, and dissemination of theological education and formation resources for lay and clergy leaders in small congregations; and be it further

Resolved, That the Theological Education Networking Task Force collect, assemble, evaluate, and publicize to dioceses and congregations the resources currently offered across The Episcopal Church for the training of commissions on ministry and discernment committees to focus on the education, training, and formation of leaders who serve in small congregations with a special emphasis on alternative theological education pathways; and be it further

Resolved, That the Theological Education Networking Task Force work with the House of Bishops, through agencies such as the College for Bishops, and with the Presiding Bishop’s office and dioceses in collecting, disseminating, and encouraging the use of resources and best practices for identifying, educating, and forming clergy and lay leaders of small congregations; and be it further

Resolved, That the Theological Education Networking Task Force submit to the Executive Council Joint Standing Committee on Local Ministry and Mission a quarterly written report of its activities and complete its work by the 80th 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 $60,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

Social Justice and International Policy

The House of Deputies Committee on Social Justice and International Policy presented its Report #21 on Resolution B024 (Police Killings and Mental Illness) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:

(B024)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church, mindful of a growing body of statistics regarding the response of the police to situations involving person suffering from mental illness, and

Further mindful of the Gospel imperative that Christ's body the Church seek and serve him in the care and protection of those most vulnerable persons in our midst (Matthew 25:35-40),

1. Denounces police killings of unarmed people in mental health crisis and distress;
2. Urges elected officials and other relevant policymakers to implement reforms which mandate that police departments provide compulsory mental health crisis intervention and de-escalation training for all officers who may be called to respond to such situations; and
3. Urges its members at the local, diocesan, and church-wide levels, to advocate for these policies in their various capacities.

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Motion carried
Substitute resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #208)
Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church, mindful of a growing body of statistics regarding the response of the police to situations involving persons as followers of Jesus Christ, recognize the increase in the number of law enforcement encounters with our brothers, sisters, and siblings suffering from mental illness; and be it further

Resolved, That abiding in the His call to serve Him through the care and service of the least among us (Matthew 25:40). Further mindful of the Gospel imperative that Christ's body the Church as His followers seek and serve him in the care and protection of those most vulnerable persons in our midst (Matthew 25:35-40), we

1. Denounces police killings of unarmed people. Strongly encourage state and local law enforcement departments to seek and utilize alternatives to deadly force when dealing with unarmed citizens, especially those in mental health crisis and distress; and
2. Urges elected officials, governmental agencies and other relevant policymakers law enforcement entities to train and educate law enforcement officers and to implement reforms which mandate that police law enforcement departments provide compulsory mandatory mental health crisis intervention and de-escalation training for all officers who may be called to respond to such situations; and
3. Urges its members at the local, diocesan, and church-wide levels, all Episcopalians to advocate for these policies in their various capacities. mental health crisis intervention training and utilization for all law enforcement officials in local communities.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #209)

The House of Deputies Committee on Social Justice and International Policy presented its Report #18 on Resolution D009 (Christian Principles for Responding to Human Migration) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:

(D009)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church recognize that human migration has always been part of the human condition, and that human migration will continue in future, and will likely increase due to the effects of climate change on human habitat, remembering the call in both Hebrew and Christian Scriptures to welcome the stranger: “You shall also love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt” (Deuteronomy 10:19) and “I was a stranger, and you welcomed me; …. Truly I tell you, just as you did it to the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me” (Matthew 25:35, 40); and be it further

Resolved, That this General Convention set forth these principles to guide our church's response to human migration in the future:

1. We recognize the complexity of developing just immigration policies in any country, and we acknowledge the legitimate need to protect borders and address security threats to sovereign nations;
2. We commit the church to learning and engaging migration issues as part of the Jesus Movement, uplifting the voices and leadership of migrants themselves in this process;
3. We will endeavor to learn and address root causes of migration and develop just solutions with Anglican/Episcopal, ecumenical, and interfaith partners;
4. We acknowledge the connection between U.S. policies, and the policies of other powerful and wealthy states, and the root causes of migration, including climate change, armed conflict, and disruption of local economies through global trade policies;
5. We insist that the United States of America and other powerful, wealthy nations, and all nations to the best of their ability, contribute to resettlement and establishing and maintaining safe and orderly humanitarian protection for refugees, internally displaced persons, and other migrants seeking long-term solutions and safety, demanding that our governments uphold their international legal obligations and maintain a focus on ensuring humanitarian protections for refugees and protections for the rights and dignity of all migrants, including the basic principle of keeping families together;
6. We insist that all our governments strive to create conditions both at home and abroad where people are not forced to migrate due to economic conditions, persecution, and violence; but that when people are forced to migrate, our governments address these root causes holistically, without racial, ethnic, or religious prejudice;
7. We insist that our governments not return migrants and refugees to unsafe conditions in their home countries or other countries;
8. We recognize the links between migrants in vulnerable transit situations and human trafficking and other dangers, and will seek to establish and maintain robust, safe, and orderly routes for refugees to be resettled, contributing our own treasure and time to this project;
9. We recognize that displacement due to climate change is likely to increase, and that while climate change refugees may not meet the currently recognized definition of refugee status, we insist that our governments and the international community must commit to development of long-term protection solutions for persons displaced by climate change.

And be it further

Resolved, That this General Convention recognize the process underway at the United Nations to establish a Global Compact on Refugees, and a Global Compact on Migration, processes that have included participation of the TEC Representative to the UN and recommendations from the Joint Learning Initiative on Faith and Local Communities (JLI); and be it further

Resolved, That this General Convention urge the Presiding Bishop to ensure continued representation of him and The Episcopal Church in United Nations and other multinational consultations with faith communities on refugee and migrant issues, alongside the Anglican Communion Office, Lutheran World Service, and other partners in responding to the global refugee crisis; and be it further

Resolved, That this General Convention encourage all congregations and dioceses to learn about the intricacies of migration and become engaged in aiding migrants to the best of their ability.

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church recognize that human migration has always been part of the human condition, and that human migration will continue in future, and will likely increase due to any number of variables including the effects of climate change on human habitat, economic instability, or ongoing war and conflict, and remembering the call in both Hebrew and Christian Scriptures to welcome the stranger, building stronger and more diverse community: “You shall also love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt” (Deuteronomy 10:19) and “I was a stranger, and you welcomed me; …. Truly I tell you, just as you did it to the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me” (Matthew 25: 35, 40); and be it further

Resolved, That this General Convention set forth these principles to guide our church’s response to human migration, including internal migration, in the future:
1. We recognize the fundamental human rights of all people as expressed in our Baptismal Covenant and we reaffirm that the Universal Declaration of Human Rights applies to all refugees and both regular and irregular migrants;
2. We remember that Mary, Joseph, and Jesus were refugees, as they were forced to flee into a foreign land to escape violence;
3. We call on all governments to keep their commitments and legal obligations to respect the rights and dignity of all people, including access to justice and social services, while recognizing the complexity of developing just immigration policies in any country, and acknowledging the legitimate need to protect borders and address security threats to sovereign nations;
4. We commit the church to learning and engaging migration issues as part of the Jesus Movement, uplifting the voices and leadership of migrants themselves and honoring their leadership in this process;
5. We will endeavor to learn and address root causes of migration and develop solutions with Anglican/Episcopal, ecumenical, and interfaith partners;
6. We acknowledge the connection between U.S. policies, and the policies of other powerful and wealthy states, and the root causes of migration, including climate change, armed conflict, and disruption of local economies through global trade policies;
7. We stress the importance of demonstrating hospitality and welcome as Christian values at the local level, preaching hospitality and positive storytelling to overcome xenophobia;
8. We insist that the United States of America and other powerful, wealthy nations, and all nations to the best of their ability, contribute to resettlement, and establishing and maintaining safe and orderly humanitarian protection for refugees, internally displaced persons, and other migrants seeking long-term solutions and safety; demanding that our governments uphold their international legal obligations and maintain a focus on ensuring humanitarian protections for refugees and protections for the rights and dignity of all migrants, including the basic principle of keeping families together;
9. We call on all nations to maintain family unity and safety during migration;
10. We insist that economic and foreign relationships among governments should not increase the need of migration due to economic hardships, persecution, and violence;
11. We insist that governments strive to maintain conditions which are conducive to internal stability and employment opportunity;
12. We insist that all our governments strive to create conditions both at home and abroad where people are not forced to migrate due to economic conditions, persecution, and violence; but that when people are forced to migrate, our governments address these root causes holistically, without racial, ethnic, or religious prejudice; but that when in the event that people are forced to migrate, we insist that our governments address these the root causes drivers holistically, without racial, ethnic, socioeconomic status, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical or mental ability, health status, or religious prejudice;
13. We insist that our governments adhere to the internationally accepted principle known as non-refoulement, that stipulates that countries should not return migrants and refugees to unsafe conditions in their home countries or other countries;
14. We recognize the links between migrants in vulnerable transit situations and human trafficking and other dangers, and will seek to establish and maintain robust, safe, and orderly routes for refugees; to be resettled, contributing our own treasure and time to this project;
15. We urge governments to expand refugee resettlement as a humanitarian response that offers individuals safety and opportunity;
16. We recognize that displacement due to climate change is likely to already happen and will increase, and that while climate change refugees may not meet the currently recognized definition of refugee
status, we insist that our governments and the international community must commit to development of long-term protection solutions for persons displaced by climate change; and be it further

Resolved, That this General Convention recognize the process underway at the United Nations to establish a Global Compact on Refugees,[i] and a Global Compact on Migration, processes that have included participation of advocacy by the TEC The Episcopal Church Representative to the UN and by the Office of Government Relations Refugee and Immigration Policy Advisor; and recommendations from the Joint Learning Initiative on Faith and Local Communities (JLI)[ii] and be it further

Resolved, That this General Convention urge the Office of the Presiding Bishop to ensure continued representation of him and The Episcopal Church in at the United Nations and other multinational consultations with faith communities on refugee and migrant issues, alongside the Anglican Communion Office, Lutheran World Service Federation, and other ecumenical and interfaith partners in responding to the global refugee crisis; and be it further

Resolved, That this General Convention encourage all congregations and dioceses to learn about the intricacies of migration, including root causes through the resources provided by Episcopal Migration Ministries and its Partners in Welcome network and become engaged in aiding migrants to the best of their ability.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #210)

[Ed. Note: The following explanatory text was removed from the committee amendment of resolution D09: " i. See the UNHCR website for information on the 2016 New York Declaration for Refugees and Migrants, the Global Compact on Refugees and the Global Compact on Migration: http://www.unhcr.org/].

The House of Deputies Committee on Social Justice and International Policy presented its Report #19 on Resolution D096 (Support for Good Governance) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:

(D096)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention is concerned about a worldwide surge in autocratic governments; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention affirms that governments function best when they are responsive, participatory, and transparent, and ensure adequate protection for minorities; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention encourages the Office of Government Relations to partner with Anglicans and Anglican provinces globally to support one another in advocating for good governance and free and fair participation of its citizens in civic processes; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention encourages individual Episcopalians, parishes and dioceses in all provinces of The Episcopal Church to engage their own governments and civic institutions to be responsive, transparent, and participatory, and urge their governments to promote these principles of good governance globally.
Committee Amendment

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention is be concerned about a worldwide surge in autocratic governments; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention affirms that governments function best when they are responsive, participatory, and transparent, and ensure adequate protection for minorities; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention encourages the Office of Government Relations to partner with Anglicans and Anglican provinces globally to support one another in advocating for good governance and free and fair participation of its citizens in civic processes; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention encourages individual Episcopalians, parishes and dioceses in all provinces of The Episcopal Church to engage their own governments and civic institutions to be responsive, transparent, and participatory, and urge their governments to promote these principles of good governance globally.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #211)

Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations

The House of Deputies Committee on Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations presented its Report #3 on HB Message #112 on Resolution A035 (Commend "The Church Towards A Common Vision") and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #212)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A035)

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention commend to every Episcopalian for study both the 2013 convergence statement published by the World Council of Churches, The Church: Towards a Common Vision, and the draft response from The Episcopal Church, which can be found on the website of The Episcopal Church.

The House of Deputies Committee on Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations presented its Report #2 on HB Message #117 on Resolution A036 (Affirm Ongoing Work and Dialogue with Ecumenical Bodies) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #239)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A036)

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention joyfully affirms the continuation of the ecumenical dialogues in which The Episcopal Church is engaged: the Presbyterian Church (USA)-Episcopal Dialogue;
the Anglican-Roman Catholic Dialogue (ARCUSA), noting particularly a renewed round of conversations; and the work toward full communion with the United Methodist Church; and be it further Resolved, That this Convention joyfully affirms the continued coordinating committee work with our full communion partners, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and the Moravian Church (Northern Province and Southern Province); and be it further Resolved, That this Convention celebrates with joy and gratitude the deepening international relationship among the leaders of The Episcopal Church, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, the Anglican Church of Canada, and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, and commends the members of these churches for the work they have done together and the statements and study documents they have jointly issued.

The House of Deputies Committee on Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations presented its Report #4 on HB Message #118 on Resolution A037 (Encourage Interfaith Engagement) and moved concurrence. Motion carried The House concurred (Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #214)

Final Text of Resolution: (A037) Resolved, That the 79th General Convention affirms the work to further interreligious engagement by The Episcopal Church at all levels in the life of the Church. We particularly cite the deepening of the Christian-Jewish and Christian-Muslim engagement as well as the broadening engagement with other religious traditions.

Social Justice and United States Policy

The House of Deputies Committee on Social Justice and United States Policy presented its Report #8 on HB Message #98 on Resolution A057 (Strengthen Staff Resources for Networking) and moved concurrence. Motion carried The House concurred (Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #215)

Final Text of Resolution: (A057) Resolved, That the 79th General Convention support the continued and additional strengthening of Church wide staff resources and collaboration in accordance with the Blue Book report of the House of Deputies Committee on the State of the Church to support the grassroots work of The Episcopal Church in the areas of social justice advocacy and ethnic and multicultural ministry across The Episcopal Church.
Stewardship and Socially Responsible Investing

The House of Deputies Committee on Stewardship and Socially Responsible Investing presented its Report #13 on Resolution A061 (Create a Task Force on Theology of Money) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A061)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention direct the Presiding Officers of The Episcopal Church to appoint a Task Force on the Church’s Theology of Money, consisting of four (4) bishops, five (5) presbyters or deacons, and six (6) lay persons, who represent the diversity of the Church; and be it further

Resolved, That the Task Force be directed to use scripture, approved liturgical resources, other theological texts, and previous actions of General Convention to summarize the ways in which The Episcopal Church values money and other resources of financial value; and be it further

Resolved, That the Task Force be directed to study the investments and other assets of The Episcopal Church, including but not limited to the holdings of the Church Pension Fund, to discern ways in which those investments and assets reflect the Church’s theology of money; and be it further

Resolved, That the Task Force be directed to study the business practices used throughout the Church, including but not limited to the Office of the General Convention, the Executive Council, and the Church Pension Fund, and to discern the ways in which those practices reflect the Church’s theology of money; and be it further

Resolved, That the Task Force be directed to present its findings and recommendations to the 80th 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 $30,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention direct the Presiding Officers of The Episcopal Church to appoint a Task Force on the Church’s Theology of Money, consisting of four (4) bishops, five (5) presbyters or deacons, and six (6) lay persons, who represent the diversity of the Church; and be it further

Resolved, That the Task Force be directed to use scripture, approved liturgical resources, other theological texts, and previous actions of General Convention to summarize the ways in which The Episcopal Church values money and other financial resources of financial value in the way we give, invest, and spend; and be it further

Resolved, That the Task Force be directed to study the investments and other assets of The Episcopal Church, including but not limited to the holdings of the Church Pension Fund, to discern ways in which those investments and assets reflect the Church’s theology of money; and be it further

Resolved, That the Task Force be directed to study the business practices used throughout the Church, including but not limited to the Office of the General Convention, the Executive Council, and the Church Pension Fund, and to discern the ways in which those practices reflect the Church’s theology of money; and be it further

Resolved, That with regards to investment beliefs, that the Task Force should examine the following elements of responsible investing consistent with the Church’s faith and mission as practiced today by many
institutional investors across the Church: applying ethical guidelines in investment selection and management, shareholder activism, and investing for responsible social and environmental outcomes as well as financial return; and be it further

Resolved, That the Task Force be directed to present its findings and recommendations to the 80th General Convention; and be it further

Resolved, That the Task Force be directed to make available its findings and recommendations as a resource to guide and inform policy on giving, spending, and investing across 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 $30,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #216)

Governance and Structure

The House of Deputies Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #22 on Resolution A078 (Amend Canon I.9.2-13) and moved to refer the resolution to an interim body.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A078)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That Canon I.9.2 of the Canons is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2. The primary purposes of the Provinces are to facilitate inter-diocesan collaboration to further the mission of the Church and to achieve Diocesan and Episcopal Church goals, and to enable more effective communications and regional advocacy of significant programmatic efforts. General Convention may not mandate work to be completed by the Provinces. However, Provinces may choose to work collaboratively on General convention resolutions

And be it further

Resolved, That Canon I.9.3(a) is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 3(a) When a new Diocese or Area Mission shall be created wholly within any Province, such new Diocese or Area Mission shall be included in such Province. In case a new Diocese or Area Mission shall embrace territory in two or more Provinces, it shall be included in and form part of the Province wherein the greater number of Presbyters and Deacons in such new Diocese or Area Mission shall, at the time of its creation, be canonically resident. the Province of its choice as allowed by the Constitution and Canons. Whenever a new Diocese or Area Mission shall be formed of territory not before included in any Province, the General Convention shall designate the Province to which it shall be annexed.

And be it further

Resolved, That Canon I.9.3(b) is hereby amended to read as follows:

(b) By mutual agreement between the Synods of two adjoining Provinces, a Diocese or Area Mission may transfer itself from one of such Provinces to the other, such transfer to
be considered complete upon approval thereof by the General Convention. Following such approval, Canon I.9.1 shall be appropriately amended.

And be it further

Resolved, That Canon I.9.4 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 4. For the purpose of the Province the Synodical rights and privileges of the several Dioceses within the Province shall be such as from time to time shall be determined by the Synod governing documents and Leadership of the Province.

And be it further

Resolved, That Canon I.9.5 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 5. There shall be in each Province a Synod consisting of a House of Bishops and a House of Deputies, which Houses shall sit and deliberate either separately or together. The Synod shall meet on a regular basis as determined by each Province for the purpose of organizing and carrying out the responsibilities of the Province as provided in the Canons. Provinces must choose a President, who can be of any order, and they shall otherwise organize themselves as they see fit, with by-laws subject to approval by Executive Council. The Executive Council is responsible for ensuring that the by-laws serve the interests of both clerics and laity.

And be it further

Resolved, That Canon I.9.6 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 6. Every Bishop Diocesan of this Church, having jurisdiction within the Province, every Bishop Coadjutor, Bishop Suffragan, and Assistant Bishop, and every Bishop whose episcopal work has been within the Province, but who by reason of advanced age or bodily infirmity has resigned, shall have a seat and vote in the House of Bishops of the Province. Each Diocese and Area Mission within the Province shall be entitled to representation in the Province by Bishops, Presbyters or Deacons canonically resident in the Diocese or Area Mission, and Lay Persons, confirmed adult communicants in good standing of a Church in this province, but not necessarily domiciled in the Diocese or Area Mission, in such number as the Province may provide. Each Diocese and Area Mission shall determine the manner in which its members shall be elected.

And be it further

Resolved, That Canon I.9.7 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 7. (a) The President of each Province may be one of the Bishops, Presbyters, Deacons, or Lay Persons of the Province, elected by the Synod. The method of election and term of office shall be determined by the rules of the Synod.

(b) When the person elected is not a Bishop, a Vice-President shall be elected who shall be a Bishop member of the Province. In this event the Bishop so elected shall serve, ex officio, as President of the House of Bishops of the Synod, and shall represent the Province in all matters requiring the participation of a Bishop. The Province shall have power: (a) to enact Ordinances for its own regulation and government; (b) to deal with all matters within the
Province; provided, however, that no Province shall have power to regulate or control the internal policy or affairs of any constituent Diocese; and provided, further, that all actions and proceedings of the Province shall be subject to and in conformity with the provisions of the Constitution and the Canons for the government of this Church; (c) to adopt a budget for the maintenance of any Provincial work undertaken by the Province, such budget to be raised in such manner as the Province may determine;

And be it further

Resolved, That Canon I.9.8 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 8. Each Diocese and Area Mission within the Province shall be entitled to representation in the Provincial House of Deputies by Presbyters or Deacons canonically resident in the Diocese or Area Mission, and Lay Persons, confirmed adult communicants of this Church in good standing but not necessarily domiciled in the Diocese or Area Mission, in such number as the Provincial Synod, by Ordinance, may provide. Each Diocese and Area Mission shall determine the manner in which its Deputies shall be elected. The Provinces shall work with the Leadership of The Episcopal Church to nominate individuals to serve the mission needs of the wider church.

And be it further

Resolved, That Canon I.9.9 is hereby amended to read as follows

Sec. 9. The Provincial Synod shall have power: (a) to enact Ordinances for its own regulation and government; (b) to perform such duties as many be committed to it by the General Convention; (c) to deal with all matters within the Province; provided, however, that no Provincial Synod shall have power to regulate or control the internal policy or affairs of any constituent Diocese; and provided, further, that all actions and proceedings of the Synod shall be subject to and in conformity with the provisions of the Constitution and the Canons for the government of this Church; (d) to adopt a budget for the maintenance of any Provincial work undertaken by the Synod, such budget to be raised in such manner as the Synod may determine; (e) to create by Ordinance a provincial Council with power to administer and carry on such work as may be committed to it by the General Convention, or by the Presiding Bishop and the Executive Council, or by the Synod of the Province. Each Province shall keep minutes, journals or other records of its meetings, and shall transmit one (1) copy of the records to the Secretary of the House of Deputies, and one (1) copy to The Archives of The Episcopal Church. The Province shall also transmit copies of any unpublished inactive records to the Archives. The President of each Province shall annually submit to the Executive Council a written report on the ministries, programs and other work of the Province, including a description of how funds (if any) appropriated by the General Convention have been used, and shall report on their work to the Executive Council, on the date and in the form specified by the Executive Council.

And be it further

Resolved, That Canon I.9.10 is hereby amended as follows:

Sec. 10. The Synod of a Province may take over from the Executive Council, with its consent, and during its pleasure, the administration of any given work within the Province. If the Province shall provide the funds for such work, the constituent Dioceses then...
members of, and supporting, such Province shall receive proportional credit therefor upon the quotas assigned to them for the support of the Program of the Church, provided that the total amount of such credits shall not exceed the sum appropriated in the budget of the Executive Council for the maintenance of the work so taken over.

And be it further

Resolved, That Canon I.9.11 is hereby amended as follows:

Sec. 11. Within sixty days after each session of the General Convention, the Presidents of the two Houses thereof shall refer to the Provincial Synods, or any of them, such subjects as the General Convention may direct, or as they may deem advisable, for consideration thereof by the Synods, and it shall be the duty of such Synods to consider the subject or subjects so referred to them at the first meeting of the Synod held after the adjournment of the General Convention, and to report their action and judgment in the matter to the Secretary of the House of Bishops and to the Secretary of the House of Deputies at least six months before the date of the meeting of the next General Convention.

And be it further

Resolved, That Canon I.9.12 is hereby amended as follows:

Sec. 12. 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.

And be it further

Resolved, That Canon I.9.13 is hereby amended as follows:

Sec. 13. The President of each Province shall annually submit to the Executive Council a written report on the ministries, programs and other work of the Province, including a description of how funds appropriated by the General Convention have been used, and shall report on their work to the Executive Council, on the date and in the form specified by the Executive Council.

Motion carried
Resolution referred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #217)

Social Justice and United States Policy

The House of Deputies Committee on Social Justice and United States Policy presented its Report #7 on HB Message #15 on Resolution B002 (Anti-Corruption) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #218)
Final Text of Resolution:

(B002)

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention recognizes that corruption – including bribery, collusion, fraud, coercion, and obstruction – inhibits the transparent and proper functioning of institutions to serve their constituencies, limits public confidence and undermines trust, and can negatively impact education, health, security and human rights; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention urge Episcopal clergy, lay people, and institutions to advocate for transparency in the public, private, and non-profit sectors, recognizing the unique voice religious institutions have in addressing this societal ill, and ensuring transparent finances in all of its institutions; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention urge all local, state, and national governments in the jurisdictions in which The Episcopal Church exists to address their role in contributing to domestic and international corruption, including by ending facilitation of shell companies that can enable money laundering and illicit financial flows, while also partnering with foreign governments, multilateral institutions, and multinational corporations to minimize corruption and encourage transparency.

The House of Deputies Committee on Social Justice and United States Policy presented its Report #3 on HB Message #30 on Resolution B005 (Gun Violence as a Public Health Issue) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #219)

Final Text of Resolution:

(B005)

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention recognize gun violence in the United States as a public health crisis that requires federal government study to mitigate; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention calls upon the Congress of the United States to repeal the Dickey Amendment and oppose similar efforts that seek to limit the scope of federally funded agencies to do research and share statistics related to gun violence, sales and distribution of untraceable guns, and unlicensed gun sales; and be it further

Resolved, That the Office of Government Relations, members of the Episcopal Public Policy Network and individual Episcopalians be encouraged to advocate for funding and other policy measures that would encourage the Centers for Disease Control and any other appropriate federal government entities to study thoroughly gun violence in the United States and its impact on public health.
**Stewardship and Socially Responsible Investing**

The House of Deputies Committee on Stewardship and Socially Responsible Investing presented its Report #12 on Resolution B028 (Continue Commitment to Growing Financial Generosity Within the Church) and moved adoption with amendment.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(B028)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention and The Episcopal Church celebrate and strategically support enhanced financial generosity among its members through a commitment to proportional giving to church ministry; and be it further

Resolved, That the church continue to embrace the biblical tithe of 10% as a standard for faithful generosity; and be it further

Resolved, That the Church continue its support of the Episcopal Network for Stewardship (TENS) with a grant of $150,000 for the years 2019-2021; and be it further

Resolved, That the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance consider a budget allocation of $150,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

**Committee Amendment:**

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention and The Episcopal Church celebrate and strategically support enhanced financial generosity transformational giving among its members through a commitment to proportional giving to church ministry; and be it further

Resolved, That the church continue to embrace the biblical tithe of 10% as a standard for faithful generosity; and be it further

Resolved, That the Church continue its support of The Episcopal Network for Stewardship (TENS) with a grant of $150,000 for the years 2019-2021; and be it further and request that the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance consider a budget allocation of $150,000 for the years 2019-2021.

Resolved, That the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance consider a budget allocation of $150,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

Motion carried

Resolution adopted with amendment

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #220)

**Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music**

The House of Deputies Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #12 on HB Message #51 on Resolution C012 (Add Origen of Alexandria to the Church Calendar) and moved concurrence with referral to the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music.

Motion carried

The House concurred

Resolution referred

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #221)
Social Justice and United States Policy

The House of Deputies Committee on Social Justice and United States Policy presented its Report #6 on HB Message #40 on Resolution C022 (Supporting Transgender Access) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #222)

Final Text of Resolution:
(C022)

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church reaffirm its support for the enactment of laws at the local, state and federal level that prohibit discrimination based on gender identity or the expression of one's gender identity; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church support legislative, educational, pastoral, liturgical, and broader communal efforts that seek to end the pattern of violence against transgender people in general and transgender women in particular, calling attention especially to the rising violence against transgender women of color and gender non-conforming people; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church oppose all legislation that restricts public restroom, locker room and shower access for transgender and gender non-conforming people, recognizing that such bills disproportionately impact and contribute to a pattern of violence against transgender women and non-binary identified people; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church ask dioceses and parishes to remove barriers to full participation in congregational life by making their gender-specific facilities and activities fully accessible to all, regardless of gender identity and expression; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church direct the Office of Government Relations to advocate for passage of federal legislation that protects transgender and gender non-conforming persons from discrimination; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church urge dioceses, parishes, and Episcopalians to advocate for passage and enactment of similar legislation at the local and state level.

The House of Deputies Committee on Social Justice and United States Policy presented its Report #5 on HB Message #103 on Resolution C041 (Repair America’s Safety Net) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #281)

Final Text of Resolution:
(C041)

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church direct The Office of Government Relations to advocate unflaggingly for the federal government of the United States to close gaps in the safety net which cause millions of Americans to suffer eviction, homelessness, inability to access health care, medical debt, and hunger; and be it further

Resolved, That Episcopalians, Dioceses and The Episcopal Church advocate at the federal, state, and local level for adequate nutrition, healthcare, and housing as human rights which should be provided to all
residents of this country, and for which eligibility is determined only by the applicants' current financial need, and all eligible people receive the aid for which they qualify; and be it further

Resolved, That Episcopalians, dioceses, and The Episcopal Church oppose federal cuts in tax credits that benefit low-income families including the Earned Income Tax Credit, Child Tax Credit, and Child Care Credit, and advocate for similar tax credits at the state level; and be it further

Resolved, That Episcopalians, dioceses, and The Episcopal Church oppose health care proposals 1) to limit public benefit funding to block grants, or 2) to cut off new enrollment of income-eligible people at a future date irrespective of their needs, or 3) to stipulate that people who lose eligibility when their income rises cannot re-enroll if their income falls again in the future due to loss of income; and be it further

Resolved, That Episcopalians and dioceses in the 19 states that did not accept the Affordable Care Act Medicaid Expansion advocate with their state legislators and governors to accept this benefit and federal funding for their constituents; and be it further

Resolved, That Episcopalians, dioceses and The Episcopal Church call on Congress to make the cost-sharing provisions of the Affordable Care Act an entitlement; and be it further

Resolved, That Episcopalians, dioceses and The Episcopal Church call on Congress to cap the mortgage interest deduction for wealthy taxpayers and direct the increased revenue to low-income housing assistance 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 of $83,750 for 1/4 FTE staff person at the Office of Government Relations to track federal and state legislative proposals on public benefit funding and eligibility, and to provide timely action alerts to dioceses, and Episcopal Public Policy Network; and be it further

Resolved, That the Episcopal Dioceses and congregations provide networking relationship for housing and employment to refer homeless people to assist in getting employment and housing.

Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations

The House of Deputies Committee on Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations presented its Report #1 on HB Message #74 on Resolution C059 (Dialogue between The Episcopal Church and the Lutheran Church in Bavaria) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #223)

Final Text of Resolution:

(C059)

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention approve and commend the existing relationship between the Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe (Convocation) and the Evangelisch-Lutherische Kirche in Bayern (ELKB) (Evangelical Church in Bavaria); and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention approve and commend the process of exploring deeper relations and the dialogue toward full communion between The Episcopal Church and the ELKB.
Social Justice and United States Policy

The House of Deputies Committee on Social Justice and United States Policy presented its Report #2 on HB Message #94 on Resolution D017 (Reducing Sexual Harassment, Assault and Exploitation in the Workplace) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #225)

Final Text of Resolution:

(D017)

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church recognize that sexual harassment, assault, and exploitation in the workplace occur in situations of specific vulnerabilities, such as financial precarity, job insecurity, lack of immigration status, and physical isolation on the job; and that these vulnerabilities often occur together, such that many of the workers most vulnerable to sexual harassment, assault and exploitation are low-income women, immigrants and/or women of color; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church support public policies and other efforts to reduce sexual harassment, assault, and exploitation in the workplace, including:

• Elimination of a separate minimum wage for tipped workers (set in the United States since 1991, and at the time of this resolution, at $2.13/hour on the federal level; 42 states have a lower minimum wage for tipped workers than for non-tipped workers), recognizing that wait staff and other tipped workers are effectively working for tips given their extremely low wage, and therefore often feel unable to risk their potential tips by complaining to or about customers who are harassing them;
• Policies to reduce low-road subcontracting in public sector contracts, and to strengthen enforcement of labor and harassment laws for contracted workers, recognizing that workers for low-bid firms report higher levels of on-the-job sexual harassment than those who work for high-road contractors or who are direct employees;
• Provision of adequate funding for labor standards enforcement offices at local, state, and federal levels to strengthen enforcement of equal opportunity, sexual harassment, and whistle blower laws;
• Policies and laws at federal, state, and local levels that assure workers of protection from immigration enforcement when they report workplace violations, including sexual harassment, assault and exploitation;
• Policies and laws at federal, state, and local levels to protect and strengthen the rights of agricultural and domestic workers, including the right to organize, the right to take adequate breaks, the right to reasonable working hours and overtime pay, and the development of mechanisms for reporting and enforcing laws against sexual harassment, assault, and exploitation;
• Efforts by unions and other worker associations, and employers, to enact workplace standards, trainings, safety measures, and reporting systems to reduce sexual harassment, assault, and exploitation

And be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church support the rights of workers everywhere to organize, whether in traditional labor unions or new forms of worker organization, in order to have a voice in their workplaces, including on issues related to sexual harassment, assault, and exploitation.
The House of Deputies Committee on Social Justice and United States Policy presented its Report #1 on HB Message #67 on Resolution D029 (Condemning Prolonged Solitary Confinement as a Form of Torture) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #226)

Final Text of Resolution:
(D029)

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church reaffirm the statement of the 76th General Convention, in resolution 2009-C020, condemning the use of torture “by the United States and any government, individual, or organization in any location in the world”; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church recognize prolonged solitary confinement (defined by the United Nations in its Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners, as revised in 2015, also known as “The Nelson Mandela Rules,” as the confinement of prisoners for 22 hours or more a day without meaningful human contact, in excess of 15 days) as a form of torture; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church condemn the use of prolonged solitary confinement by the United States and any government in the world, including national, state, local, and military jurisdictions, immigration detention centers, and private prisons and call on our government to look at alternatives to isolated confinement; and be it further

Resolved, That this General Convention call upon all Episcopalians, recalling the words of Jesus that when we visit those in prison, we are visiting him (Matthew 25:36), and the call to “Remember those in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured” (Hebrews 13:3), to demand that their governments end any use of prolonged solitary confinement in their prisons, jails, and detention centers, whether publicly run or contracted with private companies and raise our voice with human rights groups.

Governance and Structure

The House of Deputies Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #23 on Resolution D042 (Amend Canon I.4.1) and moved to refer the resolution to an interim body.

Original Text of Resolution:
(D042)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That Canon I.4.1(d), (e), (f), (g), (h), and (i) are hereby amended to read as follows:

(d) The Executive Council shall be elected by the General Convention. The Executive Council shall be composed (a) of twenty at-large 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 of nine provincial members, one representing each province, each of whom shall be a Bishop or Presbyter or Deacon canonically resident in a Diocese which is a constituent member of that
Province; (c) of nine provincial members, one representing each province, each of whom shall be a Lay Person who is a confirmed adult communicant in good standing of a Diocese which is a constituent member of that Province; (d) of the following ex officis members: the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies; and (d e) the Chief Operating Officer, the Secretary, the Treasurer of the General Convention, the Chief Financial Officer of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, and the Chief Legal Officer of the Executive Council, all of whom 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 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 provincial members shall be so rotated that two persons shall not be simultaneously elected for equal terms.

(e) The Executive Council shall appoint a committee from among its members to assist the Council to (i) advise the Joint Standing Committee on Nominations and the Provincial Councils on what skills, gifts and experience are needed on the Executive Council to enable it to function with maximum effectiveness, and whether those skills are at that time represented on the Executive Council, and (ii) create a description of the skills, gifts and experience requisite for service on the Executive Council, including the value of cultural and geographic diversity on the Council and the value of including historically underrepresented voices in the governance of the Church.

(f) Of the Executive Council at-large members, elected by the General Convention, the Bishops shall be elected by the House of Bishops subject to confirmation by the House of Deputies, and the Presbyters or Deacons and Lay Persons shall be elected by the House of Deputies subject to confirmation by the House of Bishops. Executive Council provincial members shall be elected by the House of Deputies subject to confirmation by the House of Bishops.

(g) Except in the case of members initially elected for shorter terms in order to achieve rotation of terms, the terms of office of the members of the Council (other than ex officis members) shall be equal to twice the interval between regular meetings of the General Convention. The terms of office of all members shall commence immediately upon the adjournment of the General Convention at which they were elected or, in the case of election by a Synod, upon the adjournment of the first regular meeting of General Convention following such election. The term of a member shall become vacant in the event of two absences from meetings of the Council in the interval between successive regular meetings of the General Convention unless excused by the Chair or Vice Chair for good cause. Members shall remain in office until their successors are elected and qualified. No person who has served at least three consecutive years on the Executive Council shall be eligible for immediate re-election for a term of more than three years. After any person shall have served six consecutive years on the Executive Council, a period of three years shall elapse before such person shall be eligible for re-election to the Council.

(h) Should any vacancy occur in the Council through death, resignation, disability, or other reason, with respect to a member elected by the General Convention, the Council shall fill such vacancy by the election of a suitable person to serve until a successor is elected by the General Convention.
(i) Should any vacancy occur in the Council through the failure of any Provincial Synod to elect a member, or through the death, resignation, or removal from the Province of any such member, the Provincial Council of the Province shall appoint a suitable person to serve until the Provincial Synod shall by election fill the vacancy.

Motion carried
Resolution referred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #228)

Stewardship and Socially Responsible Investing

The House of Deputies Committee on Stewardship and Socially Responsible Investing presented its Report #14 on Resolution D068 (Criteria and Procedures for Deciding to Engage with or Establish a No Buy List of Companies) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:

(D068)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention requests Executive Council to ask its Committee on Corporate Social Responsibility, in consultation with, among others, those in the Church engaged with concerns for human rights and with concerns for the care of creation, to develop and propose to Executive Council for its review and adoption:

(a) criteria by which the Church may assess the Church’s investments in companies that the Church finds to be inconsistent with the Church’s faith and mission or questionable under the Church’s ethical teaching, and criteria by which the Church may evaluate the effectiveness of efforts to engage with such companies and the effectiveness of divestment through creation of a No Buy list from such companies, and

(b) procedures for the Church to follow in making a decision to engage companies or to establish a No Buy list; and be it further

Resolved, That this work be completed by CCSR by March of 2020 for consideration and action by Executive Council in that year.

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention requests Executive Council to ask its Committee on Corporate Social Responsibility (CCSR), in consultation with, among others, those in the Church engaged with concerns for human rights and with concerns for the care of creation, to develop and propose to Executive Council for its review and adoption:

(a) criteria by which the Church may assess the Church’s investments in companies that the Church finds to be inconsistent with the Church’s faith and mission or questionable under the Church’s ethical teaching, and criteria by which the Church may evaluate the effectiveness of efforts to engage with such companies and the effectiveness of divestment through creation of a No Buy list from such companies, and

(b) procedures for the Church to follow in making a decision to engage companies or to establish a No Buy list, and be it further

(c) to accomplish this work, CCSR is encouraged to look for partner organizations outside of The Episcopal Church in which to participate in Collective Action; and be it further
Resolved, That this work be completed by CCSR by March of 2020 for consideration and action by Executive Council in that year.

Motion carried Resolution adopted with amendment (Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #229)

Constitution and Canons

The House of Deputies Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #22 on HB Message #113 on Resolution A097 (Amend Canons III.7.11(a)(3) and III.12.8(a)(3) regarding Return of Clergy After Release and Removal) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried The House concurred (Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #282)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A097)

Resolved, That Canon III.7.11(a)(3) is hereby amended to read as follows:

(3) A statement from no less than two members of the clergy who know to the applicant in support of the application;

And be it further

Resolved, That Canon III.12.8(a)(3) is hereby amended to read as follows:

(3) A statement from no less fewer than two Bishops known to who know the applicant in support of the application;

Churchwide Leadership

The House of Deputies Committee on Churchwide Leadership presented its Report #24 on Resolution A162 (Amend Canons III.11.9(c)(1) and III.9(c)(4)) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A162)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That Canons III.11.9(c)(1) and III.11.9(c)(4) are hereby amended to read as follows:

(c) Missionary Bishops

(1) The election of a person to be a Bishop in a Missionary Diocese shall be held in accordance with the procedures set forth in the Constitution and Canons of this Church. Canon III.11 Sections 1-8, this Canon III.11. 9(c) and Canon III.12.6.

(4) When a Diocese, entitled to the choice of a Bishop, shall elect a Missionary Bishop as its Bishop Diocesan, or as its Bishop Coadjutor, or as a Bishop Suffragan, or as an Assistant Bishop, Bishop, a Missionary Bishop of this Church, the Standing Committee of
the Diocese electing shall give duly certified evidence of the election to every Bishop of this Church having jurisdiction, and to the Standing Committee of every Diocese. On receiving notice of the concurrence of a majority of such Bishops and of the Standing Committees in the election, and their express consent thereto, the Standing Committee of the Diocese electing shall transmit notice thereof to the Ecclesiastical Authority of every Diocese within the United States. This notice shall state what Bishops and which Standing Committees have consented to the election. On receiving this notice the Presiding Bishop shall certify to the Secretary of the House of Bishops the altered status and style of the Bishop so elected. The Standing Committee of such Diocese shall transmit to every Congregation thereof, to be publicly read therein, a notice of the election thus completed, and also cause public notice thereof to be given in such other way as they may think proper.

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That Canons III.11.9(c)(1) and III.11.9(c)(4) are hereby amended to read as follows:

(c) Missionary Bishops

(1) The election of a person to be a Bishop in a Missionary Diocese shall be held in accordance with the procedures set forth in the Constitution and Canons of this Church, Canon III.11 Sections 1-8, this Canon III.11. 9(c) and Canon III.12.6.

(4) When a Diocese, entitled to the choice of a Bishop, shall elect a Missionary Bishop as its Bishop Diocesan, or as its Bishop Coadjutor, or as a Bishop Suffragan, or as an Assistant Bishop, Bishop; a Missionary Bishop of this Church, the Standing Committee of the Diocese electing shall give duly certified evidence of the election to every Bishop of this Church having jurisdiction, and to the Standing Committee of every Diocese. On receiving notice of the concurrence of a majority of such Bishops and of the Standing Committees in the election, and their express consent thereto, the Standing Committee of the Diocese electing shall transmit notice thereof to the Ecclesiastical Authority of every Diocese within the United States. This notice shall state what Bishops and which Standing Committees have consented to the election. On receiving this notice the Presiding Bishop shall certify to the Secretary of the House of Bishops the altered status and style of the Bishop so elected. The Standing Committee of such Diocese shall transmit to every Congregation thereof, to be publicly read therein, a notice of the election thus completed, and also cause public notice thereof to be given in such other way as they may think proper.

Motion carried

Resolution adopted with amendment

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #242)
Safeguarding and Title IV

The House of Deputies Committee on Safeguarding and Title IV presented its Report #25 on Resolution D047 (Compassionate Care of Victims of Sexual Abuse by Clergy) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:

(D047)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church calls upon all members of dioceses, congregations, institutions, and all affiliated organizations, individually and in community, to acknowledge that:

• reporting clergy misconduct is a courageous and sacrificial act, demonstrating love for and trust in the church;
• such reporting is an act of service to the church;
• a victim has a right to expect our faith communities to respond with the love and compassion of Christ.

And be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church direct the formation of a task force, in accordance with Title I.1.2(o), to study the experience of victims who report clergy sexual misconduct; become educated on best practices for safeguarding these reporters; and issue recommendations to the Executive Council, and the 80th General Convention to do the same; and be it further

Resolved, That the Presiding Officers appoint task force members by October 31, 2018, and which task force shall be comprised of passionate advocates for misconduct victims who are committed to ensuring that our faith communities respond with love, compassion, and respect for the reporting victim. Victims of clergy sexual misconduct will be a significant presence on this task force; and be it further

Resolved, That the recommendations shall reflect a trauma-informed approach (i.e., an approach based on the knowledge and understanding of trauma and its far-reaching implications) to the care of reporting victims, both through the canonical reporting process, as well as in their home parish; and be it further

Resolved, That the work of the Task Force will in no way offer a negative impact on current Title IV processes, procedures or confidentiality requirements for Complainants and Respondents; and be it further

Resolved, That the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance consider a budget allocation of $50,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church calls upon all members of dioceses, congregations, institutions, and all affiliated organizations, individually and in community, to acknowledge that:

• reporting clergy misconduct is a courageous and sacrificial act, demonstrating love for and trust in the church;
• such reporting is an act of service to the church;
• a victim has a right to expect our faith communities to respond with the love and compassion of Christ.

And be it further

Resolved, That persons who have been subjected to clergy misconduct often suffer significant psychological, spiritual and emotional injuries, as well as injuries to relationships of family and community. The Church’s
response to these persons should include a range of resources and assistance from highly qualified professional providers. The 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church direct the formation of a task force, in accordance with Title I.1.2(o), to study the experience of victims who report clergy sexual misconduct; become educated on best practices for safeguarding these reporters; and issue recommendations to the Executive Council, and the 80th General Convention to do the same; and be it further

Resolved, That, guided by current resources of The Episcopal Church and in consultation with local professional providers, each diocese is encouraged to assemble an array of service providers with appropriate skills for meaningful responses to the needs of the reporters of clergy misconduct and those affected by clergy misconduct, which resources shall include trauma-informed approaches. The Presiding Officers appoint task force members by October 31, 2018, and which task force shall be comprised of passionate advocates for misconduct victims who are committed to ensuring that our faith communities respond with love, compassion, and respect for the reporting victim. Victims of clergy sexual misconduct will be a significant presence on this task force; and be it further

Resolved, That the recommendations shall reflect a trauma-informed approach (i.e., an approach based on the knowledge and understanding of trauma and its far-reaching implications) to the care of reporting victims, both through the canonical reporting process, as well as in their home parish;

That Canon IV.8.1 be amended to read as follows:

**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. If the report involves an allegation of Sexual Misconduct, the Bishop Diocesan is encouraged to provide for a pastoral response that will include the provision of assistance by a mental health professional with appropriate skills for meaningful response to affected persons.

and And be it further

Resolved, That the work of the Task Force will in no way offer a negative impact on current Title IV processes, procedures or confidentiality requirements for Complainants and Respondents; and be it further

Resolved, That the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance consider a budget allocation of $50,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #243)

**Ministry**

The House of Deputies Committee on Ministry presented its Report #10 on HB Message #132 on Resolution A027 (New Funding for Clergy Formation) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #283)
Final Text of Resolution:

(A027)

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention create a task force with membership appointed by the President of the House of Deputies and the Presiding Bishop consisting of ten (10) representatives. The task force shall include, but not be limited to, representatives from local diocesan clergy formation programs, representatives from seminaries (particularly persons involved in tuition assistance programs), fund development professionals within The Episcopal Church, and representatives from organizations (such as the Society for the Increase of Ministry and United Thank Offering) that provide funds to assist persons in obtaining advanced theological education. The task force shall be made up of two (2) bishops, three (3) priests or deacons, and five (5) members of the laity. It shall develop and implement a plan to provide need-based scholarship funding to individuals pursuing theological education who are preparing to serve as priests or deacons in non-stipendiary, or part-time or bi-vocational ministries. This plan shall work to expand the funding available to aspiring priests and deacons who are engaged in theological education other than full-time seminary education. In addition to considering other funding sources, the task force shall examine the possible use of donor-directed endowment funds held in trust by the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society [DFMS] as a partial means to fulfill this mandate; and be it further

Resolved, That the task force shall begin on January 1, 2019, and end at the end of the 80th General Convention, unless its mandate is extended by that Convention; and be it further

Resolved, That the task force shall communicate information about any scholarship plan to members of The Episcopal Church and provide a report to the 80th General Convention; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th 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 House of Deputies Committee on Ministry presented its Report #9 on HB Message #131 on Resolution D011 (Doctrine of Discovery Training) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #244)

Final Text of Resolution:

(D011)

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention of the Episcopal Church, in accordance with the directive to all dioceses made by the 76th, 77th and 78th General Conventions, most recently with resolution 2015-A024, advance the education of all those seeking ordination in the Church by recommending a minimum of four hours of training on the Doctrine of Discovery; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention direct the Indigenous Missioner of the Presiding Bishop’s Office to identify and appoint indigenous representatives to provide training on the Doctrine of Discovery to those seeking ordination, such that the Office of Indigenous Ministries provide direction to and oversight of the Doctrine of Discovery training program; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention encourage seminaries and local clergy formation programs to allocate funds from their organizational budgets or pursue available grant funding for the provision of four hours of training on the Doctrine of Discovery for those seeking ordination.
Christian Formation and Discipleship

The House of Deputies Committee on Christian Formation and Discipleship presented its Report #18 on Resolution D095 (HBCU Direct Giving Pilot Program) and moved the resolution, recommending rejection.

Original Text of Resolution:

(D095)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention offer funding to Voorhees College and St. Augustine’s University to launch pilot programs of direct, entrepreneurial giving experience for undergraduate students at each institution; and be it further

Resolved, That 20 students at each institution be provided with $500 and the instruction to do good with it in the world as they see fit, with the understanding that the use of the money or choice of recipient will be directed solely by the students, but situated in a class or extracurricular program where faculty may assist the students with research, networking, and reflection on their choice of disbursement, and with the administration of each instruction identifying the 20 participating students in a manner they see fit; 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, with further funding beyond the pilot program or first year to be sought from outside sources or grant support.

Motion defeated
Resolution rejected

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #245)

Committee to Receive the Report of Resolution A169

The House of Deputies Committee to Receive the Report of Resolution A169 presented its Report #9 on Resolution A227 (Communion Across Difference) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A227)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention direct the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies to appoint jointly a Task Force on Communion across Difference, consisting of not more than 14 people, who represent the diversity in this Church including members from countries other than the United States; and be it further

Resolved, That half of the members appointed hold that marriage is a “covenant between a man and a woman” (BCP, 422), half of whom hold that marriage is a “covenant between two people” in the presence of God (Resolution 2018-A085), and that all of those appointed seek a pathway toward mutual flourishing in The Episcopal Church; and be it further

Resolved, That the Task Force seek a lasting path forward for mutual flourishing consistent with this Church’s polity and the 2015 “Communion across Difference” statement of the House of Bishops, affirming (1) the clear decision of General Convention that Christian marriage is a covenant open to two people of the same sex or of the opposite sex, (2) General Convention’s firm commitment to make provision for all couples asking to be married in this Church to have access to authorized liturgies; and also affirming (3) the indispensable place that the minority who hold to this Church’s historic teaching on marriage have in our common life, whose witness our Church needs; and be it further
Resolved, That the Task Force consult widely with members of this Church who represent its diversity of cultural background, age, race, gender, gender identity, and sexual orientation, particularly its members in countries other than the United States; and also with representatives from the Anglican Communion, our full communion ecumenical partners, and those churches with whom we carry on ecumenical dialogues; and be it further

Resolved, That the Task Force report and make recommendations to the 80th General Convention, ending its term at that time except by further action of 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 Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention direct the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies to appoint jointly a Task Force on Communion across Difference, consisting of not more than 14 people, who represent the diversity in this Church including members from countries other than the United States; and be it further

Resolved, That half of the members appointed hold that marriage is a “covenant between a man and a woman” (BCP, 422), half of whom hold that marriage is a “covenant between two people” (Resolution 2018-A085), in the presence of God (Resolution 2018 -A085), and that all of those appointed seek a pathway toward mutual flourishing in The Episcopal Church; and be it further

Resolved, That the Task Force seek a lasting path forward for mutual flourishing consistent with this Church’s polity and the 2015 “Communion across Difference” statement of the House of Bishops (https://www.episcopalchurch.org/library/article/mind-house-bishops-statement-‘communion-across-difference’), affirming (1) the clear decision of General Convention that Christian marriage is a covenant open to between two people, of the same sex or of the opposite sex, (2) General Convention’s firm commitment to make provision for all couples asking to be married in this Church to have access to authorized liturgies; and also affirming (3) the indispensable place that the minority who hold to this Church’s historic teaching on marriage have in our common life, whose witness our the Church needs; and be it further

Resolved, That the Task Force consult widely with members of this Church who represent its diversity of cultural background, age, race, gender, gender identity, and sexual orientation, particularly its members in countries other than the United States; and also with representatives from reflecting the diversity of views and voices of the Anglican Communion, our full communion ecumenical partners, and those churches with whom we carry on ecumenical dialogues; and be it further

Resolved, That the Task Force report and make recommendations to the 80th General Convention, ending its term at that time except by further action of 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.

Motion carried

Resolution adopted with amendment

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #246)

[Ed. Note: A URL included in the HD committee amendment for resolution A227 was not a permanent URL. It was removed from the final text of resolution A227 for the journal. The text of the "Communion across Difference" statement of the House of Bishops from the 78th General Convention can be found instead in resolution 2015-X022 of the 78th General Convention, which is available in the Journal of the 78th General Convention or in the Acts of Convention online database of the Archives of The Episcopal Church.]
**Stewardship and Socially Responsible Investing**

The House of Deputies Committee on Stewardship and Socially Responsible Investing presented its Report #15 on Resolution Co21 (Climate Change and Additional Support for EC Committee on Corporate Social Responsibility) and moved adoption with amendment.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(Co21)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church call upon the Executive Council and its Committee on Corporate Social Responsibility (CCSR), in conjunction with the Church Pension Fund, to identify 10 companies significantly impacting the environment, and be either the primary filer or co-filer for shareholder resolutions creating a designated climate scientist position on their boards of directors; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention budget make this a priority for the triennium as the Stewardship of Creation pillar of the Jesus Movement by allocating $12,000 - $15,000 in addition to CCSR’s budget for implementation.

**Committee Amendment:**

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church call upon the Executive Council and its Committee on Corporate Social Responsibility (CCSR), in conjunction with the Church Pension Fund, to identify 10 companies within our portfolio that significantly impacting the environment, and initiate shareholder engagement to advocate for the inclusion of an expert in sustainability be either the primary filer or co-filer for shareholder resolutions creating a designated climate scientist position on their boards of directors; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention budget make this a priority for the triennium as the Stewardship of Creation pillar of the Jesus Movement by authorizing an expense of $15,000 to be treated as investment management expenses. allocating $12,000 - $15,000 in addition to CCSR’s budget for implementation.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #247)

The House of Deputies Committee on Stewardship and Socially Responsible Investing presented its Report #17 on Resolution A020 (Fossil Fuel Divestment) and moved adoption with amendment.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(A020)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention call upon the Investment Committee of the Executive Council, the Episcopal Church Endowment Fund, and the Episcopal Church Foundation to report to Executive Council all steps taken in the past triennium to divest from fossil fuel companies and reinvest in clean renewable energy in a fiscally responsible manner in accordance with General Convention resolution 2015-C045; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention reaffirm the language of resolution GC2015-C045 urging all dioceses and parishes of The Episcopal Church to engage the topic of divestment from fossil fuels and reinvestment in clean energy and encourage dioceses and parishes to share progress toward this goal with the Advisory Council on the Stewardship of Creation; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention commend the Church Pension Fund for its passion in responding to climate change and for its statement “This does not mean that we would never divest; to do so, however, we would have to believe that divesting would not negatively impact the financial performance of our portfolio.” (CPF Report to the House of Deputies, November 2, 2017, page 6); and be it further

Resolved, That in light of this statement, that the General Convention urge CPF to consider that its fiduciary duty to shareholders may require it to avoid climate change-related risk, including investment in fossil fuel companies, and therefore to initiate a thorough investigation of the potential financial impact, both benefits and disadvantages, of divestment from fossil fuel companies and reinvestment in clean renewable energy, to take steps to effect such divestment/reinvestment in a fiscally responsible manner, and to report back CPF’s findings to the 80th General Convention.

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention call upon the Investment Committee of the Executive Council and the Episcopal Church Endowment Fund, and the Episcopal Church Foundation to report to Executive Council all steps taken in the past triennium to divest from fossil fuel companies and reinvest in clean renewable energy in a fiscally responsible manner in accordance with General Convention resolution 2015-C045; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention reaffirm the language of resolution GC2015-C045 urging all institutions, dioceses, and parishes congregations of The Episcopal Church to engage the topic of divestment from fossil fuels and reinvestment in clean energy and encourage dioceses and parishes them to share progress toward this goal with the Executive Council and the Advisory Council on the Stewardship of Creation; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention commend the Church Pension Fund for its passion in responding to climate change and for its statement “This does not mean that we would never divest; to do so, however, we would have to believe that divesting would not negatively impact the financial performance of our portfolio” (CPF Report to the House of Deputies, November 2, 2017, page 6); and be it further

Resolved, That in light of this statement, that the General Convention urge CPF to be mindful of the Church’s desire to become increasingly invested in renewable and clean energy; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request that the Church Pension Fund provide a report that includes a sustainability plan consider that its fiduciary duty to shareholders may require it to avoid climate change-related risk, including investment in fossil fuel companies, and therefore to initiate a thorough investigation of the potential financial impact, both benefits and disadvantages, of divestment from fossil fuel companies and reinvestment in clean renewable energy, to take steps to effect such divestment/reinvestment in a fiscally responsible manner, and to report back CPF’s findings to the 80th General Convention.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #248)

World Mission

The House of Deputies Committee on World Mission presented its Report #6 on HB Message #124 on Resolution B031 (Commend Global Episcopal Mission Network) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #249)
Final Text of Resolution:

(B031)

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention affirm the global dimension of God’s mission that the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of The Episcopal Church has carried out since 1835 through deploying missionaries, developing mission companionships with Christians around the world, and engaging globally in educational, healthcare and justice work; and be it further

Resolved, That this General Convention commend the networking, mission education and mobilization for global mission that the Global Episcopal Mission Network (GEMN) has carried out since 1995 through the annual Global Mission Conference, the Mission Formation Program, and online resources; and be it further

Resolved, That this General Convention encourage dioceses, congregations, freestanding mission organizations, individuals, and seminaries to strengthen their global engagement through membership in the Global Episcopal Mission Network.

Stewardship and Socially Responsible Investing

The House of Deputies Committee on Stewardship and Socially Responsible Investing presented its Report #16 on Resolution C042 (Climate Change: Corporate Governance) and moved to take no further action.

Motion carried
The House took no further action
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #250)

Christian Formation and Discipleship

The House of Deputies Committee on Christian Formation and Discipleship presented its Report #19 on Resolution D023 (Amend Canons III.6.5(g)(4), III.8.5(h)(4), and III.10.1.(c)(4) and Establish Task Force) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:

(D023)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention establish an Anti-Sexism Task Force to research and develop a training program for the purpose of addressing the systemic sexism within the church and the larger society with the goals of raising awareness of bias, eliminating sexist hiring practices within the church, and identifying intersectionalities of discrimination across multiple cultural identities; and be it further

Resolved, That the Task Force be appointed consisting of 3 bishops, 3 priests, 2 deacons, and 5 lay persons, with the Presiding Bishop appointing the bishop members, and the President of the House of Deputies appointing the priests, deacons, and lay members. At least one half will be women with at least one woman appointed for each of the orders; and be it further

Resolved, That the Task Force complete development of the training program by December 31, 2019; and be it further

Resolved, That the Task Force shall submit the training program to Executive Council for its approval by December 31, 2019; and be it further
Resolved, That the training, once developed and approved for use, be required for all bishops, priests and
deacons, and all lay persons elected to leadership in The Episcopal Church including, but not limited to,
Executive Council, diocesan Standing Committees, diocesan Councils, diocesan Boards of Trustee, and
similar bodies by whatever name, diocesan search committees for the election of bishops and be
encouraged for use by all congregational search committees; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request that the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget
and Finance consider a budget allocation of $60,000 for the implementation of this resolution; and be it
further

Resolved, That Canon III.6.5(g) be amended to read as follows:

(g) Preparation for ordination shall include training regarding

(1) prevention of sexual misconduct.
(2) civil requirements for reporting and pastoral opportunities for responding
to evidence of abuse.
(3) the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church, particularly Title IV
thereof.
(4) the Church’s teaching on racism and sexism.

And be it further

Resolved, That Canon III.8.5(h), be amended to read as follows:

(h) Preparation for ordination shall include training regarding

(1) prevention of sexual misconduct.
(2) civil requirements for reporting and pastoral opportunities for responding
to evidence of abuse.
(3) the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church, particularly Title IV
thereof.
(4) the Church’s teaching on racism and sexism.

And be it further

Resolved, That Canon III.10.1.(c) be amended to read as follows:

(c) evidence of training regarding

(1) prevention of sexual misconduct.
(2) civil requirements for reporting and pastoral opportunities for responding
to evidence of abuse.
(3) the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church, particularly Title IV
thereof.
(4) the Church’s teaching on racism and sexism.

And be it further

Resolved, That Canon III.12.1 be amended to read as follows:
Sec. 1. Formation

Following election and continuing for three years following ordination, new Bishops shall pursue the process of formation authorized by the House of Bishops. This process of formation shall provide a mentor for each newly ordained Bishop. The process of formation shall include training regarding

1. prevention of sexual misconduct.
2. civil requirements for reporting and pastoral opportunities for responding to evidence of abuse.
3. the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church, particularly Title IV thereof.
4. the Church’s teaching on racism and sexism.

And be it further

Resolved, That this Task Force shall report to Executive Council yearly, and to the 80th General Convention on the status of the training implementation with recommendations for continued development and improvement.

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention establish an Anti-Sexism Task Force to research and develop a training program for the purpose of addressing the systemic sexism within the church and the larger society with the goals of raising awareness of bias, eliminating sexist hiring practices within the church, and identifying intersectionalities of discrimination across multiple cultural identities; and be it further

Resolved, That the Task Force be appointed consisting of 3 2 bishops, 3 2 priests, 2 deacons, and 5 6 lay persons, with the Presiding Bishop appointing the bishop members, and the President of the House of Deputies appointing the priests, deacons, and lay members. At least one half will be women with at least one woman appointed for each of the orders; and be it further

Resolved, That the Task Force complete development of the training program by December 31, 2019; and be it further

Resolved, That the Task Force shall submit the training program to Executive Council for its approval by December 31, 2019; and be it further

Resolved, That the training, once developed and approved for use, be required for all bishops, priests and deacons, and all lay persons elected or appointed to leadership in The Episcopal Church including, but not limited to, Executive Council, diocesan Standing Committees, diocesan Councils, diocesan Boards of Trustee, and similar bodies by whatever name, diocesan search committees for the election of bishops and be encouraged for use by all congregational search committees; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request that the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance consider a budget allocation of $60,000 for the implementation of this resolution; and be it further

Resolved, That Canon III.6.5(g) be amended to read as follows:

(g) Preparation for ordination shall include training regarding
1. prevention of sexual misconduct.
2. civil requirements for reporting and pastoral opportunities for responding to evidence of abuse.

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(3) the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church, particularly Title IV thereof.

(4) the Church’s teaching on racism and sexism.

And be it further

Resolved, That Canon III.8.5(h), be amended to read as follows:

(h) Preparation for ordination shall include training regarding

(1) prevention of sexual misconduct.

(2) civil requirements for reporting and pastoral opportunities for responding to evidence of abuse.

(3) the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church, particularly Title IV thereof.

(4) the Church’s teaching on racism and sexism.

And be it further

Resolved, That Canon III.10.1.(c) be amended to read as follows:

(c) evidence of training regarding

(1) prevention of sexual misconduct.

(2) civil requirements for reporting and pastoral opportunities for responding to evidence of abuse.

(3) the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church, particularly Title IV thereof.

(4) the Church’s teaching on racism and sexism.

And be it further

Resolved, That Canon III.12.1 be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 1. Formation

Following election and continuing for three years following ordination, new Bishops shall pursue the process of formation authorized by the House of Bishops. This process of formation shall provide a mentor for each newly ordained Bishop. The process of formation shall include training regarding

(1) prevention of sexual misconduct.

(2) civil requirements for reporting and pastoral opportunities for responding to evidence of abuse.

(3) the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church, particularly Title IV thereof.

(4) the Church’s teaching on racism and sexism.

And be it further

Resolved, That this Task Force shall report to Executive Council yearly, and to the 80th General Convention on the status of the training implementation with recommendations for continued development and improvement.

Motion carried

Resolution adopted with amendment

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #251)
World Mission

The House of Deputies Committee on World Mission presented its Report #9 on HB Message #123 on Resolution A207 (Encouraging Mission as Part of the Beloved Community) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #284)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A207)

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention reaffirm that “being a beloved community” means being members of a global community honoring our full name: The Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church; and be it further

Resolved, That this General Convention affirm that in baptism we are called to companionship, which means standing with, traveling with, and sharing bread with another; and be it further

Resolved, That this General Convention continue to repent of colonialism and recognize that the work of mission is a Christ-centered, mutual undertaking, which is most effective when the traditional roles of “giver” and “receiver” are discarded, and the gifts of all are accepted, welcomed, and utilized; and be it further

Resolved, That this General Convention encourage dioceses, congregations and mission organizations to establish productive, mutual relationships with other outreach communities that have similar intent, but may not be part of The Episcopal Church; and be it further

Resolved, That this General Convention urge dioceses, congregations, and individuals to pray regularly for specific dioceses and congregations and individuals with whom they are in companionship; and be it further

Resolved, That this General Convention encourage dioceses, congregations and individuals to form one-to-one relationships through social media with individuals and congregations with whom they are in companionship.

Social Justice and United States Policy

The House of Deputies Committee on Social Justice and United States Policy presented its Report #9 on HB Message #114 on Resolution D007 (Disaster Resilience Policy) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #285)

Final Text of Resolution:

(D007)

Resolved, That the 79th General convention commend the efforts of Episcopalians to support their families and neighbors in times of disaster, both individually and collectively, especially the leadership of Episcopal Relief & Development in coordinating immediate response and supporting long-term recovery; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention acknowledge and commend Episcopal Relief & Development’s work with dioceses in providing life-saving assistance such as water, food, housing
assistance, medical supplies, gift cards, gas and other emergency supplies and pastoral care to the people of Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands (both United States and United Kingdom), Texas, Florida, and California in the aftermath of a devastating series of hurricanes, floods, fires, and mudslides in 2017; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention urge the U.S. federal government to fund and support not only immediate, but also long-term community and economic recovery from human-caused and natural disasters in the 50 States and U.S. Territories in equal treatment, recognizing that full recovery for a community and economy can require decades of investment at a scale only feasible through the collective action of all Americans through our federal government, and that material poverty exacerbates the effects of natural disasters and lengthens the time to recover from them; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention urge the United States government in concert with state, regional, and local governments to invest in large-scale preventative disaster and resilience planning for the effects of climate change on the scale of natural disasters in the future, and to coordinate these planning efforts with other nations as appropriate (for example, in the Caribbean region, with the United Kingdom, France, Netherlands, and Caribbean governments, and with regional and global agencies); and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention encourage all Episcopalians to prepare and plan how they will respond to disasters, how their parishes and dioceses can serve, and how to best partner with Episcopal Relief & Development to respond to local, regional, and national disasters as necessary, including using the Episcopal Asset Map and other tools to facilitate local partnerships between Episcopal Relief & Development and local dioceses and congregations; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention encourage all dioceses and congregations to create emergency preparedness and response plans that are inclusive of people with disabilities.

The House of Deputies Committee on Social Justice and United States Policy presented its Report #11 on HB Message #121 on Resolution D014 (Addressing Maternal Mortality) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #286)

Final Text of Resolution:

(D014)

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention reaffirm its commitment in Resolution 2006-B018 to work to “Ensure quality pre-natal care is available for all;” and views with alarm that the incidence of maternal mortality and morbidity has been increasing in the United States; and be it further

Resolved, That Convention support the advocacy efforts of our dioceses for all women to have the right to safe and available pre- and post-natal health care that enables healthy pregnancies, births, post-partum recovery, and mental health care; and overall maternal well-being; and be it further

Resolved, That the Office of Government Relations articulates our vision that safe and respectful maternal health care is a recognized human right throughout the U.S., and urges state governments to adopt a human-rights based approach to ensuring safe pregnancy and childbirth; and be it further

Resolved, That as we live out the call of our Presiding Bishop to be the Beloved Community, we acknowledge the tragic disparity in maternal health care that has resulted from discrimination in pre- and post-natal maternal health care for impoverished women and women of color.
The House of Deputies Committee on Social Justice and United States Policy presented its Report #10 on HB Message #116 on Resolution D032 (Equal Access to Health Care Regardless of Gender) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #287)

Final Text of Resolution:

(D032)

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church acknowledge the need for universal and equitable access to good quality health care that allows for equal utilization for those with equal need; and be it further

Resolved, That this Convention acknowledge that equitable access to women's health care, including women's reproductive health care, is an integral part of a woman's struggle to assert her dignity and worth as a human being; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church call for women's reproductive health and reproductive health procedures to be treated as all other medical procedures, and not singled out or omitted by or because of gender; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church support health care that takes into account the specific health care needs of all persons, including women; and be it further

Resolved, That this Convention direct the Office of Government Relations and the Episcopal Public Policy Network to urge all Episcopalians to advocate for government to address the specific needs of health care for everyone, especially women's and girls' health care, by:

- Supporting legislation that creates equal utilization of health care for those in equal need, regardless of ability to pay, and reject reasons for unequal use as well as strategies that promote unequal access to health care;
- Advocating for everyone to have the right to make decisions about their bodies and those decisions should be between themselves and their provider (reaffirming 1994 A054: That The... “Episcopal Church express its unequivocal opposition to any legislative, executive or judicial action on the part of local, state or national governments that abridges the right of a woman to reach an informed decision ... or that would limit the access of a woman to safe means of acting on her decision.);
- Ensuring equal access to every health care service regardless of gender (reaffirming 1994 A055: that the... “General Convention urge adequate government funding and support for research and development, prevention and treatment in matters affecting the health and quality of life of women, including domestic violence, AIDS, heart disease, breast, ovarian and endometrial cancer, safe and effective contraceptives, and other methods of pregnancy prevention, maternity care, menopause and chronic illnesses unique to or prevalent among women);
- Ensuring health care is equal in coverage and cost regardless of gender.
Safeguarding and Title IV

The House of Deputies Committee on Safeguarding and Title IV presented its Report #27 on Resolution D074 (Amend Canon IV.6.4) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:

(D074)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention amend Canon IV.6.4 as follows:
Sec. 4. Upon receipt of such information, the Intake Officer may undertake such initial inquiry 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.

And be it further
Resolved, That the descriptive caption adjacent to Canon IV.6.4 shall be amended as follows:
Investigation. Initial Inquiry.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #252)

The House of Deputies Committee on Safeguarding and Title IV presented its Report #29 on Resolution A119 (Amend Canon IV.15) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A119)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That Canon IV.15 is hereby amended by adding new Sections 13 and 14 to read as follows and renumbering all subsequent Sections:

Sec. 13. The Provincial Court of Review shall make documents available to members of the Church and the Church media as set forth in this Section. The documents shall be disseminated in such a way as to make them broadly known to members of the Church and the Church media. For a matter in which a Priest or Deacon is the Respondent, dissemination shall include, at a minimum, posting the documents on the diocesan website of the diocese that conducted the Hearing Panel proceeding. For a matter in which a Bishop is the Respondent, dissemination shall include, at a minimum, posting the documents on the websites of The Episcopal Church and of the General Convention.

(a) The documents covered by this Section are all documents filed with or issued by the Provincial Court of Review or by any party or person including but not limited to motions, briefs, affidavits, opinions, objections, decisions, notices, challenges, and Orders, including documents in a proceeding pursuant to Section 1 of this Canon.

(b) The notice under Sec. 2 shall be made available no later than ten (10) business days after the notice is received by the President of the Hearing Panel.
(c) All other documents shall be made available no later than two (2) business days after the document is filed by a party or other person with the Provincial Court of Review or issued by the Provincial Court of Review.

(d) Notwithstanding the above, the Provincial Court of Review, at its discretion and for good cause to protect any Injured Person or allegedly Injured Person, may require the redaction of documents provided for in Sec. 13(a), after consultation with the Church Attorney, the Respondent’s counsel, the Complainant’s Advisor or Complainant’s counsel, if any, and, where appropriate, the Bishop Diocesan.

Sec. 14. If at any time after a matter has been appealed to a Provincial Court of Review or is before a Provincial Court of Review pursuant to Sec. 1, an Accord is reached that ends the proceedings before the Provincial Court of Review issues an Order or issues its decision, the Bishop Diocesan shall make the Notice of Accord available to the Church and Church media as provided in Sec. 13 as well as to the Provincial Court of Review and the Hearing Panel from which the appeal was taken or about whom a request was filed pursuant to Sec. 1.

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That Canon IV.15 is hereby amended by adding new Sections 13 and 14 to read as follows and renumbering all subsequent Sections:

Sec. 13. As soon as possible, the Provincial Court of Review shall make documents available to members of the Church and the Church media as set forth in this Section. The documents shall be disseminated in such a way as to make them broadly known to members of the Church and the Church media. For a matter in which a Priest or Deacon is the Respondent, dissemination shall include, at a minimum, posting the documents on the diocesan website of the diocese that conducted the Hearing Panel proceeding. For a matter in which a Bishop is the Respondent, dissemination shall include, at a minimum, posting the documents on the websites of The Episcopal Church and of the General Convention.

(a) The documents covered by this Section are all documents filed with or issued by the Provincial Court of Review or by any party or person including but not limited to motions, briefs, affidavits, opinions, objections, decisions, notices, challenges, and Orders, including documents in a proceeding pursuant to Section 1 of this Canon.

(b) The notice under Sec. 2 shall be made available no later than ten (10) business days after the notice is received by the President of the Hearing Panel.

(c) All other documents shall be made available no later than two (2) business days after the document is filed by a party or other person with the Provincial Court of Review or issued by the Provincial Court of Review.

(d) Notwithstanding the above, the Provincial Court of Review, at its discretion and for good cause to protect any Injured Person or allegedly Injured Person, may require the redaction of documents provided for in Sec. 13(a), after consultation with the Church Attorney, the Respondent’s counsel, the Respondent’s Advisor or Complainant’s Advisor or Complainant’s counsel, if any, and, where appropriate, the Bishop Diocesan.
Sec. 14. If at any time after a matter has been appealed to a Provincial Court of Review or is before a Provincial Court of Review pursuant to Sec. 1, an Accord is reached that ends the proceedings before the Provincial Court of Review issues an Order or issues its decision, the Bishop Diocesan shall make the Notice of Accord available to the Church and Church media as provided in Sec. 13 as well as to the Provincial Court of Review and the Hearing Panel from which the appeal was taken or about whom a request was filed pursuant to Sec. 1.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #253)

The House of Deputies Committee on Safeguarding and Title IV presented its Report #28 on Resolution D079 (Clarify Orders and Sentences in Title III, Title IV, and Title V) and moved to refer the resolution to the Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons.

Original Text of Resolution:
(D079)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That Canon III.7.9 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 9. If a Deacon submitting the writing described in Section 8 of this Canon be the subject of information concerning an Offense that has been referred to an Intake Officer or a Respondent in a pending disciplinary matter as defined in Title IV of these Canons, the Ecclesiastical Authority to whom such writing is submitted shall not consider or act upon the written request unless and until the disciplinary matter shall have been resolved by a dismissal that is no longer subject to review or a Sentence pronounced pursuant to an Accord, Accord, or Order and the time for appeal or rescission of such has expired.

And be it further
Resolved, That Canon III.9.11 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 11. If a Priest submitting the writing described in Section 8 or 9 of this Canon be the subject of information concerning an Offense that has been referred to an Intake Officer or a Respondent in a pending disciplinary matter as defined in Title IV of these Canons, the Ecclesiastical Authority to whom such writing is submitted shall not consider or act upon the written request unless and until the disciplinary matter shall have been resolved by a dismissal that is no longer subject to review or a Sentence pronounced pursuant to an Accord, Accord, or Order and the time for appeal or rescission of such has expired.

And be it further
Resolved, That Canon III.12.7(c) is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 7(c) In the case of the release and removal of a Bishop from the ordained Ministry of the Church as provided in this Canon, a declaration of removal and release shall be pronounced by the Presiding Bishop in the presence of two or more Bishops, and shall be entered in the official records of the House of Bishops and of the Diocese in which the Bishop being removed and released is canonically resident. The Presiding Bishop shall give notice thereof in writing to the Secretary of the Convention and the Ecclesiastical Authority
and the Standing Committee of the Diocese in which the Bishop was canonically resident; to all Bishops of this Church, the Ecclesiastical Authority of each Diocese of this Church, the Recorder of Ordinations, the Secretary of the House of Bishops, the Secretary of the General Convention, the President of the House of Deputies, The Church Pension Fund, and the Board of Office for Transition Ministry, the Archives of The Episcopal Church, and to all Archbishops and Metropolitans, and to all Presiding Bishops of Churches in communion with this Church.

And be it further

Resolved, That Canon III.12.7(b) is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 7(b) If a Bishop submitting the writing described in Section 7(a) of this Canon be the subject of information concerning an Offense that has been referred to an Intake Officer or a Respondent in a pending disciplinary matter as defined in Title IV of these Canons, the Presiding Bishop shall not consider or act upon the written request unless and until the disciplinary matter shall have been resolved by a dismissal that is no longer subject to review or a Sentence pronounced pursuant to an Accord, Accord, or Order and the time for appeal or rescission of such has expired.

And be it further

Resolved, That Canon IV.4.1(d) is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 1(d) abide by the requirements of any applicable Sentence pronounced pursuant to an Accord or Order, or any applicable Pastoral Direction, restriction on ministry, or placement on Administrative Leave issued under Canon IV.7

And be it further

Resolved, That Canon IV.12.12 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 12. The Respondent or the Church Attorney may object to an Order issued by the Conference Panel by giving written notice of the objection to the president of the Conference Panel within fifteen days following the date on which the Order is issued. Upon receipt of the notice of objection, the president of the Conference Panel shall notify and provide copies of the notice of objection to the Bishop, president of the Disciplinary Board and the non-objecting party. The Order shall thereupon not be effective, and the president of the Disciplinary Board shall promptly notify members of the Hearing Panel and refer the matter to the Hearing Panel.

And be it further

Resolved, That Canon IV.14.5 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 5. The Bishop Diocesan shall have twenty days from the date on which the Accord is entered effective in which to advise in writing the Respondent, the Respondent’s Advisor, the Respondent’s counsel, if any, 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 twenty days following the date on which the Accord is entered effective and not later than forty 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. In the case of an Accord under Canon IV.9, the Bishop Diocesan shall pronounce Sentence not sooner than the day after the date the Accord becomes effective and irrevocable.

And be it further

Resolved, That Canon IV.14.8 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 8(a) Except for an Order from a Conference Panel to which the Respondent or Church Attorney has timely filed a notice of objection, the Bishop Diocesan shall have twenty fifteen days from the date of the issuance effectiveness 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.

(b) The Bishop Diocesan shall pronounce Sentence not sooner than twenty-five days following the issuance effectiveness of the Order and not later than forty days following the issuance effectiveness 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 Sentence.

(c) Following the receipt from the Provincial Court of Review of a notice of determination of an appeal of an Order, other than a dismissal of the matter or a direction granting a new hearing, the Bishop Diocesan shall have fifteen days 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 then pronounce Sentence not sooner than twenty-five days following the receipt of the notice of determination of the appeal and not later than forty days following such receipt.

And be it further

Resolved, That Canon IV.14.10 is hereby amended to read as follows:
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 five days following the date on which the Accord is signed by the Conciliator or the president of the Panel and sent as provided in Canon IV.14.4. An Order under Canon IV.12.11 is effective five thirty days following the date on which the Order is issued and sent to the parties required by canon.

And be it further

Resolved, That Canon IV.14.12 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 12. If there has been no objection by the Respondent or the Church Attorney to the Order(s), notice of Notice of all Sentences pronounced pursuant to Accords and Orders which have become effective 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 Sentence 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 President of the House of Deputies; to the Recorder of Ordinations; to the Office of Transition Ministry; the Archives; 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 or the president of the Disciplinary Board for Bishops shall give notice of the Accord or Order Sentence to the Secretary of Convention and the Ecclesiastical Authority and the Standing Committee of the Diocese in which the Bishop was canonically resident, to all Bishops of this Church, the Ecclesiastical Authority of every Diocese of the Church, to the Recorder of Ordinations, to the Office of for Transition Ministry, to the Church Pension Fund, to the Archives, to the President of the House of Deputies, to the Secretary of the House of Deputies, 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 this 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. In addition to setting forth the Sentence pronounced, the notice shall set forth any other terms of the Accord or Order that are accepted by the Bishop Diocesan or Presiding Bishop which place restrictions upon the exercise of the ministry of the Member of the Clergy.

(d) Similar notice shall be given whenever there is any modification or remission of any Order Sentence for which notice has previously been given pursuant to this Canon.

And be it further

Resolved, That Canon IV.15.2 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2. Within forty twenty days after issuance effectiveness 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.

And be it further
Resolved, That Canon IV.17.6 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 6. The provisions of Canons IV.14.1(d) and IV.14.6(c) pertaining to recommendations that a Respondent be admonished or 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 admonishment, suspension, or deposition of the Respondent. In such event, the Sentence of admonishment, suspension, or deposition, together with such other terms as may be contained in the Accord or Order, 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 admonishment, suspension, or deposition of a Respondent who is a Bishop, the president shall pronounce Sentence within thirty days after the date on which an Accord becomes effective pursuant to Canon IV.17.9. Where an Order provides for the admonishment, suspension, or deposition of a Respondent who is a Bishop, the president shall pronounce Sentence not sooner than forty twenty-five days following the issuance effectiveness of the Order and not later than sixty forty days following the issuance effectiveness 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. Following the receipt from the Court of Review for Bishops of a notice of determination of an appeal of an Order, other than a dismissal of the matter or a direction granting a new hearing, the president shall then pronounce Sentence not sooner than twenty-five days following the receipt of the notice of determination of the appeal and not later than forty days following such receipt.

And be it further

Resolved, That Canon IV.18 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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 a Sentence may apply to the Bishop Diocesan of the Diocese from which the Order Sentence issued, or the Presiding Bishop in the case of a Bishop, for modification or remission of the Order Sentence. 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 a Sentence pertaining to a Priest or Deacon, any provision of any Order Sentence other than a provision recommending Sentence of deposition of the Priest or Deacon may be modified or remitted by the Bishop Diocesan of the Diocese from which the Order Sentence issued with the advice and consent of two-thirds of the members of the Disciplinary Board.

Sec. 3. In the case of a Sentence of 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 Sentence 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 Sentence issued; (b) the proposed remission, with the reasons therefor, shall be submitted to the judgment of five of the Bishops Diocesan whose Dioceses are nearest to the Diocese from which the Order Sentence 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 Sentence issued, the proposed remission, with the reasons therefor, 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 a Sentence pertaining to a Bishop, any provision of the Order Sentence 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 deposition of 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 Sentence 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.

And be it further

Resolved, That Canon IV.19.3 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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 or Sentence unless otherwise expressly provided therein.

And be it further

Resolved, That Canon IV.19.10(f) is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 10(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 a Sentence implementing 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 a Sentence implementing an Accord or Order.

And be it further

Resolved, That Canon IV.19.23 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 23. Except as expressly provided in this Title, applicable Diocesan Canon, or in a Sentence implementing any Accord or Order, all costs, expenses and fees, if any, shall be the obligation of the party, person or entity incurring them.

And be it further

Resolved, That Canon IV.19.26 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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 a Sentence pursuant to such Accord or Order, or as required by any applicable law.

And be it further

Resolved, That Canon IV.19.30(b) is hereby amended to read as follows:

(b) 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 any Sentence pronounced thereon and a record of any action of remission or modification of any Order Sentence; and

(ii) provide for the permanent preservation of copies of all Accords and Orders and Sentences 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.

And be it further

Resolved, That Canon V.4.1(a)(2) is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 1(a)(2) upon any restriction on exercise of ministry, placement on Administrative Leave, or pronouncement of a Sentence pursuant to an Order or Accord, which Order or Accord includes a Sentence of Admonition, Suspension, or Deposition of upon a Member of the Clergy then serving on the body;

Motion carried
Resolution referred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #254)
Governance and Structure

The House of Deputies Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #24 on Resolution A102 (Create a Task Force on Budget Process) and moved adoption of a substitute.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A102)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention establish a Task Force to study and recreate the Budget process for the Church; that the membership of said Task Force be constituted of the Treasurer of the General Convention as an ex-officio non-voting member and three (3) bishops, five (5) clergy, and five (5) lay persons, at least four (4) of whom are current or past members of the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance, at least three (3) of whom are current or past members of the Joint Standing Committee on Finances for Mission of Executive Council and the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, and at least one (1) is a person highly knowledgeable and experienced in the structure and governance of the Church; and be it further

Resolved, That the charge of said Task Force is to:

1. Revise The Episcopal Church triennial Budget process in order to ensure transparency throughout the process, foster timely participation by the wider Church, assure General Convention's central role in setting Budget priorities and items to be funded including those adopted by General Convention, and enable effective budgeting and management for staff and programs. The work of this revision should include making recommendations to the 80th General Convention for any needed changes to Constitution, Canons, and the Joint Rules of Order, or recommendations to the Executive Council for changes in the Executive Council By-Laws. Input into these recommendations should be sought from interim bodies, church center staff, Provinces, the Executive Council, the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance and the Chief Financial Officer of the Executive Council.

2. Clarify responsibility and authority for oversight of the Budget between meetings of General Convention, including proper relationships between staff, Executive Council, the Joint Standing Committee of Program, Budget and Finance, officers and any others who may have some role in the implementation or revision of the Budget between General Conventions.

Committee Substitute:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That transparency throughout The Episcopal Church’s budget process, and timely participation in that process by the wider Church, are critical to the whole Church’s engagement in and support for the budget adopted by the General Convention; and be it further

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the General Convention, the Executive Council, the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance, and the Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons work cooperatively to examine the triennial budget process to (a) identify ways to enhance transparency throughout the process, (b) foster timely participation by the wider Church, (c) clarify the respective roles of the General Convention and the Executive Council in developing the triennial budget and its funding priorities and choices, and (d) promote effective and collaborative budgeting and management between and among all involved leadership and staff; and be it further
Resolved, That this examination conclude with a jointly prepared report published by December 31, 2019, with recommendations to the Executive Council and the 80th General Convention, including proposals for any needed revisions to the governing documents of the Church, the Executive Council and the General Convention so that the governing documents are consistent in all material respects; in preparing the report, resorting to assistance from those knowledgeable about the Joint Rules of Order of the General Convention is encouraged.

Motion carried  
Substitute resolution adopted  
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #255)

The House of Deputies Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #25 on Resolution A179 (Amend Canon I.1.2(o) - Creating Task Forces) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A179)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That Canon I.1.2(o) of the Canons of The Episcopal Church, be amended to read as follows:

CANON I.1.2

(o) At the first meeting of the Executive Council following the adjournment of a General Convention, and subject to budgeted funds available for the purpose, the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies, having reviewed the resolutions adopted by the General Convention that provide for any study or further action, shall thereupon recommend to the Executive Committee of Executive Council, the creation of such study committees and task forces as may be necessary to complete that work. Any Executive Council resolution creating a task force or study committee shall specify the size and composition, the clear and express duties assigned, the time for completion of the work assigned, to whom the body’s report is to be made, and the amount and source of the funding for the body. The members of each such body shall be jointly appointed by the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies, and the composition of such committees and task forces shall reflect the diverse voices of the Church and a balance of the Church’s orders consistent with the historic polity of the Church. Those committees and task forces so appointed shall expire at the beginning of the next General Convention following, unless reappointed by the Presiding Bishop and President of the House of Deputies and reauthorized by the Executive Council.

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That Canon I.1.2(o) of the Canons of The Episcopal Church, be amended to read as follows:

CANON I.1.2

(o) At the first meeting of the Executive Council following the adjournment of a General Convention, and subject to budgeted funds available for the purpose, the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies, having reviewed the resolutions adopted by the General Convention that provide for any study or further action, shall thereupon
recommend to the Executive Committee of Executive Council, the creation of such study committees and task forces as may be necessary to complete that work. Any Executive Council resolution creating a task force or study committee shall specify the size and composition, the clear and express duties assigned, the time for completion of the work assigned, to whom the body's report is to be made, and the amount and source of the funding for the body. The members of each such body shall be jointly appointed by the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies, and the composition of such committees and task forces shall reflect the diverse voices of the Church and a balance of the Church’s orders consistent with the historic polity of the Church. Those committees and task forces so appointed shall expire at the beginning of the next General Convention following, unless reappointed by the Presiding Bishop and President of the House of Deputies and reauthorized by the Executive Council.

**Motion carried**

**Resolution adopted with amendment**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #256)

The House of Deputies Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #26 on Resolution D093 (Representative Planning Teams) and moved adoption with amendment.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(D093)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention direct The Episcopal Church that all liturgical and worship planning for church-wide programs, events and meetings, including but not limited to General Convention, be representative in team membership and execution of the racial and ethnic diversity of The Episcopal Church; and be it further

Resolved, That dioceses be encouraged to ensure that all liturgical and worship planning for diocese-wide events be representative in team membership and execution of racial and ethnic diversity of the diocese.

**Committee Amendment:**

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention direct The Episcopal Church that all liturgical and worship planning teams for church-wide programs, events and meetings, including but not limited to General Convention, be representative in team membership and that worship and worship leadership reflect execution of the racial and ethnic diversity of The Episcopal Church; and be it further

Resolved, That dioceses be encouraged to ensure that all liturgical and worship planning teams, worship, and worship leadership for diocese-wide events be representative in team membership and execution of the racial and ethnic diversity of the diocese.

**Motion carried**

**Resolution adopted with amendment**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #257)
The House of Deputies Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #28 on Resolution D067 (Bias-Free and Expansive Language for God and Humanity) and moved adoption with amendment.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(D067)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention acknowledge that “bias-free language respects all cultures, peoples, and religions” (SBL Handbook of Style sec. 4.3.1) and encourage the use of inclusive and expansive language for both God and humanity; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention in the spirit of effective evangelism and proclamation of the Gospel affirm the use of “bias-free language” defined by the principles below:

- Eliminate the perception of conscious or unconscious bias by the distracting use of biased language when not central to the meaning of the text.
- Avoid the generic use of masculine nouns and pronouns which is increasingly unacceptable in current English usage.
- Avoid the use of language that perpetuates stereotypes based on characteristics such as race, ethnicity, disability, sexual orientation, and gender identity or expression.
- Avoid the assignment of gender to God, except when required by the text.
- Respect all cultures, peoples, and religions by sensitivity to the uncritical use of biblical characterizations such as “the Jews” or “the Pharisees” that can perpetuate religious and ethnic stereotypes.
- Structure sentences to communicate clearly while using gender-neutral language, for example:
  - Omit the pronoun.
  - Repeat the noun.
  - Use a plural antecedent.
  - Use an article instead of a pronoun.
  - Use the neutral singular pronoun “one.”
  - Use the relative pronoun “who.”
  - Use the imperative mood;

And be it further

Resolved, That Executive Council, the Office of General Convention and the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society and all its employees shall follow these guidelines in all communications; and be it further Resolved, That the 79th General Convention exhort Episcopalians, dioceses and congregations, and institutions and organizations affiliated with The Episcopal Church to follow these guidelines in all communications.

**Committee Amendment:**

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention acknowledges as has the Society of Biblical Literature Book of Style, that “bias-free language respects all cultures, peoples, and religions” (SBL Handbook of Style sec. 4.3.1) and encourages the use of inclusive and expansive language for both God and humanity; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention in the spirit of effective evangelism and proclamation of the Gospel affirm the use of “bias-free language” defined by the principles below:

- Eliminate the perception of conscious or unconscious bias by the distracting use of biased language when not central to the meaning of the text.
- Avoid the generic use of masculine nouns and pronouns which is increasingly unacceptable in current English usage.
Avoid the use of language that perpetuates stereotypes based on characteristics such as race, ethnicity, disability, sexual orientation, and gender identity or expression.

Avoid the assignment of gender to God, except when required by the text.

Respect all cultures, peoples, and religions by sensitivity to the uncritical use of biblical characterizations such as “the Jews” or “the Pharisees” that can perpetuate religious and ethnic stereotypes.

Structure sentences to communicate clearly while using gender-neutral language, for example:

- Omit the pronoun.
- Repeat the noun.
- Use a plural antecedent.
- Use an article instead of a pronoun.
- Use the neutral singular pronoun “one.”
- Use the relative pronoun “who.”
- Use the imperative mood;

And be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention urges that the Executive Council, the Office of General Convention and the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society and all its employees shall give priority to using these guidelines in all published communications; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention exhort Episcopalians, dioceses, and congregations, and institutions, and organizations affiliated with the Episcopal Church to follow these guidelines in all published communications.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #258)

The House of Deputies Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #27 on Resolution D094 (Fellowship for Non-domestic Diocese) and moved to refer the resolution to Executive Council.

Original Text of Resolution:

(D094)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That in order to aid each deputation from non-domestic dioceses to exercise their prophetic voice in and for The Episcopal Church and its General Convention, that the sum of $500,000 be allocated as a fellowship for the benefit of elected members of the House of Deputies, residing outside of the United States; and be it further

Resolved, That these fellowships be available to individual deputies duly elected for non-domestic dioceses, in need of financial assistance and/or to cover all visa or travel document requirements, transportation, lodging, and reasonable per diem to ensure full participation of deputies not resident in the United States; and be it further
Resolved, That these funds shall be made available for up to four ordained persons, Presbyters or Deacons, and four Lay Persons, domiciled outside of the United States as well as one ordained and one lay alternate; and be it further

Resolved, That these funds will be made available at each General Convention beginning in the 2018-2021 Triennium.

Motion carried
Resolution referred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #259)

Safeguarding and Title IV

The House of Deputies Committee on Safeguarding and Title IV presented its Report #38 on Resolution A132 (Amend Canon IV.14 Notice of Accords) and moved to refer the resolution to the Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A132)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That Canon IV.14 be amended as follows:

Sec. 4. In the case of any Accord that has become effective:

(a) A copy of the Accord shall be sent to the Complainant, the Complainant’s Advisor, the Complainant’s counsel, if any, the Respondent, the Respondent’s Advisor, the Respondent’s counsel, if any, the Church Attorney, the president of the Disciplinary Board, and the Bishop Diocesan by the Conciliator or the president of the Conference Panel (whichever the matter was before when the Accord was reached), the Presiding Bishop, the President of the House of Deputies and the Secretary of the General Convention on the date on which the Accord is signed.

(b) If the Accord was reached between the Bishop Diocesan and Respondent under Canon IV.9, the Bishop Diocesan shall send a copy of the Accord to the president of the panel to which the matter is assigned and the persons listed in this Section subsection (a), above, on the date the Accord becomes effective and irrevocable.

(c) in the case of any Accord pertaining to a Bishop, the Presiding Bishop shall provide a full and complete copy of the Accord to (i) in the case of a Bishop Diocesan, Bishop Suffragan serving under Article II.5, or Bishop serving under Canon III.13, to the Standing Committee of that Diocese, (ii) in the case of a Bishop Suffragan, Bishop Coadjutor, or Assistant Bishop, to the Bishop Diocesan and the Standing Committee of that Diocese.

Sec. 5. The Bishop Diocesan shall have twenty days from the date on which the Accord is entered in which to advise in writing the Respondent, the Respondent’s Advisor, the Respondent’s counsel, if any, 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 twenty days following the date on which the Accord is entered and not later than forty days following such date. The Bishop Diocesan’s pronunciation of a lesser Sentence than that recommended or other modification shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the remainder of the Accord. In the case of an Accord under Canon IV.9, the Bishop Diocesan shall pronounce Sentence not sooner than the day after the date the Accord becomes effective and irrevocable.

And be it further

Resolved, That a new Section 12 be added to Canon IV.14 and successive sections renumbered:

Sec. 12. In the case of any Order issued by a Conference Panel, Hearing Panel or a Provincial Court of Review or Court of Review for Bishops:

(a) a copy of the Order shall be sent to the Complainant, the Complainant’s Advisor, the Complainant’s counsel, if any, the Respondent, the Respondent’s Advisor, the Respondent’s counsel, if any, the Church Attorney, the president of the Disciplinary Board, the Presiding Bishop, the President of the House of Deputies and the Secretary of the General Convention on the date on which the Order is signed; and

(b) in the case of any Order pertaining to a Bishop, the President of the Disciplinary Board for Bishops shall provide a full and complete copy of the Order (i) in the case of a Bishop Diocesan, Bishop Suffragan serving under Article II.5, or Bishop serving under Canon III.13, to the Standing Committee of any Diocese in which they are serving, and (ii) in the case of a Bishop Suffragan, Bishop Coadjutor, or Assistant Bishop, to the Bishop Diocesan and the Standing Committee of any Diocese in which they are serving.

And be it further

Resolved, That Canon IV.14.12 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 12. If there has been no objection by the Respondent or the Church Attorney to the Order(s), notice of Accords and Orders which have become effective shall be given without delay as follows:

(a) In the case of any Accord or Order that has become effective and that contains a Restriction on Ministry or a Sentence 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 President of the House of Deputies; to the Recorder of Ordinations; to the Archives; to the Secretary of the House of Bishops; to the Secretary of the House of Deputies; to the Secretary of the General Convention; to the Church Pension Fund; and to the Office of Transition Ministry; the Archives; and to the Secretary of the
House of Bishops and the Secretary of the House of Deputies. If the Priest or Deacon is canonically resident in a Diocese other than the Diocese in which the matter is being heard, the Bishop Diocesan of the Diocese of canonical residence shall also 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.

(b) In the case of any Accord or Order that has become effective and that contains a Restriction on Ministry or a Sentence 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 Standing Committees of every Diocese of the Church, to the Recorder of Ordinations, to the Office of Transition Ministry, and to the Secretary of the House of Bishops, to the President of the House of Deputies, to the Secretary of the General Convention, to the Archives, and to the Office of Transition Ministry and to all Archbishops and Metropolitans, and to all Presiding Bishops of Churches in communion with this Church.

(c) In the case of any Accord or Order that has become effective and that contains a Sentence of Suspension or Deposition pertaining to a Bishop, the Presiding Bishop shall give notice of the Accord or Order to those parties listed in subsection (b), above, and to all Archbishops, Metropolitans, Presiding Bishops and heads of Churches in full communion with this Church.

(d) 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.

(e) 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.

Governance and Structure

The House of Deputies Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #37 on Resolution A103 (Amend Joint Rules, Section VII) and moved adoption of a substitute.

Original Text of Resolution

(A103)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention amend the Joint Rules of Order of the House of Bishops and House of Deputies, Section VII, as follows:

Insert:

21. The Joint Standing Committee on Nominations will perform background checks on its potential nominees for Secretary of the General Convention and Treasurer of the General Convention.
Convention. These background checks will be done prior to nomination of candidates for those offices and information received will be used by the Joint Standing Committee in their deliberations to select and nominate candidate(s). Information from background checks will be shared with the subject of the background check, but otherwise not be shared beyond the Joint Standing Committee and its legal advisors. The Joint Standing Committee will perform background checks on nominees or potential nominees to the President of the House of Deputies and the Vice President of the House of Deputies. The results of these background checks will be shared with the subject of the background checks and with the appropriate nominating committee, if there is one. These background checks will cover criminal records checks and sexual offender registry checks in any state where the potential nominee has resided during the past seven (7) years, an FBI Fingerprint check, any appropriate professional bodies which might discipline members for violations of ethical or fiduciary conduct and any violations of state or federal securities laws. Potential nominees from outside the United States will have records checks completed to cover the same information with the appropriate bodies where they reside.

22. The Joint Standing Committee on Nominations will develop, and periodically review and update, an application form for those being nominated for Executive Council, Trustee of the Church Pension Fund, and other offices it deems appropriate that will include self-disclosure questions regarding convictions of any crime (other than minor traffic offenses or juvenile offenses), convictions of driving under the influence of alcohol or other drugs, registration as a sexual offender, current or past protective or restraining orders against the nominee, violations of securities laws, disciplinary restrictions by a professional organization or agency, any current unresolved charges pending in any of these areas and the opportunity for the potential nominee to explain any matters disclosed.

And be it further

Resolved, That succeeding sections be renumbered accordingly.

Committee Substitute

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention amend the Joint Rules of Order of the House of Bishops and House of Deputies, Section VII, as follows:

Insert:

21. (a) The Joint Standing Committee on Nominations, through the Office of the Secretary of General Convention, will secure background checks on its and any other nominees for Secretary of the General Convention, Treasurer of the General Convention, President of the House of Deputies, Vice President of the House of Deputies, Executive Council, and Trustee of The Church Pension Fund. These background checks will cover criminal records checks and sexual offender registry checks in any state where a proposed nominee has resided during the prior seven (7) years, any appropriate professional licensing bodies with jurisdiction over a nominee’s professional status and any violations of state or federal securities or banking laws. The records checks of proposed nominees from outside the United States will cover the same information from comparable authorities in the place of principal residence of the proposed nominee.

(b) The required background check will be done prior to accepting a proposed nomination.
(c) Background check results will be reviewed by the Office of the Secretary of General Convention. If that Office, after consultation with the Chief Legal Officer, determines that the results should preclude a person from holding the office sought, the Office shall share the determination with the proposed nominee and remit that determination, but not the background check results, to the nominating authority. Background check information shall not be shared beyond the Office of the Secretary of General Convention, the Chief Legal Officer, and proposed nominees who request their own information. The cost of background checks under this rule shall be covered by the General Convention budget.

22. Any person desiring to be nominated for any of the offices of the Secretary of the General Convention, Treasurer of the General Convention, President of the House of Deputies, Vice President of the House of Deputies, Executive Council, and Trustee of The Church Pension Fund shall, at a time determined by the Joint Standing Committee on Nominations, but no later than four (4) months prior to the start of General Convention, submit the person’s application to the Joint Standing Committee on Nominations for the purpose of submitting to a background check.

Motion carried
Substitute resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #288)

End of Consent Calendar

The Episcopal Church in Cuba

The House of Deputies Committee on The Episcopal Church in Cuba presented its Report #2 on HB Message #143 on Resolution A238 (Admit Episcopal Diocese of Cuba as a Diocese of The Episcopal Church) and moved concurrence.

The President asked for a moment of silence prior to the vote.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #206)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A238)

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention, accepting with joy the request of the sisters and brothers of La Iglesia Episcopal de Cuba, and welcoming the prospect of restoring the relationship between The Episcopal Church and La Iglesia Episcopal de Cuba, admit it to The Episcopal Church and recognize it as a Diocese in union with General Convention, to be effective as set forth in this resolution; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention acknowledges that, while Article V, Section 1 of the Constitution does not expressly provide for creation of a new Diocese from an existing Anglican Communion Diocese, neither does it expressly limit or forbid General Convention from doing so; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention laments the actions of the House of Bishops of The Episcopal Church in 1966 that led to the precipitous and painful separation of The Episcopal Church and La Iglesia Episcopal de Cuba; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention commends the diligence of La Iglesia Episcopal de Cuba in completing the following actions set forth by the Episcopal Church Task Force on Cuba, established by
Resolution 2015-B003: drafted changes to the Constitution and Canons of La Iglesia Episcopal de Cuba; sent the changed Constitution and Canons to the Metropolitan Council; pledged in writing to conform with these expectations (submit an annual Diocesan Parochial Report to the Office of The Episcopal Church, pay an Assessment to The Episcopal Church, and provide a complete accounting of the financial assistance received from The Episcopal Church); provided education for clergy and laity about The Episcopal Church, Constitution and Canons, and the workings of General Convention; provided a proposed annual budget to The Episcopal Church; provided Church Pension Fund with accurate reporting about active clergy and years of service, and retired clergy who are already in the Pension Fund; convened an Extraordinary Synod on May 11, 2018 to designate the choice of a province; and sent members to visit at the 79th General Convention; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention recognize that La Iglesia Episcopal de Cuba has agreed to undertake all responsibilities pertaining to diocesan membership in The Episcopal Church as provided in the Constitution and Canons, including, but not limited to, fully conforming its constitution and canons to the provisions of the Constitution and Canons of The Episcopal Church; submitting annual diocesan parochial reports; contributing annually to the assessment for the budget of The Episcopal Church; and reporting fully on any financial assistance it receives from the such budget; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention express its deep gratitude to the Anglican Church of Canada for its long and continuing support for La Iglesia Episcopal de Cuba; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention call upon the dioceses, congregations and members of The Episcopal Church to acquaint themselves with the ministries of La Iglesia Episcopal de Cuba, to work in harmony and companionship with La Iglesia Episcopal de Cuba for evangelism, mutual understanding, and the full expression of God's mission, and to consider ways in which they can be in relationship and partnership with La Iglesia Episcopal de Cuba going forward; and be it further

Resolved, That the acceptance of the Diocese of Cuba into union with the General Convention shall become effective on such date as the Executive Council adopts a resolution accepting and approving a certification to it by the Secretary of the General Convention that he has received from the Diocese of Cuba the following:

(1) A certified copy of the Constitution of the Diocese that contains an unqualified accession to the Constitution and Canons of The Episcopal Church and otherwise conforms in essential part to such Constitution and Canons;

(2) A certified copy of the Canons of the Diocese that conform in essential part to the Constitution and Canons of The Episcopal Church;

(3) An annual diocesan parochial report as required by Canon I.6 for the last full year prior to compliance with this resolution;

(4) A commitment by the Diocese to a contribution to the budget of The Episcopal Church for the year in which the Diocese is to come into union with the General Convention;

(5) An accounting of any funds received by the Diocese from the General Convention budget in the last full year prior to compliance with this resolution; and

(6) Evidence that all clergy in the Diocese have complied with the requirements of Canon III.10 and Article IX of the Constitution.

And be it further

Resolved, That, following such effective date,

(1) The Diocese of Cuba shall take such steps as shall be required by the Constitution and Canons of The Episcopal Church for the Bishop Diocesan of the Diocese of Cuba to be received as a Bishop of The Episcopal Church;
(2) The General Convention designates the Diocese of Cuba to be added to the Second Province of The Episcopal Church;

(3) The Diocese of Cuba shall be entitled to all rights pertaining to membership in The Episcopal Church as provided in the Constitution and Canons, including, but not limited to, seat, voice, and vote in the House of Bishops and in the House of Deputies, in accordance with the rules of those Houses.

And be it further

Resolved, That the Bishop Diocesan of La Iglesia Episcopal de Cuba upon passage of this Resolution be eligible to participate in the House of Bishops consistent with its rules of order; and be it further

Resolved, That immediately upon the close of business of the 79th General Convention, the active clergy of La Iglesia Episcopal de Cuba shall become eligible to participate going forward in the International Clergy Pension Plan (ICPP) and its related plans, which will be administered by the Church Pension Fund (CPF) consistent with the terms of the ICPP, an administration agreement between La Iglesia Episcopal de Cuba and CPF, and applicable law, including the receipt of any necessary licenses from the Office of Foreign Assets Control or any other applicable governmental authority; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention direct The Episcopal Church, together with La Iglesia Episcopal de Cuba and other potential ministry partners, in consultation with CPF, to collaborate on a plan to fund the past service liability accrued by the active clergy of La Iglesia Episcopal de Cuba; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention support the formation of a 3-year interim body to accompany La Iglesia Episcopal de Cuba and The Episcopal Church as they fully reunify; said body would consist of eight members, four from La Iglesia Episcopal de Cuba and four from The Episcopal Church jointly appointed by the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies, to facilitate complete reunification of life, ministry, and mission; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention reaffirm the principle that dioceses of this church that are not located within the United States may seek autonomy according to the procedures set forth in Resolution A235 of the 1991 General Convention or may join other provinces of 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 $400,000 for ministry and mission of La Iglesia Episcopal de Cuba and $50,000 for the interim body’s work for the implementation of this resolution.

The bishop and delegation of Cuba were welcomed to the House. The Bishop of Cuba delivered remarks to the House thanking them for concurring with the House of Bishops. She requested the House stand in honor of the faithful people of the Episcopal Church in Cuba.

The President moved to suspend the rules to grant seat and voice to the delegation of Cuba immediately.

Motion carried
Rules suspended
Governance and Structure

The House of Deputies Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #19 on Resolution A111 (Amend Article V of the Constitution) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A111)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That Article V of the Constitution be amended as follows:

Sec. 1. A new Diocese may be formed, with the consent of the General Convention and under such conditions as the General Convention shall prescribe by General Canon or Canons, (1) by the division of an existing Diocese; (2) by the junction of two or more Dioceses or of parts of two or more Dioceses; or (3) by the erection into a Diocese of an unorganized area evangelized as provided in Article VI. The proceedings shall originate in a Convocation of the Clergy and Laity of the unorganized area called by the Bishop Ecclesiastical Authority for that purpose; or, with the approval of the Bishop Ecclesiastical Authority, in the Convention of the Diocese to be divided; or (when it is proposed to form a new Diocese by the junction of two or more existing Dioceses or of parts of two or more Dioceses) by mutual agreement of the Conventions of the Dioceses concerned, with the approval of the Bishop Ecclesiastical Authority of each Diocese. In case the Episcopate of a Diocese be vacant, no proceedings toward its division shall be taken until the vacancy is filled. After consent of the General Convention, when a certified copy of the duly adopted Constitution of the new Diocese, including an unqualified accession to the Constitution and Canons of this Church, shall have been filed with the Secretary of the General Convention and approved by the Executive Council of this Church, such new Diocese shall thereupon be in union with the General Convention.

Ballot #4 - Vote by Orders

A Vote by Orders was taken on Resolution A111.

Results of Ballot #4: Vote By Orders of Resolution A111

The President read the results of Ballot #4.

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Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #213)

Racial Justice and Reconciliation

The House of Deputies Committee on Racial Justice and Reconciliation presented its Report #1 on HB Message #32 on Resolution D002 (Funding the Work of the Beloved Community) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #280)
Final Text of Resolution:

(D002)

Resolved, That the General Convention request that the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance allocate $5.0 million for the triennium for the implementation of additional work of organizing our efforts to respond to racial injustice and grow a Beloved Community of healers, justice makers and reconcilers for the implementation of this resolution; and be it further

Resolved, That such monies shall be utilized exclusively to make grants to agencies and dioceses and other affiliated entities of The Episcopal Church for the establishment of such programmatic activities aimed at addressing the issue of Racial Reconciliation. Such activities may include, but not be limited to, speaker series, sacred conversations, Racial Reconciliation Workshops, and other activities that promote the purposes of this resolution; and be it further

Resolved, That this General Convention directs, consistent with established policies and procedures, that the Executive Council be charged with the establishment of all criteria, and procedures associated with the awarding of such grants, and that such criteria and procedures be established as soon as practical, after the conclusion of this 79th General Convention such Committee or Office that Executive Council shall designate with implementation of the grants shall have published the criteria and be ready to accept applications submitted for such grants, and that the entities receiving such grants shall report back to the Committee or Office that Executive Council shall have designated on the usage of its grant, and that the Executive Council shall report back to the General Convention in 2021 on the usage of the $5.0 million allocation.

Motion to Recall

Deputy Ambos of New Jersey moved to recall Resolution D083 (Amend Canon III.10.2) from committee for immediate consideration in the House.

Debate ensued.

The President informed the House that Resolution D083 had not yet been translated and, thus, it would be inappropriate to consider in the House at this time.

Deputy Ambos of New Jersey withdrew his motion in light of the lack of translation.

Ministry

The House of Deputies Committee on Ministry presented its Report #5 on HB Message #55 on Resolution C060 (Breaking the Episcopal Stained Glass Ceiling) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #224)

Final Text of Resolution:

(C060)

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church authorize a task force with a membership of twelve members consisting of 3 bishops, 3 priests or deacons and 6 lay persons, including at least two young adults, appointed by the President of the House of Deputies and Presiding Bishop, of which women shall compose at least half of the membership, to research sexism in The Episcopal Church, and the role it plays in pay equity, status, and gender-based harassment. The task
force shall report back to the 80th General Convention of the Episcopal Church with a plan to provide materials and resources to combat sexism in the Church; and be it further

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

Rules of Order

The House of Deputies Committee on Rules of Order presented its Report #8 on Resolution D087 (Parents Nursing or Bottle-Feeding Children) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:

(D087)

Resolved, That the House of Deputies Rules of Order IV(A) is hereby amended as follows:

(A) Floor Privileges. No one will be admitted to the floor except Deputies, officers of the House, and:

(1) the Treasurer of the General Convention;
(2) other persons authorized by the President or Secretary, to assist in the conduct of the business of the House;
(3) other persons invited or authorized by the President;
(4) infants under one year of age with a parent or guardian who is a deputy, with space provided to permit feeding while on the floor and access to voting while feeding; however, a nursing parent will not be asked to wear a cover or move to the designated feeding area;
(5) children over one year old who require nursing or bottle-feeding; provided that children are permitted only while feeding; a nursing parent will not be asked to wear a cover or move to the designated feeding area;
(6) caregivers of children, to bring a child to a feeding parent when the child needs to be fed, escorted in and out as directed by the President.

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, That the House of Deputies Rules of Order IV(A) is hereby amended as follows:

(A) Floor Privileges. No one will be admitted to the floor except Deputies, officers of the House, and:

(1) the Treasurer of the General Convention;
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(3) other persons invited or authorized by the President;
(4) infants under one year of age with a parent or guardian who is a deputy, with space provided to permit feeding while on the floor and access to voting while feeding; however, a nursing parent will not be asked to wear a cover or move to the designated feeding area;
while feeding; however, a nursing parent will not be asked to wear a cover or move to the designated feeding area.

(5) children over one-year-old who require nursing or bottle-feeding only while feeding; provided that children are permitted only while feeding; a nursing parent will not be asked to wear a cover or move to the designated feeding area;

(6) caregivers of children, to bring a child to a feeding parent when the child needs to be fed, escorted in and out as directed by the President.

And be it further

Resolved, That the House of Deputies Rules of Order IV is hereby amended to create section (G) as follows:

(G) Child Care Accommodations. Space will be provided to permit nursing or bottle-feeding while on the floor and access to voting while in the area. A nursing parent will not be asked to wear a cover or move to the designated feeding area.

A vote was taken on resolution Do87.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #227)

Final Text of Resolution:

Resolved, That the House of Deputies Rules of Order IV(A) is hereby amended as follows:

(A) Floor Privileges. No one will be admitted to the floor except Deputies, officers of the House, and:

(1) the Treasurer of the General Convention;

(2) other persons authorized by the President or Secretary, to assist in the conduct of the business of the House;

(3) other persons invited or authorized by the President;

(4) infants under one year of age with a parent or guardian who is a deputy;

(5) children over one-year-old who require nursing or bottle-feeding only while feeding;

(6) caregivers of children, to bring a child to a feeding parent when the child needs to be fed, escorted in and out as directed by the President.

And be it further

Resolved, That the House of Deputies Rules of Order IV is hereby amended to create section (G) as follows:

(G) Child Care Accommodations. Space will be provided to permit nursing or bottle-feeding while on the floor and access to voting while in the area. A nursing parent will not be asked to wear a cover or move to the designated feeding area.
Constitution and Canons

The House of Deputies Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #19 on HB Message #68 on Resolution A175 (Amend Article II.7 - Second Reading) and moved concurrence.

Ballot #5 - Vote by Orders

A Vote by Orders was taken on Resolution A175.

Ballot #5 taken by orders

Results of Ballot #5: Vote By Orders of Resolution A175

The President read the results of Ballot #5.

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Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #241)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A175)

Resolved, That the Constitution of the General Convention Article II.7 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 7. It shall be lawful for the House of Bishops to elect a Suffragan Bishop who, under the direction of the Presiding Bishop, shall be in charge of the work of those persons of this Church who serve as chaplains in the Armed Forces of the United States and such other agencies as may be specified by the Presiding Bishop, Veterans' Administration Medical Centers, and Federal Correctional Institutions who are ordained Ministers of this Church. The Suffragan Bishop so elected shall be consecrated and hold office under such conditions and limitations other than those provided in this Article as may be provided by Canons of the General Convention. The Suffragan Bishop shall be eligible for election as Bishop or Bishop Coadjutor or Suffragan Bishop of a Diocese.

[Ed. Note: The committee authorized to resolve issues with Constitution and Canon amendments ruled that resolution A175 could not be implemented as the language was not exactly the same as in the first reading.]

Motion to Postpone

The President moved to postpone consideration on Resolution A176.

Motion carried
Consideration postponed

[Ed. Note: The final vote on resolution A176 was taken on July 13, 2018 (Day 9).]
Privilege and Courtesy

The House of Deputies Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #12 on Resolution A200 (Congratulations to the Widows Corporations) and moved adoption. Resolution A200 is a substitute for Resolutions C010, C011, and C016.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #230)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A200)

Resolved, That the House of Deputies of the 79th General Convention extend its warmest congratulations to the Corporation for the Relief of the Widows and Children of Clergy in the Communion of the Church of England in America and its 21 successors, now commonly known as the Widows Corporations of New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania, upon the 250th Anniversary of its founding in 1769, as well as to those similar Corporations that were established subsequently; and be it further

Resolved, That this Convention recognize the extraordinary ministry not only to the widows, but also to the families of clergy carried out by the Widows Corporations for these two and one-half centuries of service.

The House of Deputies Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #13 on Resolution A199 (Give Thanks to the Staff, Legislative Leadership, and Ministers of Hospitality and Organization) and moved adoption.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #234)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A199)

Resolved, That the House of Deputies of the 79th General Convention give thanks to the General Convention staff, Legislative Committee Chairs, Co-Chairs, Secretaries, Aides, Liaisons, Technicians, Translators, and ASL Interpreters; and be it further

Resolved, That our appreciation extends to the many disciples from the Diocese of Texas and the entire Episcopal Church for their ministry of hospitality as they registered, assisted, and informed attendees, always with a friendly smile and a helpful greeting.

Safeguarding and Title IV

The House of Deputies Committee on Safeguarding and Title IV presented its Report #23 on Resolution A120 (Amend IV.19.30 to Create Discipline Database, Amend III.12.7(c) and IV.13.11) and moved adoption with amendment.
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention hereby amends Canon IV.19.30 to read as follows by the addition of the following subsection:

(d) The Archives of the Episcopal Church (the “Administrator”) shall create, administer and maintain a limited access secure central database registry to track data pertinent to proceedings under this Title (the “Database”) for the purpose of providing data and statistical information to assist in the furtherance of policymaking, education, ministry, and other governance objectives of the Church (collectively the “Database Purposes”).

(i) Database shall only include disciplinary matters under this Title that are referred to the Reference Panel pursuant to Canon IV.6.6 or IV.6.7.

(2) The Diocese, Disciplinary Board, Church Attorney and Respondent (or Respondent’s Advisor) as applicable shall complete and submit forms to the best of their knowledge, including questionnaires as proscribed and created by the Standing Commission on Structure Governance Constitution and Canons or its successor standing commission in consultation with the Administrator and Chief Legal Officer.

(3) The Database shall not contain: (i) the personal identifying information of the Respondents, Injured Persons, or witnesses; (ii) Privileged Communications; or (iii) other information that would be otherwise prohibited from disclosure under this Title or other applicable law.

(4) The Administrator shall make the Database accessible to the Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons, Chief Legal Officer, and Executive Council. The Administrator will also make the Database accessible to other Church governance bodies or other Church officials provided that such bodies and officials are seeking to use the Database in furtherance of the Database Purposes and have received the approval of the Executive Council and the Chief Legal Officer of the Church. From time to time the Executive Council or the Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons may publish statistical information and other reports derived in from the Database provided that such publication is consistent with this canon.

And be it further

Resolved, That Canon III.12.7(c) is hereby amended as follows:

(c) In the case of the release and removal of a Bishop from the ordained Ministry of the Church as provided in this Canon, a declaration of removal and release shall be pronounced by the Presiding Bishop in the presence of two or more Bishops, and shall be entered in the official records of the House of Bishops and of the Diocese in which the Bishop being removed and released is canonically resident. The Presiding Bishop shall give notice thereof in writing to the Secretary of the Convention and the Ecclesiastical Authority and the Standing Committee of the Diocese in which the Bishop was canonically resident, to all Bishops of this Church, the Ecclesiastical Authority of each Diocese of this Church, the Recorder, the Secretary of the House of Bishops, the Secretary of the General Convention,
And be it further

Resolves, That Canon IV.13.11 be amended as follows:

Sec. 11. 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, and a record copy of the Order shall be kept by transmitting a copy to The Archives of the Episcopal Church.

And be it further

Resolves, That the 79th General Convention request the Joint Standing Commission on Program, Budget, and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $25,000 to provide for the creation of the database.

Committee Amendment:

Resolves, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention hereby amends Canon IV.19.30 to read as follows by the addition of the following subsection:

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(3) The Database shall not contain: (i) the personal identifying information of the Respondents, Complainants, Injured Persons, or witnesses; (ii) Privileged Communications; or (iii) other information that would be otherwise prohibited from disclosure under this Title or other applicable law.

(4) The Administrator shall make reports from the Database accessible to the Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons, Chief Legal Officer, Office of Pastoral Development, and Executive Council. The Administrator will also make reports from the Database accessible to other Church governance bodies or other Church officials provided that such bodies and officials are seeking to use reports from the Database in furtherance of the Database Purposes and have received the approval of the Executive Council.
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And be it further

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And be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention request the Joint Standing Commission on Program, Budget, and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $25,000 to provide for the creation of the database.

Deputy Bohner of Delaware moved to refer the resolution back to its originating committee. 

Motion defeated

A vote was taken on Resolution A120.

Motion carried

Resolution adopted with amendment

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #240)

Personal Privilege

Deputy Floburg of North Dakota spoke to the House about The Episcopal Church flag from the Sioux Nation that was flown at Standing Rock. The flag was displayed at the table of the deputation of North Dakota.
Presentation
The President awarded the House of Deputies Medal to Deputy Floburg for his distinguished service in the House and for his work at Standing Rock.

Announcements
The Secretary read the announcements.

Recess
Following announcements, the President announced the House would stand in recess until the Joint Session at 2:15 p.m. The House will reconvene at 3:30 p.m. following the Joint Session.
Reconvene
The Presiding Bishop called the Joint Session to Order at 2:22 p.m.

Prayers
The Presiding Bishop led the Joint Session in prayer.

Joint Session for the Presentation by the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance
The Presiding Bishop called on the Chair of the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance, Deputy Miles of Washington; and its Vice-Chair, the Bishop of Maine, who presented their report. As part of their report, Deputy Miles expressed the Committee's recommendation that the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance have a larger role in the creation of the budget alongside the Executive Council during the triennium.

Following the time set aside for questions, the Presiding Bishop thanked the members of the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance for their hard work.

Announcements
The Secretary read the announcements.

Recess
The Presiding Bishop adjourned the Joint Session at 3:15 p.m.
AFTERNOON SESSION

Reconvene

The President called the House to Order at 3:47 p.m.

Prayers

The President called on the Chaplain for prayers.

Certification of Deputies

The House of Deputies Committee on Credentials presented its Report #10 for the afternoon session of the Seventh Legislative Day. There were 424 clerical deputies and 419 lay deputies certified and seated, bringing the total count of the House to 843, representing 110 dioceses in the clerical order and 110 in the lay order. The number of votes for a motion to prevail by a simple majority was 422. The number of votes for a motion to prevail by a two-thirds majority was 562. The number of dioceses for a motion requiring a Vote By Orders to prevail was 56 in the lay order and 56 in the clerical order. The number of dioceses for a motion requiring a Vote By Orders to prevail by a two-thirds majority was 74 in the lay order and 74 in the clerical order. There was 1 new deputy certified and 80 changes in deputation on this day, as follows:

Newly certified deputies:

Sarah Watkins, Diocese of Texas

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The Secretary moved that the report be accepted.  

\textit{Motion carried}

\textit{Report accepted}

\textbf{Messages from the House of Bishops}

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

\begin{itemize}
  \item \textit{HB Message \#177:} D016 (Seeking Truth, Reconciliation and Restoration) Concurred
  \item \textit{HB Message \#178:} A196 (Fund a Full-time Evangelism Staff Officer) Concurred
  \item \textit{HB Message \#179:} C054 (Inclusion of Transgender People) Concurred
  \item \textit{HB Message \#180:} A147 (Pilot Board for Episcopal Transitions) Concurred
  \item \textit{HB Message \#181:} A173 (Amend Canon I.2.1(a-f)) Concurred
  \item \textit{HB Message \#182:} D019 (Ending Church Complicity in the Occupation) Not Concurred
  \item \textit{HB Message \#183:} A230 (Deploiring the Sin of Scapegoating in Politics) Adopted with Amendment
  \item \textit{HB Message \#184:} C009 (Becoming A Sanctuary Church) Adopted with Amendment
  \item \textit{HB Message \#185:} A221 (Collaboration and Networking) Adopted with Amendment
  \item \textit{HB Message \#186:} A283 (Multicultural Liturgies for Occasional Services) Adopted
  \item \textit{HB Message \#187:} A056 (Create Task Force on the Theology of Social Justice Advocacy as Christian Justice) Adopted with Amendment
  \item \textit{HB Message \#188:} C005 (Appoint Task Force to Study Implementation of Canon III.1) Adopted Substitute
  \item \textit{HB Message \#189:} D046 (Expansive-Language Liturgical Resources) Adopted with Amendment
  \item \textit{HB Message \#190} [Ed. Note: HB message \#190 was skipped in the system]
  \item \textit{HB Message \#191:} A218 (The Proposed Book of Occasional Services 2018) Adopted with Amendment
  \item \textit{HB Message \#192:} D072 (Amend Title II Canon IV) Re-referred to a Different Committee
  \item \textit{HB Message \#193:} A149 (Reorganize the Board of Directors of the College for Bishops) Not Concurred
  \item \textit{HB Message \#194:} A282 (Amend Canon III.11.3(b)) Adopted
\end{itemize}

\textbf{Introduction of the Newly Elected President of the Episcopal Church Women}

The President introduced the newly elected President of the Episcopal Church Women, Ms. Karen Patterson, who then addressed the House.

\textbf{Dispatch of Business}

The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business moved a suspension of the rules in order to consider Resolution A068 as the first item of legislation in this legislative session.

\textit{Motion carried}

\textit{Rules suspended}
Election of the Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop

Election Ballot #1 was taken for the clergy member from Province I for the Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop.

The President read the results of Election Ballot #1. The Rev. Stannard was elected.

Election Ballot #1 was taken for the lay member from Province II for the Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop.

The President read the results of Election Ballot #1. Mr. Brian Romero was elected.

Election Ballot #1 was taken for the clergy member from Province II for the Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop.

The President read the results of Election Ballot #1. The Rev. Daniel Scott Russell was elected.

Election Ballot #1 was taken for the lay member from Province III for the Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop.

The President read the results of Election Ballot #1. Ms. Alice R. Webley was elected.

Election Ballot #1 was taken for the clergy member from Province III for the Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop.

The President read the results of Election Ballot #1. The Rev. Robert W. Prichard was elected.

Election Ballot #1 was taken for the lay member from Province IV for the Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop.

The President read the results of Election Ballot #1. Mr. Joe McDaniel was elected.

Election Ballot #1 was taken for the clergy member from Province IV for the Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop.

The President read the results of Election Ballot #1. The Rev. Vicki Tucker Burgess was elected.

Election Ballot #1 was taken for the lay member from Province V for the Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop.

The President read the results of Election Ballot #1. Ms. Sandy McPhee was elected.
Election Ballot #1 was taken for the clergy members from Province V for the Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop.

The President read the results of Election Ballot #1. The Rev. Mary Slenski was elected.

Election Ballot #1 was taken for the lay member from Province VI for the Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop.

The President read the results of Election Ballot #1. Mr. Brad Foster was elected.

Election Ballot #1 was taken for the clergy member from Province VI for the Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop.

The President read the results of Election Ballot #1. The Rev. Meg Warner was elected.

Election Ballot #1 was taken for the lay member from Province VII for the Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop.

The President read the results of Election Ballot #1. Ms. Andrea Marie Rabalais Petrosh was elected.

Election Ballot #1 was taken for the clergy member from Province VII for the Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop.

The President read the results of Election Ballot #1. The Rev. Everett Lees was elected.

Election Ballot #1 was taken for the lay member from Province VIII for the Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop.

The President read the results of Election Ballot #1. Ms. Carolyn Gaines was elected.

Election Ballot #1 was taken for the clergy member from Province VIII for the Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop.

The President read the results of Election Ballot #1. The Rev. Anna Carmichael was elected.

Election Ballot #1 was taken for lay members from Province IX for the Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop.

The President read the results of Election Ballot #1. Mr. Hector Lantigua was elected.
Election Ballot #1 was taken for the clergy member from Province IX for the Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop.  

**Ballot #1 taken**

The President read the results of Election Ballot #1. The Rev. Francisco Guzman Velez was elected.

**Committee to Receive the Report of Resolution A169**

The House of Deputies Committee to Receive the Report of Resolution A169 presented its Report #10 on HB Message #174 on Resolution A068 (Plan for the Revision of the Book of Common Prayer) and moved concurrence.

**Motion carried**

The House concurred

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #278)

**Final Text of Resolution:**

(A068)

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention, pursuant to Article X of the Constitution, authorize the ongoing work of liturgical and Prayer Book revision for the future of God’s mission through the Episcopal branch of the Jesus movement. And, that it do so upon the core theological work of loving, liberating, life-giving reconciliation and creation care; and be it further

Resolved, That our methodology be one of a dynamic process for discerning common worship, engaging all the baptized, while practicing accountability to The Episcopal Church; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention create a Task Force on Liturgical and Prayer Book Revision (TFLPBR), the membership of which will be jointly appointed by the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies, and will report to the appropriate legislative committee(s) of the 80th General Convention, ensuring that diverse voices of our church are active participants in this liturgical revision by constituting a group with leaders who represent the expertise, gender, age, theology, regional, and ethnic diversity of the church, to include, 10 laity, 10 priests or deacons, and 10 Bishops; and be it further

Resolved, That this Convention memorialize the 1979 Book of Common Prayer as a Prayer Book of the church preserving the psalter, liturgies, The Lambeth Quadrilateral, Historic Documents, and Trinitarian Formularies ensuring its continued use; and be it further

Resolved, That this church continue to engage the deep Baptismal and Eucharistic theology and practice of the 1979 Prayer Book; and be it further

Resolved, That bishops engage worshiping communities in experimentation and the creation of alternative texts to offer to the wider church, and that each diocese be urged to create a liturgical commission to collect, reflect, teach and share these resources with the TFLPBR; and be it further

Resolved, That the TFLPBR in consultation with the Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons is directed to propose to the 80th General Convention revisions to the Constitution and Canons to enable The Episcopal Church to be adaptive in its engagement of future generations of Episcopalians, multiplying, connecting, and disseminating new liturgies for mission, attending to prayer book revision in other provinces of the Anglican Communion; and be it further

Resolved, That liturgical and Prayer Book revision will continue in faithful adherence to the historic rites of the Church Universal as they have been received and interpreted within the Anglican tradition of 1979 Book of Common Prayer, mindful of our existing ecumenical commitments, while also providing space
for, encouraging the submission of, and facilitating the perfection of rites that will arise from the continual movement of the Holy Spirit among us and growing insights of our Church; and be it further

Resolved, That such revision utilize the riches of Holy Scripture and our Church’s liturgical, cultural, racial, generational, linguistic, gender, physical ability, class and ethnic diversity in order to share common worship; and be it further

Resolved, That our liturgical revision utilize inclusive and expansive language and imagery for humanity and divinity; and be it further

Resolved, That our liturgical revision shall incorporate and express understanding, appreciation, and care of God’s creation; and be it further

Resolved, That our liturgical revision take into consideration the use of emerging technologies which provide access to a broad range of liturgical resources; and be it further

Resolved, That the SCLM create a professional dynamic equivalence translation of the Book of Common Prayer 1979 and the Enriching Our Worship Series in Spanish, French, and Haitian Creole; and that the SCLM diversify the publication formats of new resources, liturgies and rites to include online publishing; and be it further

Resolved, That this church ensure that, at each step of the revision process, all materials be professionally translated into English, Spanish, French, and Haitian Creole, following the principles of dynamic equivalence and that no new rites or liturgical resources be approved by this church until such translations are secured; and be it further

Resolved, That the TFLPBR shall report to the 80th General Convention; and be it further

Resolved, That there being $201,000 in the proposed budget for the translation of liturgical materials, that the Executive Council be encouraged to identify additional funds in the amount of $200,000 to begin this liturgical revision.

Announcements

The Secretary read the announcements.

Recess

Following announcements, the President announced that the House would stand in recess until 7:30 p.m.
**EVENING SESSION**

**Reconvene**

The President called the House to Order at 7:31 p.m.

**Prayers**

The President called on the Chaplain for prayers.

**Certification of Deputies**

The House of Deputies Committee on Credentials presented its Report #11 for the evening session of the Seventh Legislative Day. There were 424 clerical deputies and 419 lay deputies certified and seated, bringing the total count of the House to 843, representing 110 dioceses in the clerical order and 110 in the lay order. The number of votes for a motion to prevail by a simple majority was 422. The number of votes for a motion to prevail by a two-thirds majority was 562. The number of dioceses for a motion requiring a Vote By Orders to prevail was 56 in the lay order and 56 in the clerical order. The number of dioceses for a motion requiring a Vote By Orders to prevail by a two-thirds majority was 74 in the lay order and 74 in the clerical order. There were 47 changes in deputation 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 #195:** A169 (Amend Canon III.12.9(l) and Canon III.12.9(m)) Adopted with Amendment

**HB Message #196:** C033 (Respecting the Dignity of Immigrants) Adopted with Amendment

**HB Message #197:** E038 (JNC for the Election of the Presiding Bishop (Bishop) Province I) Elected

**HB Message #198:** E039 (JNC for the Election of the Presiding Bishop (Bishop) Province II) Elected

**HB Message #199:** E040 (JNC for the Election of the Presiding Bishop (Bishop) Province III) Elected

**HB Message #200:** E041 (JNC for the Election of the Presiding Bishop (Bishop) Province IV) Elected

**HB Message #201:** E042 (JNC for the Election of the Presiding Bishop (Bishop) Province V) Elected

**HB Message #202:** E043 (JNC for the Election of the Presiding Bishop (Bishop) Province VI) Elected

**HB Message #203:** E044 (JNC for the Election of the Presiding Bishop (Bishop) Province VII) Elected

**HB Message #204:** E045 (JNC for the Election of the Presiding Bishop (Bishop) Province VIII) Elected

**HB Message #205:** E046 (JNC for the Election of the Presiding Bishop (Bishop) Province IX) Elected

**HB Message #206:** C028 (Amend Canon II.4) Referred to an Interim Body

**HB Message #207:** C065 (Resolution Include the Reverend John Edwin Culmer in Feast/Fast Calendar) Referred to an Interim Body

**HB Message #208:** C046 (Commemorating Appleton Deaconesses) Referred to an Interim Body

**HB Message #209:** D101 (Study the Practice of Open Communion) Took no further action

**HB Message #210:** D099 (Women Musicians in the Church) Took no further action

**HB Message #211:** A064 (Authorize the Book of Occasional Services, 2018) Took no further action

**HB Message #212:** C002 (Support Legislation for a Clean DREAM Act) Took no further action
<p>| HB Message #213: | A287 (Amend Canon III.13 (Formerly Resolution A171)) Referred to an Interim Body |
| HB Message #214: | D084 (Commemoration of Emily Malbone Morgan) Took no further action |
| HB Message #215: | A067 (Propose Additional Optional Fast Days for Lesser Feasts and Fasts) Referred to an Interim Body |
| HB Message #216: | [Ed. Note: HB message #216 was revoked and resolution A066 was started over in the House of Deputies. See HD day 9] |
| HB Message #217: | A109 (Create Task Force on Sexual Harassment) Concurred |
| HB Message #218: | A019 (Create a Task Force To Study and Report on the Intersection of Evangelism, Church Planting and Care of Creation) Adopted with Amendment |
| HB Message #219: | A228 (Beloved Community Summit: Igniting the Church to be Bold Agents for Racial Healing, Justice, and Reconciliation) Adopted with Amendment |
| HB Message #220: | A115 (Adopt and Implement Charter for Safety) Concurred |
| HB Message #221: | B025 (Water as a Human Right) Adopted with Amendment |
| HB Message #222: | C001 (Reduced Enforcement of Immigration) Took no further action |
| HB Message #223: | A121 (Amend Canon IV.2 Remove Definition of Procedural Officer) Concurred |
| HB Message #224: | C018 (Becoming a Sanctuary Church) Took no further action |
| HB Message #225: | A134 (Amend Canon IV.12.3 - Conference Panel Process) Concurred |
| HB Message #226: | C032 (Against Human Trafficking) Adopted with Amendment |
| HB Message #227: | A182 (Discipline of Priests and Deacons at the Provincial or Church Wide Level) Concurred |
| HB Message #228: | C063 (Advocate for Ocean Health) Adopted with Amendment |
| HB Message #229: | D001 (Haitian Temporary Protective Status) Took no further action |
| HB Message #230: | D015 (Support Keeping Families Together) Took no further action |
| HB Message #231: | D085 (Communion Relationship with Church of Sweden) Adopted with Amendment |
| HB Message #232: | A110 (Amendments to Title IV - Creating a Single Court of Review) Concurred |
| HB Message #233: | D092 (Amend Canon III.1.2 - Non-Discrimination in Access to Discernment Process) Adopted |
| HB Message #234: | A143 (Study Career Development of Female and Minority Clergy) Adopted Substitute |
| HB Message #235: | A127 (Amend Canon IV.17.3 - Membership on Disciplinary Board for Bishops) Concurred |
| HB Message #236: | B027 (Gender Inclusivity in Climate Change Action) Adopted with Amendment |
| HB Message #237: | D049 (Churchwide Fund for Clergy Education) Rejected |
| HB Message #238: | C014 (Suicide Prevention Advocacy and Clergy Training) Adopted with Amendment |
| HB Message #239: | A181 (Liability Insurance for Clergy) Concurred |
| HB Message #240: | C019 (Church-Wide Paid Family Leave Policy) Adopted with Amendment |
| HB Message #241: | D005 (Gather Racial/Ethnic Statistics About Episcopal Elections and Clergy Compensation) Adopted with Amendment |
| HB Message #242: | A131 (Amend Canon IV.14.5 - Clarity About Accords) Concurred |
| HB Message #243: | D025 (Amend Canons III.6.5(g), III.7.5, III.8.5(b), III.9.1, III.10.1(c), III.12.1, III.12.2) Adopted Substitute |
| HB Message #244: | A213 (Promoting Energy and Water Efficiency Across the Church) Adopted |
| HB Message #245: | B029 (Reaffirmation of Jubilee Ministries) Adopted |
| HB Message #246: | C049 (Support Producers of Locally Grown Food) Adopted with Amendment |
| HB Message #247: | C064 (Support of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Opposing Enbridge Line #3) Adopted with Amendment |
| HB Message #248: | D006 (Just Transition: Automation and New Technology) Adopted with Amendment |
| HB Message #249: | B006 (Amend Canon I.17) Adopted Substitute |</p>
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The House of Deputies Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #3 on HB Message #29 on Resolution A195 (Establishing a Staff Person for Liturgy and Music on the Staff of the Presiding Bishop) and moved concurrence.

Deputy Fleener of Western Michigan moved to suspend House Rule 12.D.3.i for the remainder of the convention to allow for one minute of debate per deputy (with the exception of those who require an interpreter who will be allowed two minutes) and to allow deputies to speak only once per item.

Debate ensued.

Deputy Streeter of Rochester moved to end debate on the motion.

Motion carried  
Debate terminated
A vote was taken on the motion.

Motion defeated

Debate ensued on the resolution.

Deputy Garner of Alabama moved to end debate on the resolution.

Motion carried

Debate terminated

A vote was taken on Resolution A195. The President ruled that the resolution had been defeated. An electronic vote was requested.

An electronic vote was taken on Resolution A195, resulting in 464 yes votes and 360 no votes.

Motion carried

The House concurred

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #289)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A195)

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention establish a position for Liturgy and Music who will serve on the staff of the Presiding Bishop, to make accessible the Church's liturgical resources, with particular regard for digital resources, for all worshiping communities in The Episcopal Church; and be it further

Resolved, That the staff person support the work assigned to the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music in the creation, translation, and dissemination of digital versions of liturgies approved or made available by the General Convention. These resources would include, but not be limited to the Book of Common Prayer, the Book of Occasional Services, Lesser Feasts and Fasts, the Enriching our Worship, and musical resources. This staff person will be a resource to the whole Church for its liturgical life, including diocesan liturgy and music commissions, and other groups engaged in enriching the Church's worship; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request that the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance consider a budget allocation of $380,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

Governance and Structure

The House of Deputies Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #21 on Resolution A100 (Clarify Secretary of Convention versus Secretary of House of Deputies) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A100)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention amend Canon I, Canon I.1 as follows:

Canon I.1.1(a): At the time and place appointed for the meeting of the General Convention, the President of the House of Deputies, or, if absent, the Vice-President of the House, or, if there be neither, a presiding officer pro tempore appointed by the members of the House of Deputies on the Joint Committee of Arrangements for the General Convention, shall call to order the members present. The Secretary of the General Convention, or, if absent, a Secretary pro tempore of the General Convention appointed by the presiding officer, shall
record the names of those whose testimonials, in due form, shall have been presented, which record shall be *prima facie* evidence that the persons whose names are therein recorded are entitled to seats. In the event that testimonials are presented by or on behalf of persons from jurisdictions which have not previously been represented in a General Convention, then the Secretary of the General Convention, or one appointed instead as provided herein, shall proceed as provided in Clause (c). If there be a quorum present, then the Secretary of the General Convention shall so certify, and the House shall proceed to organize by the election, by ballot, of a Secretary of the General Convention, and a majority of the votes cast shall be necessary to such election. Upon such election, the presiding officer shall declare the House organized. If there be a vacancy in the office of President or Vice-President, the vacancy or vacancies shall then be filled by election, by ballot, the term of any officer so elected to continue until the adjournment of the General Convention. As soon as such vacancies are filled, the President shall appoint a committee to wait upon the House of Bishops and inform it of the organization of the House of Deputies, and of its readiness to proceed to business.

Canon I.1.1(c): In order to aid the Secretary of the General Convention in preparing the record specified in Clause (a), it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Convention of every Diocese to forward to the Secretary of the General Convention of the House of Deputies, as soon as may be practicable, a copy of the latest Journal of the Diocesan Convention, together with a certified copy of the testimonials of members aforesaid, and a duplicate copy of such testimonials. Where testimonials are received for persons from jurisdictions which have not previously been represented in General Convention, the Secretary of the General Convention shall ascertain that the applicable provisions of Article V, Section 1, of the Constitution have been complied with prior to such persons being permitted to take their seats in the House.

Canon I.1.13 (b): The Executive Office of the General Convention shall include the functions of the Secretary of the General Convention and the Treasurer of the General Convention and those of the Manager of the General Convention and, if the several positions are filled by different persons, such officers shall serve under the general supervision of the General Convention Executive Officer, who shall also coordinate the work of the Committees, Commissions, Boards and Agencies funded by the General Convention Expense Budget.

Canon I.4.1(d): The Executive Council shall be composed (a) of 20 members elected by the General Convention, of whom four shall be Bishops, four shall be Presbyters or Deacons, and 12 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 18 members elected by the Provincial Synods; (c) of the following *ex-officio* members: the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies; and (d) the Chief Operating Officer, the Secretary of the General Convention, the Treasurer of the General Convention, the Chief Financial Officer of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, and the Chief Legal Officer of the Executive Council, all of whom 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 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.
Canon I.9.11: Within sixty days after each session of the General Convention, the Presidents of the two Houses thereof shall refer to the Provincial Synods, or any of them, such subjects as the General Convention may direct, or as they may deem advisable, for consideration thereof by the Synods, and it shall be the duty of such Synods to consider the subject or subjects so referred to them at the first meeting of the Synod held after the adjournment of the General Convention, and to report their action and judgment in the matter to the Secretary of the General Convention House of Bishops and to the Secretary of the House of Deputies at least six months before the date of the meeting of the next General Convention.

And be it further

Resolved, That the Joint Rules of Order be hereby amended as follows:

Joint Rules of Order II.10(a): There shall be a Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance, consisting of 27 persons being members of the General Convention (one Bishop, and two members of the House of Deputies, either Lay or Clerical, from each Province), who shall be appointed not later than the fifteenth day of December following each regular Meeting of the General Convention, the Bishops to be appointed by the Presiding Bishop, the Deputies by the President of the House of Deputies. The Secretary of the General Convention and the Treasurer of the General Convention and the Chief Financial Officer of the Executive Council shall be members ex-officiis, without vote. The Joint Standing Committee may appoint advisers, from time to time, as its funds warrant, to assist the Joint Standing Committee with its work.

Joint Rules of Order VII.20: Except for the Secretary of the General Convention 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, not to preclude further nominations from the floor in the appropriate House of the General Convention.

Deputy Snow of Oregon moved to amend the resolution.

Proposed Amendment:

Amend Canons I.1.1(a) and I.1.1(c) to read:

Canon I.1.1(a): At the time and place appointed for the meeting of the General Convention, the President of the House of Deputies, or, if absent, the Vice-President of the House, or, if there be neither, a presiding officer pro tempore appointed by the members of the House of Deputies on the Joint Committee of Arrangements for the General Convention, shall call to order the members present. The Secretary of the General Convention House of Deputies, or, if absent, a Secretary pro tempore of the General Convention House of Deputies appointed by the presiding officer, shall record the names of those whose testimonials, in due form, shall have been presented, which record shall be prima facie evidence that the persons whose names are therein recorded are entitled to seats. In the event that
testimonials are presented by or on behalf of persons from jurisdictions which have not previously been represented in a General Convention, then the Secretary of the General Convention House of Deputies, or one appointed instead as provided herein, shall proceed as provided in Clause (c). If there be a quorum present, the Secretary of the General Convention House of Deputies shall so certify, and the House shall proceed to organize by the election, by ballot, of a Secretary of the General Convention House of Deputies, and a majority of the votes cast shall be necessary to such election. Upon such election, the presiding officer shall declare the House organized. If there be a vacancy in the office of President or Vice-President, the vacancy or vacancies shall then be filled by election, by ballot, the term of any officer so elected to continue until the adjournment of the General Convention. As soon as such vacancies are filled, the President shall appoint a committee to wait upon the House of Bishops and inform it of the organization of the House of Deputies, and of its readiness to proceed to business.

Canon I.1.1(c): In order to aid the Secretary of the General Convention House of Deputies in preparing the record specified in Clause (a), it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Convention of every Diocese to forward to the Secretary of the General Convention House of Deputies, as soon as may be practicable, a copy of the latest Journal of the Diocesan Convention, together with a certified copy of the testimonials of members aforesaid, and a duplicate copy of such testimonials. Where testimonials are received for persons from jurisdictions which have not previously been represented in General Convention, the Secretary of the General Convention House of Deputies shall ascertain that the applicable provisions of Article V, Section 1, of the Constitution have been complied with prior to such persons being permitted to take their seats in the House.

A vote was taken on the amendment.

Motion carried
Amendment adopted

Deputy Trambley of Northwestern Pennsylvania moved to amend the resolution.

Proposed Amendment:

In Canon I.1.(j), add "and shall serve until a successor is elected" to the end. Additionally, in Joint Rules of Order V.15, delete "the House of Deputies, being the Secretary of".

Deputy Dinwiddie of Michigan noted that the canon in the resolution should be Canon I.1.1(j), not Canon I.1.(j).

A vote was taken on the amendment.

Motion carried
Amendment adopted
Deputy Ballentine of the Virgin Islands moved to refer the resolution to the Standing Commission of Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons.

Deputy Johnson of Minnesota moved to amend the motion to refer in order to refer the resolution to the Legislative Committee on Constitution and Canons.

Deputy Johnson of Minnesota noted she intended to refer the motion to the originating committee which is the Legislative Committee on Governance and Structure.

A vote was taken on the motion to re-refer resolution A100 to a Legislative Committee. **Motion carried**

Resolution re-referred to Legislative Committee  
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #290)

The House of Deputies Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #30 on Resolution D097 (Establish an Advisory Council on Disability and Deaf Access) and moved adoption of a substitute.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(D097)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention reaffirm and renew its previous commitments to Resolutions 2003-D051 and 2015-D043, which require the Church to provide persons with disabilities and Deaf people with full independent accessibility to all official and ancillary events of the Church; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention authorize the establishment of an Advisory Council to guide the implementation of the Church’s commitment to accessibility for people with disabilities and Deaf people; and be it further

Resolved, That the work of the Advisory Council include: a triennial review of progress made toward full compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and any other relevant statutes; consultation with Church staff to ensure that materials, policies, and procedures for accessibility and reasonable accommodations are developed and implemented for each General Convention and ancillary Church event; and developing a means of reconciliation with people who have been excluded from Church events due to lack of accessibility or failure to provide reasonable accommodations; and be it further

Resolved, That the Advisory Council shall consist of between five and nine members, to be appointed jointly by the President of the House of Deputies and the Presiding Bishop, and a majority of the members shall be persons who identify as Deaf and/or disabled.

**Committee Substitute:**

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention reaffirm and renew its previous commitments to Resolutions 2003-D051 and 2015-D043, which require the Church to provide persons with disabilities and the Deaf to review progress made toward full compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and any other relevant statutes; consult with Church staff to ensure that materials, policies, and procedures for accessibility and reasonable accommodations are developed and implemented for each General Convention and ancillary Church events; and develop a means of
reconciliation with people who have been excluded from Church events due to lack of accessibility or failure to provide reasonable accommodations; and be it further

Resolved, That the Executive Council include such progress in their report to the 80th General Convention on their work.

Deputy Allen of Kansas moved to amend the resolution.

**Proposed Amendment:**

Amend the second and third resolve clauses with an additional fourth resolve clause to read:

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention direct the Executive Council in consultation with persons with disabilities and the Deaf establish a Task Force to review progress made toward full compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and any other relevant statutes; consult with Church staff to ensure that materials, policies, and procedures for accessibility and reasonable accommodations are developed and implemented for each General Convention and ancillary Church events; and develop a means of reconciliation with people who have been excluded from Church events due to lack of accessibility or failure to provide reasonable accommodations; and be it further

Resolved, That the Task Force shall consist of between five and nine members, to be appointed jointly by the President of the House of Deputies and the Presiding Bishop, and a majority of the members shall be people with disabilities and deaf people; and be it further

Resolved, That the Executive Council Task Force include such progress in their report to the 80th General Convention on their work; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request that the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance consider a budget allocation of $5,000 to allow for the work of this Task Force.

Debate ensued.

Deputy Garner of Alabama moved to end debate on the amendment.

A vote was taken on the amendment.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on the resolution.

Motion carried
Amendment adopted

Deputy Hart of Pennsylvania moved to end debate on the resolution.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on Resolution D097.

Motion carried
Substitute resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #291)
World Mission

The House of Deputies Committee on World Mission presented its Report #8 on HB Message #110 on Resolution D024 (Support for the Episcopal Church of South Sudan and Sudan and Their Efforts to Foster Peace) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #292)

Final Text of Resolution:

(D024)

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention gratefully acknowledge and commend the continued heroic efforts of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan to bring about a cessation of the civil war which erupted in December 2013 and which has killed tens of thousands, and displaced several million people; and be it further

Resolved, That General Convention commend the continued efforts of Episcopal Relief & Development and the many dioceses, parishes, and individuals who are working in partnership with the Episcopal Church of South Sudan and its dioceses to provide humanitarian relief, sustainable development, training of lay and clergy leaders in South Sudan, and Scriptural translation into tribal languages; and be it further

Resolved, That General Convention urge congregations and dioceses to seek new opportunities to support the work of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan, the Episcopal Church of Sudan, and their Primates to form partnerships that strengthen their efforts to bring a sustainable peace to their respective nations; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention urge all dioceses and congregations of The Episcopal Church observe with special prayers, awareness, and support of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan and the Episcopal Church of Sudan the Sunday closest to the Feast Day of the Martyrs of Sudan (May 16th); and be it further

Resolved, That General Convention urge that dioceses and congregations in The Episcopal Church make it a specific mission priority to reach out to people from the South Sudanese and Sudanese diaspora who have emigrated to the United States and elsewhere, inviting them into our congregational lives and exploring appropriate efforts to assist their efforts to foster peace in South Sudan and Sudan and among its disparate tribes; and be it further

Resolved, That General Convention authorize the Office of Government Relations to continue its advocacy with the United States Government for a cessation of the civil war in South Sudan and armed conflict by the Government of Sudan with marginalized communities in the Nuba Mountains and Darfur.
The House of Deputies Committee on World Mission presented its Report #7 on HB Message #109 on Resolution D062 (Companionship with Sudanese Christians) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #293)

Final Text of Resolution:
(D062)

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention celebrate the witness and vigor that new Americans seeking refuge from war and famine in Sudan and South Sudan have brought to The Episcopal Church since 1983; and be it further

Resolved, That this Convention commend the ongoing labor of Sudanese diaspora communities across the United States and Canada to unify their voices and overcome the destroyers of peace in their homelands.

Environmental Stewardship and Care of Creation

The House of Deputies Committee on Environmental Stewardship and Care of Creation presented its Report #3 on HB Message #101 on Resolution A014 (The Use of Carbon Offsets) and moved concurrence.

Deputy Kittrell of West Texas moved to amend the resolution.

Proposed Amendment:
In the fourth resolve clause, following "requiring the use of", add "socially responsible" and following "carbon offsets" add "with particular attention to the social, political, economic, and ecological implications of carbon-credit generating programs".

Deputy Thomason of Olympia moved to end debate on the amendment.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on the amendment.

Motion carried
Amendment adopted

Deputy McMahon of Pittsburgh moved to end debate on the resolution.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on Resolution A014.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #295)

Announcements

The Secretary read the announcements.

Recess

The President recessed the House at 9:27 p.m. to reconvene on July 12, at 9:00 a.m.
Reconvene
The President called the House to Order at 9:02 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.

Certification of Deputies
The House of Deputies Committee on Credentials presented its Report #12 for the morning session of the Eighth Legislative Day. There were 424 clerical deputies and 419 lay deputies certified and seated, bringing the total count of the House to 843, representing 110 dioceses in the clerical order and 110 in the lay order. The number of votes for a motion to prevail by a simple majority was 422. The number of votes for a motion to prevail by a two-thirds majority was 562. The number of dioceses for a motion requiring a Vote By Orders to prevail was 56 in the lay order and 56 in the clerical order. The number of dioceses for a motion requiring a Vote By Orders to prevail by a two-thirds majority was 74 in the lay order and 74 in the clerical order. There were 74 changes in deputation on this day, as follows:

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The Secretary moved that the report be accepted.  

Motion carried
Report accepted

Communication from the President

The President moved to suspend the rules to limit committee reports to three minutes.

Motion carried
Rules suspended

Presentation

The President presented the House of Deputies Medal to Deputy Meyers of California for her willingness to share her scholarship with the Church and for her distinguished service to the House.

Messages from the House of Bishops

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

HB Message #273:  C024 (Translations of Book of Common Prayer) Concurred
HB Message #274:  A070 (Translation of the Book of Common Prayer) Concurred
HB Message #275:  A223 (Family Leave Policies) Concurred
HB Message #276:  D069 (Gather Annual Deployment and Compensation Data for LGBT and Gender Nonbinary Clergy) Adopted with Amendment
HB Message #277:  D045 (Pension Equity for Lay Employees) Adopted with Amendment
HB Message #278:  C023 (Medical Trust Provider Option) Concurred
HB Message #279:  A227 (Communion Across Difference) Concurred
HB Message #280:  D055 (Create an Ecumenical and Interreligious Working Group) Adopted with Amendment
HB Message #281:  E013 (General Board of Examining Chaplains - Faculty) Elected [Ed. Note: replaced with HB msg # 311]
HB Message #282  E006 (Executive Council - Bishop members) Elected
Dispatch of Business

The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business moved to suspend House Rule VI(A)(2)(i) to allow resolutions submitted on the Ninth Legislative Day to be placed on the legislative calendar for the Ninth Legislative Day.

Motion carried
Rules suspended

Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance

The House of Deputies Committee on Program, Budget and Finance presented its Report #2 on Resolution A295 (Adopt the Budget for The Episcopal Church) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A295)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention adopt the 2019-2021 budget for The Episcopal Church, as presented by the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance.

The Budget for The Episcopal Church for the period January 1, 2019, through December 31, 2021, which shall be a unified budget for Program (mission), Governance and Administration, is adopted at a total of $133,859,718.

The Mission Program portion, providing for support for the mission and ministry (restricted and unrestricted) of the Church, is adopted at a total of $74,792,465.

The Mission Governance portion, providing for the contingent expenses of the General Convention, Executive Council, Interim Bodies, the expenses of the President of the House of Deputies, and Archives is adopted at a total of $18,775,648.

The Mission Finance, Legal and Operations, providing for administrative support of the Domestic & Foreign Missionary Society offices, is adopted at a total of $40,291,471.

The funding policy for the period January 1, 2019, through December 31, 2021, is adopted based on a single Asking of the dioceses. After a $140,000 exemption from total income, a single Asking shall be applied at a flat rate of 15%, in each year 2019, 2020, and 2021 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., 2019 Askings are to be based on 2017 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.

We rejoice with dioceses that have moved toward, and those that have given at and above the adopted rates during 2016-2018. Such giving creates a strong financial basis for vital mission and witness of The Episcopal Church. We encourage all our dioceses to adopt the Asking to the mission priorities which we have embraced in this 79th General Convention.

For the budgetary period net income from diocesan commitments, totaling $83,405,850 is anticipated.
For the budgetary period 2019-2021, payment by the dioceses of the Askings shall be made in twelve equal monthly payments.

All additional income, other than from the Askings of the dioceses, totaling $39,553,629 is projected.

A General Ordination fee is hereby authorized, which fees are expected to cover the expenses and administration of examinations for Holy Orders. 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.

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 2021 General Convention, and for no other purpose.

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:

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.

The fiscal year shall begin January 1.

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.

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.

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.

Each interim body proposing to the General Convention any resolution with funding implications shall present to the 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, by no later than six months before the opening day of the General Convention.

An annual report of the actual income and expenditures of the DFMS, relating the expenditures to the Church’s priorities, shall be posted on the DFMS website when it is released.

An annual report of the trust fund balances with accompanying narratives shall be posted on the DFMS website when it is released.

Committee Amendment:

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Deputy Hamilton of West Missouri moved to amend the resolution.

**Proposed Amendment:**

In the first resolve clause delete "$74,792,465" and replace with "$75,792,465 by increasing line 84 of the 2019-2021 budget for The Episcopal Church as presented by the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance to $1,400,000." In addition, delete "$18,775,648" and replace with "$18,125,648, by reducing line 557 of the 2019-2021 budget for The Episcopal Church as presented by the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance to $332,565."

*Motion defeated*

*Amendment defeated*

Deputy Frazer of Alabama moved to amend the resolution.

**Proposed Amendment:**

Following paragraph 12, add, "Amend PB&F to concur with resolution B028 and provide $150,000 over the next triennium by increasing projected income in budget line item 3 by $75,000 and decreasing expenses in budget line item 571 by $75,000 and adding a new line after 571 but before 572 of $150,000 to provide scholarships, assist with travel and regional conference expenses for TENS."

*Motion defeated*

*Amendment defeated*

Deputy Bouzek of Nevada moved to amend the resolution.

**Proposed Amendment:**

Delete "$74,792,465" and replace with "$74,942,465 to include $150,000 for TENS for the triennium." Delete "$40,291,471" and replace with "$40,216,471." Delete "$83,405,850" and replace with "$83,480,850".

*Motion defeated*

*Amendment defeated*

A vote was taken on Resolution A295.

*Motion carried*

Resolution adopted with amendment

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #296)
Stewardship and Socially Responsible Investing

The House of Deputies Committee on Stewardship and Socially Responsible Investing presented its Report #18 on Resolution B016 (Adopt ELCA Action on Israel/Palestine) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:

(B016)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That General Convention join with the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America and direct our Executive Council’s Committee on Corporate Social Responsibility to develop criteria for Israel and Palestine based on a human rights’ investment screen and the actions of General Convention and Executive Council over the past seventy years; and be it further

Resolved, That General Convention continue to encourage members, parishes, dioceses, and institutions of The Episcopal Church to increase positive investment in Palestine and other under-resourced areas where human rights abuses materially impact the well-being of all people; and be it further

Resolved, That General Convention continue to encourage CCSR to engage in shareholder advocacy in support of human rights in Israel and the Occupied Territories, exercising the right of a shareholder to submit resolutions at a corporation’s annual meeting.

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That General Convention join with the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America’s action, CA 16.06.31, “Justice for the Holy Land Through Responsible Investment,” and direct our Executive Council’s Committee on Corporate Social Responsibility to develop criteria for Israel and Palestine based on a human rights’ investment screen and the actions of General Convention and Executive Council over the past seventy years; and be it further

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Deputy Randle of Virginia moved to amend the resolution.

Proposed Amendment:

Following the first resolve clause, add "Resolved, That prior to any final vote by Executive Council to place any party on any divestment or no-buy list, Executive Council shall give to any such entity at least 45 days written notice of the proposed action. That notice shall state the proposed action, and contain a summary of the factual basis to believe that such entity is profiting from the uncompensated expropriation of Palestinian lands, or has committed or assisted in human rights violations in the prior three years, or that its products or services are being used to commit or assist in such violations, or have been so used in the preceding three years. Executive Council shall provide a reasonable opportunity for the party so notified to respond in writing to Executive Council with contrary or mitigating factual information. The written response shall be due two weeks before the Executive Council meeting at which such vote is scheduled to occur; and be it further". 
Deputy Thomason of Olympia moved to end debate on the amendment.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on the amendment.

Motion defeated
Amendment defeated

A vote was taken on Resolution B016.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #297)

The House of Deputies Committee on Stewardship and Socially Responsible Investing presented its Report #5 on Resolution B019 (Impact Investing for Palestine) and moved to take no further action.

Motion carried
The House took no further action
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #298)

Social Justice and International Policy
The House of Deputies Committee on Social Justice and International Policy presented its Report #10 on Resolution D039 (Regarding Occupation and Apartheid) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:

(D039)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church condemns laws and policies of the state of Israel that discriminate against Palestinian citizens of Israel and have inevitably led to the current state of apartheid, under which Jewish Israelis enjoy full civil and human rights while the civil and human rights of Palestinian citizens are diminished. The Convention directs the Office of Government Relations to inform US legislators and members of the Executive Branch of US government of our concern about these laws and to convey them to their counterparts in the Israeli government; and be it further

Resolved, That the Convention condemns the system of military justice applied in the occupied Palestinian territories that subject Palestinians to detention without charges or counsel, detain minors without parental presence, deprive their right of peaceful assembly, and condones lethal violence against unarmed Palestinians without accountability; and be it further

Resolved, That the Convention calls upon the State of Israel to cease its denial of travel to Palestine and Israel by members of human rights organizations such as Jewish Voice for Peace who are committed to ending the conditions of apartheid in Israel and the occupied territories by bringing economic pressure to bear on Israel. The Convention supports the right of Palestinians to self-determination, freedom of movement, property rights, unrestricted access to water, electricity, medical care, primary and secondary education, economic opportunities, permission to build and retain homes, and commerce; and be it further

Resolved, That the Convention urges members of The Episcopal Church to pray, reflect and frankly and openly discuss whether the policies of the Israeli government toward Palestinians contribute to a state of
militarization and apartheid, and whether such conditions are consistent with our Baptismal Covenant to strive for human dignity and freedom for all people in the region.

Committee Amendment:

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A vote was taken on resolution D039.

Motion carried

Resolution adopted with amendment

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #299)

The House of Deputies Committee on Social Justice and International Policy presented its Report #11 on Resolution C038 (Safeguard the Rights of Palestinian Children) and moved adoption of a substitute.

Original Text of Resolution:

(C038)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention call upon the Office of Government Relations to request assurances from Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas that their governments have policies in place to accord all people under the age of 18 living within their jurisdictions the full range of rights and protections called for under international agreements to which their governments have subscribed; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention direct the Office of Government Relations to call upon U.S. leaders in the Executive and Legislative branches to persuade their Israeli and Palestinian counterparts to
sustain their commitments to international law with regard to children’s rights and welfare, specifically Article 37 of the “United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child.”

Committee Substitute:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention call upon the Office of Government Relations to request assurances from the Israeli Prime Minister and Palestinian Authority President that their governments have policies in place to accord all people under the age of 18 living within their jurisdictions the full range of rights and protections called for under international agreements to which their governments have subscribed; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church call on the State of Israel to guarantee basic rights and exercise a prohibition against torture and ill-treatment of detained children (defined as persons under 18 years old), noting that among the practices in Israel’s military detention system that require change are, including but not limited to, the use of nighttime arrests in the child’s home, physical and verbal abuse, blindfolds and restraints, strip searches, solitary confinement, coerced confessions and confessions written in Hebrew, as well as the separation of detained children from their parents and legal counselors (including the transfer of Palestinian children to prisons within the State of Israel that their parents are not permitted to visit); and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention request the Secretary of this Convention and the Office of Government Relations to communicate this call to the Prime Minister of Israel and the Israeli Ambassador to the United States; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention call on the Secretary of State of the United States to certify annually that no funds obligated or expended in the previous year by the United States for assistance to Israel have been used to support the military detention, interrogation, abuse, or ill-treatment of Palestinian children in violation of international humanitarian law; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention requests the Office of Government Relations to communicate this call to the Secretary of State of the United States as well as the President, Vice President, and the United States Senate.

A vote was taken on resolution C038.

Motion carried
Substitute resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #300)

The House of Deputies Committee on Social Justice and International Policy presented its Report #13 on Resolution D027 (Pursuing Justice in Gaza) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:

(D027)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the General Convention directs the Office of Government Relations, using the powers at its disposal, to press Congress and the State Department to reinstate the full funding commitment of the US government to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) for the 1.5 million Palestinian refugees in Gaza and the additional 3.5 million trapped for 70 years in refugee camps in the West Bank, Lebanon, Syria, and Jordan; and be it further

Resolved, That the Convention condemns the calculated use of live fire by the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) on civilians in Gaza, during full-scale Israeli military assaults as well as lethal sniper and drone attacks on Palestinians engaging in nonviolent demonstrations. In light of Israel's escalating indifference to
international law and the rights of civilians under the Geneva Convention and other treaties, the Convention calls on the Congress and President of the United States to cooperate with calls by the United Nations for independent, transparent investigations into IDF shoot-to-kill policies against unarmed civilians. If information of human rights violations by Israeli military units is corroborated, the Convention stresses the obligation of the US government to enforce the Leahy Amendment, a statute which prohibits the U.S. from providing funds to foreign military units where human rights violations have been credibly identified.

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the General Convention directs the Office of Government Relations, using the powers at its disposal, to press Congress and the State Department to reinstate the full funding commitment of the US government to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) for the 1.5 million Palestinian refugees in Gaza and the additional 3.5 million trapped for 70 years in refugee camps in the West Bank, Lebanon, Syria, and Jordan; and be it further

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the Convention condemns the calculated use of live fire by the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) on civilians in Gaza, during full-scale Israeli military assaults as well as lethal sniper and drone attacks on Palestinians engaging in nonviolent demonstrations, in light of Israel's escalating indifference to international law and the rights of civilians under the Geneva Convention and other treaties, the Convention calls on the Congress and President of the United States to cooperate with calls by the United Nations for independent, transparent investigations into IDF shoot-to-kill policies against unarmed civilians. The use of lethal force against unarmed civilians by the Israeli Defense Force, as well as by Palestinian forces; and be it further

Resolved, That if information of human rights violations by Israeli military units is corroborated, the Convention stress the obligation of the US government to enforce the Leahy Amendment, a statute which prohibits the USA from providing funds to foreign military units where when human rights violations have been credibly identified; and be it further

Resolved, That the Convention urge both Israeli and Palestinian governments to engage in non-violent methods of conflict resolution, using justice-seeking non-governmental groups in Israel-Palestine and beyond.

Deputy Bell of Maryland requested a moment of prayer prior to the vote. The President called on the Chaplain for prayers.

A vote was taken on Resolution D027.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #301)

The House of Deputies Committee on Social Justice and International Policy presented its Report #14 on Resolution D038 (Civil Rights and Equality for All in Israel) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:

(D038)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention of the Episcopal Church express concern regarding the more than 50 discriminatory laws in Israel aimed at its Palestinian and ethnic minority citizens that have created an unequal system of access to land, housing, education and full rights in the political system that draws disturbing comparisons to the segregation and Jim Crow era in the United States which led to the Civil Rights Movement; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention call on Israel to embrace a vision of a democratic state with equal rights for all citizens, including Jews, Christians and Muslims, recognizing that Israel cannot be both a democracy and a Jewish state that privileges Jews in its legal system over its other citizens; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention call on the President of the United States and Congress to suspend all military aid to Israel until Israel is in full compliance with the Universal Declaration of Human Rights by changing its laws, policies and practices that favor its Jewish citizens and discriminate against its Christian and Muslim citizens and other minorities; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention call on the President of the United States and the Secretary of State to advocate with their Israeli counterparts to cease all actions that block equal access of all citizens in Israel in the following areas: a. legal system; b. citizenship privileges; c. income and employment; d. distribution of resources and social welfare; e. access to land; f. educational resources; g. availability of health resources; h. political participation, including freedom of speech and the right to dissent.

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church express concern regarding the more than 50 discriminatory laws in Israel aimed at its Palestinian and ethnic minority citizens that have created an unequal system of access to land, housing, education and full rights in the political system that draws disturbing comparisons to the segregation and Jim Crow era in the United States which led to the Civil Rights Movement; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention call on Israel to embrace a vision of a democratic state with equal rights for all citizens, including Jews, Christians, and Muslims, recognizing that Israel cannot be both a democracy and a Jewish state that privileges Jews in its legal system over its other citizens; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention call on the President of the United States and Congress to suspend all military aid to Israel until Israel is in full compliance with the Universal Declaration of Human Rights by changing its laws, policies and practices that favor its Jewish citizens and discriminate against its Christian and Muslim citizens and other minorities; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention call on the President of the United States and the Secretary of State to advocate with their Israeli counterparts to cease all actions that block equal access of all citizens in Israel in the following areas: a. legal system; b. citizenship privileges; c. income and employment; d. distribution of resources and social welfare; e. access to land; f. educational resources; g. availability of health resources; h. political participation, including freedom of speech and the right to dissent.

An electronic vote was taken on Resolution D038, resulting in 433 yes votes and 377 no votes.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #302)

Recess

The President announced that the House would stand in recess until 11:15 a.m.

Reconvene

The President called the House to Order at 11:15 a.m.
Social Justice and International Policy

The House of Deputies Committee on Social Justice and International Policy presented its Report #20 on Resolution D028 (Freedom of Speech and the Right to Boycott) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:

(D028)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church urge the President and the Congress of the United States to reject legislation that would penalize companies and organizations for their participation in nonviolent boycotts on behalf of Palestinian human rights as such legislation, at both federal and state levels, would be an infringement on First Amendment rights, based on the Supreme Court's consistent definition of boycotts as protected speech; and be it further

Resolved, That this Convention instruct the Office of Government Relations in Washington to inform legislators of our Church's opposition to the anti-boycott legislation pending in Congress as an infringement on the First Amendment right of free speech, and should such legislation become law, now or in the future, the Convention directs the Executive Council or the Presiding Bishop to file an amicus brief in support of court challenges to the law.

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church urge the President and the Congress of the United States all elected officials to reject legislation that would penalize companies and organizations for their participation in nonviolent boycotts on behalf of Palestinian human rights as such legislation, at both federal and state levels, would be an infringement on First Amendment rights, based on the Supreme Court's consistent definition of boycotts as protected speech; and be it further

Resolved, That this the 79th General Convention instruct the Office of Government Relations in Washington, D.C. to inform legislators of our Church's opposition to the anti-boycott legislation pending in Congress as an infringement on the First Amendment right of free speech; and be it further

Resolved, That should such legislation become law, now or in the future, and challenged in the Courts, the 79th General Convention encourage directs the Executive Council and or the Presiding Bishop to file in consultation with the Chief Legal Officer to consider filing an amicus brief in support of court challenges to the law.

Deputy Vance of Easton requested an electronic vote on Resolution D028.

An electronic vote was taken on Resolution D028, resulting in 363 yes votes and 448 no votes.

Motion defeated

Resolution rejected

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #303)
Social Justice and United States Policy

The House of Deputies Committee on Social Justice and United States Policy presented its Report #4 on HB Message #31 on Resolution C047 (Support of One Person, One Vote) and moved concurrence.

A vote was taken on Resolution C047.

Final Text of Resolution:

(C047)

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church authorize Executive Council to create a working group to study, define, and propose reforms by which civil government at all levels (local, state, and federal) may move closer toward making a reality of the principle of one person, one vote; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention budget allocate $35,000 (salary and benefits) for 1/4 FTE staff person at the Office of Government Relations of The Episcopal Church to track federal legislative proposals for the creation and operation of the One Person, One Vote working group, and to provide timely action alerts to bishops, dioceses, and Episcopal Public Policy Network subscribers.

Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music

The House of Deputies Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #15 on Resolution A065 (Authorize Lesser Feasts and Fasts 2018) and moved adoption of a substitute.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A065)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention authorize for optional use throughout this Church the revision of Lesser Feasts and Fasts, prepared by the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music and published by the Church Hymnal Corporation, last revised in 2006; and be it further

Resolved, That General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to appoint a person or persons to solicit and collect broad feedback from the Church with respect to this volume, and to utilize that feedback to bring any suggested revisions before the 80th General convention in 2021.

Committee Substitute:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to further revise the document known as Proposed Lesser Feasts and Fasts 2018 so as to eliminate the distinction between “Lesser Feasts and Fasts” and “Supplemental/Local Feasts,” providing propers and biographical information for all commemorations, and listing them upon a single calendar, and submit the revised document to the 80th General Convention; and be it further

Resolved, That in this process of revision, the SCLM use the criteria for inclusion reaffirmed by the 75th General Convention in Resolution 2006-A057 and amended by the 76th General Convention in Resolution 2009-A098; and be it further
Resolved, That the 79th General Convention authorize the following calendar, being a compilation of Proposed Lesser Feasts and Fasts 2018, A Great Cloud of Witnesses (2015), and Lesser Feasts and Fasts 2006, using these resources, during the 2018-2021 triennium.

Calendar Compilation:

Compilation List:

JANUARY

**1 THE HOLY NAME OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST**

1 Basil of Caesarea
2 Samuel V S. Azariah, first Indian Anglican Bishop, 1945
2 Seraphim of Sarov, Priest and Mystic, 1833
2 Juliana of Lazarevo, worker of charity, 1604
2 Gregory of Nazianzus
3 William Passavant, 1894, Prophetic Witness
3 Angela Foligno, mystic, 1309
3 Gladys Aylward, missionary, 1970
4 Elizabeth Ann Seton
4 Thomas Atkinson, bishop, 1881
5 Sarah, Theodora, and Syncletica of Egypt

**6 THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST**

1 Harriet Bedell, deaconess and missionary, 1969-remove brackets
9 Julia Chester Emery, missionary, 1922
10 William Laud
10 Gregory of Nyssa2 (March 9 in BCP)
11 Mary Slessor, missionary, 1915
12 Aelred, Abbot of Rievaulx, 1167
12 Caesaria of Arles, monastic, c. 465
13 Hillary of Poitier, 367
14 Richard Meux Benson3 and Charles Gore
14 George Berkeley, 1753
15 Alternate date for Martin Luther King, see April 4
15 Maurus and Placidus, disciples of St. Benedict, c. 584
16 Richard Meux Benson
16 Charles Gore
17 Antony of Egypt

**18 THE CONFESSION OF SAINT PETER THE APOSTLE**
19 Wulfstan of Worcester
20 Richard Rolle, 1349, Walter Hilton, 1396, Margery Kempe, c. 1440, mystics
20 Fabian, Bishop and Martyr, 250
21 Agnes and Cecilia of Rome
22 Vincent of Saragossa
23 Phillips Brooks, 1893
23 Satoko Kitahara, worker of charity, 1958
24 Ordination of Li Tim Oi, 1944
24 Florence Li Tim Oi, priest, 1992

25 THE CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL THE APOSTLE
26 Timothy, Titus and Silas, Companions of Saint Paul
27 John Chrysostom, bishop of Constantinople, 407
27 Lydia, Dorcus, and Phoebe, witnesses of the faith
28 Thomas Aquinas, priest and friar and theologians, 1274
28 Isaac of Ninevah, Bishop and mystic, c, 700
29 Andei Rublev, monk and iconographer, 1430
30
31 Marcella of Rome
31 Samuel Shoemaker, priest and evangelist, 1963
31 Don Bosco, priest, 1888

FEBRUARY
1 Brigid of Kildare, also known as Bride, 523

2 THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE
2 Esther John (Qamar Zia), nurse and martyr, 1960
3 Anskar
3 Dorchester Chaplains
4 Cornelius the Centurion
4 Anskar
4 Manche Masemola
5 Agatha of Sicily
5 The Martyrs of Japan, 1597
5 Roger Williams and Anne Hutchinson
6 The Martyrs of Japan, 1597
7 Cornelius the Centurion
8 Bakhita (Josephine Margaret Bakhita)
10 Scholastica
11 Theodora
11 Frances Jane (Fanny) Crosby, 1950
12 Charles Freer Andrews, 1940
13 Absalom Jones, 1818
14 Cyril and Methodius
15 Thomas Bray
16 Charles Todd Quintard, 1898
17 Janani Luwum
18 Martin Luther
19 Agnes Tsao Kou Ying, Agatha Lin Zhao, and Lucy Yi Zhenmei
20 Frederick Douglass
21 John Henry Newman
22 Eric Liddell, 1945
22 Margaret of Cortona
23 Kate Harwood Waller Barrett
23 Polycarp of Smyrna
24 **SAINT MATTHIAS THE APOSTLE**
24 Amanda Berry Smith, preacher, missionary, 1915
25 Photini
25 John Roberts, 1949
26 Emily Malbone Morgan, 1937
27 George Herbert
27 Emily Malbone Morgan
28 Anna Julia Haywood Cooper
29 Elizabeth Evelyn Wright, 1904
29

**MARCH**
1 David of Wales
2 Chad of Lichfield
2 John and Charles Wesley
3 John and Charles Wesley
3 Katharine Drexel, monastic, 1955
4 Paul Cuffee, witness among the Shinnecock, 1812
5
6 William Mayo, 1911, and Charles Menninger, 1953, and their sons, pioneers in medicine
7 Perpetua and Felicity and their Companions
8 Geoffrey Anketell Studdert Kennedy
9 Gregory of Nyssa. 394
10 Harriet Ross Tubman
11
12 Gregory the Great
12 Symeon, the new theologian, monastic and poet, 1022
13 James Theodore Holly
14
15 Vincent de Paul and Louise de Marillac
16
17 Patrick of Ireland
17 Gertrude Nievelles, monastic, 659
18 Patrick of Ireland
18 Cyril of Jerusalem
19 SAINT JOSEPH
19 Thomas Ken
20 Thomas Ken
20 Cuthbert
21 Thomas Ken
21 Thomas Cranmer
21 Benedict of Nursia, alternate date
22 James De Koven
23 Gregory the Illuminator
23 Toribio de Mogrovejo, 1606
24 Oscar Romero and the Martyrs of El Salvador
25 THE ANNUNCIATION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
26 Harriet Monsell
26 Richard Allen, bishop, 1831
27 Charles Henry Brent
28 James Solomon Russell
29 John Keble
30 Innocent of Alaska, bishop, 1879
30 John Klimacus, monastic and theologians, 649
31 John Donne

APRIL
1 Frederick Denison Maurice
2 James Lloyd Breck
3 Mary of Egypt
3 Richard of Chichester
4 Martin Luther King, Jr
5 Harriet Starr Cannon
5 Pandita Mary Ramabai, prophetic witness and evangelist, 1922
6 Daniel Wu, priest and missionary Chinese Americans, 1956
7 Tikhon, patriarch of Russia, Confessor and ecumenist, 1925
8 William Augustus Muhlenberg, 1877
8 Anne Ayers, monastic, 1896
9 Dietrich Bonhoeffer
10 William Law
10 Pierre de Chardin
11 George Augustus Selwyn
12 Adoniram Judson, missionary to Burma, 1815
12 Teresa of the Andes, monastic, 1920
14 Edward Thomas Demby, 1928 and Henry Beard Delany, 1957
14 Zenaida, Philonella, and Hermione
15 Damien and Marianne Cope
16 Peter Williams Cassey and Annie Besant Cassey
16 Mary (Molly) Brant (Konwatsijayenni), Witnesses to the Faith among the Mohawks, 1796
17 Kateri Tekakwitha
17 Emily Cooper
18 Juana Inés de la Cruz
19 Alphege
20
21 Anselm
22 Hadewijch of Brabant
22 John Muir
22 Hudson Stuck
23 Toyohiko Kagawa
23 George, Soldier and Martyr, 304
23 Maria Gabriella Sagageddu, 1939
24 Genocide Remembrance
25 SAINT MARK THE EVANGELIST
26 Robert Hunt, priest, 1607
27 Christina Rossetti, 1894
27 Zita of Tuscany
28
29 Catherine of Siena, 1380
30 Sarah Josepha Buell Hale, editor and prophetic witness, 1879
30 Marie of the Incarnation, monastic and educator, 1672

MAY

1 THE APOSTLES SAINT PHILIP AND SAINT JAMES

2 Athanasius of Alexandria
2 Elisabeth Cruciger, poet and hymnographer, 1535
3 Athanasius of Alexandria, bishop and theologians, 373
4 Monnica [sic], mother of Augustine of Hippo, 387
4 Martyrs of the Reformation Era
5
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7 Harriet Starr Cannon, religious, 1896
8 Dame Julian of Norwich, c. 1417
9 Gregory of Nazianzus Bishop of Constantinople, 389
10 Nicholas Ludwig von Zinzendorf, 1760
11 Johann Arndt and Jacob Boehme
11 Isadora of Tabenna, fool for Christ, 4th century
12
13 Frances Perkins
14 Anna Maria von Schurman, scholar and poet, 1679
15 Junia and Andronicus
15 Pachomius of Tabennisi, 348
16 Martyrs of Sudan [and South Sudan]
17 William Hobart Hafre, 1909
17 Thurgood Marshall, 1993
18 Mary Mccloud Bethune, educator, 1955
19 Dunstan, Archbishop of Canterbury, 988
20 Alcuin of York, Deacon and Abbot of Tours
21 John Eliot, missionary among the Algonquin, 1690
21 Lydia of Thyatira
22 Helena of Constantinople, protector of Holy Places, 330
23 Copernicus, 1543 and Johannus Kepler, 1630, astronomers
24 Jackson Kemper
25 Venerable Bede, priest and monk of Jarrow, 735
26 Augustine of Canterbury
26 Mariana de Jesus Paredes, hermit and mystic, 1645
27 Bertha and Ethelbert, king and queen of Kent, 616
28 John Calvin, theologian, 1564
28 Mechthild of Magdeburg
29
30 Jeanne d'Arc (Joan of Arc) mystic and soldier, 1431
30 Basil the elder and Emilia of Cappadocia, c. 375
31 THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
JUNE
1 Justin Martyr
2 Blandina and her Companions, The Martyrs of Lyons
3 The Martyrs of Uganda
4 John XXIII, 1963
5 Boniface, Archbishop of Mainz, missionary to Germany and Martyr
6 Ini Kopuria, founder of the Melanesian Brotherhood, 1945
7 The Pioneers of the Episcopal Church of Brazil, 1890
8 Roland Allen, mission strategist [priest and missionary], 1947
8 Melania the Elder
9 Columba of Ion
9 William Alexander Guerry, 1928
9 Jeanne Guyon, mystic, 1717
10 Ephrem of Nisibis [of Odessa, Syria]
11 SAINT BARNABAS THE APOSTLE
12 Enmegahbowh
13 Gilbert Keith Chesterton, 1936
14 Basil the Great, Bishop of Caesarea, 379
14 Gilbert Keith Chesterton, 1936
15 Evelyn Underhill
16 Joseph Butler
17 Marina the Monk
18 Bernard Mizeki
19 Adelaide Teague Case
20 Alban, martyr
21
22 Alban, first martyr of Britain, c. 304
23
24 THE NATIVITY OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST
25 James Weldon Johnson, 1938
25 Fabronia, martyr
25 Presentation of the Augsburg Confession, 1530
26 Isabel Florence Hapgood
27 Cornelius Hill, priest and chief among the Oneida, 1907
28 Irenaeus of Lyons
29 THE APOSTLES SAINT PETER AND SAINT PAUL
30
31 JULY
1 Harriett Beecher Stowe, 1896
1 Catherine Winkworth, poet, 178
2 Pauli Murray, 1985
2 Moses the Black
2 Walter Rauschenbusch, 1918, Washington Gladden, 1918, Jacob Riis, 1914, prophetic witnesses
3
4 INDEPENDENCE DAY (United States of America)
5
6 John (Jan) Hus, 1415
6 Eva Lee Matthews, monastic, 1928
7
8 Priscilla and Aquila
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11 Benedict of Nursia, Abbot of Monte Cassino, 540
12 Nathan Soderblom, Archbishop of Uppsala and ecumenist, 1930
13 Conrad Weiser, witness to peace and reconciliation, 1760
14 Samson Occam, witness to the faith in New England
14 Argula von Grumbach, scholar and church reformer, c. 1554
15
16 The Righteous Gentiles
17 William White, bishop of Pennsylvania, 1836
18 Bartolome de las Casas, friar and missionary to the Indies, 1566
19 Macrina of Caesarea, monastic and teacher, 379
19 John Hines, Bishop, 1997
20 Maria Skobtsoba, monastic and martyr, 1945
20 Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Amelia Bloomer, Sojourner Truth, and Harriet Ross Tubman
21 Albert John Luthuli, prophetic witness in South Africa, 1967

22 SAINT MARY MAGDALENE
23 John Cassian
24 Thomas a Kempis

25 JAMES THE APOSTLE
26 Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary
26 Charles Roman Barnes, 1938
27 William Reed Huntington

28 Johann Sebastian Bach; George Frederick Handel, Henry Purcell
29 Mary, Martha [and Lazarus] of Bethany
29 First ordination of Women to the priesthood in The Episcopal Church
30 William Wilberforce
31 Ignatius of Loyola

AUGUST
1 Joseph of Arimathea
2 Samuel Ferguson, Missionary Bishop of West Africa
3 George Freeman Bragg, Jr., priest, 1940
3 Joanna, Mary, and Salome
3 W. E. B. DuBois, 1963

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5 Albrecht Durer, Matthias Grunwald, Cranach the Elder, artists

6 THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
7 John Mason Neale
7 Catherine Winkworth, poet, 1878
8 Dominic
9 Herman of Alaska, missionary to the Aleut, 1837
9 Edith Stein (Teresa Benedicta of the Cross), philosopher, monastic, and martyr 1942
10 Laurence of Rome
11 John Henry Newman
11 Clare of Assisi
12 Florence Nightingale
13 Jeremy Taylor
14 Jonathan Myrick Daniels

15 SAINT MARY THE VIRGIN, MOTHER OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

16
17 Samuel Johnson, Timothy Cutler, Thomas Bradbury Chandler, priests
17 Baptism of Manteo and Virginia Dare
18 William Porcher DuBose
18 Artemesia Bowden
18 Rosa Judith Cisneros, public servant, 1980
19
20 Bernard of Clairvaux
21
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23 Martin de Porres, Rosa de Lima, Toribio de Mogrevejo, witnesses to the faith in South America
24 Rose of Lima
24 Denzil A. Carty, priest, 1975

24 SAINT BARTHOLOMEW THE APOSTLE

25 Louis of France, 1270
26 Thomas Gallaudet and Henry Winter Syle
27 Monica, Mother of Augustine of Hippo, 387
27 Thomas Gallaudet and Henry Winter Syle
28 Augustine of Hippo
28 Moses the Black
29 John Bunyan, 1688
29 The Beheading of Saint John the Baptist
30 Charles Grafton
30 Margaret Ward, Margaret Clitherow, and Anne Line, martyrs
31 Aidan, bishop of Lindisfarne
31 Cuthbert, bishop of Lindisfarne
31 David Pendleton Oakerhater

SEPTEMBER

1 David Pendleton Oakerhater
2 The Martyrs of New Guinea
3 Prudence Crandall, teacher and prophetic witness, 1890
3 Phoebe, deacon
4 Paul Jones, bishop
4 Albert Schweitzer, theologians and humanitarian, 1965
5 Katharina Zell, church reformer and writer
5 Gregorio Aglipay, priest and founder of the Philippine Independent Church, 1940
6 Hannah More, religious writer and philanthropist, 1833
7 Kassian, poet and hymnographer, 865
7 Elie Naud, Huguenot and witness to the faith, 1722
8 The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
8 Soren Kierkegaard, teacher and philosopher, 1855
8 Nikolai Grundtvig, bishop and hymn writer
9 Constance, and her companion [Thecla, Ruth, Frances, Charles Parsons, and Louis Schuyler], 1878
10 Alexander Crummell
11 Harry Thacker Burleigh, composer, 1949
12 Harry Thacker Burleigh, composer, 1949
12 John Henry Hobart
13 Cyprian, bishop and martyr
14 HOLY CROSS DAY
14 Cyprian
15 Cyprian
15 Catherine of Genoa
15 James Chisholm
16 Ninian
17 Hildegard [of Bingen]
18 Edward Bouverie Pusey
18 Dag Hjalmar Agne Carl Hammarskjold, public servant, 1961
19 Theodore of Tarsus
20 John Coleridge Patteson and his Companions
21 SAINT MATTHEW, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST
22 Philander Chase, Bishop of Ohio and Illinois
23 Thecla of Iconium
24 Anna Ellison Butler Alexander, deaconess and teacher, 1947
26 Lancelot Andrewes
25 Sergius, abbot of Holy Trinity, Moscow, 1392
26 Euphrosyne/Smaragdus of Alexandria, monastic of the 5th century
26 Wilson Carlile, priest, 1942
27 Vincent de Paul. Religious and prophetic witness, 1660
27 Thomas Traherne, priest, 1674
28 Richard Rolle, Walter Hilton, and Margery Kempe
28 Paula and Eustochium of Rome
29 SAINT MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS
30 Jerome

OCTOBER
1 Remigius of Rheims
1 Therese of Lisieux
2
3 John Raleigh Mott, ecumenist and missionary, 1955
4 Francis of Assisi
6 William Tyndale, Miles Coverdale, translators of the Bible
6. Henrietta Stockdale, monastic and nurse, 1911
7 Henry Melchior Muhlenberg, Lutheran Pastor in North America, 1787
7 Birgitta of Sweden, 1373
8 William Dwight Porter Bliss, 1926
8 Richard Theodore Ely, economist, 1943
8 Thais of Alexandria, monastic, 5th century
9 Vida Dutton Scudder
9 Wilfred Thomas Grenfell, medical missionary, 1940
9 Robert Grosseteste, Bishop of Lincoln, 1253
9 William Carey, missionary, 1834
10 Vida Dutton Scudder
11 Philip, deacon and evangelist
12 Elizabeth Fry, social reformer, 1845
13
14 Samuel Isaac Joseph Schereschewsky [and Channing Moore Williams]
15 Teresa of Avila
16 Hugh Latimer and Nicholas Ridley, [and Thomas Cranmer]
17 Ignatius, bishop of Antioch and Martyr

18 SAINT LUKE THE EVANGELIST
19 Henry Martyn, missionary to India and Persia
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23 SAINT JAMES OF JERUSALEM, BROTHER OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
24 Hiram Hisanori Kano, priest, 1986
25 Tabitha (Dorcas) of Joppa
26 Elizabeth Cady Stanton
26 Alfred the Great, King of the West Saxon, 899
27
28 SAINT SIMON AND SAINT JUDE
29 James Hannington, and his Companions, martyrs, 1885
30 Maryam of Qidun
30 John Wycliffe
31 Paul Shingi Sasaki, bishop of Mid-Japan and Tokyo, 1946
31 Philip Lindel Tsen, Bishop of Honan, China, 1954

NOVEMBER
1 ALL SAINTS
2 [All Souls] All the Faithful Departed
3 Richard Hooker
3 Martin de Porres, monastic, 1639
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6 William Temple
7 Willibrord, Archbishop of Utrecht, Missionary to Fresia, 739
8 Elizabeth of the Trinity, mystic, 1906
8 Ammonius, hermit, 4th century
9
10 Leo of Rome
11 Martin of Tours
11 Lili'uokalani of Hawaii, Queen and hymnographer, 1917
12 Charles Simeon
13
14 The Consecration of Samuel Seabury
14 Gregory Palamas, bishop and mystic, 1369
15 Francis Asbury and George Whitefield
16 Margaret of Scotland
17 Elizabeth of Hungary
17 Hugh of Lincoln, Robert Grosseteste
18 Hilda of Whitby
19 Elizabeth of Hungary
19 Mechthilde of Hackeborn and Gertrude the Great
20 Edmund
21 William Byrd, John Merbecke, and Thomas Tallis, musicians
22 Clive Staples Lewis
22 Cecelia of Rome
23 Clement of Rome
24 Catherine of Alexandria, Barbara of Nicomedia, and Margaret of Antioch, martyrs c. 305
25 James Otis Sargent Huntington, monastic and priest, 1935
26 Sojourner Truth
26 Isaac Watts, 1748
27
28 Kamehameha and Emma of Hawaii
29 Dorothy Day, activist, contemplative and writer, 1980
30 SAINT ANDREW THE APOSTLE

DECEMBER
1 Nicholas Ferrar
1 Charles de Foucauld, monastic and martyr
2 Nicholas Ferrar
2 Channing Moore Williams
3 Francis Xavier
4 John of Damascus
5 Clement of Alexandria
6 Nicholas of Myra
7 Ambrose, bishop of Milan, 397
8 Richard Baxter, pastor and writer, 1691
8 William West Skiles, deacon and missionary, 1862
9 Attilano Coco, priest, 1936
10 Karl Barth, pastor and theologians, 1968
10 Thomas Merton, contemplative and writer, 1968
11
12 Francis de Sales and Jane de Chantal
13 Lucy of Syracuse
13 Ella Baker, reformer, 1986
13 Samuel Johnson, priest, 1772
14 John of the Cross
14 Elizabeth Evelyn Wright, educator, 1906
Nino of Georgia, 15
John Horden Bishop and Missionary in Canada, 1893
Robert McDonald, priest, 1913
Ralph Adams Cram, 1942, Richard Upjohn, 1878, architects, John La Farge, artist, 1910
Dorothy L Sayers, apologist and spiritual writer, 1957
Olympias, deaconess, 408
William Lloyd Garrison, 1879, Maria Stewart, 1879, prophetic witnesses
Lillian Trasher, missionary in Egypt, 1961
Samthann, monastic, 739
Katharina von Bora, church reformer, 1552
SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE
Henry Budd, priest, 1875
Charlotte Diggs (Lottie) Moon, Missionary in China, 1920
Ruth Elaine Younger, monastic, 1986
SAINT STEPHEN, DEACON AND MARTYR
Fabiola of Rome, nurse and benefactor, 399
HOLY INNOCENTS
Thomas Becket
Josephine Butler, Social Reformer, 1906

Deputy Halt of Spring ield moved to refer the resolution to the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music.
Deputy Carroll of Oklahoma moved to end debate on the motion.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on the motion to refer.

Motion defeated

Deputy Logue of Georgia moved to amend the resolution.

Proposed Amendment:
Delete the second and third resolve clauses, as well as the calendar compilation. In addition, in the first resolve clause, delete "direct the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to further revise the document known as Proposed Lesser Feasts and Fasts 2018 so as to eliminate the distinction between
“Lesser Feasts and Fasts” and “Supplemental/Local Feasts,” providing propers and biographical information for all commemorations, and listing them upon a single calendar, and submit the revised document to the 80th General Convention; and be it further" and replace it with "authorize for optional use throughout this Church the proposed Lesser Feasts and Fasts 2018 as published in the report to this convention of the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music; and be it further.". In addition, add a resolve clause following the first resolve clause, to read: "Resolved, That General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to appoint a person or persons to solicit and collect broad feedback from the Church with respect to this volume, and to utilize that feedback to bring any suggested revisions before the 80th General convention in 2021."

Deputy Castellan of West Missouri inquired as to whether the amendment was in order, as it referenced a calendar not approved by this General Convention.

The President moved to suspend the rules to postpone consideration on Resolution A065 until the afternoon's legislative session.

Motion carried
Consideration postponed

[Ed. Note: Debate resumed on Resolution A065 later on the afternoon of July 12, 2018 (Day 8).]

The House of Deputies Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #16 on HB Message #57 on Resolution A216 (Calendar Reformation) and moved concurrence.

Deputy Mendez of Arizona moved to end debate.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

An electronic vote was taken on Resolution A216, resulting in 399 yes votes and 423 no votes.

Motion defeated
Resolution rejected

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #305)

Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations

The House of Deputies Committee on Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations presented its Report #5 on HB Message #41 on Resolution A041 (Episcopal Church-United Methodist Dialogue) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #306)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A041)

Resolved, That this 79th General Convention receives with gratitude the proposal “A Gift to the World, Co-Laborers for the Healing of Brokenness,” which was prepared and distributed by The Episcopal Church-United Methodist Dialogue; and be it further

Resolved, That this Convention encourages all Episcopalians to utilize the many resources available to understand the substance of this dialogue and its goal of full communion. Resources can be found on the websites of The Episcopal Church (episcopalchurch.org), the Episcopal Diocesan Ecumenical and
Interreligious Officers (edeio.org), and umc-tec.org, a website supporting full communion between the United Methodist Church and The Episcopal Church; and be it further

Resolved, That this Convention encourages and supports prayerful consideration by all Episcopalians during the coming triennium of this significant step forward in response to our Lord’s fervent wish “that all may be one.”

Churchwide Leadership

The House of Deputies Committee on Churchwide Leadership presented its Report #28 on Resolution A156 (Amend Canon III.11.1) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A156)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That Canon III.11.1 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 1(a) Discernment of vocation to be a Bishop occurs through a process of election in accordance with the rules prescribed by the Convention of the Diocese and pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution and Canons of this Church.

(b) With respect to the election of a Bishop Diocesan, Bishop Coadjutor, Bishop Suffragan or Assistant Bishop, the Diocese or, in the case of a Missionary Bishop, the Missionary Diocese or House of Bishop in accordance with the decision of the Missionary Diocese pursuant to Canon III.11.9(c)(1)-(3), shall establish a nominating process either by Canon or by the adoption of rules and procedures for the election of the Bishop Suffragan at a regular or special Diocesan Convention with sufficient time preceding the election of the Bishop Suffragan. The election will be held in accordance with this Canon III.11.

(c)(i) No more than twelve months before a Diocese or Missionary Diocese requests the consents under subsection (d) to holding an election of a Bishop Diocesan, Bishop Coadjutor, Bishop Suffragan, Assistant Bishop, or Missionary Bishop, the Diocese or Missionary Diocese shall complete a missional review of the Diocese to ascertain and articulate the needs, hopes, aspirations, and resources of the diocese as it participates in God’s mission. The missional review shall include consultation with neighboring dioceses and should utilize extra-diocesan consultants when possible. The requirement of a missional review shall apply to elections held on or after January 1, 2019, and this sentence shall be deleted from the canons at the adjournment of the 80th General Convention without the necessity of further action of the General Convention unless the 80th General Convention determines otherwise.

(ii) The results of such a missional review shall be communicated to the Presiding Bishop and Executive Council of The Episcopal Church who shall each offer an assessment of the Review.

(iii) The assessments of the Presiding Bishop and Executive Council shall be communicated to each Bishop exercising jurisdiction and Standing Committee in advance of their consent to the call of the election of the Bishop Diocesan, Bishop Coadjutor, Bishop Suffragan, Assistant Bishop, or Missionary Bishop.

(d) Before the election of a Bishop Diocesan, Bishop Coadjutor, Bishop Suffragan, Assistant Bishop, or Missionary Bishop in a Diocese or Missionary Diocese, the consent to the holding of the election from a majority of the Bishops exercising jurisdiction and a majority of the several Standing Committees must be obtained.
(e) The consent of a majority of the Bishops exercising jurisdiction and the majority of Standing Committees must be obtained to the election of the person to serve as Bishop Diocesan, Bishop Coadjutor, Bishop Suffragan, Assistant Bishop, or Missionary Bishop as set forth in Canons III.11.3.

(f) In lieu of electing a Bishop, the Convention of a Diocese may request that an election be made on its behalf by the House of Bishops of the Province of which the Diocese is a part, subject to confirmation by the Provincial Synod, or it may request that an election be made on its behalf by the House of Bishops of the Episcopal Church.

(1) If either option in Sec. 1(b) is chosen, a special Joint Nominating Committee shall be appointed unless the Diocesan Convention has otherwise provided for the nominating process. The Committee shall be composed of three persons from the Diocese, appointed by its Standing Committee, and three members of the electoral body, appointed by the President of that body. The Joint Nominating Committee shall elect its own officers and shall nominate three persons whose names it shall communicate to the Presiding Officer of the electoral body. The Presiding Officer shall communicate the names of the nominees to the electoral body at least three weeks before the election when the names shall be formally placed in nomination. Opportunity shall be given for nominations from the floor or by petition, in either case with provision for adequate background checks.

(2) If either option in Sec. 1(b) is chosen, the evidence of the election shall be a certificate signed by the Presiding Officer of the electoral body and by its Secretary, with a testimonial signed by a constitutional majority of the body, in the form required in Canon III.11.3, which shall be sent to the Standing Committee of the Diocese on whose behalf the election was held. The Standing Committee shall thereupon proceed as set forth in Canon III.11.3.

(g) The Secretary of the body electing a Bishop Diocesan, Bishop Coadjutor, or Bishop Suffragan, shall inform the Presiding Bishop promptly of the name of the person elected. It shall be the duty of the Bishop-elect to notify the Presiding Bishop of acceptance or declination of the election, at the same time as the Bishop-elect notifies the electing Diocese.

(h) No Diocese shall elect a Bishop within thirty days before a meeting of the General Convention.

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That Canon III.11.1 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 1(a) Discernment of vocation to be a Bishop occurs through a process of election in accordance with the rules prescribed by the Convention of the Diocese and pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution and Canons of this Church.

(b) With respect to the election of a Bishop Diocesan, Bishop Coadjutor, or Bishop Suffragan or Assistant Bishop, the Diocese or, in the case of a Missionary Bishop, the Missionary Diocese or House of Bishops in accordance with the decision of the Missionary Diocese pursuant to Canon III.11.9(c)(1)-(3), shall establish a nominating process either by Canon or by the adoption of rules and procedures for the election of the Bishop Suffragan at a regular or special Diocesan Convention with sufficient time preceding the election of the Bishop Suffragan. The election will be held in accordance with this Canon III.11.
(c) No more than twelve months before a Diocese or Missionary Diocese requests the consents under subsection (d) to holding an election of a Bishop Diocesan, Bishop Coadjutor, Bishop Suffragan, Assistant Bishop, or Missionary Bishop, the Diocese or Missionary Diocese shall complete a missional review of the Diocese to ascertain and articulate the needs, hopes, aspirations, and resources of the diocese as it participates in God’s mission. The missional review shall include consultation with neighboring dioceses and should utilize extra-diocesan consultants when possible. The requirement of a missional review shall apply to elections held on or after January 1, 2020, and this sentence shall be deleted from the canons at the adjournment of the 80th General Convention without the necessity of further action of the General Convention unless the 80th General Convention determines otherwise.

(i) The results of such a missional review shall be communicated to the Presiding Bishop and Executive Council of The Episcopal Church who shall each offer an assessment of the Missional Review.

(ii) The assessments of the Presiding Bishop and Executive Council shall be communicated to each Bishop exercising jurisdiction and Standing Committee in advance of their consent to the call of the election of the Bishop Diocesan, Bishop Coadjutor, Bishop Suffragan, Assistant Bishop, or Missionary Bishop.

(d) Before the election of a Bishop Diocesan, Bishop Coadjutor, Bishop Suffragan, Assistant Bishop, or Missionary Bishop in a Diocese or Missionary Diocese, the consent to the holding of the election from a majority of the Bishops exercising jurisdiction and a majority of the several Standing Committees must be obtained.

(e) The consent of a majority of the Bishops exercising jurisdiction and the majority of Standing Committees must be obtained to the election of the person to serve as Bishop Diocesan, Bishop Coadjutor, Bishop Suffragan, Assistant Bishop, or Missionary Bishop as set forth in Canons III.11.3.

(b) (f) In lieu of electing a Bishop, the Convention of a Diocese may request that an election be made on its behalf by the House of Bishops of the Province of which the Diocese is a part, subject to confirmation by the Provincial Synod, or it may request that an election be made on its behalf by the House of Bishops of the Episcopal Church.

(i) If either option in Sec. (b) (f) is chosen, a special Joint Nominating Committee shall be appointed unless the Diocesan Convention has otherwise provided for the nominating process. The Committee shall be composed of three persons from the Diocese, appointed by its Standing Committee, and three members of the electoral body, appointed by the President of that body. The Joint Nominating Committee shall elect its own officers and shall nominate three persons whose names it shall communicate to the Presiding Officer of the electoral body. The Presiding Officer shall communicate the names of the nominees to the electoral body at least three weeks before the election when the names shall be formally placed in nomination. Opportunity
shall be given for nominations from the floor or by petition, in either case with provision for adequate background checks.

(2) If either option in Sec. I(b) is chosen, the evidence of the election shall be a certificate signed by the Presiding Officer of the electoral body and by its Secretary, with a testimonial signed by a constitutional majority of the body, in the form required in Canon III.11.3, which shall be sent to the Standing Committee of the Diocese on whose behalf the election was held. The Standing Committee shall thereupon proceed as set forth in Canon III.11.3.

(c) (g) The Secretary of the body electing a Bishop Diocesan, Bishop Coadjutor, or Bishop Suffragan, shall inform the Presiding Bishop promptly of the name of the person elected. It shall be the duty of the Bishop-elect to notify the Presiding Bishop of acceptance or declination of the election, at the same time as the Bishop-elect notifies the electing Diocese.

(d) (h) No Diocese shall elect a Bishop within thirty days before a meeting of the General Convention.

And be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention finds it to be in the best interests of The Episcopal Church that all dioceses and other jurisdictions of the Church engage in the process of a missional review periodically but no less often than prior to engaging in an episcopal search process; and be it further

Resolved, That the Office of Pastoral Development, assisted by the Task Force to Assist the Office of Pastoral Development, develop questionnaires and forms setting forth matters to be reviewed and protocols for performing the review, and recruit and train Missional Review Consultants to guide and assist dioceses in performing missional reviews; and be it further

Resolved, That missional reviews may include, but not be limited to, asking questions such as:

- Is the diocesan infrastructure capable of permitting people to exercise their ministries in healthy and life-giving ways? Is the staffing sufficient? Does it have the capacity to use its resources, and potentially, the resources of other dioceses?
- Are the staff (including the bishop(s)) compensated appropriately, according to local diocesan guidelines and the recommendations of General Convention including pension contributions and healthcare and in a timely manner?
- Is the diocese capable of fulfilling its financial obligations, including those in its own budget and its assessment to be paid to The Episcopal Church?
- Is the diocese capable of deploying and implementing programs for the congregations (i.e., safe church training, anti-racism training, stewardship programs, vestry training, festivals and meetings)?
- Are the diocesan properties safe, sound, and insured? Are there resources (financial or otherwise) available to assist congregations in crisis?
- Are there enough people to fill leadership roles to implement mission and vision?
- Is there enough spiritual health in the congregations?

And be it further

Resolved, That dioceses participating in a missional review be urged to seek collaboration and a sharing of ideas and visions with surrounding dioceses; and be it further

Resolved, That the knowledge, insights, and wisdom gained by a missional review be used to help define the gifts and talents that a bishop might bring to the diocese.
Deputy Garno of Albany moved to amend the resolution.

**Proposed Amendment:**
Delete Section 1(c)(iii).

Deputy Garno of Albany requested an electronic vote on the amendment. An electronic vote was taken on the amendment, resulting in 309 yes votes and 493 no votes.

Motion defeated  
Amendment defeated

Deputy Mendez of Arizona moved to end debate.

Motion carried  
Debate terminated

An electronic vote was taken on Resolution A156, resulting in 428 yes votes and 392 no votes.

Motion carried  
Resolution adopted with amendment  
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #307)

**Announcements**
The Secretary read the announcements.

**Motion to Suspend Rules**
The President moved to suspend the House Rules to allow the Committee on Dispatch of Business to reorganize the remainder of the Legislative Calendar for the Eighth Legislative Day.

Motion carried  
Rules suspended

**Recess**
Following announcements, the President announced that the House would stand in recess until 2:15 p.m.
AFTERNOON SESSION

Reconvene

The President called the House to Order at 2:17 p.m.

Prayers

The President called on the Chaplain for prayers.

Certification of Deputies

The House of Deputies Committee on Credentials presented its Report #13 for the afternoon session of the Eighth Legislative Day. There were 424 clerical deputies and 419 lay deputies certified and seated, bringing the total count of the House to 843, representing 110 dioceses in the clerical order and 110 in the lay order. The number of votes for a motion to prevail by a simple majority was 422. The number of votes for a motion to prevail by a two-thirds majority was 562. The number of dioceses for a motion requiring a Vote By Orders to prevail was 56 in the lay order and 56 in the clerical order. The number of dioceses for a motion requiring a Vote By Orders to prevail by a two-thirds majority was 74 in the lay order and 74 in the clerical order. There were 8 new deputies certified and 77 changes in deputation on this day, as follows:

Newly certified deputies:

Edwin Johnson, Diocese of Massachusetts
Thomas Brown, Diocese of Massachusetts
Karen Montagno, Diocese of Massachusetts
William Parnell, Diocese of Massachusetts
Frederica Thompsett, Diocese of Massachusetts
William Boyce, Diocese of Massachusetts
Betsy Ridge Madsen, Diocese of Massachusetts
Susannah Perkinson, Diocese of Massachusetts

New Deputy | Former Deputy
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Arizona | Julia Coleman | Ariana Gonzalez-Bonillas
Arkansas | Susan Carter | Robert L. Brown
California | Hailey McKeefry Delmas | David Ota
California | Richard Edward Helmer | Ruth Meyers
California | Vanessa Stickler Glass | Merry Chan Ong
Central Florida | Heather Rodriguez | Erick Perez
Central Pennsylvania | Cathy Rippeon | David Rutledge
Central Pennsylvania | Regina Bautista | Nelson Baliira
Chicago | Christian Clough | Crystal Plummer
Chicago | Jess Elfring-Roberts | M.E. Eccles
Colorado | Chuck Theobald | Dianne Draper
Connecticut | Shirley Wick | A. Bates Lyons
Dallas | Carrie Boren Headington | Jolayne LaCour
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West Texas  Wheless Baker  Emily V. Kittrell
West Virginia  Kelly Connolly McGhee  Karen Klein
Western Louisiana  Nancy Shaw  Will Harp
Western North Carolina  Ron Rios  Betsy Biega
Wyoming  Melinda Bobo  Ron Philips

The Secretary moved that the report be accepted.  

Motion carried
Report accepted

Presentation

The President presented the House of Deputies Medal to Deputy Little of Vermont for his ministry in governance and distinguished service to his diocese, his home state, and the House.

Messages from the House of Bishops

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

HB Message #283:  E004 (Treasurer of General Convention - HOB) Elected
HB Message #284:  A111 (Amend Article V of the Constitution (Second Reading)) Conceded
HB Message #285:  D071 (Establish State Policy Networks) Adopted with Amendment
HB Message #286:  D083 (Amend Canon III.10.2) Rejected
HB Message #287:  B011 (Inclusive Language Policies for Episcopal Seminaries and Formation Programs) Conceded
HB Message #288:  A295 (Adopt the Budget for The Episcopal Church) Conceded
HB Message #289:  X023 (Solidarity with the Gwich’in People) Adopted
HB Message #290:  A176 (Amend Article V - Second Reading) Reconsidered
HB Message #291:  A176 (Amend Article V - Second Reading) Adopted with Amendment

Consent Calendar

The Secretary announced that Resolutions A123 (Amend Canon IV.3.1 - Addressing Misrepresentation in Ordination Process and Clarify Sexual Misconduct), A156 (Amend Canon III.11.1), D034 (Amend Canon IV.19.4 - Suspending Statue of Limitations), A151 (Amend Article II.4-8 of the Constitution), and X020 (Confirmation for the General Board of Examining Chaplains) had been withdrawn from the Consent Calendar.

[Ed. Note: It was discovered in editing the Journal that Resolution X020 (Confirmation for the General Board of Examining Chaplains) was processed with the consent calendar resolutions and not brought to the house floor for a vote. Resolution X020 was marked as Adopted House of Deputies only in HD msg#323. Therefore the election was reported as confirmed in the Summary of Actions.]
Churchwide Leadership

The House of Deputies Committee on Churchwide Leadership presented its Report #25 on Resolution A146 (Revisions to The Raising Up of Episcopal Leadership - A Manual for Dioceses in Transition) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A146)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention urges that the The Raising Up of Episcopal Leadership - A Manual for Dioceses in Transition (the “Manual”) be revised and updated to reflect the following:

- Best practices for transition process from announcement of transition to incorporation of newly elected bishop into diocesan system
- Resources that provide flexibility for use by both large and small dioceses
- Alternatives to minimize costs of transition process
- Ways to establish a transparent transition process with accountability
- Training for elected diocesan leaders/committee members involved in the transition process
- Suggestions for use of technology including secure internal communications among diocesan committees, secure communications with potential nominees, and secure sharing of reference and background check information
- Means for electronic and other background checks
- Suggestions for use of social media and websites for communicating search profile, status update, and election information
- Expanded reference check resources
- Most current medical and psychological testing
- Expanded background check resources including legal, financial, criminal, vehicular and civil information
- Interviews with current and former bishops with oversight of potential nominees
- Interviews with current and former diocesan Transition Ministers in ministry with potential nominees
- Encourage election procedures that allow time for adequate screening (e.g., discourage nominations from the floor)
- Transition Consultant services
- Discussion of election options/alternatives available to dioceses per canons

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention urges that the The Raising Up of Episcopal Leadership - A Manual for Dioceses in Transition (the “Manual”) be revised and updated to reflect best practices and protocols for the entire transition process the following:

- Best practices for transition process from announcement of transition to incorporation of newly elected bishop into diocesan system
- Resources that provide flexibility for use by both large and small dioceses
- Alternatives to minimize costs of transition process
- Ways to establish a transparent transition process with accountability
- Training for elected diocesan leaders/committee members involved in the transition process
- Suggestions for use of technology including secure internal communications among diocesan committees, secure communications with potential nominees, and secure sharing of reference and background check information
The House of Deputies Committee on Churchwide Leadership presented its Report #27 on Resolution D066 (Discerning a Call to the Episcopate) and moved adoption with amendment.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(Do66)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the issue of how the Church can better aid in the discernment of a call to the episcopate be addressed by providing access to a confidential process of information and mentoring through the Office of Pastoral Development; and be it further

Resolved, That the Pilot Board for Episcopal Transitions create an informational website, accessible to all, with interviews and information that would aid in demystifying the process of discerning a call to the episcopate; and be it further

Resolved, That the Pilot Board for Episcopal Transitions recruit a roster of bishops, former candidates in episcopal elections, and other appropriate pastoral support people as may be appropriate for providing information and to confidentially answer questions of seekers prior to that person deciding whether to enter a diocesan search process for a call to the episcopate; 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 $95,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

**Committee Amendment:**

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the issue of how the Church can better aid in the discernment of a call to the episcopate be addressed by providing access to a confidential process of information and mentoring through the Office of Pastoral Development; and be it further

Resolved, That the Pilot Board for Episcopal Transitions Office of Pastoral Development assisted by the Task Force to assist the Office of Pastoral Development create an informational website, accessible to all, with interviews and information that would aid in demystifying the process of discerning a call to the episcopate; and be it further
Resolved, That the Pilot Board for Episcopal Transitions Office of Pastoral Development assisted by the Task Force to assist the Office of Pastoral Development recruit a roster of bishops, former candidates in episcopal elections, and other appropriate pastoral support people as may be appropriate for providing information and to confidentially answer questions of seekers prior to that person deciding whether to enter a diocesan search process for a call to the episcopate; 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 $95,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #309)

Safeguarding and Title IV

The House of Deputies Committee on Safeguarding and Title IV presented its Report #31 on Resolution A129 (Amend Canon IV.19.30(a)(1) - Retention of Records) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A129)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That Canon IV.19.30(a)(1) be amended to read as follows:

Canon IV.19.30(a) Records of Proceedings shall be preserved as follows:

(1) Each Hearing Panel and Provincial Court of Review and Court of Review for Bishops 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.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #310)

The House of Deputies Committee on Safeguarding and Title IV presented its Report #33 on Resolution A182 (Discipline of Priests and Deacons at the Provincial or Church Wide Level) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A182)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons be directed to study, consider, and propose amendments to the Canons to provide for the discipline of Priests and Deacons on the provincial, church wide or other basis besides by each and every diocese and report its recommendations to the 80th General Convention; and be it further

Resolved, That any proposed amendments shall provide for the Bishop Diocesan of the Diocese in which the Presbyter or Deacon who is or may be a Respondent under Title IV is canonically resident to have the same role that the Bishop Diocesan of the Diocese conducting the proceedings under Title IV currently has; and be it further
Resolved, That any and all Disciplinary Boards for Presbyters and Deacons be composed solely of Presbyters, Deacons and lay persons; and be it further

Resolved, That any proposed amendments consider providing for provincial or church wide for Intake Officers, Church Attorneys, Advisors, Conciliators, Investigators, and Disciplinary Board; and be it further

Resolved, That any proposed amendments consider including provisions requiring the Disciplinary Board to have one or more persons in the role of lay assessor, however titled in the amendments, to provide canonical and legal advice to Disciplinary Boards and Panels, including the Reference Panel; and be it further

Resolved, That consideration be given to how costs for proceedings might be shared between the General Convention budget, provincial budgets, and the diocese of canonical residence of the Presbyter or Deacon who is or may be a Respondent.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #311)

The House of Deputies Committee on Safeguarding and Title IV presented its Report #32 on Resolution A183 (Amend Article IX - First Reading) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A183)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the Constitution Article IX be amended to read as follows:

Article IX

The General Convention may, by Canon, establish one or more Courts for the Trial of Bishops.

Presbyters and Deacons canonically resident in a Diocese shall be tried by a Court instituted by the General Convention thereof, by Canon. Presbyters and Deacons canonically resident in a Missionary Diocese shall be tried according to Canons adopted by the Bishop and Convocation thereof, with the approval of the House of Bishops; provided that the General Convention in each case may prescribe by Canon for a change of venue.

The General Convention, in like manner, may establish or may provide for the establishment of Courts of Review of the determination of diocesan or other trial Courts.

The Court for the review of the determination of the trial Court, on the trial of a Bishop, shall be composed of Bishops only.

The General Convention, in like manner, may establish an ultimate Court of Appeal, solely for the review of the determination of any Court of Review on questions of Doctrine, Faith, or Worship.

None but a Bishop shall pronounce sentence of suspension, or removal, or deposition from the Ministry, on any Bishop, Presbyter, or Deacon; and none but a Bishop shall admonish any Bishop, Presbyter, or Deacon.
A sentence of suspension shall specify on what terms or conditions and at what time the suspension shall cease. A sentence of suspension may be remitted in such manner as may be provided by Canon.

**Motion carried**

**Resolution adopted with amendment**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #312)

The House of Deputies Committee on Safeguarding and Title IV presented its Report #37 on Resolution D033 (Amend Canons IV.2 and IV.6 - Churchwide Intake Officer) and moved to refer the resolution to the Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(D033)

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention amend Title IV, Canon 2 to add the definition of “Churchwide Intake Officer” as follows:

*Churchwide Intake Officer. One or more Intake Officer(s) appointed by the President of the House of Deputies and confirmed by lay and clergy members of Executive Council to serve as churchwide Intake Officers as set forth in Title IV, Canon 6.11.*

And be it further

*Resolved*, That Title IV be amended to add new Title IV, Canon 6.11 to read as follows:

*Sec. 11. If any Complainant or Injured Person has a concern that there may be a conflict of interest, or other factor which might reasonably impair the fair and objective consideration of their claim, between the Intake Officer in the diocese where the claim would be filed (or all dioceses where the claim could be properly brought) and the Bishop of that diocese and/or the President of the Disciplinary Board, the Complainant or Injured Person may bring the matter to the Churchwide Intake Officer described in Title IV, Canon 2, for the remainder of that case. The expenses of that Intake Officer will be borne by the diocese in which the claim is being brought.*

**Motion carried**

**Resolution referred**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #313)
The House of Deputies Committee on Safeguarding and Title IV presented its Report #36 on Resolution D064 (Amend Canon IV.14.12(a) and IV.14.12(b)) and moved adoption with amendment.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(D064)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That Canon IV.14.12(a) is hereby amended to read 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 President of the House of Deputies; to the Recorder of Ordinations; the Office of Transition Ministry; the Archives; and to the Secretary of the House of Bishops and the Secretary of the House of Deputies. and to the Office of Transition Ministry, which shall insert a notice of disciplinary action, and any changes noted thereto, on the Respondent’s OTM Portfolio.

And be it further

Resolved, That Canon IV.14.12(b) is hereby amended to read as follows:

(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 Office of Transition Ministry, 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 this Church, and to the Office of Transition Ministry, which shall insert a notice of disciplinary action, and any changes noted thereto, on the Respondent’s OTM Portfolio.

**Committee Amendment:**

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That Canon IV.14.12(a) is hereby amended to read 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 President of the House of Deputies; to the Recorder of Ordinations; to the Office of Transition Ministry; the Archives; and to the Secretary of the House of Bishops and the Secretary of the House of Deputies. and to the Office of Transition Ministry, which shall insert a copy of the notice of Accord or Order disciplinary action, and any changes noted thereto, on the Respondent’s OTM Portfolio.

And be it further

Resolved, That Canon IV.14.12(b) is hereby amended to read as follows:

(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 Office of Transition Ministry, 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 this Church, and to the Office of Transition Ministry, which shall insert a copy of the notice of Order or Accord disciplinary action, and any changes noted thereto, on the Respondent's OTM Portfolio.

Motion carried

Resolution adopted with amendment

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #314)

Ministry

The House of Deputies Committee on Ministry presented its Report #11 on HB Message #140 on Resolution A189 (Create Task Force to Develop Process for Substance Abuse Screening) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried

The House concurred

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #315)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A189)

Resolved, That a Task Force or similar body be formed to develop a standardized process of screening persons applying for ordination with respect to their history of and experience with alcohol and substance abuse; and be it further

Resolved, That the Task Force identify best practices for dioceses to follow in evaluating issues of alcohol and substance abuse, including training for Standing Committees, Commissions on Ministry and others involved in the ordination process, as well as training for persons in the ordination process; and be it further

Resolved, That the Task Force prepare a report for the 80th General Convention giving recommendations with respect to alcohol and substance abuse for (1) screening processes for dioceses to employ in the ordination process, including how to best evaluate applicants with a history of addictions who are now living in recovery (2) training for Standing Committees, Commissions on Ministry and others involved in the ordination process, including diocesan staff, and (3) training and other appropriate recommendations for persons in the ordination process; and be it further

Resolved, That the Task Force be composed of three Bishops appointed by the Presiding Bishop, at least two of whom have experience in dealing with clergy with a history of alcohol or substance abuse, and six priests, deacons or lay persons appointed by the President of the House of Deputies, at least 3 of whom have relevant experience in the evaluation and treatment of persons with a history of alcohol or substance abuse and at least one of whom serves as a diocesan Transition Officer who has experience in dealing with clergy who have a history of alcohol or substance abuse. At least three members of this Task Force should be persons living in recovery; and be it further

Resolved, That the Task Force also examine a process for identifying other forms of addiction and their potential impact on ministry; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Commission on Program, Budget and Finance allocate $25,000 to the budget to facilitate the work of the Task Force.
Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations

The House of Deputies Committee on Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations presented its Report #6 on HB Message #155 on Resolution A225 (On the Importance of Ecumenism for Becoming Beloved Community) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #316)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A225)

Resolved, That, whereas the Presiding Bishop has articulated three foci for the work of Becoming Beloved Community—care of creation, racial reconciliation, and evangelism—the 79th General Convention recognizes that we cannot do this work alone, and that we have much to offer other church traditions and much to learn from them in the work of the three above named areas; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention encourage all Provinces, Regional Consultative Groups, Dioceses, Episcopal Communities, and Parishes to seek ecumenical partners for mutual upbuilding in the areas of care of creation, racial reconciliation, and evangelism; and be it further

Resolved, That they be encouraged to seek ecumenical partners that reflect the racial, ethnic, national, linguistic, and cultural diversity of their context.

The House of Deputies Committee on Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations presented its Report #7 on HB Message #58 on Resolution D043 (Welcoming the Church of South India into the United States of America) and moved adoption with amendment.

Text as amended on the floor of the House of Bishops

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention welcome with affection and seek fellowship with the congregations of the Church of South India (CSI) in the United States within the geographical bounds of The Episcopal Church. The CSI is an Anglican Communion partner United Church, which has established and is establishing congregations in the United States to serve immigrants and their families from the states of South India; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention communicate to the moderators and bishops of the Church of South India (CSI) and other united churches that are constituent members of the Anglican Communion, and invite them to adhere to the stewardship of eclesial juridistictions by not creating parallel jurisdictions in the Episcopal Church.

Resolved, That all Dioceses, Parishes, and other Episcopal communities be encouraged to seek fellowship with Church of South India communities within their geographical area of ministry; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the General Convention send this greeting to the Moderator of the Church of South India and all CSI congregations in the United States within the geographical bounds of The Episcopal Church.

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the Secretary of the General Convention send this warm greetings to the Moderator of the Church of South India (CSI), an Anglican communion partner United
Resolved, That the 79th General Convention welcome with affection and seek fellowship with the congregations of the Church of South India within the geographical bounds of The Episcopal Church. The CSI is an Anglican Communion partner United Church, which has established and is establishing congregations in the United States to serve immigrants and their families from the states of South India; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention communicate to the moderators and bishops of the Church of South India (CSI) and other united churches that are constituent members of the Anglican Communion, and invite them to adhere to the stewardship of ecclesial jurisdictions by not creating parallel jurisdictions in the Episcopal Church.

Resolved, That all Dioceses, Parishes, and other Episcopal communities be encouraged to seek fellowship with CSI communities within their geographical area of ministry.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #317)

The House of Deputies Committee on Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations presented its Report #8 on HB Message #159 on Resolution D056 (Amend Canons I.20 and III.10.2(a)(3) - Full Communion Relationships) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #318)

Final Text of Resolution:

(D056)

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention amend Canon I.20 to read as follows:

Sec. 1. The Episcopal Church, a member of the Anglican Communion, has a relationship of full communion with (i) those Churches that are also members of the Anglican Communion by action of the Anglican Consultative Council and (ii) those Churches in the historic succession with whom it entered into covenant agreements prior to 1980 and thereafter with those Churches in the historic episcopal succession with whom it has entered into covenant agreements adopted by the General Convention including:

(a) the Old Catholic Churches of the Union of Utrecht (via ratification of the Bonn Agreement of 1931 by the 51st General Convention in 1934),

(b) la Iglesia Filipina Independiente/the Philippine Independent Church (via The Concordat of Full Communion Between the Iglesia Filipina Independiente and The Episcopal Church of 1961 adopted by the 60th General Convention in 1961), and

(c) the Mar Thoma Syrian Church of Malabar (via the Mar Thoma Church - Episcopal Church Agreement of 1979).
Sec. 2. The Episcopal Church has a relationship of full communion with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America under the terms of and as defined by “Called to Common Mission,” which was adopted by the 73rd General Convention of the The Episcopal Church as Resolution 2000-A040.

And be it further

Resolved, That Canon III.10.2(a)(3) be amended to read as follows:

(3) The provisions of this Section 1 Sections 2 and 3 shall be fully applicable to all Members of the Clergy ordained in any Church in the process of entering the historic episcopal succession with which The Episcopal Church is in full communion with this Church as specified in Canon I.20, subject to the covenant of the two churches The Episcopal Church and the other Church or Churches as adopted by the General Convention and by the denominational authority or similar body for those Churches that are not members of the Anglican Communion by action of the Anglican Consultative Council.

(i) those duly constituted Dioceses, Provinces, and regional Churches in communion with the See of Canterbury,

(ii) the Old Catholic Churches of the Union of Utrecht,

(iii) the Philippine Independent Church, and

(iv) the Mar Thoma Syrian Church of Malabar.

(v) the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Evangelism and Church Planting

The House of Deputies Committee on Evangelism and Church Planting presented its Report #10 on HB Message #111 on Resolution A032 (Congregational Redevelopment) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried

The House concurred

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #319)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A032)

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention requests that the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies in consultation with the Church Center staff create a church-wide Community of Practice that works with congregations and their bishops to help them redevelop to better engage the cultural realities of their communities for the sake of launching new ministries and multi-cultural missional initiatives; and be it further

Resolved, That the Communications Office be directed to make a priority of reporting on the stories of redeveloped congregations on an ongoing basis through news media, video, and other means and through developing online resources that provide detailed information about the redevelopment efforts happening throughout the church; and be it further

Resolved, That the cost of this initiative will be equally shared by the church-wide budget, participating dioceses and redeveloping congregations; and be it further
Resolved, That the presiding officers appoint a task force to coordinate this initiative in collaboration with Church Center staff. That task force may be combined with a task force on Church Planting and Missional Initiatives at the discretion of the presiding officers; and be it further

Resolved, That the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance consider a budget allocation of $725,000 during the triennium for the implementation of this resolution.

World Mission

The House of Deputies Committee on World Mission presented its Report #10 on HB Message #175 on Resolution A208 (Establish a Standing Commission on World Mission) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #320)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A208)

Resolved, That Canon I.1.2(n) be amended as follows:

(3) A Standing Commission on World Mission. It shall be the duty of the Commission to:

(i) Identify the global mission work carried out by the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, dioceses, congregations and mission organizations throughout the church.

(ii) Consult with the above bodies to envision future directions for the church’s global engagement.

(iii) Develop policy proposals for world mission for consideration by General Convention.

(iv) Discharge such other duties as shall from time to time be assigned by the General Convention.

And be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to appropriate $90,000 to fund the work of the Standing Commission on World Mission for the 2019-21 triennium.

The House of Deputies Committee on World Mission presented its Report #11 on HB Message #154 on Resolution A215 (Solidarity with the People of Venezuela) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #321)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A215)

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention acknowledge the difficult circumstances the nation of Venezuela faces; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention express its solidarity with our brothers and sisters in the Diocese of Venezuela as it continues to further the mission and ministry of The Episcopal Church; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention call on The Episcopal Church to pray regularly and advocate for a peaceful resolution of the crisis facing our sisters and brothers in Venezuela, and urge continued support for all Venezuelans, including those who have migrated to other countries; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention urge the Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church to designate the first Sunday in October as a day of prayer throughout The Episcopal Church for the Episcopal Diocese of Venezuela and the people of Venezuela.

Election of General Theological Seminary Board of Trustees

The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business presented its Report #16 (X021) on the Election of Bishops for the Trustees of the General Theological Seminary and moved confirmation.

Motion carried
Election confirmed
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #322)

Elected as Trustees of General Theological Seminary:

Kevin S. Brown
Daniel G.P. Gutierrez

Governance and Structure

The House of Deputies Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #31 on Resolution A001 (Site of 81st General Convention (2024) and moved to take no further action.

Motion carried
The House took no further action
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #324)

The House of Deputies Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #33 on Resolution C045 (Amend Article I Section 4 - first reading) and moved to refer the resolution to an interim body.

Original Text of Resolution:

(C045)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the youth of the Church have seat and voice as Representatives in the House of Deputies; and be it further

Resolved, That to implement this, Article I, Section 4 of the Constitution be amended 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.

Two confirmed communicants in good standing between the ages of sixteen and eighteen having not yet graduated high school or matriculated full time to college, as of the first legislative day of General Convention for which they are chosen, from each Province shall be entitled to representation in the House of Deputies as Youth Representatives in the Official Youth Presence. These Youth Representatives shall be entitled to seat and voice in the House of Deputies.

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.

And be it further

Resolved, That, to ensure funding of the Official Youth Presence, the necessary expenses for the Official Youth Presence be provided for in the budget to be submitted by the Treasurer, as provided in the Canon entitled "Of General Convention."

Motion carried
Resolution referred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #325)

Constitution and Canons

The House of Deputies Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #23 on Resolution A062 (Amend Canon II.3.6-9) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A062)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church amend Canon II.3.6 as follows:

Sec. 6(a) Whenever the General Convention, pursuant to Article X(b)of the Constitution, shall authorize for trial use a proposed revision of the Book of Common Prayer, or of a portion or portions thereof, the enabling Resolution shall specify the period of such trial use, the precise text thereof, and any special terms or conditions under which such trial use shall be carried out.

(b) It shall be the duty of the Custodian of the Standard Book of Common Prayer:

(i) To arrange for the publication of such proposed revision;
(2) To protect, by copyright, the authorized text of such revision, on behalf of the General Convention; which copyright shall be relinquished when such proposed revision or revisions shall have been adopted by the General Convention as an alteration of, or addition to, the Book of Common Prayer;

(3) To certify that printed copies of such revision or revisions have been duly authorized by the General Convention, and that the printed text conforms to that approved by the General Convention.

c) During the said period of trial use and under the modifying conditions specified, only the material so authorized, and in the exact form in which it has been so authorized, shall be available as an alternative for the said Book of Common Prayer or the said portion or portions thereof; provided, however, that it shall be competent for the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies, jointly, on recommendation by a resolution duly adopted at a meeting of the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music communicated to the said presiding officers in writing, to authorize variations and adjustments to, or substitutions for, or alterations in, any portion of the texts under trial, which seem desirable as a result of such trial use, and which do not change the substance of a rite.

d) In the event of the authorization of such variations, adjustments, substitutions, or alternatives, as aforesaid, it shall be the duty of the Custodian of the Standard Book of Common Prayer to notify the Ecclesiastical Authority of every Diocese, and the Convocation of the American Churches in Europe, of such action, and to give notice thereof through the media of public information.

And be it further

Resolved, That Canon III.3 be amended by adding a new Section 7 and renumbering all subsequent sections:

Sec. 7. Whenever the General Convention, pursuant to Article X(c) of the Constitution, shall authorize alternative liturgies to one or more liturgies in the Book of Common Prayer or additional liturgies to those in the Book of Common Prayer, the enabling Resolution shall specify the precise texts thereof, and the terms and conditions under which such liturgies may be used.

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church amend Canon II.3.6 as follows:

Sec. 6(a) Whenever the General Convention, pursuant to Article X(b) of the Constitution, shall authorize for trial use a proposed revision of the Book of Common Prayer, or of a portion or portions thereof, the enabling Resolution shall specify the period of such trial use, the precise text thereof, and any special terms or conditions under which such trial use shall be carried out including translation.
(b) It shall be the duty of the Custodian of the Standard Book of Common Prayer:

1. To arrange for the publication of such proposed revision;
2. To protect, by copyright, the authorized text of such revision, on behalf of the General Convention; which copyright shall be relinquished when such proposed revision or revisions shall have been adopted by the General Convention as an alteration of, or addition to, the Book of Common Prayer;
3. To certify that printed copies of such revision or revisions have been duly authorized by the General Convention, and that the printed text conforms to that approved by the General Convention.

(c) During the said period of trial use and under the modifying conditions specified, only the material so authorized, and in the exact form in which it has been so authorized, shall be available as an alternative for the said Book of Common Prayer or the said portion or portions thereof; provided, however, that it shall be competent for the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies, jointly, on recommendation by a resolution duly adopted at a meeting of the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music communicated to the said presiding officers in writing, to authorize variations and adjustments to, or substitutions for, or alterations in, any portion of the texts under trial, which seem desirable as a result of such trial use, and which do not change the substance of a rite.

(d) In the event of the authorization of such variations, adjustments, substitutions, or alternatives, as aforesaid, it shall be the duty of the Custodian of the Standard Book of Common Prayer to notify the Ecclesiastical Authority of every Diocese, and the Convocation of the American Episcopal Churches in Europe, of such action, and to give notice thereof through the media of public information.

And be it further

Resolved, That Canon III.3 be amended by adding a new Section 7 and renumbering all subsequent sections:

Sec. 7. Whenever the General Convention, pursuant to Article X(c) of the Constitution, shall authorize alternative liturgies to one or more liturgies in the Book of Common Prayer or additional liturgies to those in the Book of Common Prayer, the enabling Resolution shall specify the precise texts thereof, and the terms and conditions under which such liturgies may be used.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #326)
Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music

The House of Deputies Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #17 on HB Message #162 on Resolution D065 (Use of Alternative Psalms in Public Worship) and moved concurrence with referral to an interim body.

Motion carried
The House concurred
Resolution referred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #327)

Ministry

The House of Deputies Committee on Ministry presented its Report #12 on HB Message #152 on Resolution D073 (Amend Canon III.7.4 and Canon III.9.3) and moved concurrence with referral to an interim body.

Motion carried
The House concurred
Resolution referred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #328)

[Ed. Note: Resolution D073 was referred to an interim body by the House of Deputies, but was incorrectly marked as a concur instead of concur with referral to an interim body. The change was erroneously applied to the 2018 Canons.]

Safeguarding and Title IV

The House of Deputies Committee on Safeguarding and Title IV presented its Report #41 on Resolution A124 (Amend Canon IV.2 Terminology of Sexual Misconduct) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A124)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That Canon IV.2 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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:

Sexual Misconduct shall mean (a) Sexual Abuse, or (b) Sexual Behavior engaged in by the Member of the Clergy with a person who does not consent to the Sexual Behavior, or by force, intimidation, coercion or manipulation, or (c) 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. Sexual Misconduct under Subsection (c) does not include Sexual Behavior with a person with whom the Member of the Clergy previously had a Pastoral Relationship if the Member of the Clergy has obtained the prior written permission of the Bishop Diocesan.
Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That Canon IV.2 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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:

Sexual Misconduct shall mean (a) Sexual Abuse, or (b) Sexual Behavior engaged in by the Member of the Clergy with a person for whom the Sexual Behavior is unwelcome or who does not consent to the Sexual Behavior, or by force, intimidation, coercion or manipulation, or (c) 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. Sexual Misconduct under Subsection (c) does not include Sexual Behavior with a person with whom the Member of the Clergy previously had a Pastoral Relationship if the Member of the Clergy has obtained the prior written permission of the Bishop Diocesan.

And be it further

Resolved, That the Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons is directed to study Canon IV.2 to determine whether any amendment is necessary in order to clarify when a Pastoral Relationship exists or ends for purposes of a charge of Sexual Misconduct.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #329)

Stewardship and Socially Responsible Investing

The House of Deputies Committee on Stewardship and Socially Responsible Investing presented its Report #19 on Resolution A296 (Resources for Responsible Investing) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A296)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention direct the Executive Council to maintain an independent membership in the Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention direct the Executive Council to treat expenses associated with this membership, as well as on-going socially responsible investment consulting fees, as investment management expenses, rather than program expenses.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #330)

Safeguarding and Title IV

The House of Deputies Committee on Safeguarding and Title IV presented its Report #42 on Resolution A133 (Amend Canon IV.6 - Timing of Reference Panel Meetings) and moved adoption with amendment.
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That Canon IV.6 be amended by amending Sec. 8, adding a new Sec. 9 and renumbering all subsequent Sections:

Sec. 8. The Reference Panel shall meet as soon as possible, but no longer than fourteen (14) days, 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; (d) to the Conference Panel pursuant to Canon IV.12; or (e) 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. The initial referral shall be made no later than thirty (30) days after receiving the Intake Report.

Sec. 9

(a) The Reference Panel shall monitor the progress of each referral on a monthly basis to ensure that the matter is progressing in a timely fashion. Until such time as the matter is referred to a Hearing Panel, if the Reference Panel determines that the matter has reached an impasse or is not progressing in a timely fashion, it may re-refer the matter. Once a matter is referred to a Hearing Panel, Canon IV.15.1 shall govern any issue regarding the progress of the matter. The Intake Officer shall report at least monthly to the Respondent, the Respondent's Advisor, the Respondent's counsel, if any, the Complainant, the Complainant's Advisor and the Complainant's counsel, if any, on the progress in the matter.

(b) If the referral is for Conciliation pursuant to Section 8(b), unless waived in writing by the Respondent and Complainant, the Conciliation shall take place within 60 days of the referral.

(c) If the referral is for investigation pursuant to Section 8(c), the investigation shall be completed within 90 days of the referral.

(d) If the referral is to the Conference Panel pursuant to Section 8(d), the Conference Panel shall complete its proceedings within four months of the referral.

(e) If the referral is for possible agreement with the Bishop Diocesan regarding terms of discipline pursuant to Section 8(e) and an agreement for discipline resulting in an effective Accord is not reached within ninety (90) days of the referral, unless waived in writing by both the Respondent and the Complainant, the Reference Panel shall re-refer the matter under Sections 8(b), (c), or (d). The re-referral shall be made by the Reference Panel within fourteen (14) days of the expiration of the ninety (90) day period for the reaching of an effective Accord herein.

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That Canon IV.6 be amended by amending Sec. 8, adding a new Sec. 9 and renumbering all subsequent Sections:
Sec. 8. The Reference Panel shall meet as soon as possible, but no longer than fourteen (14) days, 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; (d) to the Conference Panel pursuant to Canon IV.12; or (e) 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. The initial referral shall be made no later than thirty (30) days after receiving the Intake Report. The Reference Panel shall establish a schedule for each approved option and the President of the Disciplinary Board shall be responsible for monitoring each such schedule.

Sec. 9 (a) The Reference Panel shall monitor the progress of each referral on a monthly basis to ensure that the matter is progressing in a timely fashion. Until such time as the matter is referred to a Hearing Panel, if the Reference Panel determines that the matter has reached an impasse or is not progressing in a timely fashion, it may re-refer the matter. Once a matter is referred to a Hearing Panel, Canon IV.15.1 shall govern any issue regarding the progress of the matter. The Intake Officer shall report at least monthly to the Respondent, the Respondent’s Advisor, the Respondent’s counsel, if any, the Complainant, the Complainant’s Advisor and the Complainant’s counsel, if any, on the progress in the matter.

(b) If the referral is for Conciliation pursuant to Section 8(b), unless waived in writing by the Respondent and Complainant, the Conciliation shall take place within 60 days of the referral.

(c) If the referral is for investigation pursuant to Section 8(c), the investigation shall be completed within 90 days of the referral.

(d) If the referral is to the Conference Panel pursuant to Section 8(d), the Conference Panel shall complete its proceedings within four months of the referral.

(e) If the referral is for possible agreement with the Bishop Diocesan regarding terms of discipline pursuant to Section 8(e) and an agreement for discipline resulting in an effective Accord is not reached within ninety (90) days of the referral, unless waived in writing by both the Respondent and the Complainant, the Reference Panel shall re-refer the matter under Sections 8(b), (c), or (d). The re-referral shall be made by the Reference Panel within fourteen (14) days of the expiration of the ninety (90) day period for the reaching of an effective Accord herein.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #331)

The House of Deputies Committee on Safeguarding and Title IV presented its Report #39 on Resolution D075 (Amending Title IV to Prevent Retaliation) and moved to take no further action.

Motion carried
The House took no further action
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #332)
The House of Deputies Committee on Safeguarding and Title IV presented its Report #40 on Resolution D100 (Amend Title IV.1, IV.3, and IV.6) and moved to refer the resolution to the Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(D100)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That Canon IV.1 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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. This Title's provisions regarding Sexual Misconduct and the accountability thereof, also apply to lay persons employed by the church and church institutions, and lay people serving in volunteer roles of leadership, who by their public service commit themselves to the internal accountability of the Church.

And be it further

Resolved, That Canon IV.3 is hereby added to read as follows:

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. Any person, lay or ordained, employed by the Church or a church-affiliated institution, or any person serving in a volunteer position of leadership within the Church, shall be accountable for any act of misconduct as set forth by Canon IV.4.h(1), (5) or (6).

Sec. 4 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.

And be it further

Resolved, That Canon IV.6 is hereby amended to add:
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. In the event of an offense committed by a lay person, information concerning the offense shall be brought to the Intake officer.

Sec. 4. 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 shall forward information to the Intake Officer whenever the Bishop Diocesan believes that the information may indicate conduct constituting one or more Offenses.

Sec. 5. 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. 6. 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, the subject Member of the Clergy, and the Bishop Diocesan of the decision of dismissal, the reasons therefor, 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 Bishop shall appoint an Advisor for the Complainant within 15 days of the date of the notice of dismissal. The Advisor shall assist the Complainant in preparing and signing a written statement of the acts complained of, which statement shall be sent by the Advisor 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, shall be retained by the Intake Officer and may be considered in connection with any additional information that may come to the Intake Officer thereafter concerning the subject Member of the Clergy.

Sec. 7. When the matter involves a lay person, it proceeds according to the provisions of Canon 6. Sec 6, with the following provisions.

1.) Should the lay minister be an employee of the Church under the supervision of a clergy person, that clergy person may, at any time, issue a pastoral instruction to the lay minister or employee. A pastoral instruction must: (a.) be made in writing (b.) be made in agreement with the Bishop Diocesan, (c) otherwise agree with the provisions of Canon 7. Sec 2 with regards to pastoral directions.

2.) Directions provided by the Clergy or the Reference Panel may include actions such as limiting committee involvement, requiring parish transfer, limiting contact with priest, removal from parish, or firing - in the event of employment by the Church.
Sec. 6. Sec. 8. 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 and the Complainant’s Advisor, the subject Member of the Clergy and the subject Member’s Advisor, if any, 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 within 15 days.

Sec. 7. Sec. 9. 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, a Conference Panel and a Hearing Panel, and shall designate a president of each Panel. At the same time as forwarding the intake report to the Reference Panel, the Intake Officer shall send a notice to the subject Member of the Clergy informing him or her of the nature of the alleged Offense(s), the identity of any persons who have been designated as Complainants, and describing the next procedural steps that the Member of the Clergy can anticipate. The notice shall also remind the Member of the Clergy of his or her duty under Canon IV.3.1(b) to cooperate in the subsequent proceedings.

Sec. 8. Sec. 10. 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; (d) to the Conference Panel pursuant to Canon IV.12; or (e) 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. The Reference Panel shall monitor the progress of each referral on a monthly basis to ensure that the matter is progressing in a timely fashion. Until such time as the matter is referred to a Hearing Panel, if the Reference Panel determines that the matter has reached an impasse or is not progressing in a timely fashion, it may re-refer the matter. Once a matter is referred to a Hearing Panel, Canon IV.15.1 shall govern any issue regarding the progress of the matter.

Sec. 9. Sec. 11. 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. If the referral is to the Bishop Diocesan for possible Agreement and an Agreement is not reached within 90 days of the referral, the Reference Panel will re-refer the matter, in accordance with Canon IV.6.8.

Sec. 10. Sec. 12. 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.

Motion carried
Resolution referred

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #333)
Committee to Receive the Report of Resolution A169

The House of Deputies Committee to Receive the Report of Resolution A169 presented its Report #11 on Resolution A086 (Authorize Rites to Bless Relationships) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A086)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention authorize “The Witnessing and Blessing of a Lifelong Covenant” (as appended to the report of the Task Force on the Study of Marriage), authorized for use by the 78th General Convention, to be added to the “Enriching Our Worship” series, for use in jurisdictions of The Episcopal Church in which 1) the couple desiring marriage are of the same sex; and 2) the civil jurisdiction in which the marriage would occur does not allow marriage of same-sex persons; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention authorize “The Blessing of a Lifelong Relationship” (as appended to the report of the Task Force on the Study of Marriage) for inclusion in the “Enriching Our Worship” series; and be it further

Resolved, That “The Blessing of a Lifelong Relationship” shall not be used for mere convenience. It may be used 1) by couples who desire to form and to formalize a relationship with one another that is monogamous, unconditional and lifelong, but is nevertheless something different than a marriage in that it does not include the merging of property, finances or other legal encumbrances; and 2) by couples for whom the requirement to furnish identification to obtain a marriage license could result in legal penalties including deportation, because of their immigration status; and be it further

Resolved, That these rites are to be used under the direction of a bishop exercising ecclesiastical authority; and be it further

Resolved, That it shall be within the discretion of any Member of the Clergy of this Church to decline to officiate at any rite of blessing defined herein; and be it further

Resolved, That this Church continue to honor the theological diversity of this Church in regard to matters of human sexuality, and that no bishop, priest, deacon or lay person should be coerced or penalized in any manner, nor suffer any canonical disabilities, as a result of his or her conscientious objection to or support for these rites; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention direct the Secretary of General Convention and the Custodian of the Standard Book of Common Prayer, in consultation with the outgoing Chair of the Task Force on the Study of Marriage and the Chairs of the Legislative Committees to whom this legislation is referred, to finalize and arrange with Church Publishing for the publication (in English, Spanish, and French) of the material contained in “Enriching Our Worship” as approved by the 79th General Convention; the General Convention Office to make these materials available electronically at no cost no later than the first Sunday of Advent 2018.

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention authorize “The Witnessing and Blessing of a Lifelong Covenant” (as appended to the report of the Task Force on the Study of Marriage), authorized for use by the 78th General Convention, to be added to the “Enriching Our Worship” series, for use in jurisdictions of The Episcopal Church in which 1) the couple desiring marriage are of the same sex; and 2) the civil jurisdiction in which the marriage would occur does not allow marriage of same-sex persons; and be it further
Resolved, That the 79th General Convention authorize “The Blessing of a Lifelong Relationship” (as appended to the report of the Task Force on the Study of Marriage) for inclusion in the “Enriching Our Worship” series; and be it further

Resolved, That “The Blessing of a Lifelong Relationship” shall not be used for mere convenience. It may be used 1) by couples who desire to form and to formalize a relationship with one another that is monogamous, unconditional and lifelong, but is nevertheless something different than a marriage in that it does not include the merging of property, finances or other legal encumbrances; and 2) by couples for whom the requirement to furnish identification to obtain a marriage license could result in legal penalties including deportation, because of their immigration status; and be it further

Resolved, That these rites is to be used under the direction of a bishop exercising ecclesiastical authority (or ecclesiastical supervision); and be it further

Resolved, That it shall be within the discretion of any Member of the Clergy of this Church to decline to officiate at any rite of blessing defined herein; and be it further

Resolved, That no member of the Clergy shall officiate at any rite of blessing defined herein for a couple in which one or both seeking the blessing have been previously married, except as provided under Canon I.19; and be it further

Resolved, That under the canonical direction of the Rector or Member of the Clergy in charge and where permitted to do so by civil law, provision will be made for all couples desiring to use this liturgy in their local congregation or worshiping community, provided that nothing in this Resolve narrows the authority of the Rector or Priest-in-Charge (Canon III.9.6(a)); and be it further

Resolved, That in dioceses where the bishop exercising ecclesiastical authority (or, where applicable, ecclesiastical supervision) holds a theological position that does not embrace the blessing of the relationship of same-sex couples, and there is a desire to use such rites by same-sex couples in a congregation or worshiping community, the bishop exercising ecclesiastical authority (or ecclesiastical supervision) shall invite, as necessary, another bishop of this Church to provide pastoral support to the couple, the Member of the Clergy involved and the congregation or worshiping community in order to fulfill the intention of this resolution that all couples have convenient and reasonable local congregational access to this rite; and be it further

Resolved, That bishops exercising ecclesiastical authority, or where appropriate ecclesiastical supervision, who hold a theological position that does not embrace the blessing of the relationship of same-sex couples, shall in the case of blessing after divorce, invite another bishop of this Church to oversee the consent process and to receive any report of such Blessings, as provided in Canon I.19.3(c); and be it further

Resolved, That this Church continue to honor the theological diversity of this Church in regard to matters of human sexuality, and that no bishop, priest, deacon or lay person should shall be coerced or penalized in any manner, nor suffer any canonical disabilities, as a result of his or her conscientious objection to or support for these rites; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention direct the Secretary of General Convention and the Custodian of the Standard Book of Common Prayer, in consultation with the outgoing Chair of the Task Force on the Study of Marriage and the Chairs of the Legislative Committees to whom this legislation is referred, to finalize and arrange with Church Publishing for the publication (in English, Spanish, and French, and Haitian Creole) of the material contained in “Enriching Our Worship” as approved by the 79th General Convention; the General Convention Office to make these materials available electronically at no cost no later than the first Sunday of Advent 2018; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention refer “The Blessing of a Lifelong Relationship” (as appended to the report of the Task Force on the Study of Marriage) to the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music and
the Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons for further review and recommendations including a comprehensive study of the legal implications and other ecclesial options.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #335)

Governance and Structure

The House of Deputies Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #35 on Resolution A104 (Amend Title I.1.1(b)) and moved the resolution, recommending rejection.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A104)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention amend Title I Canon 1 Section 1(b) as follows:

There shall be a President and Vice President of the House of Deputies, who shall perform the duties normally appropriate to their respective offices or specified in these Canons. They shall be elected not later than the seventh day of each regular meeting of the General Convention in the manner herein set forth. The House of Deputies shall elect from its membership, by a majority of separate ballots, a President and Vice-President, who shall be of different orders. Any person desiring to be nominated for either office shall, no later than three months prior to the start of General Convention, submit their names to the Joint Standing Committee on Nominations for the purposes of submitting to a background check. Such officers shall take office at the adjournment of the regular meeting at which they are elected, and shall continue in office until the adjournment of the following regular meeting of the General Convention. They shall be and remain ex-officio members of the House during their term of office. No person elected President or Vice-President shall be eligible for more than three consecutive full terms in each respective office. In the case of resignation, death, absence, or inability, of the President, the Vice-President shall perform the duties of the office until the adjournment of the next meeting of the General Convention. In case of resignation, death, absence, or inability of the Vice-President, the President shall appoint a Deputy of the opposite order, upon the advice and consent of the lay persons, presbyters, and deacons of the Executive Council, who shall serve until the adjournment of the next meeting of the General Convention. The President shall be authorized to appoint an Advisory Council for the consultation and advice in the performance of the office. The President may also appoint a Chancellor to the President, a confirmed adult communicant of the Church in good standing who is learned in both ecclesiastical and secular law, to serve as long as the President may desire, as counselor in matters relating to the discharge of the responsibilities of that office.

Motion defeated
Resolution rejected
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #337)
The House of Deputies Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #38 on Resolution A180 (Amend Article V, Section 1 - Admission of a Diocese - First Reading) and moved the resolution, recommending rejection.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(A180)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That Article V, Section 1, of the Constitution of The Episcopal Church, be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 1. A new Diocese may be formed, with the consent of the General Convention and under such conditions as the General Convention shall prescribe by General Canon or Canons, (1) by the division of an existing Diocese; (2) by the junction of two or more Dioceses or of parts of two or more Dioceses; (3) by the erection into a Diocese of an unorganized area evangelized as provided in Article VI; or (4) by the admission of an extra-provincial Diocese or part thereof of the Anglican Communion or of a Diocese or Dioceses or part of one or more Dioceses of an existing Province of the Anglican Communion. The proceedings shall originate in a Convocation of the Clergy and Laity of the unorganized area called by the Bishop for that purpose; or, with the approval of the Bishop, in the Convention of the Diocese to be divided; or (when it is proposed to form a new Diocese by the junction of two or more existing Dioceses or of parts of two or more Dioceses) by mutual agreement of the Conventions of the Dioceses concerned, with the approval of the Bishop of each Diocese. ; or (in the case of the admission of a Diocese of the Anglican Communion in the Convention of such Diocese, provided that any authorization that may be required by the Anglican Communion be obtained prior to admission. In case the Episcopate of a Diocese be vacant, no proceedings toward its division shall be taken until the vacancy is filled. After consent of the General Convention, when a certified copy of the duly adopted Constitution of the new Diocese, including an unqualified accession to the Constitution and Canons of this Church, shall have been filed with the Secretary of the General Convention and approved by the Executive Council of this Church, such new Diocese shall thereupon be in union with the General Convention.

**Motion defeated**

**Resolution rejected**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #338)

The House of Deputies Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #34 on Resolution A220 (Translations and Interpretations) and moved to take no further action.

**Motion carried**

The House took no further action.
The House of Deputies Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #36 on Resolution A281 (Interpretation and Translation Services) and moved adoption of a substitute.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A281)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That it is the intention of The Episcopal Church to continue our becoming ‘The Beloved Community’; a charism of which is a multi-cultural church that functions with integrity, equity and care for the whole body; and be it further

Resolved, That professional interpretation and translation services for members of the General Convention be available as needed for all meetings and documents of the convention as well as throughout the triennium; that every attempt be made for simultaneous translation; and that the orientation process for General Convention include awareness and information regarding the values of our church, as well as the practicalities of arranging interpretation and translation services; and be it further

Resolved, That funding for this work be among the usual and customary administrative expenses of the General Convention, and that regular evaluation of translation and interpretation resources include the primary users of these services.

Committee Substitute:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention affirm the necessity of translation, interpretation, communication access, and related services to allow for the full inclusion of all participants; that it commend the work of the General Convention Office in providing for these needs; and, at the same time, that it express its regret for the inadequacy of these services and resources in certain circumstances during this Convention, resulting in the exclusion and hurt of some of its members; and be it further

Resolved, That it is the intention of The Episcopal Church to continue our becoming ‘The Beloved Community;’ a charism of which is a multi-cultural church that functions with integrity, equity and care for the whole body; and be it further

Resolved, That the Joint Standing Commission on Planning and Arrangements and The General Convention Office reaffirm their commitments to provide professional interpretation and translation services for members of the General Convention as needed for all meetings and documents of the Convention as well as throughout the triennium; that at General Convention hearings and floor sessions every reasonable effort be made for simultaneous interpretation and translation as needed; and that the orientation process for the General Convention communicate clearly the procedures for arranging interpretation and translation services; and be it further

Resolved, That the Joint Standing Commission take into account the varying language, hearing, and sight needs of those participating in General Convention; and that it invite members with diverse communication needs into its planning process in order to allow for the full inclusion and substantive participation of all; and be it further

Resolved, That funding for this work be among the usual and customary administrative expenses of The General Convention, and that regular evaluation of translation and interpretation resources include the primary users of these services.

Motion carried
Substitute resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #341)
Safeguarding and Title IV

The House of Deputies Committee on Safeguarding and Title IV presented its Report #43 on Resolution D082 (Create Task Force on Title IV Revisions) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:

(D082)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church establish a Task Force on Title IV Revisions to be appointed by the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies to assess diocesan experiences with Title IV proceedings and propose an addition to Title IV based upon human resource best practices. It shall be the duty of the Task Force to study human resource best practices at institutions with similarities to The Episcopal Church and dioceses; to interview dioceses regarding Title IV proceedings; and to propose additions to Title IV that add a method of handling some complaints through model practices that are consistent with human resources best practices. The membership of the Task Force is to be accountable to the Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons, will report to the 80th General Convention and include, as part of its report, proposed revisions to Title IV; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention request the Joint Standing Commission on Program, Budget, and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $100 for the implementation of this resolution.

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church establish a Task Force on Title IV Revisions to be appointed by the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies direct the Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons to: (a) assess diocesan experiences with Title IV proceedings and propose an addition to Title IV based upon human resource best practices. It shall be the duty of the Task Force to (b) study human resource best practices at institutions with similarities to The Episcopal Church and dioceses; (c) interview dioceses regarding Title IV proceedings; and (d) consider additions to Title IV that add a method of handling some complaints through model practices that are consistent with human resources best practices. The membership of the Task Force is to be accountable to the Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons, will report to the 80th General Convention and include, as part of its report, proposed revisions to Title IV; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention request the Joint Standing Commission on Program, Budget, and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $100 for the implementation of this resolution.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #343)

The House of Deputies Committee on Safeguarding and Title IV presented its Report #44 on Resolution D076 (Amend Canon IV.6, add Section 4 to Provide Whistleblower Protection) and moved adoption of a substitute.

Original Text of Resolution:

(D076)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That Canon IV.6.3 hereby be amended to read as follows:
IV. Canon 6: Of Intake and Referral of 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 shall forward information to the Intake Officer whenever the Bishop Diocesan believes that the information may contain conduct constituting one or more Offenses.

Sec. 4. If the information is brought to the Intake Officer by a Member of the Clergy under the requirements of IV.4.1(f), then the identity of the reporting Member of the Clergy shall be held in confidence by the Intake Officer, if so requested.

Subsequent sections are to be renumbered.

Committee Substitute:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That Canon IV.3.1 be amended to read as follows:

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; or
(d) discharging, demoting, or otherwise retaliating against any person because the person has opposed any practices forbidden under this Title or because the person has reported information concerning an Offense, testified, or assisted in any proceeding under this Title.

And be it further

Resolved, That Canon IV.6.3.10 hereby be amended to read as follows:

IV. Canon 6: Of Intake and Referral of 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 shall forward information to the Intake Officer whenever the Bishop Diocesan believes that the information may contain conduct constituting one or more Offenses.

Sec. 4. If the information is brought to the Intake Officer by a Member of the Clergy under the requirements of IV.4.1(f), then the identity of the reporting Member of the Clergy shall be held in confidence by the Intake Officer, if so requested.

Subsequent sections are to be renumbered.
Sec. 10. All communications and deliberations during the intake and referral stages (including the identities of any Complainants, Injured Persons, or other persons who report information concerning an Offense) shall be confidential except as the Bishop Diocesan deems to be pastorally appropriate or as required by law.

Motion carried
Substitute resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #344)

[Ed. Note: The subcommittee of the legislative committee on Constitution and Canons with authority to resolve issues with C&C resolutions ruled after investigation that the intention in amending resolution D076 was not to remove IV.6 Sec. 2 and Sec. 3 from the canons, but simply to remove them from the resolution. Sections IV.6.2-3 were kept in the 2018 Canons.]

Churchwide Leadership
The House of Deputies Committee on Churchwide Leadership presented its Report #29 on Resolution A138 (Transmission of Demographic Data from Episcopal Elections) and moved adoption of a substitute.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A138)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That within 60 days after the election of a Bishop Diocesan, Bishop Coadjutor, Bishop Suffragan or Assistant Bishop, or the appointment of a Bishop Provisional, the electing or appointing Diocese shall transmit to the pilot Board for Episcopal Transitions, for each nominee to the electing convention or person considered for the Bishop Provisional office, the name, age, race and ethnicity, gender, number of years since ordination, diocese of canonical residence and such other demographic data or other information as the Board may reasonably request, as well as, when there was an election, a brief description of the voting procedures (such as requiring a supermajority of votes, dropping off candidates receiving votes below a certain threshold, or other similar procedures) and the results of each round of voting.

Committee Substitute:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That within 60 days after the election of a Bishop Diocesan, Bishop Coadjutor, or Bishop Suffragan the electing Diocese shall transmit to the Office of Pastoral Development, for each nominee to the electing convention, the information set forth in Canon III.1.2 and the number of years since ordination, diocese of canonical residence and such other demographic data or other information as the Office of Pastoral Development may reasonably request, as well as, when there was an election, a brief description of the voting procedures (such as requiring a supermajority of votes, dropping off candidates receiving votes below a certain threshold, or other similar procedures) and the results of each round of voting; and be it further

Resolved, That the Office of Pastoral Development, assisted by the Task Force to Assist the Office of Pastoral Development, engage one or more experts in data analysis to analyze the demographic and other data received from the electing dioceses, and when a sufficient number of electing dioceses have reported, but at least triennially, report the results of the analysis, in such form as the Office of Pastoral Development shall deem appropriate, to the Executive Council and triennially to the General Convention, the reports to be made public promptly after review by the Executive Council; and be it further

Resolved, That Section III (Diversity) of the Blue Book Report of the Task Force on the Episcopacy be provided to dioceses at the beginning of their search process along with such other information with
respect to diversity as the Office of Pastoral Development, assisted by the Task Force to Assist the Office of Pastoral Development, may deem appropriate, all such information to be updated at least triennially; and be it further

Resolved, That electing dioceses are urged to engage Transition Consultants who have been thoroughly trained in programs developed or recommended by the Office of Pastoral Development, assisted by the Task Force to Assist the Office of Pastoral Development, including training in practices that have been demonstrated to improve diversity.

Motion carried
Substitute resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #345)

The House of Deputies Committee on Churchwide Leadership presented its Report #30 on Resolution A145 (Urging Adoption of Local Canons Relating to Episcopal Elections) and moved adoption of a substitute.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A145)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention urges each diocese and jurisdiction of The Episcopal Church, prior to the call for the election of its next bishop, to adopt canons addressing the following subjects:

- An outline of the procedure to be followed by the diocese in its search and election process beginning with the initial call for an election and ending with the ordination of the new bishop;
- Identify specific actions to be taken to
- Encourage a diverse applicant pool and follow a search and election process that reduces the likelihood of discrimination on the basis of race, ethnicity, or gender;
- Ensure that the process is transparent throughout the entire search and election process;
- Provide accountability for all involved in the search and election process;
- Require the collection of pertinent data for all persons being considered for nomination using the most current means available for background checks, financial information, and interviews of all bishops and transition officers having knowledge of a person being considered for nomination

Committee Substitute:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention urges each diocese and jurisdiction of The Episcopal Church, prior to the call for the election of its next bishop, to adopt policies and procedures that are consistent with the principles and values presented in the Diversity Section (Section III) of the Task Force on the Episcopacy's Blue Book Report to the 79th General Convention, to foster diversity across the Church's leadership, including its bishops; and be it further

Resolved, That the policies, procedures and best practices address the following subjects:

- An outline of the procedure to be followed by the diocese in its search and election process beginning with the initial call for an election and ending with the ordination of the new bishop;
- Identify specific actions to be taken to
  - Encourage a diverse applicant pool and follow a search and election process that reduces the likelihood of discrimination based on the criteria contained in Canon III.1.2
  - Ensure that the process is transparent throughout the entire search and election process;
  - Provide accountability for all involved in the search and election process;
• Require, prior to nomination, the collection of pertinent data on candidates being considered for nomination using the most current means available for background checks, financial information, and interviews of all bishops and transition officers having knowledge of a person being considered for nomination.

And be it further

Resolved, That the Office of Pastoral Development, assisted by the Task Force to Assist the Office of Pastoral Development, develop and provide to the dioceses examples of policies, procedures, and best practices that are consistent with fostering diversity.

Motion carried
Substitute resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #346)

Governance and Structure
The House of Deputies Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #40 on Resolution D086 (Inclusive Practices for Diverse Representation) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(D086)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That a Task Force or similar body be formed to develop a scheduling system for committees, commissions and boards (CCAB) to be more inclusive of individuals, primarily laity, who are in school or employed in positions where time off from work is limited or costly, people with travel/geographic constraints, and for families who face childcare challenges.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That a Task Force or similar body be formed all interim bodies of General Convention and institutions of the Church be urged to develop a scheduling system for committees, commissions and boards (CCAB) to be more inclusive of individuals, primarily laity, who are in school or employed in positions where time off from work is limited or costly, people with travel/geographic constraints, and for families who face childcare challenges.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #347)

The House of Deputies Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #41 on Resolution B030 (Review of Nominations for Trustees of The Church Pension Fund) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(B030)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons to review the process for nomination of candidates to serve as Trustees of The Church Pension Fund contained in Canon I.8, the Joint Rules of Order of the House of Bishops and the House of Deputies and any other relevant Canons or rules, and propose amendments to address inconsistencies.
Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons to review the process for nomination of candidates to serve as Trustees of The Church Pension Fund contained in Canon I.8, the Joint Rules of Order of the House of Bishops and the House of Deputies and any other relevant Canons or rules, and propose amendments to address any inconsistencies.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #348)

The Episcopal Church in Cuba

The House of Deputies Committee on The Episcopal Church in Cuba presented its Report #3 on Resolution A052 (Matters Pertaining to The Episcopal Church in Cuba) and moved to take no further action.

Motion carried
The House took no further action
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #349)

Governance and Structure

The House of Deputies Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #44 on Resolution A105 (Amend Canon I.8.2 - Provide Background Checks for Nominees) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A105)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention amend Canon I.8.2 as follows:

Sec. 2. The General Convention at each regular meeting shall elect, on the nomination of a Joint Committee thereof, twelve persons to serve as Trustees of The Church Pension Fund for a term of six years and until their successors shall have been elected and have qualified, and shall also fill such vacancies as may exist on the Board of Trustees. Effective January 1, 1989, a Any person who has been elected as a Trustee by General Convention for twelve or more consecutive years shall not be eligible for reelection until the next regular General Convention following the one in which that person was not eligible for reelection to the Board of Trustees. Any vacancy which occurs at a time when the General Convention is not in session may be filled by the Board of Trustees by appointment, ad interim, of a Trustee who shall serve until the next session of the General Convention thereafter shall have elected a Trustee to serve for the remainder of the unexpired term pertaining to such vacancy. Any person desiring to be nominated for the Board of Trustees shall, no later than three (3) months prior to the start of General Convention, submit their names to the Joint Standing Committee on Nominations for the purposes of submitting to a background check

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention amend Canon I.8.2 as follows:
Sec. 2. The General Convention at each regular meeting shall elect, on the nomination of a Joint Committee thereof, twelve persons to serve as Trustees of The Church Pension Fund for a term of six years and until their successors shall have been elected and have qualified, and shall also fill such vacancies as may exist on the Board of Trustees. Effective January 1, 1989, any person who has been elected as a Trustee by General Convention for twelve or more consecutive years shall not be eligible for reelection until the next regular General Convention following the one in which that person was not eligible for reelection to the Board of Trustees. Any vacancy which occurs at a time when the General Convention is not in session may be filled by the Board of Trustees by appointment, ad interim, of a Trustee who shall serve until the next session of the General Convention thereafter shall have elected a Trustee to serve for the remainder of the unexpired term pertaining to such vacancy. Any person desiring to be nominated for the Board of Trustees shall, no later than three (3) months prior to the start of General Convention, submit their names to the Joint Standing Committee on Nominations for the purposes of submitting to a background check.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #350)

The House of Deputies Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #43 on Resolution A106 (Amend Joint Rules Related to a Joint Session) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A106)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention amend the Joint Rules of Order of the House of Bishops and House of Deputies as follows:

X. Committee of the Whole

23. The House of Deputies and the House of Bishops may meet together as a Committee of the Whole for the purpose of discussion and debate subject to the following:

(a) The President of the House of Deputies and the Presiding Bishop shall propose a resolution to both Houses stating the matter to be discussed, the time certain for the Committee of the Whole to begin, and the length of time for the Committee of the Whole to meet. The resolution may also include procedures for discussion and debate.

(b) The resolution shall be passed by a simple majority vote in both Houses.

(c) The Committee of the Whole shall meet in the House of Deputies, the discussion shall follow the Rules of Order of the House of Deputies, and the Committee of the Whole will be chaired by the President of the House of Deputies.

(d) No voting will occur during the Committee of the Whole, except for the following, which may be voted upon by a voice vote or show of hands vote by the entire Committee of the Whole:
(i) Motions to modify rules for discussion and debate may be made, and require a two-thirds majority.

(ii) Motions to close the Committee of the Whole may be made, and require a two-thirds majority.

(iii) Motions to extend the length of time the Committee of the Whole meets may be made, and require a two-thirds majority.

XI. Rules in Force

24. At the meetings of the House of Bishops and the House of Deputies, the Joint Rules of the previous Convention shall be in force, until they be amended or repealed by concurrent action of the two (2) Houses and after their reports thereon.

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That Canon I.1.1(k) be added:

In accordance with Article I of the Constitution, the House of Deputies and the House of Bishops may meet together as a Committee of the Whole according to procedures provided for in the Joint Rules of Order.

And be it further

Resolved, the House of Concurring, That the 79th General Convention amend the Joint Rules of Order of the House of Bishops and House of Deputies as follows:

X. Committee of the Whole

23. The House of Deputies and the House of Bishops may meet together as a Committee of the Whole for the purpose of discussion and debate subject to the following:

(a) The President of the House of Deputies and the Presiding Bishop shall propose a resolution to both Houses stating the matter to be discussed, the time certain for the Committee of the Whole to begin, and the length of time for the Committee of the Whole to meet. The resolution may also include procedures for discussion and debate.

(b) The resolution shall be passed by a simple majority vote in both Houses.

(c) The Committee of the Whole shall meet in the House of Deputies, the discussion shall follow the Rules of Order of the House of Deputies, and the Committee of the Whole will be chaired by the President of the House of Deputies.

(d) No voting will occur during the Committee of the Whole, except for the following, which may be voted upon by a voice vote or show of hands vote by the entire Committee of the Whole:

(i) Motions to modify rules for discussion and debate may be made, and require a two-thirds majority.
(ii) Motions to close the Committee of the Whole may be made, and require a two-thirds majority.

(iii) Motions to extend the length of time the Committee of the Whole meets may be made, and require a two-thirds majority.

XI. Rules in Force

23 24. At the meetings of the House of Bishops and the House of Deputies, the Joint Rules of the previous Convention shall be in force, until they be amended or repealed by concurrent action of the two (2) Houses and after their reports thereon.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #352)

The House of Deputies Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #42 on Resolution A114 (Amend I.10 Regarding the Union of Dioceses) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A114)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention amend Canon I.10 as follows:

Sec. 1. Whenever a new Diocese shall be formed within the limits of any Diocese, or by the junction of two or more Dioceses, or parts of Dioceses, and such action shall have been ratified by the General Convention, the Bishop of the Diocese within the limits of which a Diocese is formed, or in case of the junction of two or more Dioceses, or parts of Dioceses, the senior Bishop by consecration, shall thereupon call the Primary Convention of the new Diocese, for the purpose of enabling it to organize, and shall fix the time and place of holding the same, such place being within the territorial limits of the new Diocese: the Ecclesiastical Authorities and the Standing Committees of the Dioceses affected shall submit for approval to the Conventions of each Diocese involved a joint agreement of union setting forth their agreements, including the manner of determining the Bishop Diocesan and other Bishops (if any), provisions of the Constitution and Canons of the new Diocese, and such other matters as may be necessary or proper. The approved joint agreement of union shall be submitted for ratification by the General Convention no less than ninety (90) days prior to the first day of the meeting of the General Convention.

Sec. 2. Immediately after ratification by the General Convention, the Ecclesiastical Authority of the new Diocese, as set forth in the joint agreement of union, shall call the Primary Convention of the new Diocese, for the purpose of enabling it to organize, and shall fix the time and place of holding the same, such place being within the territorial limits of the new Diocese. In case there should be no Bishop who can call such Primary Convention, pursuant to the foregoing provision, then the duty of calling such Convention for the purpose of organizing and of fixing the time and place of its meeting, shall be vested in the Standing Committee of the Diocese within the limits of which the new one is erected, or in the Standing Committee of the oldest of the Dioceses by the junction of which, or of parts of which, the
new Diocese may be formed. And such Standing Committee shall make the call immediately after ratification of the General Convention.

Sec. 3. Whenever one Diocese is about to be divided into two Dioceses, the Convention of such Diocese shall declare which portion thereof is to be in the new Diocese, and shall make the same known to the General Convention before the ratification of such division.

Sec. 4. Whenever a new Diocese shall have organized in Primary Convention in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution and Canons in such case made and provided, and in the manner prescribed in the previous Sections of this Canon, and shall have chosen a name and acceded to the Constitution of the General Convention in accordance with Article V, Section 1 of the Constitution, and shall have laid before the Executive Council certified copies of the Constitution adopted at its Primary Convention, and the proceedings preparatory to the formation of the proposed new Diocese, such new Diocese shall thereupon be admitted into union with the General Convention.

Sec. 5. In the event of the erection of an Area Mission into a Diocese of this Church, as provided in Article V, Sec. Section 1, the Convocation of the said Area Mission shall be entitled to elect Deputies to the succeeding General Convention, and also to elect a Bishop. The jurisdiction previously assigned to the Bishop in the Area Mission shall be terminated upon the admission of the new Diocese.

Sec. 6. (a) When a Diocese, and another Diocese one or more other Dioceses which has been formed either by division therefrom or by erection into a Diocese or a Missionary Diocese formed by division therefrom, shall desire to be reunited into one Diocese, the proposed reunion must be initiated by the approval of the Conventions of the Diocese of a joint agreement of union setting forth their agreements, including the manner of determining the Bishop Diocesan and other Bishops (if any), provisions of the Constitution and Canons of the new Diocese, and such other matters as may be necessary or proper. mutual agreement between the Conventions of the two Dioceses, consented to by the Ecclesiastical Authority of each Diocese. If the said agreement of the Dioceses is made and the consents of their Conventions are given more than three months before the next meeting of the General Convention, the fact of the agreement and consents shall be certified by the Ecclesiastical Authority and the Secretary of the Convention of each Diocese to all the Bishops of the Church having jurisdiction and to the Standing Committees of all the Dioceses; and when the consents of a majority of such Bishops and of a majority of the Standing Committees to the proposed reunion shall have been received, the facts shall be similarly certified to the Secretary of the House of Deputies of the General Convention, and thereupon the reunion shall be considered complete. But if the agreement is made and the consents given within three months of the next meeting of the General Convention, the facts shall be certified instead to the Secretary of the House of Deputies, who shall lay them before the two Houses; and the reunion shall be deemed to be complete when it shall have been sanctioned by a majority vote in the House of Bishops, and in the House of Deputies. voting by orders.

(b) The Bishop of the parent Diocese shall be the Bishop, and the Bishop of the junior Diocese shall be the Bishop Coadjutor, of the reunited Diocese; but if there be a vacancy in the Episcopate of either Diocese, the Bishop of the other Diocese shall be the Bishop, and the Bishop Coadjutor if there be one shall be the Bishop Coadjutor, of the reunited Diocese.

(c) Sec. 7 When the union of two or more Dioceses or portions of Dioceses or the reunion of the two or more Dioceses shall have been completed, the facts shall be certified to the
Presiding Bishop and to the Secretary of the House of Deputies. Thereupon the Presiding Bishop shall notify the Secretary of the House of Bishops of any alteration in the status or style of the Bishop or Bishops concerned, and the Secretary of the House of Deputies shall strike the name of the junior any Diocese that will cease to exist or are being renamed from the roll of Dioceses in union with the General Convention and, if appropriate, amend the name of the newly united Diocese on the roll of Dioceses in union with the General Convention.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention amend Canon I.10 as follows:

Sec. 1. Whenever a new Diocese shall be proposed to be formed within the limits of any Diocese, or by the junction of two or more Dioceses, or parts of Dioceses, and such action shall have been ratified by the General Convention, the Bishop of the Diocese within the limits of which a Diocese is formed, or in case of the junction of two or more Dioceses, or parts of Dioceses, the senior Bishop by consecration, shall thereupon call the Primary Convention of the new Diocese, for the purpose of enabling it to organize, and shall fix the time and place of holding the same, such place being within the territorial limits of the new Diocese. the Ecclesiastical Authorities and the Standing Committees of the Dioceses involved in the proposed new diocese shall submit for approval to the Conventions of each Diocese involved a joint agreement of union setting forth their agreements, including the manner of determining the Bishop Diocesan and other Bishops (if any), the provisions of the Constitution and Canons of the new Diocese, and such other matters as may be necessary or proper. Upon approval by the Conventions of each of the involved Dioceses, the The approved joint agreement of union shall be submitted for ratification by the General Convention no less than ninety (90) days prior to the first legislative day of the next meeting of the General Convention.

Sec. 2. Immediately Promptly after ratification by the General Convention, the Ecclesiastical Authority of the new Diocese, as set forth in the joint agreement of union, shall call the Primary Convention of the new Diocese, for the purpose of enabling it to organize, and shall fix the time and place of holding the same, such place being within the territorial limits of the new Diocese. In case there should be no Bishop who can call such Primary Convention, pursuant to the foregoing provision, then the duty of calling such Convention for the purpose of organizing and of fixing the time and place of its meeting, shall be vested in the Standing Committee of the Diocese within the limits of which the new one is erected, or in the Standing Committee of the oldest of the Dioceses by the junction of which, or of parts of which, the new Diocese may be formed. And such Standing Committee shall make the call immediately after ratification of the General Convention.

Sec. 3. Whenever one Diocese is about to be divided into two Dioceses, the Convention of such Diocese shall declare which portion thereof is to be in the new Diocese, and shall make the same known to the General Convention before the ratification of such division.

Sec. 4. Whenever a new Diocese shall have organized in Primary Convention in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution and Canons in such case made and provided, and in the manner prescribed in the previous Sections of this Canon, and shall have chosen a name and acceded to the Constitution of the General Convention in accordance with Article V, Section 1 of the Constitution, and shall have laid before the Executive Council certified copies of the Constitution adopted at its Primary Convention, and the proceedings
preparatory to the formation of the proposed new Diocese, such new Diocese shall thereupon be admitted into union with the General Convention.

Sec. 5. In the event of the erection of an Area Mission into a Diocese of this Church, as provided in Article V, Sec. Section 1, the Convocation of the said Area Mission shall be entitled to elect Deputies to the succeeding General Convention, and also to elect a Bishop. The jurisdiction previously assigned to the Bishop in the Area Mission shall be terminated upon the admission of the new Diocese.

Sec. 6 (a) When a Diocese, and another Diocese one or more other Dioceses which that has been were formed either by division therefrom or by erection into a Diocese or a Missionary Diocese formed by division therefrom, shall desire to be reunited into one Diocese, the proposed reunion must be initiated by the approval of the Conventions of the involved Dioceses of a joint agreement of union setting forth their agreements, including the manner of determining the Bishop Diocesan and other Bishops (if any), provisions of the Constitution and Canons of the new Diocese, and such other matters as may be necessary or proper. mutual agreement between the Conventions of the two Dioceses, consented to by the Ecclesiastical Authority of each Diocese. If the said agreement of the Dioceses is made and the consents of their Conventions are given more than three months before the next meeting of the General Convention, the fact of the agreement and consents shall be certified by the Ecclesiastical Authority and the Secretary of the Convention of each involved Diocese to all the Bishops of the Church having jurisdiction and to the Standing Committees of all the Dioceses; and when the consents of a majority of such Bishops and of a majority of the Standing Committees to the proposed reunion shall have been received, the facts shall be similarly certified to the Secretary of the House of Deputies of the General Convention, and thereupon the reunion shall be considered complete. But if the agreement is made and the consents given within three months of the next meeting of the General Convention, the facts shall be certified instead to the Secretary of the House of Deputies, who shall lay them before the two Houses; and the reunion shall be deemed to be complete when it shall have been sanctioned approved by a majority vote in the House of Bishops, and in the House of Deputies voting by orders.

(b) The Bishop of the parent Diocese shall be the Bishop, and the Bishop of the junior Diocese shall be the Bishop Coadjutor, of the reunited Diocese; but if there be a vacancy in the Episcopate of either Diocese, the Bishop of the other Diocese shall be the Bishop, and the Bishop Coadjutor if there be one shall be the Bishop Coadjutor, of the reunited Diocese.

(c) Sec. 7 When the union of two (2) or more Dioceses or portions of Dioceses or the reunion of the two or more Dioceses shall have been completed, the facts shall be certified to the Presiding Bishop and to the Secretary of the House of Deputies. Thereupon the Presiding Bishop shall notify the Secretary of the House of Bishops of any alteration in the status or style of the Bishop or Bishops concerned, and the Secretary of the House of Deputies shall strike the name of the junior any Diocese that will cease to exist or is are being renamed from the roll of Dioceses in union with the General Convention and, if appropriate, amend the name of the newly united Diocese on the roll of Dioceses in union with the General Convention.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #353)
The Episcopal Church in Cuba

The House of Deputies Committee on The Episcopal Church in Cuba presented its Report #6 on Resolution A209 (Reunification with La Iglesia Episcopal de Cuba) and moved to take no further action.

Motion carried
The House took no further action
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #354)

The House of Deputies Committee on The Episcopal Church in Cuba presented its Report #5 on Resolution A214 (Preparing for Admission of La Iglesia Episcopal de Cuba) and moved to take no further action.

Motion carried
The House took no further action
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #355)

The House of Deputies Committee on The Episcopal Church in Cuba presented its Report #4 on Resolution D060 (Establish a Covenant with the Diocese of Cuba) and moved to take no further action.

Motion carried
The House took no further action
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #356)

Churchwide Leadership

The House of Deputies Committee on Churchwide Leadership presented its Report #31 on Resolution A167 (Amend Canon III.12.5) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That Canon III.12.5 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 5. Assistant Bishops

(a) When a Diocese, in the opinion of its Bishop Diocesan, requires additional episcopal services, the Bishop Diocesan may, with the consent of the Standing Committee of the Diocese, ask the Convention of the Diocese to approve the creation of the position of Assistant Bishop and to authorize the Bishop to appoint a Bishop for the position call for an election for the position, if the Convention approves the creation of the position, the Bishop Diocesan may, with the consent of the Standing Committee of the Diocese, and under such conditions as the Bishop may determine, call for the election for the position, to be held pursuant to the process set forth in Canon III.11. A Diocese shall not have more than three Assistant Bishops serving the Diocese.

(b) An Assistant Bishop may be appointed elected from among the following:

(1) Duly ordered Priests of this Church, or Bishops Diocesan, Bishops Coadjutor, or Bishops Suffragan, who under the Constitution and Canons of this Church would be eligible for election in that Diocese; provided that at the time of accepting any such appointment upon election a Bishop Diocesan, Bishop Coadjutor or Bishop Suffragan shall resign that office;
(2) Bishops of this Church whose tenure as an Assistant Bishop of a Diocese has ended or who, having resigned their previous responsibilities, other than those who have attained the age of seventy-two, are qualified to perform episcopal acts in this Church; and

(3) (b) Persons who are Bishops of other Provinces of the Anglican Communion, in good standing therein, may be nominated for election as Assistant Bishop of a Church in communion with this Church, in good standing therein, if they:

(i) have previously resigned their former responsibilities;

(ii) have received approval, by a competent authority within the Church of their ordination or appointment to the position of Assistant Bishop of that Church;

(iii) have exhibited satisfactory evidence of moral and godly character and having met theological requirements;

(iv) have promised in a writing submitted to the Bishop Diocesan making the appointment to submit in all things to the Doctrine, Discipline and Worship of this Church;

(v) have submitted to and satisfactorily passed a thorough examination covering their medical, psychological and psychiatric condition by recognized and licensed professionals appointed by the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese with the approval of the Presiding Bishop. The forms for medical, psychological and psychiatric reports prepared by The Church Pension Fund shall be used for these purposes.

(vi) have undergone background screening and, if feasible, background checks as provided in Canon III.11x. [per Section IV.C.4 of this Report]

(vii) have been examined by the Bishop Diocesan and at least one other Bishop as to knowledge of this Church, its worship and governance:

(i) Church History: the history of the Anglican Communion and the Episcopal Church.

(2) Doctrine: the Church’s teaching as set forth in the Creeds and in An Outline of the Faith, commonly called the Catechism.

(3) Liturgics: the principles and history of Anglican worship; the contents of the Book of Common Prayer.

(4) Practical Theology:

(i) The office and work of a Deacon and Priest in this Church.

(ii) The conduct of public worship.

(iii) The Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church and of the Diocese in which the applicant is resident.
(k) The use of voice in reading and speaking.

(5) The points of Doctrine, Discipline, Polity, and Worship in which the Church from which the applicant has come differ from this Church. This portion of the examinations shall be conducted, in part at least, by written questions and answers, and the replies kept on file for at least three years.

(i) have received the following training:

(1) prevention of sexual misconduct.

(2) civil requirements for reporting and pastoral opportunities for responding to evidence of abuse.

(3) the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church, particularly Title IV thereof.

(4) training regarding the Church’s teaching on racism.

(ii) have served in The Episcopal Church for a period of two years, received the consent of a majority of the Bishops exercising jurisdiction and a majority of the Standing Committees, and been received into The Episcopal Church as a Bishop.

A Bishop of another Province of the Anglican Communion does not become a Bishop of this Church solely by virtue of being elected an Assistant Bishop of a Diocese.

(4) Before the appointment of a Bishop who is not otherwise a member of the House of Bishops as an Assistant Bishop under the provisions of Secs. 5(b)(2) or 5(b)(3) of this Canon, the consent of the House of Bishops or, if the appointment is to be made more than three months prior to a meeting of the House of Bishops, the consent of a majority of Bishops exercising jurisdiction must be obtained. [Task Force note: Covered in Canon III.11.1 amendments]

(c) Before an Assistant Bishop so appointed begins service in this position, the Bishop of the Diocese shall give certified evidence of the appointment to the Secretary of the House of Bishops and shall transmit notice of the appointment to the Presiding Bishop and to the Ecclesiastical Authority of every Diocese. [Task Force note: covered in III.11]

(d) An Assistant Bishop shall serve at the discretion, and under the control and direction of, the Bishop Diocesan.

(e) No person may serve as an Assistant Bishop of a Diocese beyond the termination of the jurisdiction of the appointing Bishop Diocesan of the Diocese or after attaining the age of seventy-two years.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That Canon III.12.5 is hereby amended to read as follows:
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(a) When a Diocese, in the opinion of its Bishop Diocesan, requires additional episcopal services, the Bishop Diocesan may, with the consent of the Standing Committee of the Diocese, ask the Convention of the Diocese to approve the creation of the position of Assistant Bishop and to authorize the Bishop to appoint a Bishop for the position, call for an election for the position. If the Convention approves the creation of the position, the Bishop Diocesan may proceed to appoint a Bishop meeting the qualifications set forth in a Letter of Agreement approved by, with the consent of the Standing Committee of the Diocese, under such conditions as the Bishop may determine, call for the election for the position, to be held pursuant to the process set forth in Canon III.11. A Diocese shall not have more than three Assistant Bishops serving the Diocese.

(b) An Assistant Bishop may be appointed elected from among the following:

(1) Duly ordered Priests of this Church, or Bishops Diocesan, Bishops Coadjutor, or Bishops Suffragan, who under the Constitution and Canons of this Church would be eligible for election in that Diocese; provided that at the time of accepting any such appointment upon election a Bishop Diocesan, Bishop Coadjutor or Bishop Suffragan shall resign that office;

(2) Bishops of this Church whose tenure as an Assistant Bishop of a Diocese has ended or who, having resigned their previous responsibilities, other than those who have attained the age of seventy-two, are qualified to perform episcopal acts in this Church; and

(3) (b) Persons who are Bishops of other Provinces of the Anglican Communion, in good standing of Churches that are members of the Anglican Communion by action of the Anglican Consultative Council, therein, may be nominated for election as Assistant Bishop Bishops of a Church in communion with this Church, in good standing therein, if they:

(i) have previously resigned their former responsibilities;

(ii) have received approval, by a competent authority within the Church of their ordination of their appointment to the position of Assistant Bishop as a Bishop of that Church;

(iii) have exhibited satisfactory evidence of moral and godly character and having met theological requirements;

(iv) have promised in a writing submitted to the Bishop Diocesan making the appointment, and witnessed by two other Bishops of this Church, to submit in all things to the Doctrine, Discipline and Worship of this Church;

(v) have submitted to and satisfactorily passed a thorough examination covering the medical, psychological, and psychiatric and other condition s described in Canon III.11.1(e), pursuant to the requirements of and procedures set forth in Canon III.11.1(e) by recognized and licensed professionals appointed by the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese with the approval of the Presiding Bishop. The forms for medical, psychological and psychiatric reports prepared by The Church Pension Fund shall be used for these purposes.

(vi) have undergone background screening and, if feasible, background checks as provided in Canon III.11x III.11.1.[per Section IV.C.4 of this Report]
(vii) have been examined by the Bishop Diocesan and at least one two other Bishops of this Church as to knowledge of this Church, its worship and governance:

(1) Church History: the history of the Anglican Communion and the Episcopal Church.

(2) Doctrine: the Church’s teaching as set forth in the Creeds and in An Outline of the Faith, commonly called the Catechism.

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(i) The office and work of a Deacon and Priest in this Church.

(ii) The conduct of public worship.

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(iv) The use of voice in reading and speaking.

(5) The points of Doctrine, Discipline, Polity, and Worship in which the Church from which the applicant has come differ from this Church. This portion of the examinations shall be conducted, in part at least, by written questions and answers, and the replies kept on file with the Office of Pastoral Development for at least three years.

(iii) (viii) have received the following training:

(1) prevention of sexual misconduct.

(2) civil requirements for reporting and pastoral opportunities for responding to evidence of abuse.

(3) the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church, particularly Title IV thereof.

(4) training regarding the Church’s teaching on racism.

(ii) (ix) have served in The Episcopal Church for a period of two years, have received the consent of a majority of the Bishops exercising jurisdiction and a majority of the Standing Committees, and been received into The Episcopal Church as a Bishop. A Bishop of another Province or jurisdiction of the Anglican Communion does not become a Bishop of this Church solely by virtue of being elected appointed an Assistant Bishop of a Diocese.

(4) Before the appointment of a Bishop who is not otherwise a member of the House of Bishops as an Assistant Bishop under the provisions of Secs. 5(b)(2) or 5(b)(3) of this Canon, the consent of the House of Bishops or, if the appointment is to be made more than
three months prior to a meeting of the House of Bishops, the consent of a majority of Bishops exercising jurisdiction must be obtained. [Task Force note: Covered in Canon III.11.4 amendments]

(c) Before an Assistant Bishop so appointed begins service in this position, the Bishop of the Diocese shall give certified evidence of the appointment to the Secretary of the House of Bishops and shall transmit notice of the appointment to the Presiding Bishop and to the Ecclesiastical Authority of every Diocese. [Task Force note: covered in III.11]

(d) An Assistant Bishop shall serve at the discretion, and under the control and direction of, the Bishop Diocesan.

(e) No person may serve as an Assistant Bishop of a Diocese beyond the termination of the jurisdiction of the appointing Bishop Diocesan of the Diocese or after attaining the age of seventy-two years, unless the Standing Committee and eventually, the succeeding Bishop Diocesan decide otherwise, and under the terms of a new Letter of Agreement renewable every twelve (12) months.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #357)

End of Consent Calendar

Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music

The Secretary moved to further postpone consideration of Resolution A065 as continued study of the amendment was needed.

Motion carried
Consideration postponed

Committee to Receive the Report of Resolution A169

The House of Deputies Committee to Receive the Report of Resolution A169 presented its Report #12 on Resolution D078 (Authorize Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Expansive Language) for Trial Use) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:

(D078)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention authorize The Holy Eucharist: Rite II (Expansive Language) for trial use throughout this church as a proposed revision to pages 355-382 of the Book of Common Prayer pursuant to Article X(b) of the Constitution; and be it further

Resolved, That The Holy Eucharist: Rite II (Expansive Language) be provided to the church at no cost via electronic distribution; and be it further

Resolved, That the Standing Committee on Liturgy and Music be directed to engage a dynamic equivalence translation of The Holy Eucharist: Rite II (Expansive Language) into the Spanish and French Languages; 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 $12,500 for the implementation of this resolution; and be it further
Resolved, That the Standing Committee on Liturgy and Music be directed to develop a process for evaluation of the ongoing use of The Holy Eucharist: Rite II (Expansive Language) among the dioceses and congregations of this church.

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two
(Expansive Language)

The Word of God

A hymn, psalm, or anthem may be sung.

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Blessed be God: holy, glorious, and undivided Trinity.

People And blessed be God's reign, now and for ever. Amen.

In place of the above, from Easter Day through the Day of Pentecost

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.

In Lent and on other penitential occasions

Blessed be God who forgives all our sins.

People God's mercy endures for ever.

The Celebrant may say

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The rubrics of the Prayer Book (p. 356) provide that when appointed, the Gloria in excelsis or “some other song of praise” may be used. Supplemental canticles (Enriching our Worship 1, pp. 25-41) or canticles from the Book of Common Prayer (pp. 85-96) are among the appropriate alternatives.

On other occasions the following is used

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy

or this

Kyrie eleison.

Christe eleison.

Kyrie eleison.

or this

Holy God,

Holy and Mighty,

Holy Immortal One,

Have mercy upon us.

The Collect of the Day
The Celebrant says to the people
God be with you. or The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Let us pray.
The Celebrant says the Collect.
People Amen.
The Lessons
The people sit. One or two Lessons, as appointed, are read, the Reader first saying
A Reading (Lesson) from____________.
A citation giving chapter and verse may be added.
After each Reading, the Reader may say
The Word of the Lord.

or
Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

or
Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.
People Thanks be to God.
or the Reader may say Here ends the Reading (Epistle).
Silence may follow.
A psalm, hymn, or anthem may follow each Reading.
Then, all standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying
The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to__________.
People Glory to you, Lord Christ.
After the Gospel, the Reader says
The Gospel of our Savior.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.
The Sermon
On Sundays and other Major Feasts there follows, all standing
The Nicene Creed
We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.
The Prayers of the People
Prayer is offered with intercession for
The Universal Church, its members, and its mission
The Nation and all in authority
The welfare of the world
The concerns of the local community
Those who suffer and those in any trouble
The departed (with commemoration of a saint when appropriate)

See the forms beginning on Book of Common Prayer, page 383, and the additional rubrics concerning the Prayers of the People found in Enriching Our Worship 1, pages 54-55. If there is no celebration of the Communion, or if a priest is not available, the service is concluded as indicated in the Additional Directions of the Book of Common Prayer.
Confession of Sin

A Confession of Sin is said here if it has not been said earlier. On occasion, the Confession may be omitted.

One of the sentences from the Penitential Order or Enriching Our Worship 1 may be said.

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

Most merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you

in thought, word, and deed,

by what we have done,

and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ,

have mercy on us and forgive us;

that we may delight in your will,

and walk in your ways,

to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Bishop when present, or the Priest, stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen

you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

The Peace

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of Jesus Christ.

The Holy Communion

The Celebrant may begin the Offertory with one of the sentences provided, or with some other sentence of Scripture.

During the Offertory, a hymn, psalm, or anthem may be sung.

Representatives of the congregation bring the people’s offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, to the deacon or celebrant. The people stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.

The Great Thanksgiving

Alternative forms will be found on page 10 and following.
Eucharistic Prayer A

The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says

Celebrant The Lord be with you. or God be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.

Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

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 the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the maker and preserver of all people.

Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

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 handed over to suffering and death, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ’s death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Christ. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. AMEN.

And now, as our Savior

Christ has taught us,

we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

As our Savior Christ
has taught us,

we now pray,

People and Celebrant

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread
The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.
A period of silence is kept.
Then may be sung or said
[Alleluia.] Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. [Alleluia.]
In Lent, Alleluia is omitted, and may be omitted at other times except during Easter Season.
In place of, or in addition to, the preceding, some other suitable anthem may be used.

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation or similar words.
The Gifts of God for the People of God.
and may add Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.
The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.
The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words
The Body (Blood) of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. [Amen.]
or with these words
The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [Amen.]
The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [Amen.]
During the ministration of Communion, hymns, psalms, or anthems may be sung.
When necessary, the Celebrant consecrates additional bread and wine, using the provided form in the Additional Directions of the Book of Common Prayer.

After Communion, the Celebrant says
Let us pray.
Celebrant and People
Eternal God,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Savior. Amen.
or the following
Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Child,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Savior.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.
The Bishop when present, or the Priest, may bless the people. The Deacon, or the Celebrant, dismisses
them with these words
Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People Thanks be to God.
or this
Deacon Go in peace to love and serve our Savior.
People Thanks be to God.
or this
Deacon Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
People Thanks be to God.
or this
Deacon Let us bless the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.
From the Easter Vigil through the Day of Pentecost “Alleluia, alleluia” is added to any of the dismissals.
Alternative Forms of the Great Thanksgiving
Eucharistic Prayer B

The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says

Celebrant The Lord be with you. or God be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.

Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

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 the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

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 before he died for us, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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.”

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember Christ’s death,
We proclaim Christ's resurrection,
We await Christ's coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. In Christ's sacrifice, unite us that we may be acceptable, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [___________and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. AMEN.

Continue with the Lord's Prayer on page...

Eucharistic Prayer C

In this prayer, the lines in italics are spoken by the People.

The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says

Celebrant The Lord be with you. or God be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give our 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 your only Child, born of Mary, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By Christ's blood, we are reconciled.

By Christ's 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 the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

The Celebrant continues

And so, Eternal God, we who have been redeemed by Jesus Christ, 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 Savior.

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 Jesus 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, Jesus 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 Christ’s death and resurrection,

as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our ancestors; God of Abraham and Sarah; God of our Savior 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 Savior, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Almighty God, 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.

Continue with the Lord’s Prayer on page.

Eucharistic Prayer D

The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says

Celebrant The Lord be with you. or God be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is truly right to glorify you, Holy One, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing (say),

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 the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues

We acclaim you, holy God, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Holy God, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, Jesus lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose Jesus gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for Christ who died and rose for us, you sent the Holy Spirit, your own first gift for those who believe, to complete your work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

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.

When the hour had come for Jesus to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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.”

Almighty God, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ’s death and descent among the dead, proclaiming Christ’s resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting Christ’s coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.
Celebrant and People

We praise you, we bless you,
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.

The Celebrant continues

God our Creator, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.
[Remember (NN. and) all who minister in your Church.]
[Remember all your people, and those who seek your truth.]
[Remember __________.]
[Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.]

And grant that we may find our inheritance with [the Blessed Virgin Mary, with matriarchs, patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, (with __________) and] all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. AMEN.

Continue with the Lord's Prayer on page ___.

Proper Prefaces

Preface of the Lord’s Day

To be used on Sundays as appointed, but not on the succeeding weekdays

1. Of God the Father

For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

or this

2. Of God the Son

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

or the following

3. Of God the Holy Spirit

For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

Prefaces for Seasons
To be used on Sundays and weekdays alike, except as otherwise appointed for Holy Days and Various Occasions

Advent

Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs of everlasting life; that when Christ shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

Incarnation

Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfectly human of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

Epiphany

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Savior.

Lent

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

or this

You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you.

Holy Week

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. For our sins he was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; and, by his suffering and death, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him.

Easter

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By Christ’s death he has destroyed death, and by Christ’s rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

Ascension

Through your dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord. After his glorious resurrection he openly appeared to the apostles, and in their sight ascended into heaven, to prepare a place for us; that where he is, there we might also be, and reign with him in glory.

Pentecost

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. In fulfillment of Christ’s true promise, the Holy Spirit came down [on this day] from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to your Church the power to serve you as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations.

Prefaces for Other Occasions

Trinity Sunday
For with your co-eternal Son and Holy Spirit, you are one God, one Lord, in Trinity of Persons and in Unity of Being; and we celebrate the one and equal glory of you, O Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All Saints

For in the multitude of your saints, you have surrounded us with a great cloud of witnesses, that we might rejoice in their fellowship, and run with endurance the race that is set before us; and, together with them, receive the crown of glory that never fades away.

A Saint

For the wonderful grace and virtue declared in all your saints, who have been the chosen vessels of your grace, and the lights of the world in their generations.

or this

Because in the obedience of your saints you have given us an example of righteousness, and in their eternal joy a glorious pledge of the hope of our calling.

or this

Because you are greatly glorified in the assembly of your saints. All your creatures praise you, and your faithful servants bless you, confessing before the rulers of this world the great Name of your only begotten.

Apostles and Ordinations

Through the great shepherd of your flock, Jesus Christ our Lord; who after the resurrection sent forth the apostles to preach the Gospel and to teach all nations; and promised to be with them always, even to the end of the ages.

Dedication of a Church

Through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, in whom we are built up as living stones of a holy temple, that we might offer before you a sacrifice of praise and prayer which is holy and pleasing in your sight.

Baptism

Because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your beloved children, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth.

Marriage

Because in the giving of two people to each other in faithful love you reveal the joy and abundant life you share with your Son Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit.

Commemoration of the Dead

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who rose victorious from the dead, and comforts us with the blessed hope of everlasting life. For to your faithful people, O Lord, life is changed, not ended; and when our mortal body lies in death, there is prepared for us a dwelling place eternal in the heavens.

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention authorize The Holy Eucharist: Rite II, including Eucharistic Prayers A, B, and D, (Expansive Language) for trial use throughout this church as a proposed revision to within pages 355-382 of the Book of Common Prayer pursuant to Article X(b) of the Constitution; and be it further

Resolved, That the period of trial use for these liturgies shall extend until the completion of the next comprehensive revision of the Book of Common Prayer; and be it further
Resolved, That The Holy Eucharist: Rite II, Eucharistic Prayer C, be referred to the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music for possible revision for trial use; and be it further

Resolved, That The Holy Eucharist: Rite II, including Eucharistic Prayers A, B, and D, (Expansive Language) be provided to the church at no cost via electronic distribution; and be it further

Resolved, That the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music be directed to engage a dynamic equivalence translation of The Holy Eucharist: Rite II, including Eucharistic Prayers A, B, and D, (Expansive Language) into the Spanish, and French, and Hatian Creole languages; 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 $12,500 for the implementation of this resolution; and be it further

Resolved, That the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music be directed to develop a process for evaluation of the ongoing use of The Holy Eucharist: Rite II, including Eucharistic Prayers A, B, and D, (Expansive Language) among the dioceses and congregations of this church.

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two
(Expansive Language)

The Word of God

A hymn, psalm, or anthem may be sung.

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Blessed be God: most holy, glorious, and undivided Trinity.

or

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be God's reign, now and for ever. Amen.

In place of the above, from Easter Day through the Day of Pentecost

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.

In Lent and on other penitential occasions

Blessed be God who forgives all our sins.

People God’s mercy endures for ever.

The Celebrant may say

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The rubrics of the Prayer Book (p. 356) provide that when appointed, the Gloria in excelsis or “some other song of praise” may be used. Supplemental canticles (Enriching our Worship 1, pp. 25-41) or canticles from the Book of Common Prayer (pp. 85-96) are among the appropriate alternatives.

On other occasions the following is used

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy
or this
Kyrie eleison.
Christe eleison.
Kyrie eleison.

or this
Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy upon us.
The Collect of the Day
The Celebrant says to the people
God be with you. or The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Let us pray.
The Celebrant says the Collect.
People Amen.
The Lessons
The people sit. One or two Lessons, as appointed, are read, the Reader first saying
A Reading (Lesson) from_________.
A citation giving chapter and verse may be added.
After each Reading, the Reader may say
The Word of the Lord.
or
Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.
or
Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.
People Thanks be to God.
or the Reader may say Here ends the Reading (Epistle).
Silence may follow.
A psalm, hymn, or anthem may follow each Reading.
Then, all standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying
The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to_________.
People Glory to you, Lord Christ.
After the Gospel, the Reader says
The Gospel of our Savior.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.
The Sermon
On Sundays and other Major Feasts there follows, all standing
The Nicene Creed
We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.
The Prayers of the People
Prayer is offered with intercession for
The Universal Church, its members, and its mission
The Nation and all in authority
The welfare of the world
The concerns of the local community
Those who suffer and those in any trouble
The departed (with commemoration of a saint when appropriate)

See the forms beginning on Book of Common Prayer, page 383, and the additional rubrics concerning the Prayers of the People found in Enriching Our Worship 1, pages 54-55. If there is no celebration of the Communion, or if a priest is not available, the service is concluded as indicated in the Additional Directions of the Book of Common Prayer.

Confession of Sin

A Confession of Sin is said here if it has not been said earlier. On occasion, the Confession may be omitted.

One of the sentences from the Penitential Order or Enriching Our Worship 1 may be said.

The Deacon or Celebrant says
Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
Silence may be kept.
Minister and People
Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Bishop when present, or the Priest, stands and says
Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

The Peace

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people
The peace of Christ be always with you.
People And also with you.
Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of Jesus Christ.

The Holy Communion

The Celebrant may begin the Offertory with one of the sentences provided, or with some other sentence of Scripture.

During the Offertory, a hymn, psalm, or anthem may be sung.

Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, to the deacon or celebrant. The people stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.

The Great Thanksgiving

Alternative forms will be found on page 10 and following.

Eucharistic Prayer A

The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says

Celebrant The Lord be with you. or God be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.

Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

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 the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and maker and preserver of all people.

Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

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 handed over to suffering and death, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues
We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ’s death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Christ. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. AMEN.

And now, as our Savior
Christ has taught us,
we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant
Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.
As our Savior Christ
has taught us,
we now pray,
People and Celebrant
Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.
The Breaking of the Bread
The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.
A period of silence is kept.
Then may be sung or said
[Alleluia.] Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. [Alleluia.]
In Lent, Alleluia is omitted, and may be omitted at other times except during Easter Season.
In place of, or in addition to, the preceding, some other suitable anthem may be used.
Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation or similar words.
The Gifts of God for the People of God.
and may add Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.
The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.
The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words
The Body (Blood) of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. [Amen.]
or with these words
The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [Amen.]
The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [Amen.]
During the ministration of Communion, hymns, psalms, or anthems may be sung.

When necessary, the Celebrant consecrates additional bread and wine, using the provided form in the Additional Directions of the Book of Common Prayer.

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Eternal God,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Savior. Amen.

or the following

Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Child,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Savior.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Bishop when present, or the Priest, may bless the people. The Deacon, or the Celebrant, dismisses them with these words

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

or this

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve Jesus Christ our Savior.
People Thanks be to God.
or this
Deacon Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
People Thanks be to God.
or this
Deacon Let us bless the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

From the Easter Vigil through the Day of Pentecost “Alleluia, alleluia” is added to any of the dismissals.

Alternative Forms of the Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B
The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says
Celebrant The Lord be with you. or God be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People We lift them to the Lord.
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.

Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

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 the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.
The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel all nations to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.
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 before he died for us, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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.”

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People
We remember Christ’s death,
We proclaim Christ’s resurrection,
We await Christ’s coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. In Christ’s sacrifice, unite us that we may be acceptable, Unite us in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [______ and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. AMEN.

Continue with the Lord’s Prayer on page.

Eucharistic Prayer C

In this prayer, the lines in italics are spoken by the People.

The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People It is right to give our 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 your only Child, born of Mary, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By Christ's blood, we are reconciled.

By Christ's 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
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

The Celebrant continues
And so, Eternal God, we who have been redeemed by Jesus Christ, 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 Savior.

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 Jesus 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, Jesus 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 Christ’s death and resurrection,
as we await the day of his coming,

Lord God of our ancestors; God of Abraham and Sarah; God of our Savior 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 Savior, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.
Accept these prayers and praises, Almighty God, 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.

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Eucharistic Prayer D

The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says

Celebrant The Lord be with you. or God be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is truly right to glorify you, Holy One, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing (say),

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 the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues

We acclaim you, holy God, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Holy God, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, Jesus lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose Jesus gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for Christ who died and rose for us, you sent the Holy Spirit, your own first gift for those who believe, to complete your work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.
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.

When the hour had come for Jesus to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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.”

Almighty God, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ’s death and descent among the dead, proclaiming Christ’s resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting Christ’s coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Celebrate and People

We praise you, we bless you,
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.

The Celebrant continues

God our Creator, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

[Remember (NN. and) all who minister in your Church.]

[Remember all your people, and those who seek your truth.]

[Remember________.]

[Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.]

And grant that we may find our inheritance with [the Blessed Virgin Mary, with matriarchs, patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, (with________) and] all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them

and give you glory through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. AMEN.

Continue with the Lord’s Prayer on page____.

Proper Prefaces

Preface of the Lord’s Day

To be used on Sundays as appointed, but not on the succeeding weekdays
1. Of God the Father

For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

or this

2. Of God the Son

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

or the following

3. Of God the Holy Spirit

For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

Prefaces for Seasons

To be used on Sundays and weekdays alike, except as otherwise appointed for Holy Days and Various Occasions

Advent

Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs of everlasting life; that when Christ shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

Incarnation

Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfectly human of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

Epiphany

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Savior.

Lent

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

or this

You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you.

Holy Week

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. For our sins he was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; and, by his suffering and death, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him.

Easter

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By Christ’s death he has destroyed death, and by Christ’s rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.
Ascension

Through your dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord. After his glorious resurrection he openly appeared to the apostles, and in their sight ascended into heaven, to prepare a place for us; that where he is, there we might also be, and reign with him in glory.

Pentecost

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. In fulfillment of Christ’s true promise, the Holy Spirit came down [on this day] from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to your Church the power to serve you as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations.

Prefaces for Other Occasions

Trinity Sunday

For with your co-eternal Son and Holy Spirit, you are one God, one Lord, in Trinity of Persons and in Unity of Being; and we celebrate the one and equal glory of you, O Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All Saints

For in the multitude of your saints, you have surrounded us with a great cloud of witnesses, that we might rejoice in their fellowship, and run with endurance the race that is set before us; and, together with them, receive the crown of glory that never fades away.

A Saint

For the wonderful grace and virtue declared in all your saints, who have been the chosen vessels of your grace, and the lights of the world in their generations.

or this

Because in the obedience of your saints you have given us an example of righteousness, and in their eternal joy a glorious pledge of the hope of our calling.

or this

Because you are greatly glorified in the assembly of your saints. All your creatures praise you, and your faithful servants bless you, confessing before the rulers of this world the great Name of your only begotten.

Apostles and Ordinations

Through the great shepherd of your flock, Jesus Christ our Lord; who after the resurrection sent forth the apostles to preach the Gospel and to teach all nations; and promised to be with them always, even to the end of the ages.

Dedication of a Church

Through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, in whom we are built up as living stones of a holy temple, that we might offer before you a sacrifice of praise and prayer which is holy and pleasing in your sight.

Baptism

Because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your beloved children, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth.

Marriage

Because in the giving of two people to each other in faithful love you reveal the joy and abundant life you share with your Son Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit.
**Commemoration of the Dead**

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who rose victorious from the dead, and comforts us with the blessed hope of everlasting life. For to your faithful people, O Lord, life is changed, not ended; and when our mortal body lies in death, there is prepared for us a dwelling place eternal in the heavens.

Deputy Coleman of Western Michigan moved to amend the resolution.

**Proposed Amendment:**
In Eucharistic Prayer B, replace "all nations" with "our ancestors in faith".

Deputy Michell of Dallas inquired whether the resolution is in order as, according to Resolution A068 which had been approved by both Houses, no new rites or liturgical resources can be approved without translations being secured.

The President ruled that Resolution D078 is in order.

Debate continued on the Coleman amendment.

Deputy McCall of Maryland moved to end debate.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

An electronic vote was taken on the amendment, resulting in 422 yes votes and 390 no votes.

Motion carried
Amendment adopted

Deputy Heard of Dallas moved to amend the resolution.

**Proposed Amendment:**
In Eucharistic Prayer B, restore "Israel" in place of "our ancestors in faith". In Eucharistic Prayer A, replace "Body of your Child" with "Body of your Christ,"

Deputy Fleener of Western Michigan moved to divide the question. The President ruled that motion was in order.

Debate ensued on the divided amendment.

Deputy Mendez of Arizona moved to end debate.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on the portion of the amendment dealing with Eucharistic Prayer B.

Motion carried
Amendment adopted

A vote was taken on the portion of the amendment dealing with Eucharistic Prayer A.

Motion carried
Amendment adopted

The President announced that, pursuant to House Rule 12, debate on Resolution D078 would end as there was no one in the queue to speak against the resolution.
Deputy Lightcap of Kansas requested a moment of prayer before the vote on the resolution. The President called on the Chaplain for prayer.

**Ballot #6 - Vote by Orders**

A Vote by Orders was taken on Resolution D078.

**Results of Ballot #6: Vote By Orders of Resolution D078**

The Secretary read the results of Ballot #6.

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Motion carried Resolution adopted with amendment

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #336)

**Ministry**

The House of Deputies Committee on Ministry presented its Report #14 on HB Message #188 on Resolution C005 (Appoint Task Force to Study Implementation of Canon III.1) and moved adoption with amendment.

**Substitute resolution:**

(C005)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention direct the President of the House of Deputies and the Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church to appoint a Task Force on Formation and Ministry of the Baptized including members experienced in Christian formation and education, and consisting of a minimum of five (5) clergy and five (5) lay persons, who represent the diversity of the Church; and be it further

Resolved, That this task force identify or develop curricula, practices, and strategies that can be used by dioceses and congregations to encourage and engage all the baptized in the work of building up the church by identifying their gifts for ministry, employing their gifts for ministry, and focusing on full engagement of their ministries in daily life, work, and leisure; and be it further

Resolved, That this task force report to the 80th General Convention with recommended strategies for the affirmation, development, and exercise of ministry by all baptized persons in the areas of gifts discernment, education and training for ministry, and leadership 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 $60,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

**Committee Amendment:**

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention direct the President of the House of Deputies and the Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church to appoint a Task Force on Formation and Ministry of the Baptized including members experienced in Christian formation and education, and consisting of a minimum of two bishops, five (5) priests and/or deacons clergy and five (5) lay persons, who represent the diversity of the Church; and be it further
Resolved, That this task force identify or develop curricula, practices, and strategies that can be used by dioceses and congregations to encourage and engage all the baptized in the work of building up the church by identifying their gifts for ministry, employing their gifts for ministry, and focusing on full engagement of their ministries in daily life, work, and leisure; and be it further

Resolved, That this task force report to the 80th General Convention with recommended strategies for the affirmation, development, and exercise of ministry by all baptized persons in the areas of gifts discernment, education and training for ministry, and leadership 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 $60,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

A vote was taken on resolution C005.

Motion carried
Substitute resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #334)

Racial Justice and Reconciliation

The House of Deputies Committee on Racial Justice and Reconciliation presented its Report #6 on HB Message #183 on Resolution A230 (Deploring the Sin of Scapegoating in Politics) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #342)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A230)

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention proclaims that the Episcopal branch of the Jesus Movement repudiates all political appeals and language rooted in the sin of scapegoating groups of human beings on the basis of race, language, culture, belief, economic and physical condition, immigration status, gender identification, and sexual orientation; and be it further

Resolved, That General Convention observes that such attacks have escalated alarmingly in the current political climate, including, but not limited to, the scapegoating of people of African descent in our cities—blamed for crime; non-white immigrants and asylum seekers from the Southern Hemisphere—blamed for stealing jobs; visitors and U.S. citizens from Arab Muslim countries—blamed for terrorism; indigenous peoples—blamed for a wide range of social ills and for thwarting energy independence; women and LGBTQ+ people—blamed for the de-masculinization and disintegration of society and families; the economically disadvantaged—blamed for being a burden on the wealthy and comfortable; the incarcerated and formerly incarcerated—condemned as irredeemable; and persons with disabilities—ridiculed, as in Jesus’s time, as outcasts. We recognize also that the sin of scapegoating occurs in virtually every nation in which The Episcopal Church ministers; and be it further

Resolved, That General Convention repudiates the acts of violence that inevitably result from the rhetoric and tactics of political scapegoating; and be it further

Resolved, That General Convention finds group scapegoating to be abhorrent to the heart of Christ and the soul of democracy. It offends against the rootedness of the best ideals of our government in the ethics respecting the dignity of individuals to which Christianity and all great faiths are pledged. It degrades politics by basing appeals for votes on fear and hate instead of hope and love. It invites
comparisons to the darkest moments in human history, when race-based, clan-based, and other forms of scapegoating unleashed acts of genocide; and be it further

Resolved, That General Convention commends the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies to such consultations as they deem fit with The Episcopal Church’s ecumenical and interfaith partners (including the National Council of Churches’ A.C.T. Now to End Racism initiative) with a goal of uniting people of faith and like mind and spirit behind a consolidated, comprehensive, and coordinated witness against an ungodly practice that pollutes and strains our common life.

Social Justice and United States Policy

The House of Deputies Committee on Social Justice and United States Policy presented its Report #12 on HB Message #266 on Resolution A178 (Halt the Intensification and Implementation of Immigration Policies and Practices that are Harmful to Migrant Women, Parents and Children) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #339)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A178)

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church acknowledge the specific vulnerabilities and needs of immigrant women, parents and children in the current immigration crisis, both in the United States and globally; and be it further

Resolved, That this Convention acknowledge that the U.S. government’s intensification of and implementation of punitive immigration policies and practices, such as the detention and separation of children from parents and the practice of housing children in military bases, is inhumane and unjust, and only serves to traumatize the vulnerable, especially women and children; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church decry and call for a halt to the implementation and intensification of inhumane and unjust immigration policies and practices such as detaining and separating children from parents; ignoring the reproductive health needs of women and girls in detention centers and converting military bases to immigration detention centers for children; and be it further

Resolved, That this Convention direct the Office of Government Relations and urge all Episcopalians to advocate for our governments to address the specific needs of women and children migrants and others with special vulnerabilities, by:

• Keeping babies and children together with their parents and other responsible family members, and releasing families from immigration detention as a priority policy;
• Providing access to physical and mental health care to all immigration detention, including to the full range of reproductive health care and sanitary products for women and girls;
• Ensuring the safety of all immigrants from sexual harassment, exploitation, and sex and labor trafficking, including women, children, youth, and elders; people with disabilities; and lesbian, gay, transgender and gender non-conforming persons;
• Deprioritizing immigration enforcement when deportation would mean parental separation from children and loss of needed family income, with exceptions for those with violent felony convictions;
• Preventing the release of immigration information from local law enforcement to ICE, except in cases of violent crime, so that people, including women, are not afraid to call local police to...
domestic violence and other criminal activity, for fear of themselves or other family members being deported

And be it further

Resolved, That this Convention urge Episcopalians and Episcopal Church-related agencies and organizations to support ministries in states that provide vulnerable migrants with basic needs, legal support, and advocacy.

The House of Deputies Committee on Social Justice and United States Policy presented its Report #13 on HB Message #184 on Resolution C009 (Becoming A Sanctuary Church) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #351)

Final Text of Resolution:
(C009)

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church, in obedience to the many biblical injunctions imploring us not to wrong or oppress the alien in our midst and Jesus' own mandate to extend care for the stranger, and in accordance with our Baptismal Covenant, reaffirms resolution 2015-D057 supporting the New Sanctuary Movement; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church urge its members, as people of faith and people of conscience, pledge to challenge and question any unjust immigration law, policy, or practice that is inconsistent with our biblical mandate to "not wrong or oppress a resident alien" (Exodus 22:21); and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church recommend that its institutions and congregations become places of welcome, refuge, healing, and other forms of material and pastoral support for those targeted for deportation due to immigration status or some perceived status of difference, and that we work alongside our friends, families, and neighbors to ensure the dignity and human rights of all people; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church encourage its members to connect with local and national sanctuary communities and institutions, faith-based coalitions, and immigrant rights groups and coalitions, and engage in educating, organizing, advocacy, and direct action, and other methods as deemed appropriate in each context, to ensure the safety, security, and due process for immigrants, with a focus on keeping families together of the undocumented community, and to assist in equipping congregations, clergy and lay leaders to engage in such work, appropriate to local contexts, capacity, and discernment; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church affirm our church’s support for U.S. executive policies that deemphasize immigrant enforcement action against those who have not committed felony crimes, and reaffirm our church’s support for congressional action for comprehensive and just reform of the broken U.S. immigration system as called for in General Convention resolution 2009-B006: “to allow 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.”
The House of Deputies Committee on Social Justice and United States Policy presented its Report #16 on HB Message #196 on Resolution C033 (Respecting the Dignity of Immigrants) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #358)

Final Text of Resolution:

(C033)

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church reject and deplore racist and unjust treatment of immigrants of any residential status; and be it further

Resolved, That the Episcopal Church reaffirm GC2009-B006 which advocates for comprehensive immigration reform; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church direct the Episcopal Office of Government Relations to advocate on this Church’s behalf all elements of this resolution; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church advocate through education, communication, and representation before legislative authorities the continuation of Temporary Protective Status (TPS) for all persons fleeing to or currently resident in the US seeking refuge from violence, environmental disaster, economic devastation, or cultural abuse, domestic abuse, or other forms of abuse; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church advocate for 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 realistic pathway to citizenship and to full social and economic integration into the United States; and be it further

Resolved, That we affirm comprehensive immigration reform to include:

- Keeping families together
- Respecting the United States Bill of Rights
- Honoring Human and Worker Rights
- Providing a Pathway to Citizenship

And be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention 79 support the goals of expanded immigration relief for youth as outlined in the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) as stated in GC2015-D048; and support the passing of federal legislation that presents a pathway to citizenship for undocumented youth and young adults known as DREAMers, as stated in GC2012-D067; and be it further

Resolved, That we urge dioceses, congregations, and individual Episcopalians to commit to long term advocacy, prayer, and study around immigration and partner with the Office of Government Relations to contact their elected officials on the need for compassionate and humane immigration reform through the Episcopal Public Policy Network.

Resolved, That The 79th General Convention commends the ongoing work of Episcopal Migration Ministries in resettling refugees to the United States on behalf of the Episcopal Church and encourages dioceses, parishes, and communities to engage the work of Episcopal Migration Ministries through its Partners in Welcome ministry network and other welcoming and advocacy programs.

Recess
The President announced that the House would stand in recess until 4:25 p.m.
Reconvene
The President called the House to Order at 4:30 p.m.

Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music
The House continued consideration of resolution A065.

Proposed Amendment:
In terms of the Logue amendment, the Parliamentarian moved the following changes in wording to maintain the intention of the amendment while also keeping it in compliance with the Constitution of The Episcopal Church:

In the first paragraph: "authorize for trial use throughout this Church pursuant to Article X(b) of the Constitution the calendar in the proposed Lesser Feasts and Fasts 2018 as published in the report to this convention of the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music; and be it further" and in the third paragraph: "Resolved, That the General Convention authorize, for trial use until the 2021 General Convention, the commemorations proposed by this Convention, with the propers found in Lesser Feasts and Fasts 2018 as published in the report, and be it further".

Motion carried

Debate on the Logue amendment as amended continued.
Deputy Garner of Alabama moved to end debate on the amendment.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on the amendment.
Deputy Hart of Pennsylvania requested an electronic vote on the Logue amendment.
An electronic vote was taken on the Logue amendment, resulting in 577 yes votes and 237 no votes.

Motion carried
Amendment adopted as amended

Deputy Spahr of Maine moved to end debate on the resolution.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

Ballot #7 - Vote by Orders
A Vote by Orders was taken on Resolution A065.

Ballot #7 taken by orders

Results of Ballot #7: Vote By Orders of Resolution A065
The Secretary read the results of Ballot #7.

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Motion carried
Substitute resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #359)
Constitution and Canons

The House of Deputies Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #17 on HB Message #78 on Resolution A151 (Amend Article II.4-8 of the Constitution) and moved concurrence.

Deputy Wells of Fort Worth moved to amend the resolution.

Proposed Amendment

Strike the phrases in Section 5 "serving as the Bishop Diocesan Pro Tempore" and "serving as the Bishop Diocesan Pro Tempore of the Diocese" which were added in the original resolution.

Motion carried
Amendment adopted

A vote was taken on Resolution A151 as amended.

Motion defeated
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #360)

Safeguarding and Title IV

The House of Deputies Committee on Safeguarding and Title IV presented its Report #26 on Resolution A126 (Amend Canon IV.19 - Recommend Repeal of IV.19.31) and moved adoption of a substitute.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A126)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That Canon IV.19.31 be stricken in its entirety and that the canons that follow it be renumbered accordingly:

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.

Committee Substitute:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That Canon IV.19.31 be amended to read as follows stricken in its entirety and that the canons that follow it be renumbered accordingly:

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 Intake Officer 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 Intake Officer to undertake an initial inquiry pursuant to Canon IV.6 and to report the result to the Member of the Clergy.

Deputy Conley of Arizona moved to end debate.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

An electronic vote was taken on Resolution A126, resulting in 455 yes votes and 360 no votes.

Motion carried
Substitute resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #361)

The House of Deputies Committee on Safeguarding and Title IV presented its Report #35 on Resolution D034 (Amend Canon IV.19.4 - Suspending Statue of Limitations) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(D034)
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention amend Canon IV.19.4 to read as follows:

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;

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

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) The time limits of Subsection (a) above shall not apply with respect to persons whose acts include sexual misconduct, provided proceedings are initiated under this Title between December 2, 2018 and December 31, 2021.

(d) 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.

(e) 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.

(f) 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.

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention amend Canon IV.19.4 to read as follows:

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:

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;

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

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) The time limits of Subsection (a) above shall not apply with respect to persons whose acts include sexual misconduct, provided proceedings are initiated under this Title between January 1, 2019 December 2, 2018 and December 31, 2021.
(e) 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.

A vote was taken on resolution D034.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #362)

The House of Deputies Committee on Safeguarding and Title IV presented its Report #34 on Resolution A123 (Amend Canon IV.3.1 - Addressing Misrepresentation in Ordination Process and Clarify Sexual Misconduct) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A123)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That Canon IV.3.1 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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; or

(d) intentionally misrepresenting or omitting any material fact in applying for admission to Postulancy, for admission to Candidacy, for ordination as a Deacon or Priest, for reception from another Church as a Deacon or Priest, or for nomination or appointment as a Bishop.

A vote was taken on resolution A123.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #363)
Ministry

The House of Deputies Committee on Ministry presented its Report #23 on HB Message #268 on Resolution A092 (Amend Canons - Reception of Clergy from Churches in Apostolic Succession) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #364)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A092)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That Canon III.10.3 (a) is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 3. Clergy Ordained by Bishops in Churches in the Historic Succession but Not in Full Communion with This Church

(a) When a Priest or Deacon ordained in a Church by a Bishop in the Historic Succession but not in full communion with this Church, the regularity of whose ordination is approved by the Presiding Bishop as permitted by Canon I.16.3, desires to be received as a Member of the Clergy in this Church, the person shall apply in writing to a Bishop, attaching the following:

(i) A nomination in writing for reception from the person's congregation or community of faith in this Church. The Nomination shall include a letter of support by the congregation or community of faith, committing the community to involve itself in the person's preparation for reception to the Priesthood. If it be a congregation, the letter shall be signed by two-thirds of the Vestry or comparable body, and by the Member of the Clergy or leader exercising oversight.

(ii) The person, if agreeing, shall accept the nomination in writing, and shall provide the following in writing to the Bishop:

(a) Full name and date of birth.
(b) The length of time resident in the Diocese.
(c) Evidence that the person is a confirmed adult communicant in good standing in a Congregation of this Church.
(d) Whether an application has been made previously for reception in any diocese.
(e) A description of the process of discernment the person has undertaken individually and with the nominating congregation or community of faith.
(f) A statement of reasons for seeking to enter Holy Orders in this Church.

(i) Evidence that the person is a confirmed adult communicant in good standing in a Congregation of this Church.
(3) Evidence of previous ordained Ministry and that all other credentials are valid and authentic.

(4) Evidence of moral and godly character; and that the person is free from any vows or other engagements inconsistent with the exercise of Holy Orders in this Church.

(5) Transcripts of all academic and theological studies.

(6) A certificate from at least two Presbyters in good standing of this Church stating that, from personal examination or from satisfactory evidence presented to them, they believe that the departure of the person from the Communion to which the person has belonged has not arisen from any circumstance unfavorable to moral or religious character, or on account of which it may not be expedient to admit the person to Holy Orders in this Church.

(7) Certificates in the forms provided in Canon III.8.6 and III.8.7 from the Rector or Member of the Clergy in charge and Vestry of a Parish of this Church.

(7) A statement of the reasons for seeking to enter Holy Orders in this Church.

And be it further

Resolved, That Canon III.10.4 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 4. Clergy Ordained in Churches Not in the Historic Succession

(a) If a person ordained or licensed by other than a Bishop in the Historic Succession desires to minister in a Church not in full communion with this Church desires to be ordained, the person shall follow the procedures and requirements set forth in Canon III.6 if the person desires to be ordained to the diaconate or Canon III.8 if the person desires to be ordained to the priesthood.

(b) The Commission shall examine the applicant and report to the Bishop with respect to:

(i) Whether the applicant has served in the previous Church with diligence and good reputation and has stated the causes which have impelled the applicant to leave the body and seek ordination in this Church,

(ii) The nature and extent of the applicant’s education and theological training,

(iii) The preparations necessary for ordination to the Order(s) to which the applicant feels called;

(c) The provisions of Canon III.5, 6, and 8 shall be followed except that the minimum period of Candidacy need not apply, if the Bishop and the Standing Committee at the
recommendation of the Commission judge the Candidate to be ready for ordination to the
Diaconate earlier than twelve months; the applicant shall be examined by the Commission
and show proficiency in the following subjects:

(i) (1) Church History: the history of the Anglican Church and the Episcopal
Church in the United States of America,

(ii) (2) Doctrine: the Church’s teaching as set forth in the Creeds and in An
Outline of the Faith, commonly called the Catechism;

(iii) (3) Liturgics: the principles and history of Anglican worship; the
contents of the Book of Common Prayer;

(iv) (4) Practical Theology:

(a) The office and work of a Deacon and Priest in this Church,
(b) The conduct of public worship,
(c) The Constitution and Canons of the General Convention,
and of the Diocese in which the applicant is resident,
(d) The use of voice in reading and speaking;

(v) (5) The points of Doctrine, Discipline, Polity, and Worship in which the
Church from which the applicant has come differs from this Church. This
portion of the examinations shall be conducted, in part at least, by written
questions and answers, and the replies kept on file for at least three years.

(4) (d) If all the requirements of this Canon have been fulfilled, the Bishop may ordain the
Candidate a Deacon under Canon III.6 or III.8, but may do so no sooner than twelve
months after the Candidate became a confirmed communicant of this Church. If ordained
a deacon under Canon III.8, no sooner than six months thereafter, the Candidate may be
ordained a Priest at the Bishop’s discretion. At the time of such ordination the Bishop
shall read this preface following the signing of the declaration of conformity:

The Ecclesiastical Authority of this Diocese is satisfied that A.B. accepts the Doctrine,
Discipline, and Worship of this Church and now desires to be ordained a Deacon (or
ordained a Priest) in this Church. We are about to confer upon A.B. the grace and
authority of Holy Orders as this Church has received them and requires them for the
exercise of the ministry of a Deacon (or a Priest).

In such cases, the ordination certificate shall contain the words:

Acknowledging the ministry which A.B. has already received and hereby adding to that
commission the grace and authority of Holy Orders as understood and required by this
Church for the exercise of the ministry of a Deacon (or a Priest).

5. Following reception or ordination each clergy person shall be assigned a mentor Priest
by the Bishop in consultation with the Commission on Ministry. The mentor and clergy
person shall meet regularly to provide the clergy person an opportunity for guidance,
information, and a sustained dialogue about ministry in the Episcopal Church.
Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music

The House of Deputies Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #18 on HB Message #189 on Resolution D046 (Expansive-Language Liturgical Resources) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #365)

Final Text of Resolution:

(D046)

Resolved, That the 79th 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; Enriching Our Worship 4: The Renewal of Ministry and the Welcoming of a New Rector or other Pastor; and Enriching Our Worship 5: Liturgies and Prayers Related to Childbearing, Childbirth, and Loss; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to develop principles for the use of inclusive and expansive language in liturgical texts, to report these principles to the 80th General Convention, and to follow these principles in all revisions of liturgical resources and in the development of any new liturgical resources; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention encourage each diocese to identify an individual or body to encourage the development of liturgical texts to provide expansive language resources, particularly resources that reflect the breadth of cultures, languages, and ancestral contexts already represented in The Episcopal Church; and to report on their work to the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music for inclusion in its report to the 80th General Convention.

The Secretary moved to postpone consideration on Resolution A218 due to lack of translated materials.

Motion carried
Consideration postponed

The President moved to postpone consideration on Resolution A283 due to the updated text not being available to the House.

Motion carried
Consideration postponed

Announcements

The Secretary read the announcements.

The Secretary moved that the House accept changes in Resolution D006 that would eliminate redundancies.

Motion carried
Presentation
The President presented the House of Deputies Medal to Deputy Getz of San Diego for her distinguished service to The Episcopal Church, her diocese, and the House.

Recess
The President recessed the House at 5:52 p.m. to reconvene on July 13, at 8:00 a.m.
Reconvene
The President called the House to Order at 8:02 a.m.

Prayers
The President called on the Chaplain for prayers.

Certification of Minutes
The President announced that the Committee on Certification of Minutes would make their report in the afternoon legislative session.

Certification of Deputies
The House of Deputies Committee on Credentials presented its Report #14 for the morning session of the Ninth Legislative Day. There were 424 clerical deputies and 419 lay deputies certified and seated, bringing the total count of the House to 843, representing 110 dioceses in the clerical order and 110 in the lay order. The number of votes for a motion to prevail by a simple majority was 422. The number of votes for a motion to prevail by a two-thirds majority was 562. The number of dioceses for a motion requiring a Vote By Orders to prevail was 56 in the lay order and 56 in the clerical order. The number of dioceses for a motion requiring a Vote By Orders to prevail by a two-thirds majority was 74 in the lay order and 74 in the clerical order. There was 1 new deputy certified and 78 changes in deputation on this day, as follows:

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The Secretary moved that the report be accepted.  

Motion carried

Ecumenical and Interreligious Guests

The President introduced the Rev. Canon David Burrows, a representative from the Anglican Church in Canada and liaison to the Executive Council of The Episcopal Church.

Personal Privilege

The President announced that the Diocese of Maryland shared that they look forward to hosting the 80th General Convention in Baltimore in 2021.

Personal Privilege

Deputy Currie of Central Gulf Coast, former Vice President of the House and fifteen-time deputy, brought greetings and said farewell as this General Convention will be his last serving as a Deputy.

Presentations

The President presented the House of Deputies Medal to Deputy Pollard of New York for her distinguished service and commitment to The Episcopal Church and to the House. The President presented the House of Deputies Medal to Deputy Miller of Southeast Florida, the Sergeant-at-Arms of the House, for his distinguished service to the House.

Messages from the House of Bishops

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

HB Message #292:  A043 (Clarify and Update Mandate) Adopted Substitute
HB Message #293:  D004 (Addressing Mass Incarceration) Adopted with Amendment
HB Message #294:  A012 (On the Importance of Ecumenical and Interfaith Relationships for the Stewardship of Creation) Took No Further Action
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Privilege and Courtesy

The House of Deputies Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #31 on Resolution A289 (Express Appreciation for the President of the House of Deputies) and moved adoption.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #366)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A289)

Resolved, That the House of Deputies of the 79th General Convention congratulates The Rev. Gay Clark Jennings on her election to a third term as its President; and be it further

Resolved, That we congratulate her on receiving the Louie Crew Award awarded at the Integrity Eucharist; and be it further

Resolved, That we appreciate President Jennings’ wisdom, patience, wit, and good humor when occupying the Chair and in all venues of Convention; and be it further

Resolved, That we acknowledge her devotion and service to The Episcopal Church and its General Convention through many years in a variety of roles.

The House of Deputies Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #38 on Resolution A301 (Gratitude for Special Guests) and moved adoption.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #367)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A301)

Resolved, That in Genesis 15:9, Abram presented to the Lord an offering; and be it further

Resolved, That in Leviticus, they were offered as a sacrifice; and be it further

Resolved, That for over 2,500 years, they have been known as messengers who continue to “return home” because of their superb navigational ability; and be it further

Resolved, That because of their strong connection to house and home, the House of Deputies of the 79th General Convention gives thanks and shows its appreciation for The General Convention Pigeons. We give thanks for their representation of the Holy Spirit when necessary, for providing vital entertainment when needed, and for being gentle guides when "crumbs are left under thy table" or on the floor; and be it further

Resolved, That on behalf of the House, the Episcopal Church in Vermont presents to the President of the House of Deputies, The Reverend Gay Clark Jennings, this gift for all that she has offered, for all she has sacrificed, and for her Loving, Liberating, and Life-Giving messages in the Jesus Movement.
Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music

The House of Deputies Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #22 on HB Message #186 on Resolution A283 (Multicultural Liturgies for Occasional Services) and moved concurrence.

The Rev. Susan Williams, Chair of the Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music, moved to amend the resolution.

Proposed Amendment:

In the first resolve clause, delete "in the Episcopal Church" and add "These services shall be made available digitally" prior to "for use by worshiping". In the next to last resolve clause, following "for additional pastoral rites", add ", including but not limited to Quinceañera and Presentation,". Add a new final resolve clause: "Resolved, that the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music seek and receive feedback on their use.".

A vote was taken on Resolution A283.

Motion carried
Amendment adopted

A vote was taken on Resolution A283.

Motion defeated
Resolution adopted with amendment

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #368)

The House of Deputies Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #23 on HB Message #191 on Resolution A218 (The Proposed Book of Occasional Services 2018) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #377)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A218)

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention approve the following services from the Proposed Book of Occasional Services 2018, as found on the General Convention website in English and Spanish. The following services shall be made available digitally for use by worshiping communities.

Seasonal Blessings (p.11 as presented) Bendiciones estacionales (p. 11 como presentado);
Concerning the Advent Wreath (p. 22 with amendment only to the following) Lo concerniente a la corona de Adviento (p. 18 con enmienda solo a lo siguiente)

The Advent Wreath is a visual symbol marking the progress of the season of Advent. The Advent wreath originated as a domestic devotion, as an opportunity for family prayer, with no roots in public worship. Instead, it functioned as a simple countdown-timer for the passage of Advent; the attribution of allegorical meaning or names to particular candles is a very recent innovation that distracts from the purpose of the symbol. Overall, it is disruptive to the liturgy to turn a minor symbol into a major focus of the attention. Therefore, when it used in the church, no special prayers or ceremonial elaboration beyond what is described on page 143 of the Prayer Book (in the Order of Worship for Evening) is
desirable. At morning services the appropriate number of candles is lighted before the service begins, and no special prayers or ceremonies should be added.

When used in private homes, the Advent Wreath provides a convenient focus for devotions at the time of the evening meal. The short form of An Order of Worship for the Evening, Prayer Book pages 109-112, is recommended.

In place of the Short Lesson of Scripture provided in the Order, one of the readings from the Daily Office Lectionary may be used, in whole or in part. Alternatively, the following may be used:

The Advent Wreath is a visual symbol marking the progress of the season of Advent, originating as a domestic devotion and an opportunity for family prayer. It functions as a simple countdown-timer for the passage of Advent. Attaching symbolic meaning to particular candles is a more recent innovation. It is important to place the wreath in such a way so that it maintains the centrality of the essential symbols for the assembly: Font, Word, and Table.

When the Advent Wreath is used in the worshipping community at morning services, the appropriate number of candles on the wreath are lighted, without prayer or ceremony, with the other candles. In evening worship, the candle lighting in An Order of Worship for the Evening, described on page 143 of The Book of Common Prayer, is appropriate.

When used in private homes, the Advent Wreath provides a focus for devotions at the time of the evening meal. There are many resources for devotions produced to include the reading of scriptures suitable for the Advent season. The short form of An Order of Worship for the Evening, Prayer Book pages 109-112, is also recommended. In place of the Short Lesson of Scripture provided in the Order, one of the readings from the Daily Office Lectionary may be used, in whole or in part. Alternatively, the following may be used:

Advent Festival of Lessons and Säng Carols (p. 24 with the amendment only to the following) Festival de lecturas y cánticos de Adviento (p. 20 con enmienda solo a lo siguiente)

Because the primary act of worship on the Lord’s Day and other major Feasts is the Holy Eucharist, the Festival of Lessons and Carols will typically normally be an additional observance in most worshipping communities. If it is used as the liturgy of the Word in Holy Eucharist, a sermon is to be included.

This service does not intended to replace the Word of God within the Holy Eucharist.

The following bidding and lessons may be used at a festival held in Advent. A sermon is not a part of this service.

Blessing of a Crèche (p. 37 as presented) Bendición de un pesebre (p. 36 como presentado);

Christmas Festival of Lessons and Säng Carols (p. 38 with the amendment only to the following) Festival de lecturas y cánticos de Navidad (p. 37 con enmienda solo a lo siguiente)

Because the primary act of worship on the Lord’s Day and other major Feasts is the Holy Eucharist, the Festival of Lessons and Carols will typically normally be an additional observance in most worshipping communities. If it is used as the liturgy of the Word in Holy Eucharist, a sermon is to be included.

This service does not intended to replace the Word of God within the Holy Eucharist.

The following bidding and lessons may be used at a festival held in Advent. A sermon is not a part of this service.

Service for New Year’s Eve (p. 43 as presented) Oficio para la víspera de Año Nuevo (p. 42 como presentado);

Candlemas Procession (p. 50 with amendment to insert a collect on p. 52) Procesión de la Candelaria (p. 46 con emienda para insertar una colecta en p. 48)

The Procession
Deacon Let us go forth in peace.
People In the name of Christ. Amen.

During the procession, all carry lighted candles; appropriate hymns, psalms, or anthems are sung.

In a suitable place, the procession may halt while the following or some other appropriate Collect is said

Let us pray.

O God, you have made this day holy by the presentation of your Son in the Temple, and by the purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary: Mercifully grant that we, who delight in her humble readiness to be the birth-giver of the Only-begotten, may rejoice for ever in our adoption as his sisters and brothers; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessings over Food at Easter (p. 98 as presented) Bendiciones de los alimentos en la comida de Pascua (p. 91 como presentada);
Rogation Procession. (p. 101 as amended on p. 112) Procesión de rogativas (p. 93 como emendada p. 104);
The Presider and People then say

Holy One: Bless and protect this garden and all who keep it. Strengthen and uphold them in their labor, that these plants may bear good fruit and our care for the earth may witness to your love and justice; in the name of the Creator, Word, and Holy Spirit Holy and Undivided Trinity. Amen.

St. Francis Day/Blessing of Animals (p. 113 as presented) Letanía por toda la creación y bendición de los animales por el Día de San Francisco de Asís (p. 105 como presentada);
Service for All Hallows’ Eve (p 125 as presented) Oficio para la víspera de Todos los Santos (p. 118 como presentada);
Welcoming New People to a Congregation (p. 132 as amended) Acogida a nuevas personas en una congregación (p. 124 como emendada)

Welcoming New People to a Congregation

If it is desired to welcome new people to the congregation publicly, it is suitable that they be introduced in the following manner.

Immediately before the Peace, the persons are asked to come forward, and are introduced briefly, preferably by a member of the congregation.

The Presider then begins the exchange of the Peace, in the course of which those who have been introduced are greeted personally by the Presider and members of the congregation as convenient.

When welcoming new people to the congregation publicly, they may be introduced in the following manner immediately before the Peace:

Presider Dear Friends in Christ, in companionship with each other as we journey in faith, we welcome new members into this community of Deputies. We welcome them to join us as we seek to love the Lord our God with heart and soul, mind and strength, and to love our neighbors as ourselves. We welcome and cherish their unique gifts and experiences as together we follow the Holy Spirit in transforming this community for the work and mission of Jesus Christ.

The new members of the community are presented.

A member of the vestry or other leader makes the presentation.

Presenter

I present N.N. to be welcomed as members of this community (parish, cathedral, etc.)

Presider Do you desire to continue your journey into Christ as a member of____?
**New Member:** I do.

**Presider** Will you commit yourself to seek and serve Christ in this community of faith and pledge to work, pray, and give to build up our common life?

**New Member:** I will, with God’s help.

**Presider** Will you who witness these promises, do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

**People** We will.

**Presider** Let us pray.

**Presider and People**

Loving God, we give thanks that you have brought N.N. to join us in ministry. Knit us together, one to another, so that in unity we may know you and serve you in Jesus’ name. Amen.

The Liturgy continues with the exchange of the peace.

A Service of Renaming (p. 134 as presented) Rito para cambiar de nombre (p. 126 como presentada);

The Preparation for Baptism, or Catechumenate (p. 140 as presented) Preparación para el Bautismo o catecumenado (p. 131 como presentada);

Preparation of Adults for Holy Baptism: The Catechumenate (p. 142 as presented) Preparación de adultos para el Santo Bautismo: el catecumenado (p. 134 como presentada);

Preparation of Parents and Sponsors of Infants and Young Children to be Baptized (p. 153 as presented) Preparación de padres y padrinos para el bautismo de infantes y niños pequeños (p. 146 como presentada);

Preparation for Confirmation, Reception or other Reaffirmations of the Baptismal Covenant (p. 158 as presented) Preparación para la Confirmación, la Recepción u otras reafirmaciones del Pacto Bautismal (p. 152 como presentada);

Recognition of Ministries in the Church and the World (p. 163 as presented) Reconocimiento de ministerios en la Iglesia y en el mundo (p. 158 como presentada);


In a Terrace or Garden

**Antiphon**

As the earth puts forth its blossom, or bushes in a garden burst into flower, so shall the Lord God make righteousness and praise blossom before all the nations.

V. My boundaries enclose a pleasant land:

R. Indeed, I have a goodly heritage.

Let us pray. (Silence)

Jesus, our good Companion, on many occasions you withdrew with your friends for quiet and refreshment: Be present with your servants in this place, to which they come for fellowship and recreation; and make of it, we pray, a place of serenity and peace; in your Name we ask it. Amen.

Or, one of the following prayers may be used:
Holy One, bless and protect this garden and all who keep it. Strengthen and uphold them in their labor, that these plants may bear good fruit and our care for the earth may witness to your love and justice, in the name of the Holy and Undivided Trinity. Amen.

Almighty God, Lord of heaven and earth: We humbly pray that your gracious providence may give and preserve to us the harvests of the land and of the seas, and may prosper all who labor to gather them, that we, who are constantly receiving good things from your hand, may always give you thanks through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

A Shorter Blessing of a Home (p. 176 as presented) Bendición abreviada de un hogar (p. 169 como presentada);

Anniversary of a Marriage (p.179 as amended) Aniversario de bodas (p. 172 como emendada)

Anniversary of a Marriage

This form is intended for use in the context of a celebration of the Holy Eucharist. When the form is used at a principal service on a Sunday or Major Holy Day, the Proper of the Day is used. When it is used at other times, the Psalm and Lessons are selected from those recommended for use at the Celebration and Blessing of a Marriage, and one of the following Collects is used for the Collect of the Day.

O gracious and everliving God, look mercifully on N. and N., who come to renew the promises they have made to each other. Grant them your blessing, and assist them with your grace, that with true fidelity and steadfast love they may honor and keep their promises and vows; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

or this

O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Send your blessing upon N. and N., who come to renew their promises to each other, and grant them your grace, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their lives together may be a witness to your love and forgiveness, and that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

or this

Grant, O God, in your compassion, that N. and N., having taken each other in marriage, and affirming again the covenant which they have made, may grow in forgiveness, loyalty, and love; and come at last to the eternal joys which you have promised through Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Immediately after the Sermon (and the Creed if appointed), the Husband and Wife Couple present themselves before the Presider, who stands facing the people.

All stand, and the Presider addresses the congregation with these or similar words

Friends in Christ, we are gathered together with N. and N., who have come today to give thanks to God for his blessing upon their marriage, and to reaffirm their marriage covenant.

The Presider then asks the Man each spouse:

N., do you here, in the presence of God and of this congregation, renew the promises you made when you bound yourself to N. in holy matrimony?

The Man Spouse answers

I do.

The Presider then asks the woman
N., do you here, in the presence of God and of this congregation, renew the promises you made when you bound yourself to N. in holy matrimony?

The Woman answers

I do.

The Husband and Wife The Couple, kneeling or standing, say together

We thank you, most gracious God, for consecrating our marriage in Christ’s Name and presence. Lead us further in companionship with each other and with you. Give us grace to live together in love and fidelity, with care for one another. Strengthen us all our days, and bring us to that holy table where, with those we love, we will feast for ever in our heavenly home; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Presider then blesses them, saying

May God the Father, who at creation ordained that man and woman become one flesh it is good for two people to live in the covenant of marriage, keep you one. Amen.

May God the Son, who adorned this manner of life by his first miracle, at the wedding in Cana of Galilee, be present with you always. Amen.

May God the Holy Spirit, who has given you the will to persevere in your love and in your covenant with each other, strengthen your bond. Amen.

And may God the Holy Trinity, the source of all unity, bless you this day and for ever. Amen.

The service continues with the Peace, or, at a principal service, with the Prayers of the People.

The husband and wife couple may present the bread and wine at the Offertory.

If there is not to be a Communion, the service concludes with the Lord’s Prayer and the Peace.

When this form is used as an act of reconciliation, the Presider may adapt it in consultation with the parties.;

A Public Service of Healing. (P. 182 as presented) Oficio público de sanación (p. 175 como presentada);

A Rite of Welcoming after Traumatic Absence (p. 194 as amended to change the title of the rite) Rito de bienvenida después de una ausencia traumática (p. 187 como emendada en el cambio del título del rito);

Concerning Exorcism (p. 195 as presented) Lo concerniente al Exorcismo (p. 189 como presentada);

Burial of One who does Not Profess the Christian Faith (p.197 as presented) Entierro de alguien que no profesaba la fe cristiana (p. 190 como presentada);

Concerning the Blessing of Water (p. 201 as presented) Lo concerniente a la bendición del agua (p. 194 como presentada);

Concerning Holy Oils (p. 202 as presented) Lo concerniente a los santos óleos (p. 196 como presentada);

Dedication of Church Furnishings and Ornaments (p. 204 as presented) Dedicación de los muebles y ornamentos de una iglesia (p. 197 como presentada);

The Founding of a Church (p. 222 as presented) Fundación de una iglesia (p. 214 como presentada);

Setting Apart Secular Space for Sacred Use (p. 251 as presented) Reserva de un espacio secular para uso sagrado (p. 241 como presentada);

A Litany for the Mission of the Church (p. 252 as presented) Letanía por la misión de la Iglesia (p. 242 como presentada);

A Variety of Church Planting Collects, Blessings, and other Prayers (p. 255 as presented) Variedad de colectas, bendiciones y otras oraciones para la fundación de iglesias (p. 245 como presentada);
Restoring of Things Profaned (p. 324 as presented) Restauración de cosas profanadas (p. 249 como presentada);

Secularizing a Consecrated Building (p. 326 as presented) Secularización de un edificio consagrado (p. 251 como presentada);

Concerning the Rite (p. 330 as amended) Lo concerniente al rito (p. 254 como emendada)

The Book of Common Prayer affirms the place of the Holy Eucharist as “the principal act of Christian worship on the Lord's Day and other major Feasts,” and thus the foundation of corporate prayer of the Church. As an act of the whole community of faith, the Eucharist is a summons to all the baptized to share in the table of the Lord. This form for the distribution of Holy Communion by licensed lay persons is intended to foster a corporate sense of the Eucharist among those who, by reason of illness or infirmity, are unable to be present in their church's assembly on Sunday or some other principal feast.

This service is to be conducted by a duly licensed person immediately following such parish celebrations of the Holy Eucharist. The General Convention (1985) has specified that “The Lay Eucharistic Minister shall be limited to the following:

1. Administering the Elements at any Celebration of Holy Eucharist if there is an insufficient number of Priests or Deacons present;
2. Directly following a Celebration of the Holy Eucharist on Sunday or other principle Celebrations, if so authorized by the Member of the Clergy in charge of the Congregation and especially licensed thereto by the Bishop, taking the Sacrament consecrated at the Celebration to those members of the congregation, who, by reason of illness or infirmity, were unable to be present at the Celebration.”

This service is to be conducted by a Visitor, a lay person authorized to take the Consecrated Elements in a timely manner following a Celebration of Holy Eucharist to members of the congregation who, by reason of illness or infirmity, were unable to be present at the Celebration. A Eucharistic Visitor should normally act under the direction of the Member of the Clergy, Deacon, or other leader exercising oversight of the congregation of other community of faith (Canon III.4 Sec.7).

It is recommended that the person to be ministered to be prayed for specifically in the Prayers of the People by the congregation on that day.

The administration of the Sacrament to the persons visited should take place immediately after the service in the church. Following the communion of the people, the Eucharistic Visitors come forward and are commended for this ministry with the following or similar words:

In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whose you go may share with us in the communion of Christ’s body and blood. We who are many are one body, because we all share one break, one cup.

A suitable container in which to carry the two vessels for the bread and wine, corporals, and purificators is to be supplied. The container is to be returned immediately to the parish along with any unconsumed elements.

The people to whom Holy Communion is to be administered are to be notified in advance and the time of the appointment clearly set.

It is desirable that other parishioners, relatives, and friends also be present to communicate with the person visited. Those so ministered to should also be visited regularly by the clergy of the congregation. In this way, those who are unable to participate regularly in the worship of the eucharistic assembly may nevertheless experience their relations to the community and also join their personal faith and witness to that of their community. It is appropriate that the person be invited to join in commenting on the Scripture and in offering suitable prayers during the rite.
Distribution of Holy Communion by Lay Eucharistic Ministers to Persons Who are Ill or Infirm (p. 331 as amended) Distribución de la Santa Comunión por ministros laicos de la Eucaristía a personas enfermas o impedidas (p. 255 como emendada)

Distribution of Holy Communion
by Lay Eucharistic Ministers Visitors
to persons who are ill or infirm
The Lay Eucharistic Ministers Visitors should be accompanied by other persons from the congregation.
The Lay Eucharistic Ministers Visitor greets the people
The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
Response And also with you.
Collect of the Day
Gospel of the Day, or some other passage of Scripture appropriate to the occasion.
Comments Reflections may be made offered from about the sermon of that day.
Suitable prayers may be offered.
A Confession of Sin may be said
Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Minister May Almighty God in mercy receive our confession of sorrow and of faith, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.
The Lord’s Prayer
Administration of the Holy Communion
(using one of the authorized words of administration)
Closing Prayer
O gracious God, whose Christ stretched out arms of love upon the hard wood of the cross to embrace all the peoples of the earth: We give you thanks for feeding N. our sister with the Sacrament of that precious Body and Blood, which is the sign and instrument of our common life, and also for enriching
our parish family by her sharing with us the food of our pilgrimage, the foretaste of that heavenly banquet of which we shall partake with all your saints; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen

Minister Let us bless the Lord

Response Thanks be to God;

Lay Eucharistic Ministers specially licensed to take the Sacrament to those who are ill or infirm

Suggested Guidelines

1. Lay Eucharistic Ministers must be adult confirmed communicants in good standing, be carefully chosen and trained, and be specially licensed. a candidate is to be recommended by the cleric in charge of the congregation to the Bishop of the diocese to be licensed. “Such special license shall be given only at the request, and upon the recommendation, of, the Member of the Clergy in charge of the Congregation in which the Lay Eucharistic Minister will be serving. The license shall be issued for a period of time not to exceed three years and shall be revocable at any time by the Bishop, or by the Member of the clergy at whose request it was granted.” (Title III, Canon 3, Sec. 2) 

2. Where a Deacon serves in a congregation, that minister should supervise the work of the Lay Eucharistic Ministers.

3. It is recommended that the person to be ministered to be prayed for specifically in the Prayers of the People by the congregation on that day.

4. The administration of the Sacrament to the persons visited should take place immediately after the service in the church. Following the communion of the people, the Lay Eucharistic Ministers come forward and are commended for this ministry with the following or similar words:

   In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whose you go may share with us in the communion of Christ’s body and blood. We who are many are one body, because we all share one break, one cup.

1. A suitable container in which to carry the two vessels for the bread and wine, corporals, and purificators is to be supplied. The container is to be returned immediately to the parish along with any unconsumed elements.

2. The people to whom Holy Communion is to be administered are to be notified in advance and the time of the appointment clearly set.

3. Only the order of the rite entitled, “Distribution of Holy Communion by Lay Eucharistic Ministers” is to be used;

Guidelines for Use on the Occasion of a Retirement or Work Transition (p. 335 as presented) Pautas al uso en ocasión de una jubilación o de una transición laboral (p. 259 como presentada);


Prayers of the People Honoring Celebrating God in Creation Form 1

Prayers of the People Honoring Celebrating God in Creation Form 2

Prayers of the People Honoring Celebrating God in Creation Form 3 (on the theme of water)

Consecration of Chrism Apart from Baptism (p. 356 as presented) Consagración del crisma al margen del Bautismo (p. 281 como presentada);

A Proper for the Consecration of Chrism (p. 357 as presented);

A Service for the Ending of a Pastoral Relationship and Leave-taking from a Congregation (p. 365 as amended on p. 370), Oficio para la conclusión de una relación pastoral y despedida de una congregación (p. 288 como emendada p. 293)
A Service for the Ending of a Pastoral Relationship and Leave-taking from a Congregation

At the Service of the Word

A hymn, psalm, or anthem may be sung. The people standing, the Presider says,

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

In place of the above, for Easter Day through the Day of Pentecost

Presider Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

In Lent and on other penitential occasions

Presider

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;

People His mercy endures for ever.

The Presider then continues

There is one Body and one Spirit;

People There is one hope in God's call to us;

One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People One God and Father of all.

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

At the principal service on a Sunday or other feast, the collect and lessons are properly those of the day. At other times, one of the following collects may be used.

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole

body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers, which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings with thy most gracious favor, and further us with thy continual help; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in thee, we may glorify thy holy Name, and finally, by thy mercy, obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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 any thing 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. Amen.

Almighty Father, whose blessed Son before his passion prayed for his disciples that they might be one, as you and he are one: Grant that your Church, being bound together in love and obedience to you, may be united in one body by the one Spirit, that the world may believe in him whom you have sent, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

or this collect

Lord, you have apportioned to your people the manifold gifts of the Spirit: Grant amid the changes of the world that your Church may abide, and be strengthened in ministry through continuous outpouring of your gifts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Ministry of the Word

Old Testament

Genesis 31:44-46,48-49,50b (The Lord watch between you and me when we are absent one from another.)
Genesis 12:1-9 (Abraham's departure from Haran and God's promise to bless him.)
Deuteronomy 18:15-18 (God will raise up a prophet like Moses.) Deuteronomy 32:1-9 (The farewell of Moses.)
Joshua 24:1,14-25 (Joshua's farewell to his people.)
Ecclesiastes 3:1-7;7:8,10,13-14 (A time for everything; better the end than the beginning.)
Sirach 50:1,11-24 (The service of the faithful priest.)
Psalm 119:89-96, or Nunc Dimittis

Epistle

1 Corinthians 3:4-11 (Paul planted, Apollos watered, God gave growth.) Acts 16:9-10 (Paul's call from Macedonia.)
Acts 20:17-22,25-28,32,36-38b (Paul's apologia for his ministry at Ephesus.)
II Thessalonians 2:13—3:5 (Paul gives thanks for the success of the Gospel.)
I Thessalonians 5:12-25 (Paul encourages the ministry among the Thessalonians.)
Philippians 4:1-10,23 (Rejoice in the Lord always.)

Alleluia Verse: Alleluia. “I will instruct you in the way that you should go; I will guide you with my eye says the Lord.” Alleluia. (Psalm 32:9 or Psalm 25:9) Tract; Psalm 18:33-37; Psalm 43:3-6; Psalm 78:1-8; Psalm 133.

Gospel

Matthew 9:35-38 (The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few.)
Matthew 25:31-40 (As you did it to the least of these, you did it to me.)
Luke 12:35-38 (The faithful servant.)
Luke 17:7-10 (We are unworthy servants; we have only done our duty.) John 10:14-18 (The ministry of the good shepherd.)
John 21:15-19 (Feed my sheep.)
Sermon

It may be appropriate for the Bishop or the Bishop’s Deputy to preach the sermon, in the course of which a charge should be given to the congregation regarding the nature of ministry.

The service continues with the Nicene Creed.

The Ending of a Pastoral Relationship

Just before the Peace, the Minister addresses the Bishop (or the Bishop’s Deputy) and the congregation with these or similar words

On the __ day of __, 19__, I was inducted by Bishop N. as rector of ____. I have, with God’s help and to the best of my abilities, exercised this trust, accepting its privileges and responsibilities.

After prayer and careful consideration, it now seems to me that I should leave this charge, and I publicly state that my tenure as rector of ______ ends this day.

(The Minister may, if desired, briefly state his/her plans for the future.) The Bishop or the Deputy says

Do you, the people of ____, recognize and accept the conclusion of this pastoral relationship?

People We do.

If the Bishop or Bishop’s Deputy is not present, the Minister may address a similar question to the congregation.

Then the Minister may express thanksgiving for the time of the tenure, with its joys and sorrows, and state hopes for the future of the congregation.

The Minister may present to the warden(s) a letter of resignation, the keys of the parish, the parish altar service book, the parish register, or other symbols fitting to the occasion.

The Minister may also express his/her thanks to the representatives of parish organizations and offices, and indicate that those organizations will continue to function.

The Minister may then be joined by members of his/her family, who may express what life with the congregation has meant to them. One or more representatives of the congregation may briefly respond to the Minister and family, and bid them godspeed. If it is appropriate, representatives of diocesan and community organizations in which the Minister or members of his family have been active may also speak.

The bishop or the bishop’s deputy may then indicate what provision has been made for the continuation of the ministries of the parish. He/she declare the name of the locum tenens, senior warden, or other person may declare the name of the person to have ecclesiastical responsibility, and may request, if it seems appropriate, other leaders in the parish to continue their leadership until a new incumbent is installed. He/she may express his/her feelings about the ministry now coming to its end.

The departing Minister and the congregation then say together the following prayer

O God, you have bound us together for a time as pastor and people to work for the advancement of your kingdom in this place: We give you humble and hearty thanks for the ministry which we have shared in these years now past.

Silence

We thank you for your patience with us despite our blindness and slowness of heart. We thank you for your forgiveness and mercy in the face of our many failures.

Silence
Especially we thank you for your never-failing presence with us through these years, and for the deeper knowledge of you and of each other which we have attained.

Silence

We thank you for those who have been joined to this part of Christ’s family through baptism. We thank you for opening our hearts and minds again and again to your Word, and for feeding us abundantly with the Sacrament of the Body and Blood of your Son.

Silence

Now, we pray, be with those who leave and with us who stay; and grant that all of us, by drawing ever nearer to you, may always be close to each other in the communion of your saints. All this we ask for the sake of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.

The departing Minister, or the Bishop, or the Bishop’s Deputy then says

The peace of the Lord be always with you

People And also with you.

If the Eucharist is to follow, the service continues with the offertory.

Except on major feasts, the Preface may be that for Apostles and Ordinations.

After the Communion

Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the holy food of the Body and Blood of your Son, and for uniting us through him in the fellowship of your Holy Spirit. We thank you for raising up among us faithful servants of your Word and Sacraments. We thank you especially for the work of N. among us, and the presence of his/her family here. Grant that both he/she and we may serve you in the days ahead, and always rejoice in your glory, and come at length into your heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

This blessing may be pronounced either by the minister, or by the bishop, or by the Bishop’s Deputy.

May God, who has led us in the paths of justice and truth, lead us still, and keep us his ways. Amen.

May God, whose Son has loved us and given himself for us, love us still, and establish us in peace. Amen.

May God, whose Spirit unites us and fills our hearts with joy, illumine us still, and strengthen us for the years to come. Amen.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. Amen;

Recommendation and Investiture of a Diocesan Bishop (p. 375 as amended), Reconocimiento e investidura de un obispo diocesano (p. 297 como emendada)

Recognition and Investiture of a Diocesan Bishop

The Recognition

When the ministers and people have assembled in the Cathedral Church, the principal doors having been closed, the Presiding Bishop is escorted from the sacristy to a chair placed at the entrance to the chancel, facing the people.

A welcoming procession is formed, and moves through the congregation to the principal door.

The new Bishop, attended by two deacons, standing outside the door, knocks upon it three times.

The Warden opens the door. As the door is opened, the Bishop's voice is heard, saying

Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them and give thanks to the Lord.
Warden The Lord prosper you;
we wish you well in the Name of the Lord.

A psalm or anthem is sung, during which the bishop is escorted by the welcoming procession to a place before the Presiding Bishop. Psalm 23 is appropriate, with the following antiphon
I will give you a shepherd after my own heart, who will feed you with knowledge and understanding.

The new Bishop petitions as follows
I, N.N., whom God has ordained to be a shepherd and servant, and who now have been chosen as Bishop of this Diocese, come to you, desiring to be recognized, and invested, [and seated in the chair which is the symbol of that office].

The Presiding Bishop replies
Before I can accede to your petition, we must be assured by the appointed representative of the Diocese that you will be received as their duly elected Bishop.

The Warden then says
We are ready and willing to do so. As President of the Standing Committee, I certify that N.N. was duly elected Bishop of the Diocese of ______ by the clergy and people in Diocesan Convention assembled on the ______ day of, ______, and that consents to the election have been received from (a majority of the Bishops of the Church having jurisdiction and of the Standing Committees of the Dioceses) (the two houses of the General Convention). We therefore present to you the Right Reverend N.N. to be invested for the exercise of the office to which he/she has been chosen.

The Presiding Bishop then says
Let the will of the people here present be made known. Do you recognize and receive N. as your Bishop?
People We do.

Presiding Bishop
Will you uphold N. in this ministry?
People We will.

The Presiding Bishop stands and calls the people to prayer, in these or similar words
Let us now offer our prayers for N., for this Diocese, and for all God's people.

All kneel, and the Person appointed leads the Litany for Ordinations, or some other approved litany. At the end of the litany, after the Kyries (which may be sung by the congregation or choir in threefold, sixfold, or ninefold form), the Presiding Bishop stands and says

The Lord be with you
People And also with you.

Presiding Bishop Let us pray.

The Presiding Bishop then says the Collect of the Day or the Collect for Ordination.

All sit, and the Liturgy of the Word continues in the usual manner.

After the Sermon (and Creed), the following renewal of the commitments of ordination may take place.

The Presiding Bishop addresses the new Bishop in these or similar words
My sister/brother, it has pleased God to call you to be the shepherd and chief pastor of this Diocese. I am sure that long before now you have laid to heart the high trust and weighty obligations of this office.
But, in order that this congregation may know your commitment to fulfill this trust, I call upon you to reaffirm the promises you made when you were ordained and consecrated a bishop.

Presiding Bishop Will you exercise your ministry in obedience to Christ?

Answer I will obey Christ, and will serve in his name.

Presiding Bishop Will you be faithful in prayers, and in the study of Holy Scripture, that you may have the mind of Christ?

Answer I will, for he is my help.

Presiding Bishop Will you boldly proclaim and interpret the Gospel of Christ, enlightening the minds and stirring up the conscience of your people?

Answer I will, in the power of the Spirit.

Presiding Bishop As chief first and pastor, will you encourage and support all the baptized will you encourage and support all baptized people in their gifts and ministries, nourish them from the riches of God’s grace, pray for them without ceasing, and celebrate with them the sacraments of our redemption?

Answer I will, in the name of Christ, the Shepherd and Bishop of our souls.

Presiding Bishop Will you guard the faith, unity, and discipline of the Church?

Answer I will, for the love of God.

Presiding Bishop Will you share the with your fellow bishops in the government of the whole Church; will you sustain your fellow presbyters and take counsel with them; will you guide and strengthen the deacons and all others who minister in the Church?

Answer I will, by the grace given me.

Presiding Bishop Will you be merciful to all, show compassion to the poor and strangers, and defend those who have no helper?

Answer I will, for the sake of Jesus Christ.

Presiding Bishop May the Lord who has given you the will to do these things, give you the grace and power to perform them.

Answer Amen.

The Investiture

The Presiding Bishop now stands and says

My sister/brother, you have been recognized as a bishop of the Church and as bishop of this Diocese. Now I, N.N., by the authority committed to me, and with the consent of those who have chosen you, do invest you, N.N., as Bishop of______, with all the temporal and spiritual rights and responsibilities that pertain to that office; in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

If a pastoral staff is to be given, it is presented by the former Bishop of the Diocese, or it is brought from the Altar and presented by the Warden. The one who delivers the staff says

On behalf of the people and clergy of the Diocese of______, I give into your hands this pastoral staff. May Christ the good Shepherd uphold you and sustain you as you carry it in his name. Amen.

A Bible is brought from the Altar and held before the Bishop, who, laying a hand upon it, takes the oath, as follows

I, N.N., Bishop in the Church of God, now duly invested and acknowledged as Bishop of this Diocese [receive this pastoral staff at your hands as a token of my jurisdiction and of your recognition, and] do
solemnly promise that I will observe, and to the utmost of my power fulfill, the responsibilities and obligations of this office, striving in all things to be a faithful shepherd to the flock of Christ. So help me God. Amen.

The Seating

The Presiding Bishop and the Warden now escort the bishop to the chair designated for the Bishop of the Diocese. Meanwhile, instrumental music may be played.

The Dean of the Cathedral Church, meeting the Bishop at the Cathedra, says

In the name of the Chapter of this Cathedral Church, and on behalf of the people of this Diocese, I install you, N., in the chair appointed to your office. May the Lord stir up in you the flame of holy charity, and the power of faith that overcomes the world. Amen.

*The Bishop sits, and the People offer their acclamations and applause. Bells may be rung and trumpets sounded or festive music may be played or sung.*

Afterwards, the Bishop stands and says

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The Presiding Bishop and other Ministers greet the Bishop.

The People greet one another.

The Bishop greets other members of the clergy, family members, and members of the congregation as may be convenient.

The Liturgy continues with the Offertory. Deacons prepare the Table.

The Bishop goes to the Lord’s Table as chief Presider and, joined by other bishops and representative presbyters of the diocese, proceeds with the celebration of the Eucharist.

In place of the usual postcommunion prayer, a Bishop or Presbyter leads the people in the following

Almighty Father, we thank you for feeding us with the holy food of the Body and Blood of your Son, and for uniting us through him in the fellowship of your Holy Spirit. We thank you for raising up among us faithful servants for the ministry of your Word and Sacraments. We pray that N. may be to us an effective example in word and action, in love and patience, and in holiness of life. Grant that we, with her/him, may serve you now, and always rejoice in your glory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The new Bishop blesses the people, first saying

Bishop Our help is in the name of the Lord;

People The maker of heaven and earth.

Bishop Blessed be the name of the Lord;

People From this time forth for evermore.

Bishop The blessing, mercy, and grace of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you forever. Amen.

A Deacon dismisses the People.

*Welcoming and Seating of a Bishop in the Cathedral (p 385 as amended), Bienvenida y entronización de un obispo en la catedral (p. 306 como emendada)*
Welcoming and Seating
of a Bishop in the Cathedral

The ministers and people assemble in the Cathedral Church.

The principal door being closed, the Dean, the Cathedral clergy (the Cathedral Chapter), and other representative persons as convenient, go in procession through the congregation to the principal door. The people stand.

The new bishop, attended by two deacons, standing outside, knocks three times on the door.

The Warden opens the door, and the Bishop enters and greets the congregation, saying

Grace and peace be with you, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

People

And also with you.

A psalm or anthem is sung, during which the Bishop is escorted by the welcoming procession to a place in full sight of the people.

The Dean, or other person appointed, welcomes the bishop in these or similar words

N.N., Bishop in the Church of God, and our Bishop, we welcome you to your Cathedral Church, the symbol and center of your pastoral, liturgical, and teaching ministry in this Diocese.

The Bishop responds, saying

I, N.N., your Bishop, thank you for your welcome. I promise, God helping me, to be a faithful shepherd and servant among you. I pray that the ministry which we will share may be pleasing to God, and that it may strengthen the life of this diocese, and the whole Church of God. I now ask to be seated in the chair that is the symbol of my office.

The bishop is escorted to the Cathedra. Meanwhile, instrumental music may be played.

The Dean, standing near the Cathedra, says

In the name of the Chapter of this Cathedral Church, and on behalf of the people of this diocese, I install invite you, N., to be seated, appointed in the chair which is a symbol to of your office. May the Lord stir up in you the flame of holy charity, and the power of faith that overcomes the world. Amen.

The Bishop sits, and the People offer their acclamations and applause. Bells may be rung and trumpets sounded or festive music may be played or sung.

The Bishop stands, and the Te Deum, the Gloria in excelsis, or other song of praise is sung.

The Bishop then says to the people

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Bishop Let us pray.

The Bishop says the Collect of the Day.

The Liturgy continues in the usual way, with the appointed Lessons and Psalm.

At the Great Thanksgiving, the Bishop, as the principal Presider, is joined at the Altar by the presbyters of the Cathedral, and other priests as desired.

In place of the usual postcommunion prayer, the Dean leads the people in the following
Almighty Father, we thank you for feeding us with the holy food of the Body and Blood of your Son, and for uniting us through him in the fellowship of your Holy Spirit. We thank you for raising up among us faithful servants for the ministry of your Word and Sacraments. We pray that N. may be to us an effective example in word and action, in love and patience, and in holiness of life. Grant that we, with her/him may serve you now, and always rejoice in your glory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Bishop blesses the people, first saying

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People From this time forth for evermore.

Bishop The blessing, mercy, and grace of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. Amen

A Deacon dismisses the people.

Setting Apart for a Religious Special Vocation. (P. 388 with title amended) Para dedicarse a una vocación especial religiosa (p. 309 como emendada en el cambio del título);

And be if further

Resolved, That The Blessing of a Pregnant Woman from The Book of Occasional Services 2003 be restored; and be it further

Resolved, That the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music seek and receive feedback on their use.

Safeguarding and Title IV

The House of Deputies Committee on Safeguarding and Title IV presented its Report #45 on Resolution D091 (Ending the Silence) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:

(D091)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention, recognize and choose to confront the silence which allows systems of inequity and violence to exist in the Church by affirming that requiring non-disclosure and/or other confidentiality provisions in outcomes resulting from Title IV actions in the church can cause victims a second wounding, which is not in accordance with the teaching of the church, or the loving, liberating Gospel of Jesus Christ; and be it further

Resolved, That this convention acknowledge such provisions in civil accords regarding abuse of any kind can have a likewise wounding effect on victims, to the same end; and be it further

Resolved, That this convention urge each of the several dioceses to adopt policies with regards to Title IV outcomes and civil litigation that encourage utmost restraint and discretion nondisclosure and/or confidentiality provisions, disparagement clauses, or any other legal actions or constraint ensuring that such provisions do not prohibit a victim from telling their story publicly should they so choose, to begin the process of restoring the dignity of life; and be it further

Resolved, That each diocese is encouraged to develop a harm-reduction process for those who have already been silenced by nondisclosure and/or confidentiality provisions, disparagement clauses, or any
Resolved, That the Standing Commission on Everything That Isn’t Liturgy be directed to study this issue, and discover the frequency, and nature of the use of these confidentiality provisions, and make recommendations for their appropriately pastoral use, and report to the 80th General Convention.

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention recognizes the use and presence of nondisclosure agreements, confidentiality provisions, and other contractual agreements between parties as legal and binding resolutions to civil matters within the general Church, recognize and choose to confront the silence which allows systems of inequity and violence to exist in the Church by affirming that requiring non-disclosure and/or other confidentiality provisions in outcomes resulting from Title IV actions in the church can cause victims a second wounding, which is not in accordance with the teaching of the church, or the loving, liberating Gospel of Jesus Christ; and be it further

Resolved, That this convention acknowledge such legal agreements are useful apparatuses for resolutions of actions, including but not limited to actions initiated through the procedures in Title IV. However, they may also prevent evidence of patterns of predatory behavior from being known by applicable church individuals and bodies, from ensuring that Complainants and Injured Persons have appropriate opportunities for healing, and that unduly burden those harmed by Sexual Misconduct; and be it further, provisions in civil accords regarding abuse of any kind can have a likewise wounding effect on victims, to the same end; and be it further

Resolved, That the Convention directs the Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons to study the use of nondisclosure agreements, confidentiality provisions, and other contractual agreements between parties used to resolve civil matters, including matters begun through Title IV proceedings; to discover the frequency of use of these documents to resolve civil and Title IV matters of Sexual Misconduct in the Church; the general nature of these documents and provisions; the impact of these documents on Complainants, Injured Persons, and victims of Sexual Misconduct as well as the impact on Respondents, especially as these agreements impede or obstruct the process of restoration, healing, and reconciliation, to which we are called as the Body of Christ; and be it further

Resolved, that this report be utilized by the Standing Commission to recommend any appropriate amendments to Title IV to the 80th General Convention and to develop guidelines for dioceses and chancellors for use of nondisclosure agreements, confidentiality provisions, and other contractual agreements between parties documents to be distributed no later than December 31, 2020.

Resolved, That this convention urge each of the several dioceses to adopt policies with regards to Title IV outcomes and civil litigation that encourage utmost restraint and discretion nondisclosure and/or confidentiality provisions, disparagement clauses, or any other legal actions or constraint ensuring that such provisions do not prohibit a victim from telling their story publicly should they so choose, to begin the process of restoring the dignity of life; and be it further

Resolved, That each diocese is encouraged to develop a harm-reduction process for those who have already been silenced by nondisclosure and/or confidentiality provisions, disparagement clauses, or any other legal action or constraint, working to ensure that all who have been previously silenced are protected as they move forward; and be it further
Resolved, That the Standing Commission on Everything That Isn’t Liturgy be directed to study this issue, and discover the frequency, and nature of the use of these confidentiality provisions, and make recommendations for their appropriately pastoral use, and report to the 80th General Convention.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #369)

The House of Deputies Committee on Safeguarding and Title IV presented its Report #30 on Resolution A118 (Amend Canon IV.13 and Canon IV.14.7) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A118)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That Canon IV.13 be amended by adding new Sections 3 and 4 and renumbering all subsequent sections:

Sec. 3. The Hearing Panel shall make documents available to members of the Church and the Church media as set forth in this Section. The documents shall be disseminated in such a way as to make them broadly known to members of the Church and the Church media. For a matter in which a Priest or Deacon is the Respondent, dissemination shall include, at a minimum, posting to the diocesan website. For a matter in which a Bishop is the Respondent, dissemination shall include, at a minimum, posting the documents on the websites of The Episcopal Church and of the General Convention.

(a) The documents covered by this Section are all documents filed with or issued by the Hearing Panel or by any party or person including but not limited to motions, briefs, affidavits, opinions, objections, decisions, notices, challenges, and Orders.

(b) The notice under Sec. 2(a) shall be made available no later than one business day after the Respondent files a response under Sec. 2(c) or the date on which the Respondent’s response was due, whichever comes first.

(c) All other documents shall be made available no later than one business day after the document is filed by a party or other person with the Hearing Panel or issued by the Hearing Panel.

(d) Notwithstanding the above, the Hearing Panel, at its discretion and for good cause to protect any Injured Person or allegedly Injured Person, may require the redaction of documents provided for in Sec. 3(a), after consultation with the Church Attorney, the Respondent’s counsel, the Complainant’s Advisor or Complainant’s counsel, if any, and, where appropriate, the Bishop Diocesan.

Sec. 4. If at any time after a matter has been referred to a Hearing Panel an Accord is reached that ends the proceedings before the Hearing Panel issues an Order, the Bishop Diocesan shall make the Notice of Accord available to the Church and Church media as provided in Sec. 3 as well as to the Hearing Panel.

And be it further

Resolved, That Canon IV.13.6 is hereby amended to read as follows:
Sec. 6. All proceedings before the Hearing Panel except its private deliberations shall be open to the Respondent and to each Complainant, to any Injured Person, and to persons from the public. Each Complainant shall be entitled to be present throughout and observe the Hearing and each may be accompanied at the proceedings by another person of his or her own choosing in addition to his or her Advisor. Notwithstanding the above, the Hearing Panel, at its discretion and for good cause, including to protect the privacy of any person, may close any part of the proceedings to any person or group of persons, after consultation with the Church Attorney, the Respondent’s counsel and, where appropriate, the Bishop Diocesan; provided, however, that no proceedings before the Hearing Panel, except its private deliberations, shall be closed to the Respondent, Respondent’s Advisor, Respondent’s Counsel, the Complainant, the Complainant’s Advisor, Complainant’s Counsel or the Church Attorney. A record of the hearing shall be made by such means as to enable the creation of a verbatim written transcript of the hearing.

And be it further

Resolved, That Canon IV.13.8 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 8. 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:

(i) may exclude evidence that is irrelevant, immaterial or unduly repetitious;

(ii) shall exclude privileged evidence;

(iii) 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;

(iv) 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;

(v) may not exclude evidence solely because it is hearsay;

(vi) 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

(vii) 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.

And be it further
Resolved, That Canon IV.13.9 be hereby amended by adding new subsections (d) and (e) as follows:

(d) The requirements of Sec. 3 of this Canon shall apply to the Disciplinary Board as if it were a Hearing Panel for the purpose of an appeal of sanctions under this Section.

(e) If an Accord is reached that ends the proceedings before the Disciplinary Board issues an Order under this Section, the Bishop Diocesan shall make the Notice of Accord available to the Church and Church media as provided in Sec. 3 as well as to the Disciplinary Board and the Hearing Panel.

And be it further
Resolved, That Canon IV.14.7 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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, the Respondent and the Complainant each with an opportunity to be heard on the proposed terms of the Order.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That Canon IV.13 be amended by adding new Sections 3 and 4 and renumbering all subsequent sections:

Sec. 3. As soon as possible, the Hearing Panel shall make documents available to members of the Church and the Church media as set forth in this Section. The documents shall be disseminated in such a way as to make them broadly known to members of the Church and the Church media. For a matter in which a Priest or Deacon is the Respondent, dissemination shall include, at a minimum, posting to the diocesan website. For a matter in which a Bishop is the Respondent, dissemination shall include, at a minimum, posting the documents on the websites of The Episcopal Church and of the General Convention.

(a) The documents covered by this Section are all documents filed with or issued by the Hearing Panel or by any party or person including but not limited to motions, briefs, affidavits, opinions, objections, decisions, notices, challenges, and Orders.

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(d) Notwithstanding the above, the Hearing Panel, at its discretion and for good cause to protect any Injured Person or allegedly Injured Person, may require the redaction of documents provided for in Sec. 3(a), after consultation with the Church Attorney, the Respondent’s counsel, the Respondent’s Advisor, the Complainant’s Advisor or Complainant’s counsel, if any, and, where appropriate, the Bishop Diocesan.

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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;

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(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.

And be it further

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(d) The requirements of Sec. 3 of this Canon shall apply to the Disciplinary Board as if it were a Hearing Panel for the purpose of an appeal of sanctions under this Section.

(e) If an Accord is reached that ends the proceedings before the Disciplinary Board issues an Order under this Section, the Bishop Diocesan shall make the Notice of Accord available to the Church and Church media as provided in Sec. 3 as well as to the Disciplinary Board and the Hearing Panel.

And be it further

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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, the Respondent and the Complainant each with an opportunity to be heard on the proposed terms of the Order.

Motion carried

Resolution adopted with amendment

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #370)
Churchwide Leadership

The House of Deputies Committee on Churchwide Leadership presented its Report #33 on Resolution A148 (Amend Canons III.11.1, III.11.3 and III.11.9(c)) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A148)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That Canon III.11.1 is hereby amended to add the following, And the subsequent subsections renumbered accordingly:

(c) Prior to any person’s name being placed on the ballot in nomination for election as a Bishop in a diocese, whether by the nominating body or by petition, floor nomination or in any other way, the diocese shall have:

(i) conducted a thorough background check of each nominee according to criteria established by the Standing Committee. Such background check to include but not be limited to criminal records, credit checks, reference checks, sex offender registry checks, verification of education, employment and ordination and review of all complaints, charges and allegations while an ordained person;

(ii) each nominee evaluated by a licensed medical doctor approved by the Standing Committee;

(iii) each nominee evaluated by a licensed psychologist approved by the Standing Committee, with psychiatric referral if desired or necessary;

(iv) each nominee evaluated for substance, chemical and alcohol use and abuse whether as part of the medical examination, psychological examination or otherwise by professionals approved by the Standing Committee;

Reports of all background checks, medical, psychological and substance, chemical or alcohol use and abuse evaluations shall be kept permanently on file and remain a part of the permanent diocesan record for the person elected and consented to by bishops exercising jurisdiction and Standing Committees.

And be it further

Resolved, That Canon III.11.1(b) is hereby amended to read as follows:

Canon III.11.1(b)

(b) In lieu of electing a Bishop, the Convention of a Diocese may request that an election be made on its behalf by the House of Bishops of the Province of which the Diocese is a part, subject to confirmation by the Provincial Synod, or it may request that an election be made on its behalf by the House of Bishops of the Episcopal Church.

(i) If either option in Sec. l(b) is chosen, a special Joint Nominating Committee shall be appointed unless the Diocesan Convention has otherwise provided for the nominating process. The Committee shall be composed of three persons from the Diocese, appointed by its Standing Committee, and
three members of the electoral body, appointed by the President of that body. The Joint Nominating Committee shall elect its own officers and shall nominate three persons whose names it shall communicate to the Presiding Officer of the electoral body. The Presiding Officer shall communicate the names of the nominees to the electoral body at least three weeks before the election when the names shall be formally placed in nomination. Opportunity shall be given for nominations from the floor or by petition, in either case with provisions for adequate background checks.

(2) If either option in Sec. 1(b) is chosen, the background checks and evaluations required by Canon III.11.x(y) shall be carried out by the special Joint Nominating Committee unless the Diocesan Convention has otherwise provided for the nominating process. The evidence of the election shall be a certificate signed by the Presiding Officer of the electoral body and by its Secretary, with a testimonial signed by a constitutional majority of the body, in the form required in Canon III.11.3, which shall be sent to the Standing Committee of the Diocese on whose behalf the election was held. The Standing Committee shall thereupon proceed as set forth in Canon III.11.3.

And be it further

Resolved, That Canon III.11.3 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Canon III.11.3

Sec. 3.

(a) The Standing Committee of the Diocese for which the Bishop has been elected shall by its President, or by some other person or persons specially appointed, immediately send to the Presiding Bishop and to the Standing Committees of the several Dioceses a certificate of the election by the Secretary of Convention of the Diocese bearing a statement of receipt of:

(1) evidence of the Bishop-elect's having been duly ordered Deacon and Priest;

(2) certificates from a licensed medical doctor, and licensed psychiatrist psychologist and substance abuse professional, authorized by the Presiding Bishop, that they have thoroughly examined the Bishop-elect as to that person's medical, psychological and psychiatric condition and for substance, chemical and alcohol use and abuse and have not discovered any reason why the person would not be fit to undertake the work for which the person has been chosen. Forms and procedures agreed to by the Presiding Bishop and The Church Pension Fund shall be used for this purpose; and

(3) evidence that a testimonial in the following form was signed by a constitutional majority of the Convention:

And be it further

Resolved, That Canon III.11.9(c) is hereby amended to read as follows:

Canon III.11.9(c)
(c) Missionary Bishops

(1) The election of a person to be a Bishop in a Missionary Diocese shall be held in accordance with the procedures set forth in the Constitution and Canons of this Church.

(2) The Convention of a Missionary Diocese may, in lieu of electing a Bishop, request that such election be made on its behalf by the Synod of the Province, or the House of Bishops of the Province subject to confirmation of the Provincial Council, or the Regional Council of Churches in communion with this Church of which the Diocese is a member. A Certificate of the Election, signed by the presiding officer and the Secretary of the Synod or Provincial House of Bishops, or Regional Council, and a testimonial in the form required in Canon III.11 signed by a constitutional majority of the Synod, Provincial House of Bishops or Regional Council, shall be transmitted by its presiding officer to the Standing Committee of the Missionary Diocese on whose behalf such election was made. The Standing Committee shall thereupon proceed as set forth in Canon III.11, the above Certification of Election and Testimonial serving in lieu of evidence of election and testimonial therein required. If this option is used the background checks and evaluations required by Canon III.11.1(b) shall be carried out by the Synod of the Province or the House of Bishops of the Province, whichever body conducts the election.

(3) The Convention of a Missionary Diocese may, in lieu of electing a Bishop, request that such election may be made on its behalf by the House of Bishops. Such choice shall be subject to confirmation by a majority of the Standing Committees of the several Dioceses. The medical certificate as required in Canon III.11 shall also be required of Missionary Bishops-elect.

(i) When the House of Bishops is to elect a Bishop for a Missionary Diocese within a given Province, the President of the Province may convene the Synod of the Province prior to the meeting of the House of Bishops at which a Bishop for such Missionary Diocese is to be elected. The Synod of the Province may thereupon nominate not exceeding three persons to the House of Bishops for that office. It shall be the duty of the President of the Province to transmit such nominations, if any be made, to the Presiding Officer of the House of Bishops, communicate the same to the Bishops, along with other nominations that have been made, in accordance with the Rules of Order of the House. Each Province containing a Missionary Diocese shall, by Ordinance, provide the manner of convening the Synod and making such nomination. If the Synod of the Province nominates persons as provided in this subsection, the background checks and evaluations required by Canon III.11.1(b) shall be carried out by Synod of the Province. The House of Bishops shall carry out the
background checks and evaluations required by Canon III.11.1(b) for all persons nominated in accordance with the Rules of Order of the House.

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That Canon III.11.1 is hereby amended to add the following, and the subsequent subsections renumbered accordingly:

(c) Prior to any person’s name being placed on the ballot in nomination for election as a Bishop in a diocese, whether by the nominating body or by petition, floor nomination or in any other way, the diocese shall have:

(i) conducted a thorough background check of each nominee according to criteria established by the Standing Committee. Such background check to include but not be limited to criminal records, credit checks, reference checks, sex offender registry checks, verification of education, employment and ordination and review of all available records reflecting complaints, charges and allegations while an ordained person;

(ii) each nominee evaluated by a licensed medical doctor approved by the Standing Committee, using medical forms provided by the Office of Pastoral Development;

(iii) each nominee evaluated by a licensed psychologist psychiatrist approved by the Standing Committee, with psychiatric referral if desired or necessary Office of Pastoral Development;

(iv) each nominee evaluated for substance, chemical and alcohol use and abuse misuse whether as part of the medical examination, psychological psychiatric examination or otherwise by licensed professionals approved by the Standing Committee Office of Pastoral Development;

Reports of all (a) background checks, (b) medical and psychiatric evaluations, (c) evaluations of substance, chemical and alcohol use and misuse and (d) assessments of other forms of addiction background checks, medical, psychological and substance, chemical or alcohol use and abuse evaluations shall be kept permanently on file in the Office of Pastoral Development and remain a part of the permanent diocesan record for the person elected and consented to by Standing Committees and bishops exercising jurisdiction and Standing Committees.

And be it further

Resolved, That Canon III.11.1(b) is hereby amended to read as follows:

Canon III.11.1(b)

(b) In lieu of electing a Bishop, the Convention of a Diocese may request that an election be made on its behalf by the House of Bishops of the Province of which the Diocese is a part, subject to confirmation by the Provincial Synod, or it may request that an election be made on its behalf by the House of Bishops of the Episcopal Church.
(i) If either option in Sec. 1(b) is chosen, a special Joint Nominating Committee shall be appointed unless the Diocesan Convention has otherwise provided for the nominating process. The Committee shall be composed of three persons from the Diocese, appointed by its Standing Committee, and three members of the electoral body, appointed by the President of that body. The Joint Nominating Committee shall elect its own officers and shall nominate three persons whose names it shall communicate to the Presiding Officer of the electoral body. The Presiding Officer shall communicate the names of the nominees to the electoral body at least three weeks before the election when the names shall be formally placed in nomination. Opportunity shall be given for nominations from the floor or by petition, in either case with provisions for adequate background checks.

(2) If either option in Sec. 1(b) is chosen, the background checks and evaluations required by Canon III.11.x(y) this Canon III.11.1(c) shall be carried out by the special Joint Nominating Committee unless the Diocesan Convention has otherwise provided for the nominating process. The evidence of the election shall be a certificate signed by the Presiding Officer of the electoral body and by its Secretary, with a testimonial signed by a constitutional majority of the body, in the form required in Canon III.11.3, which shall be sent to the Standing Committee of the Diocese on whose behalf the election was held. The Standing Committee shall thereupon proceed as set forth in Canon III.11.3.

And be it further

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(1) evidence of the Bishop-elect's having been duly ordered Deacon and Priest;

(2) certificates from a licensed medical doctor, and licensed psychiatrist, psychologist and licensed substance abuse professional, authorized by the Presiding Bishop, that they have thoroughly examined the Bishop-elect as to that person's medical, psychological and psychiatric condition and for substance, chemical and alcohol use and abuse misuse and have not discovered any reason why the person would not be fit to undertake the work for which the person has been chosen. Forms and procedures agreed to by the Presiding Bishop and The Church Pension Fund Office of Pastoral Development shall be used for this purpose; and
(3) evidence that a testimonial in the following form was signed by a constitutional majority of the Convention:

And be it further

Resolved, That Canon III.11.9(c) is hereby amended to read as follows:

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Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #371)

Committee to Receive the Report of Resolution A169
The House of Deputies Committee to Receive the Report of Resolution A169 presented its Report #13 on HB Message #267 on Resolution B012 (Marriage Rites for the Whole Church) and moved concurrence.

Ballot #8 - Vote by Orders
A Vote by Orders was taken on Resolution B012.

Ballot #8 taken by orders

Results of Ballot #8: Vote By Orders of Resolution B012
The Secretary read the results of Ballot #8.

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Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #372)

Final Text of Resolution:

(B012)

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention authorize for continued trial use, in accordance with Article X of the Constitution and Canon II.3.6, “The Witnessing and Blessing of a Marriage” and “The Celebration and Blessing of a Marriage 2” (as appended to the report of the Task Force for the Study of Marriage to the 79th General Convention); and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention authorize for trial use, in accordance with Article X of the Constitution and Canon II.3.6, “The Blessing of a Civil Marriage 2” and “An Order for Marriage 2” (as appended to the report of the Task Force for the Study of Marriage to the 79th General Convention), beginning the first Sunday of Advent, 2018; and be it further

Resolved, That the period of trial use for these liturgies shall extend until the completion of the next comprehensive revision of the Book of Common Prayer; and be it further

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Resolved, That the SCLM monitor the use of these rites as part of their work of revising the Book of Common Prayer; and be it further

Resolved, That the material prepared by the TFSM with regard to paragraph one of “Concerning the Service” of Marriage, the proper prefaces for Marriage and the Catechism be referred to the SCLM for serious consideration as they engage in the process of revision of the Book of Common Prayer; and be it further

Resolved, That all of this material be authorized for publication as part of Liturgical Resources 2 (as appended to the report of the TFSM) and be made available electronically in English, Spanish, French, and Haitian Creole at no cost by the first Sunday of Advent, 2018; and be it further

Resolved, That under the canonical direction of the Rector or Member of the Clergy in charge and where permitted to do so by civil law, provision will be made for all couples desiring to use these marriage liturgies in their local congregation or worshipping community, provided that nothing in this Resolve narrows the authority of the Rector or Priest-in-Charge (Canon III.9.6(a)); and be it further

Resolved, That in dioceses where the bishop exercising ecclesiastical authority (or, where applicable, ecclesiastical supervision) holds a theological position that does not embrace marriage for same-sex couples, and there is a desire to use such rites by same-sex couples in a congregation or worshipping community, the bishop exercising ecclesiastical authority (or ecclesiastical supervision) shall invite, as necessary, another bishop of this Church to provide pastoral support to the couple, the Member of the Clergy involved and the congregation or worshipping community in order to fulfill the intention of this resolution that all couples have convenient and reasonable local congregational access to these rites; and be it further

Resolved, That the provision of Canon I.18.7 applies by extension to these liturgies, namely, “It shall be within the discretion of any Member of the Clergy of this Church to decline to solemnize or bless any marriage”; and be it further

Resolved, That the provisions of Canon I.19.3 regarding marriage after divorce apply equally to these liturgies; and be it further

Resolved, That bishops exercising ecclesiastical authority, or where appropriate ecclesiastical supervision, who hold a theological position that does not embrace marriage for same sex couples, shall in the case of remarriage after divorce, invite another bishop of this Church to oversee the consent process and to receive any report of such Marriages, as provided in Canon I.19.3(c); and be it further

Resolved, That bishops continue the work of leading the Church in comprehensive engagement with these materials and continue to provide generous pastoral response to meet the needs of members of this Church; and be it further

Resolved, That this Church continue to honor theological diversity in regard to matters of human sexuality; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th 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; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention direct the Secretary of General Convention and the Custodian of the Standard Book of Common Prayer, in consultation with the outgoing Chair of the Task Force on the Study of Marriage and the Chairs of the Legislative Committees to whom this legislation is referred, to finalize and arrange with Church Publishing for the publication (in English, Spanish, French, and Haitian Creole) of the material contained in “Liturgical Resources 2” as approved by the 79th General Convention; the General Convention Office to make these materials available electronically at no cost no later than the first Sunday of Advent 2018.
Governance and Structure

The House of Deputies Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #46 on Resolution A100 (Clarify Secretary of Convention versus Secretary of House of Deputies) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A100)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention amend Canon I, Canon 1.1 as follows:

Canon I.1.1(a): At the time and place appointed for the meeting of the General Convention, the President of the House of Deputies, or, if absent, the Vice-President of the House, or, if there be neither, a presiding officer pro tempore appointed by the members of the House of Deputies on the Joint Committee of Arrangements for the General Convention, shall call to order the members present. The Secretary of the General Convention, or, if absent, a Secretary pro tempore of the General Convention appointed by the presiding officer, shall record the names of those whose testimonials, in due form, shall have been presented, which record shall be prima facie evidence that the persons whose names are therein recorded are entitled to seats. In the event that testimonials are presented by or on behalf of persons from jurisdictions which have not previously been represented in a General Convention, then the Secretary of the General Convention, or one appointed instead as provided herein, shall proceed as provided in Clause (c). If there be a quorum present, the Secretary of the General Convention shall so certify, and the House shall proceed to organize by the election, by ballot, of a Secretary of the General Convention, and a majority of the votes cast shall be necessary to such election. Upon such election, the presiding officer shall declare the House organized. If there be a vacancy in the office of President or Vice-President, the vacancy or vacancies shall then be filled by election, by ballot, the term of any officer so elected to continue until the adjournment of the General Convention. As soon as such vacancies are filled, the President shall appoint a committee to wait upon the House of Bishops and inform it of the organization of the House of Deputies, and of its readiness to proceed to business.

Canon I.1.1(c): In order to aid the Secretary of the General Convention in preparing the record specified in Clause (a), it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Convention of every Diocese to forward to the Secretary of the General Convention of the House of Deputies, as soon as may be practicable, a copy of the latest Journal of the Diocesan Convention, together with a certified copy of the testimonials of members aforesaid, and a duplicate copy of such testimonials. Where testimonials are received for persons from jurisdictions which have not previously been represented in General Convention, the Secretary of the General Convention shall ascertain that the applicable provisions of Article V, Section 1, of the Constitution have been complied with prior to such persons being permitted to take their seats in the House.

Canon I.1.13 (b): The Executive Office of the General Convention shall include the functions of the Secretary of the General Convention and the Treasurer of the General Convention and the Manager of the General Convention and, if the several positions are filled by different persons, such officers shall serve under the general supervision of the General Convention Executive Officer, who shall also coordinate the work of the Committees, Commissions, Boards and Agencies funded by the General Convention Expense Budget.
Canon I.4.1(d): The 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 Chief Operating Officer, the Secretary of the General Convention, the Treasurer of the General Convention, the Chief Financial Officer of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, and the Chief Legal Officer of the Executive Council, all of whom 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 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.

Canon I.9.11: Within sixty days after each session of the General Convention, the Presidents of the two Houses thereof shall refer to the Provincial Synods, or any of them, such subjects as the General Convention may direct, or as they may deem advisable, for consideration thereof by the Synods, and it shall be the duty of such Synods to consider the subject or subjects so referred to them at the first meeting of the Synod held after the adjournment of the General Convention, and to report their action and judgment in the matter to the Secretary of the General Convention and to the Secretary of the House of Deputies at least six months before the date of the meeting of the next General Convention.

And be it further

Resolved, That the Joint Rules of Order be hereby amended as follows:

Joint Rules of Order II.10(a): There shall be a Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance, consisting of twenty-seven persons being members of the General Convention (one Bishop, and two members of the House of Deputies, either Lay or Clerical, from each Province), who shall be appointed not later than the fifteenth day of December following each regular Meeting of the General Convention, the Bishops to be appointed by the Presiding Bishop, the Deputies by the President of the House of Deputies. The Secretary of the General Convention and the Treasurer of the General Convention and the Chief Financial Officer of the Executive Council shall be members ex-officiis, without vote. The Joint Standing Committee may appoint advisers, from time to time, as its funds warrant, to assist the Joint Standing Committee with its work.

Joint Rules of Order VII.20: Except for the Secretary of the General Convention 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, 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 the 79th General Convention amend Canon I, Canon 1.1.1 as follows:

Canon I.1.1(a): At the time and place appointed for the meeting of the General Convention, the President of the House of Deputies, or, if absent, the Vice-President of the House, or, if there be neither, a presiding officer pro tempore appointed by the members of the House of Deputies on the Joint Committee of Arrangements for the General Convention, shall call to order the members present. The Secretary of the General Convention House of Deputies, or, if absent, a Secretary pro tempore of the General Convention House of Deputies appointed by the presiding officer, shall record the names of those whose testimonials, in due form, shall have been presented, which record shall be prima facie evidence that the persons whose names are therein recorded are entitled to seats. In the event that testimonials are presented by or on behalf of persons from jurisdictions which have not previously been represented in a General Convention, then the Secretary of the General Convention House of Deputies, or one appointed instead as provided herein, shall proceed as provided in Clause (c). If there be a quorum present, the Secretary of the General Convention House of Deputies shall so certify, and the House shall proceed to organize by the election, by ballot, of a Secretary of the General Convention House of Deputies, and a majority of the votes cast shall be necessary to such election. Upon such election, the presiding officer shall declare the House organized. If there be a vacancy in the office of President or Vice-President, the vacancy or vacancies shall then be filled by election, by ballot, the term of any officer so elected to continue until the adjournment of the General Convention. As soon as such vacancies are filled, the President shall appoint a committee to wait upon the House of Bishops and inform it of the organization of the House of Deputies, and of its readiness to proceed to business.

Canon I.1.1(c): In order to aid the Secretary of the General Convention House of Deputies in preparing the record specified in Clause (a), it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Convention of every Diocese to forward to the Secretary of the General Convention of the House of Deputies, as soon as may be practicable, a copy of the latest Journal of the Diocesan Convention, together with a certified copy of the testimonials of members aforesaid, and a duplicate copy of such testimonials. Where testimonials are received for persons from jurisdictions which have not previously been represented in General Convention, the Secretary of the General Convention House of Deputies shall ascertain that the applicable provisions of Article V, Section 1, of the Constitution have been complied with prior to such persons being permitted to take their seats in the House.

Canon I.1.1(j) At every regular meeting of the General Convention, the Secretary elected by the House of Deputies shall, by concurrent action of the two Houses of the General Convention, also be made the Secretary of the General Convention, who shall have responsibility for assembling and printing of the Journal of the General Convention, and for other matters specifically referred to the Secretary and shall serve until a successor is elected.

and be it further

Resolved, That Canon I.1.13 (b) be amended as follows:
(b) The Executive Office of the General Convention shall include the functions of the Secretary of the General Convention and the Treasurer of the General Convention and those of the Manager of the General Convention and, if the several positions are filled by different persons, such officers shall serve under the general supervision of the General Convention Executive Officer, who shall also coordinate the work of the Committees, Commissions, Boards and Agencies funded by the General Convention Expense Budget.

and be it further

Resolved, That Canon I.4.1(d) be amended as follows:

(d) The Executive Council shall be composed (a) of 20 members elected by the General Convention, of whom four shall be Bishops, four shall be Presbyters or Deacons, and 12 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 18 members elected by the Provincial Synods; (c) of the following ex-officio members: the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies; and (d) the Chief Operating Officer, the Secretary of the General Convention, the Treasurer of the General Convention, the Chief Financial Officer of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, and the Chief Legal Officer of the Executive Council, all of whom 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 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.

and be it further

Resolved, That Canon I.9.11 be amended as follows:

Sec. 11 Within sixty days after each session of the General Convention, the Presidents of the two Houses thereof shall refer to the Provincial Synods, or any of them, such subjects as the General Convention may direct, or as they may deem advisable, for consideration thereof by the Synods, and it shall be the duty of such Synods to consider the subject or subjects so referred to them at the first meeting of the Synod held after the adjournment of the General Convention, and to report their action and judgment in the matter to the Secretary of the General Convention, House of Bishops and to the Secretary of the House of Deputies at least six months before the date of the meeting of the next General Convention.

And be it further

Resolved, That the Joint Rules of Order be hereby amended as follows:

Joint Rules of Order II.10(a): There shall be a Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance, consisting of 27 persons being members of the General Convention (one Bishop, and two members of the House of Deputies, either Lay or Clerical, from each Province), who shall be appointed not later than the fifteenth day of December following each regular Meeting of the General Convention, the Bishops to be appointed by the Presiding Bishop, the Deputies by the President of the House of Deputies. The Secretary of
the General Convention and the Treasurer of the General Convention and the Chief Financial Officer of the Executive Council shall be members ex-officio, without vote. The Joint Standing Committee may appoint advisers, from time to time, as its funds warrant, to assist the Joint Standing Committee with its work.

Joint Rules of Order V.15: The Secretary of the House of Deputies, being the Secretary of the General Convention, shall, with the cooperation of the Secretary of the House of Bishops, and of such Bishops as may be appointed by the Presiding Officer of the House of Bishops, prepare a summary of the actions of the General Convention of particular interest to the Congregations of the Church, and make the same available to the Congregations, through the Ministers-in-charge thereof, and to the Lay Deputies; such summary to be sent to the Clergy along with the Pastoral Letter put forth by the House of Bishops, and to be made available to all Deputies on the last day of the Convention, along with such Pastoral Letter, if feasible to do so, or within thirty days thereafter.

Joint Rules of Order VII.20: Except for the Secretary of the General Convention 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, not to preclude further nominations from the floor in the appropriate House of the General Convention.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #373)

The House of Deputies Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #29 on Resolution D070 (Amend Canon 1.2.(n)) and moved the resolution, recommending rejection.

Original Text of Resolution:

(D070)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That Canon 1.1.2.n is hereby amended to read as follows:

(n) There shall be the following Standing Commissions:

(i) A Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons. It shall be the duty of the Commission to:

(A) Review such proposed amendments to the Constitution and Canons as may be submitted to the Commission, placing each such proposed amendment in proper Constitutional or Canonical form, including all amendments necessary to effect the proposed change. For amendments not in proper form, the Standing Commission on Constitution and Canons may direct the submitting Commission to the canonical and Rules of Order requirements for amendments to the Constitution and Canons so the submitting Commission may revise its amendment to proper form. The Commission shall express its views with respect to the substance of any such proposal only to the proponent thereof; provided, however, that no member of the Commission shall, by reason of membership, be
deemed to be disabled from expressing, before a Legislative Committee or on the floor of
the General Convention, personal views with respect to the substance of any such
proposed amendment.

(i) Conduct a continuing comprehensive review of the Constitution and Canons with
respect to their internal consistency and clarity, and, on the basis of such a review, propose
to the General Convention such technical amendments to the Constitution and Canons as in
the opinion of the Commission are necessary or desirable in order to achieve such
consistency and clarity without altering the substance of any Constitutional and Canonical
provisions; provided, however, that the Commission shall propose, for the consideration of
the appropriate Legislative Committees of the General Convention, such amendments to
the Constitution and Canons as in the opinion of the Commission are technically desirable
but involve a substantive alteration of a Constitutional or Canonical provision.

(ii) On the basis of such review, suggest to the Executive Council and the Domestic and
Foreign Missionary Society such amendments to its respective By-laws as in the
opinion of the Commission are necessary or desirable in order to conform the same to the
Constitution and Canons.

(iii) Conduct a continuing and comprehensive review and update of the authorized
“Annotated Constitution and Canons for the Government of the Protestant Episcopal
Church in the United States of America otherwise known as The Episcopal Church” to
reflect actions of General Convention which amend the Constitution and Canons and, in the
discretion of the Commission, develop other materials which are appropriate to the
purpose of the “Annotated Constitution and Canons,” and facilitate the publication of this
document and related materials. The Commission may provide or support forums to
promote commentary, discussion, and understanding of the Constitution and Canons.

(iv) Discharge such other duties as shall from time to time be assigned by the General
Convention.

(v) 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 this Standing Commission for its
consideration and advice.

(2) A Standing Commission on Structure and Governance. 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 this Standing Commission for its
consideration and advice.

(3) 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.
And be it further
Resolved, That the present subsection (2) be renumbered accordingly;
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.

Deputy Stanley of South Dakota moved to amend the resolution.

Proposed Amendment:
Delete Canon 1.1.2(n)(1)(vi).

A vote was taken on the amendment.
Deputy Key of San Joaquin requested an electronic vote on the amendment.
Deputy Western of Southern Ohio inquired whether the amendment had been noted in the Spanish translation.
The Secretary stated the amendment was not noted in the Spanish translation. The President read the amendment aloud to allow for interpretation.
An electronic vote was taken on the amendment, resulting in 355 yes votes and 421 no votes.

Motion defeated
Amendment defeated

A vote was taken on Resolution D070.

Motion defeated
Resolution rejected
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #374)

Racial Justice and Reconciliation
The House of Deputies Committee on Racial Justice and Reconciliation presented its Report #8 on HB Message #292 on Resolution A043 (Clarify and Update Mandate) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #375)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A043)
Resolved, That the mandate for the Executive Council Committee on Anti-Racism be amended, and hereby read as follows:
“This Committee is charged with supporting and monitoring the Church’s work in response to General Convention resolutions directed at eliminating the sin of racism from the life of the Church by:
Recognizing and developing its work of racial healing, justice, and reconciliation as a fundamental and requisite part of Christian formation; supporting the work of Becoming Beloved Community: The Episcopal Church’s Long-Term Commitment to Racial Healing, Justice, and Reconciliation; recommending best practices for dismantling racism training; collecting information from dioceses and provinces about their successes and challenges in complying with the canonical requirements and with
General Convention Resolution 2000-B049 for providing anti-racism training; and sharing their findings with Executive Council on an annual basis."

The House of Deputies Committee on Racial Justice and Reconciliation presented its Report #9 on HB Message #299 on Resolution A044 (Establishing an Anti-Racism/Racial Reconciliation Certification Framework for Becoming Beloved Community) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #376)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A044)

Resolved, that the 79th General Convention recognizes that widely different criteria have been used across the Church to determine if the completion of anti-racism training required in Title III and resolution 2000-B049 has been satisfied; and be it further

Resolved, that The Episcopal Church recognizes that in order to maintain a common theological framework in our commitment to dismantle the sin of racism that these specific components are essential to include in any Episcopal Anti-racism or Racial Reconciliation training:

1) Liturgy, preferably a celebration of Eucharist when possible or other corporate worship, grounding the work in scripture and spiritual formation
   (Proclaiming the Dream of Beloved Community)

2) An Historical Component—including but not limited to (and, as appropriate to the context where the training is offered): The Episcopal Church’s role in slavery, its history with segregation and discrimination of people of color, the Doctrine of Discovery, The Episcopal Church’s role in taking indigenous children from their families through our participation in the boarding school system, and the Church’s responses to racism through the years.
   (Telling the Truth about the Church and Race)

3) An Information or Didactic Component—including, but not limited to: the Baptismal Covenant, power, class, race, racism, internalized racial privilege, internalized racial oppression, implicit racial bias, intercultural awareness and communication, becoming co-conspirators in dismantling racism, and envisioning racial reconciliation.
   (Repairing the Breach)

4) Engagement—including, but not limited to: establishing respectful communication guidelines, discussion, Bible Study, and other activities as indicated to accomplish learning objectives for these components.
   (Practicing the Way of Love);

And be it further

Resolved, that the Executive Council Committee on Anti-Racism continue to collect and develop, in collaboration with the staff, Christian Formation professionals, and The Absalom Jones Episcopal Center for Racial Healing, resources and best practices for dismantling racism that can be shared online to aide in the consistent fulfillment of the requirement for anti-racism training for lay and ordained leaders across the Church.
Recess
Following announcements, the President announced that the House would stand in recess until 10:10 a.m.

Reconvene
The President called the House to Order at 10:13 a.m.

Racial Justice and Reconciliation
The House of Deputies Committee on Racial Justice and Reconciliation presented its Report #10 on HB Message #300 on Resolution A045 (Revision and Reminder of Anti-Racism Training Requirement) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #378)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A045)

Resolved, That we acknowledge that not all dioceses have followed the spirit of the anti-racism training required in Title III or General Convention Resolution 2000-B049 regarding training of all ordained persons and lay leadership; and be it further

Resolved, That we acknowledge that the work of dismantling racism is an essential part of spiritual formation; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention re-affirms the necessity and importance of anti-racism training for the lay and ordained leadership of The Episcopal Church, including all ordained persons, professional staff, and those elected or appointed to committees, commissions, agencies, task forces, and boards; and be it further

Resolved, That the Executive Council Committee on Anti-Racism and The Episcopal Church staff, The Absalom Jones Episcopal Center for Racial Healing and Christian Formation professionals be encouraged to work together to continue to expand the resources available for trainings that can be adapted to different contexts and that address the multiplicity and intersectionality of oppressions that exist in society, and maintain online a recommended list of curricula and programs as they are developed, that could be used for anti-racism training and for training facilitators; and be it further

Resolved, That the lay and ordained leadership of The Episcopal Church are also expected to engage in ongoing spiritual formation and education focused on racial healing, justice, and reconciliation as part of our Church’s commitment to Becoming Beloved Community; and be it further

Resolved, That each committee, commission, agency, task force, and board, and each province and diocese maintain a register of those who have participated in training, and annually report to the Executive Council through the Executive Council Committee on Anti-Racism by January 1 each year, how many people have participated in training and what other Becoming Beloved Community formation opportunities have been offered and that the Council report on this information to future General Conventions until such time as the Executive Council Committee on Anti-Racism or its succeeding body determines it is no longer necessary.
Personal Privilege

Deputy Anderson of Michigan rose for a point of personal privilege to draw attention to anti-Semitism as a possible undercurrent in some of the House's legislative discussions.

Racial Justice and Reconciliation

The House of Deputies Committee on Racial Justice and Reconciliation presented its Report #5 on HB Message #264 on Resolution B004 (Encouraging the Language of Dismantling Racism and Racial Healing, Justice, and Reconciliation) and moved concurrence.

Deputy James of Southwest Florida moved to amend the resolution.

Proposed Amendment:
In the fifth resolve clause, add "anti-racism" following "dismantling racism".

Deputy Garner of Alabama moved to end debate on the amendment.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on the amendment.

Motion defeated
Amendment defeated

A vote was taken on Resolution B004.

Motion carried
The House concurred

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #379)

Final Text of Resolution:

(B004)

Resolved, That this 79th General Convention affirms that we condemn racism in all its forms, institutional, systemic, and personal, and we encourage all task forces, commissions, committees, parishes, centers and individuals in The Episcopal Church involved in the work of dismantling racism and seeking to foster racial healing, justice, and reconciliation to expand the language used to designate or describe that work; and be it further

Resolved, That there continues to be important work needed to confront institutional and systemic racism in many settings and communities before there can be further work in healing, justice and reconciliation; and be it further

Resolved, That there is also important work being done to begin such healing, justice, and reconciliation; and be it further

Resolved, That we recognize and affirm that the language around such work is critical to our ability to communicate our purposes with others engaging in this work within the Church and across other organizations; therefore be it further

Resolved, That the terms to be utilized to describe such work should include Dismantling Racism and Racial Healing, Justice and Reconciliation.
Election of the Recorder of Ordinations
The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business presented its Report #2 on Resolution X025 on the Election of the Recorder of Ordinations and moved confirmation.

Motion carried
Election confirmed
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #380)

The Church Pension Fund was confirmed as the Recorder of Ordinations.

Election of the Custodian of the Book of Common Prayer and of the Historiographer
The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business presented its Report #22 on Resolution X026 on the Election of the Custodian of the Book of Common Prayer and the Election of the Historiographer and moved confirmation.

Motion carried
Election confirmed
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #381)

The Rev. Juan M. Cabrero-Oliver was confirmed as the Custodian of the Book of Common Prayer and Dr. Bruce Mullins was confirmed as Historiographer.

Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations
The House of Deputies Committee on Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations presented its Report #11 on HB Message #304 on Resolution Do88 (Dialogue with South Sudanese Anglican Diaspora) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #382)

Final Text of Resolution:

(Do88)

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention call upon the Presiding Bishop to appoint a task force of two bishops, two clergy, and two lay persons to establish an official conversation for the purpose of developing a statement of understanding of the relationship with the South Sudanese American Anglican diaspora living in this country and The Episcopal Church; and be it further

Resolved, That this task force report to the Executive Council at least once each year during the coming triennium; and be it further

Resolved, That this task force conclude its work and expire no later than adjournment sine die of the 80th 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 $15,000.00 for the implementation of this resolution.
Constitution and Canons

The House of Deputies Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #26 on HB Message #291 on Resolution A176 (Amend Article V - Second Reading) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #384)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A176)

Resolved, That Article V, Section 1 is amended as follows:

Sec. 1 A new Diocese may be formed, with the consent of the General Convention and under such conditions as the General Convention shall prescribe by General Canon or Canons, (1) by the division of an existing Diocese; (2) by the junction of two or more Dioceses or of parts of two or more Dioceses; or (3) by the erection into a Diocese of an unorganized area evangelized as provided in Article VI. The proceedings shall originate in a Convocation of the Clergy and Laity of the unorganized area called by the Bishop for that purpose; or, with the approval of the Bishop Ecclesiastical Authority, in the Convention of the Diocese to be divided; or (when it is proposed to form a new Diocese by the junction of two or more existing Dioceses or of parts of two or more Dioceses) by mutual agreement of the Conventions of the Dioceses concerned, with the approval of the Bishop Ecclesiastical Authority of each Diocese. In case the Episcopate of a Diocese be vacant, no proceedings toward its division shall be taken until the vacancy is filled. After consent of the General Convention, when a certified copy of the duly adopted Constitution of the new Diocese, including an unqualified accession to the Constitution and Canons of this Church, shall have been filed with the Secretary of the General Convention and approved by the Executive Council of this Church, such new Diocese shall thereupon be in union with the General Convention.

[Ed. Note: According to notes left in the House of Bishops message, this Constitutional Amendment was duplicated in resolution A111, which was concurred. Resolution A176 was amended with the intention of making it a first reading of a new change.]

Social Justice and United States Policy

The House of Deputies Committee on Social Justice and United States Policy presented its Report #25 on HB Message #301 on Resolution D003 (Addressing the issue of Voter Suppression) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #385)

Final Text of Resolution:

(D003)

Resolved, That this 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church hereby calls on all states to cease and desist efforts to suppress the voting rights of American Citizens; and be it further
Resolved, That The Episcopal Church calls on governments on all levels to create policies to enhance voter participation by, among other strategies, seeking to implement policies that will increase early voting, extend registration periods, guarantee an adequate number of voting locations, allow absentee balloting without the necessity of having an excuse, and prohibit forms of identification that restrict voter participation; and be it further

Resolved, That in accordance with Executive Council Resolution AN033 adopted October 25, 2017, the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church reaffirms that one person one vote means that the votes of all citizens of all races and ethnicities are fairly represented, counted and accounted for; that we oppose any form of partisan gerrymandering which has the same effect of racial gerrymandering; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention call upon the National Conference of State Legislators to address gerrymandering as a major focus in developing a fair, not gerrymandered electoral process.

The House of Deputies Committee on Social Justice and United States Policy presented its Report #26 on HB Message #293 on Resolution D004 (Addressing Mass Incarceration) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #386)

Final Text of Resolution:

(D004)

Resolved, That this 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church (TEC) urges Congress to enact comprehensive federal sentencing reform legislation which would reduce some mandatory minimum sentences for drug offenses, particularly those that have a discriminatory impact on minorities in penalties for crack and powder cocaine offences; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention of TEC calls upon State legislatures to repeal all existing laws or the portions of such laws that either allow for or mandate a sentence of life without parole (LWOP) for a nonviolent offense and/or offenses committed by children under 18 years of age that after their time has been served, that their record is expunged; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention of TEC urges Congress to initiate studies to examine racial and gender disparities in sentencing, including racial and gender disparities in prosecutors’ exercise of discretion in seeking sentencing enhancements under three-strikes, Section 851 federal drug enhancements, and other habitual offender laws and disparate racial and gender effects of drug policies such as mandatory minimum sentences and school zone drug enhancements; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention urges state and federal governments to adopt legislation whereby all arrests and/or convictions for non-violent summary or misdemeanor offenses committed more than ten years ago are automatically sealed from access by prospective employers, landlords, and all others except law enforcement, noting that the young and people of color are disproportionately affected by this form of discrimination.
Constitution and Canons

The House of Deputies Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #24 on HB Message #251 on Resolution A284 (Amend Canon I.17.5 and Canon III.1.2) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #387)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A284)
Resolved, That Canon I.17.5 be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 5. No one shall be denied rights, status or access to an equal place in the life, worship, and governance, or employment of this Church because of race, color, ethnic origin, national origin, marital or family status (including pregnancy or child care plans), sex, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, disabilities or age, except as otherwise specified by Canons.

And be it further
Resolved, That Canon III.1.2 be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2. No person shall be denied access to the discernment process or to any process for the employment, licensing, calling, or deployment for any ministry, lay or ordained, in this Church because of race, color, ethnic origin, national origin, sex, marital or family status (including pregnancy and child care plans), sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, disabilities or age, except as otherwise provided by these Canons. No right to employment, licensing, ordination, call, deployment, or election is hereby established.

Ministry

The House of Deputies Committee on Ministry presented its Report #22 on HB Message #276 on Resolution D069 (Gather Annual Deployment and Compensation Data for LGBT and Gender Nonbinary Clergy) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #388)

Final Text of Resolution:

(D069)
Resolved, That the 79th General Convention of the Episcopal Church direct the Office for Transition Ministry, in consultation with the Church Pension Fund, dioceses, seminaries, and other appropriate agencies to gather data periodically using surveys and other mechanisms about: 1) the numbers of clergy who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, and/or transgender or gender nonbinary; 2) the deployment of such self-identified clergy, including whether their positions are part time, full time, or non-stipendiary; 3) their compensation, and 4) to broadly disseminate the report by electronic and other means.
The House of Deputies Committee on Ministry presented its Report #19 on HB Message #234 on Resolution A143 (Study Career Development of Female and Minority Clergy) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #389)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A143)

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church acknowledges that there has not been adequate investment in the career development of women, transgender, non-binary, and racial/ethnic minority clergy at multiple levels; and be it further

Resolved, That an appropriate interim body be assigned the task to study these concerns and make a report, including analysis and recommendation for improvements, to the 80th General Convention.

The House of Deputies Committee on Ministry presented its Report #16 on HB Message #241 on Resolution D005 (Gather Racial/Ethnic Statistics About Episcopal Elections and Clergy Compensation) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #390)

Final Text of Resolution:

(D005)

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church directs the Office of Pastoral Development to maintain statistics of the Racial and Ethnic makeup of men and women in elections to the episcopate and to report them annually to the Church; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention calls upon the Recorder of Ordinations to gather data about clergy by race and ethnicity in order to show trends in ordination, deployment, and compensation by race and ethnicity, and to report broadly by electronic and other means.

Environmental Stewardship and Care of Creation

The House of Deputies Committee on Environmental Stewardship and Care of Creation presented its Report #13 on HB Message #236 on Resolution B027 (Gender Inclusivity in Climate Change Action) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #391)

Final Text of Resolution:

(B027)

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church call on our Office of Government Relations to support international and domestic efforts to encourage and advocate for gender inclusive...
approaches within climate change disaster response and management, recognizing that climate change profoundly and differently impacts people according to their gender; and be it further

Resolved, That this Convention urge congregations and dioceses of The Episcopal Church to act in their own contexts in recognition that women are at the front line of climate impact and need to be involved in decisions affecting their lives, and those of their families and communities in response to disasters and humanitarian emergencies; and be it further

Resolved, That institutions and providers in The Episcopal Church, such as Episcopal Relief and Development, whose ministries are associated with disasters, climate refugees, maternal health, poverty alleviation, and addressing inequalities be urged to continue to lift up and advocate for women’s leadership on climate justice, support gender inclusive approaches to climate resilience and make themselves available as resources to congregations and dioceses for this work; and be it further

Resolved, That the Episcopal Church 1) commit to the revision of previous materials, development and circulation of educational resources to be used in both diocesan and congregational formation and 2) encourage faith communities and dioceses to recommit to allocating 0.7% of their operating budgets in support of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

Church Pension Fund

The House of Deputies Committee on Church Pension Fund presented its Report #10 on HB Message #277 on Resolution D045 (Pension Equity for Lay Employees) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #393)

Final Text of Resolution:

(D045)

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention affirms that in the interests of justice the pension plans for clergy and lay employees should be as equitable as possible; and be it further

Resolved, That the Church Pension Fund be asked to study the steps necessary to provide equity in the pension plans for lay and ordained church workers, when equity is defined as equal projected financial benefits for lay and ordained church workers given equivalent compensation, and compare the resulting possible plans with the pension benefits offered in comparable, non-church organizations and report the results of that study to Executive Council by July 1, 2020, for communication to the wider church, including but not limited to the 80th General Convention.

Recess

Following announcements, the President announced that the House would stand in recess until 11:58 a.m.

Reconvene

The President called the House to Order at 11:59 a.m.
Suspension of Rules
The President moved to suspend the House Rules in order to hear a presentation on the new Title IV website.

Motion carried
Rules suspended

Title IV Website
Deputy Getz of San Diego made a presentation on the new website on Title IV (www.titleiv.org) that will provide explanation of the canon and its related processes. Deputy Getz recognized the Diocese of Utah's communication staff, Craig Wirth and Halee Oliver; the Bishop of Utah; and Deputy Hutchinson of Utah for their extensive assistance in the creation of the website.

Personal Privilege
Deputy Bays of Northern Indiana conveyed her disappointment that Resolution D045 did not contain a mandate on establishing benefit equity for lay employees. She reminded the House that equity could still be accomplished during compensation negotiations with their lay employees without a mandate from General Convention.

Proposed Order of Business
The Secretary moved that the order of business for the remainder of the morning session be as follows: the Day 9 Auxiliary Calendar, the Certification of Minutes, the Consent Calendar, the resolutions from the Committee on Privilege and Courtesy, and Announcements.

Motion carried

Racial Justice and Reconciliation
The House of Deputies Committee on Racial Justice and Reconciliation presented its Report #4 on HB Message #263 on Resolution A229 (Condemnation of Racial Discrimination and Encouragement to Confront Racism) and moved concurrence.
Deputy Dinwiddie of Michigan moved to amend the resolution.

Proposed Amendment:
In the first resolve clause, delete "while" prior to "we honor", and delete the comma after "protect" and replace with a semi-colon.

Debate ensued on the amendment.
Deputy Garner of Alabama moved to end debate on the amendment.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

An electronic vote was requested on the amendment.
An electronic vote was taken on the amendment, resulting in 294 yes votes and 491 no votes.

Motion defeated
Amendment defeated
A vote was taken on Resolution A229.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #394)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A229)

Resolved, That while we honor and raise up the work of dedicated police officers who put their lives on the line to serve and protect, we also acknowledge the numerous inexcusable deaths and intimidation of people of color at the hands of law enforcement personnel in communities all over the United States, including but not limited to Standing Rock; New York City; Rapid City, South Dakota; Falcon Heights, Minnesota; North Charleston, South Carolina; Ferguson, Missouri; and Baltimore, Maryland; and be it further

Resolved, That these and events like them are an unconscionable affront to the Gospel commandment to uphold the dignity of every human being and require a prophetic response by clergy and laity. We therefore deplore any and all efforts that have occurred and may occur to silence these voices; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church hereby does condemn the improper actions of authorities against people of color or any actions that make clergy and laity feel they should not speak out or take nonviolent action to eliminate the sin of racism.

Constitution and Canons

The House of Deputies Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #27 on HB Message #343 on Resolution D072 (Amend Title II Canon IV) and moved concurrence with referral to an interim body.

Motion carried
The House concurred
Resolution referred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #395)

Personal Privilege

Deputy Brock of Lexington, along with other deputies who are members of the House of Deputies Special Committee on Sexual Harassment and Exploitation, thanked the President for recognizing that we have a responsibility to respond to abuses of power and for providing a way to engage work of reconciliation and love.

Addition to Order of Business

The Secretary announced that Resolution A066 had been added to the Day 9 Auxiliary Calendar and would be taken up following consideration of Resolution A065.

Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music

The House of Deputies Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #27 on HB Message #422 on Resolution A065 (Authorize Lesser Feasts and Fasts 2018) and moved concurrence.
Deputy Fleener of Western Michigan pointed out that the vote on Resolution A065 should have been a vote by orders.

**Ballot #9 - Vote by Orders**

A Vote by Orders was taken on Resolution A065.

**Results of Ballot #9: Vote By Orders of Resolution A065**

The President read the results of Ballot #9.

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**Motion carried**

**The House concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #403)

**Final Text of Resolution:**

(A065)

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention authorize the continued use of *Lesser Feasts and Fasts 2006*; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention commend the continued availability of *Great Cloud of Witnesses 2015* for the 2018-2021 triennium; and be it further

Resolved, That the new commemorations in *Lesser Feasts and Fasts 2018* proposed by the SCLM be authorized for trial use and be included in the calendar for the 2018-2021 triennium, under Article X(b); and be it further

Resolved, That the SCLM provide the 80th General Convention with a clear and unambiguous plan for a singular calendar of *Lesser Feasts and Fasts*. 

The House of Deputies Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #28 on Resolution A066 (Add Thurgood Marshall, Pauli Murray, and Florence Li Tim-Oi to Lesser Feasts and Fasts, 2018) and moved adoption.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(A066)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention include Thurgood Marshall, Pauli Murray, and Florence Li Tim-Oi in Lesser Feasts and Fasts 2018.

**Ballot #10 - Vote by Orders**

A Vote by Orders was taken on Resolution A066.
Results of Ballot #10: Vote By Orders of Resolution A066

The President read the results of Ballot #10.

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Motion carried
Resolution adopted

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #404)

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 accepted

Consent Calendar

The Secretary announced that Resolutions D045 (Pension Equity for Lay Employees), D005 (Gather Racial/Ethnic Statistics About Episcopal Elections and Clergy Compensation), B027 (Gender Inclusivity in Climate Change Action), A143 (Study Career Development of Female and Minority Clergy), D069 (Gather Annual Deployment and Compensation Data for LGBT and Gender Nonbinary Clergy), A284 (Amend Canon I.17.5 and Canon III.1.2), A229 (Condemnation of Racial Discrimination and Encouragement to Confront Racism), B004 (Eliminate Usage of Term Anti-Racism), D091 (Ending the Silence), A148 (Amend Canons III.11.1, III.11.3 and III.11.9(c)), A100 (Clarify Secretary of Convention versus Secretary of House of Deputies), and B012 (Marriage Rites for the Whole Church) had been withdrawn from the Consent Calendar.

Ministry

The House of Deputies Committee on Ministry presented its Report #13 on HB Message #187 on Resolution A056 (Create Task Force on the Theology of Social Justice Advocacy as Christian Justice) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred

(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #423)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A056)

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention direct the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies of The Episcopal Church to appoint a Task Force on the Theology of Social Justice Advocacy as Christian Ministry, consisting of three (3) bishops, three (3) presbyters or deacons, to include both orders, and six (6) lay persons, who represent the diversity of the Church, to be tasked in this triennium to consider scripture, approved liturgical resources, other theological texts and previous actions of General Convention to summarize the ways in which The Episcopal Church understands the work for social justice as essential mission and ministry of the Christian Church; and be it further
Resolved, That the Task Force study how The Episcopal Church currently fosters theological understanding and leadership for social justice, and recommend ways to foster theological and practical conversation across the Church on this topic; and be it further

Resolved, That the Task Force be directed to report its findings and recommendations to the 80th 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 $15,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

The House of Deputies Committee on Ministry presented its Report #15 on HB Message #240 on Resolution C019 (Church-Wide Paid Family Leave Policy) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #424)

Final Text of Resolution:
(C019)

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention call upon the Presiding Bishop and President of the House of Deputies to appoint a task force consisting of three (3) bishops, three (3) presbyters or deacons, and six (6) lay persons, who represent the diversity of the Church and having among them applicable human resources policy administration, childbirth, adoption, and care of ill family member experience, either personal or professional, to research and create, in consultation with the Church Pension Group, a proposal for a church-wide paid family leave policy for consideration at the 80th 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 $30,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

The House of Deputies Committee on Ministry presented its Report #18 on HB Message #249 on Resolution B006 (Amend Canon I.17) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #425)

Final Text of Resolution:
(B006)

Resolved, That every diocese and ministry organization, in recognition of the guidelines included in The Manual of Business Methods in Church Affairs, be requested to include a letter of agreement as part of a transparent hiring process for any church employee. Such letter of agreement may describe the duties and responsibilities of the position, including details about salary and benefits. The letter may also include provisions for an annual performance evaluation, procedures for the reconciliation of disagreements, and articulate policies concerning dissolution.
Governance and Structure

The House of Deputies Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #45 on Resolution D022 (Reinstate Women's Desk) and moved to take no further action.

Motion carried
The House took no further action
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #426)

Ministry

The House of Deputies Committee on Ministry presented its Report #17 on HB Message #243 on Resolution D025 (Amend Canons III.6.5(g), III.7.5, III.8.5(b), III.9.1, III.10.1(c), III.12.1, III.12.2) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #427)

Final Text of Resolution:

(D025)

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention direct the President of the House of Deputies and the Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church to appoint a Task Force on Clergy Formation and Continuing Education, including members experienced in theological formation and education, and consisting of a minimum of two (2) bishops, three (3) presbyters or deacons, to include both orders, and five (5) lay persons, who represent the diversity of the Church; and be it further

Resolved, That the Task Force be directed to study the required subjects for the preparation for ordination, including those listed in Canons III.6.5(g) and III.8.5(h); and the continuing education of members of the clergy, including Canons III.7.5 and III.9.1; and to study Resolution D025 as originally presented to the 79th General Convention; and to report to the 80th General Convention any proposals for alterations to or consolidation of canons concerning preparation for ordination and continuing education; 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 implementation of this resolution.

The House of Deputies Committee on Ministry presented its Report #21 on HB Message #238 on Resolution C014 (Suicide Prevention Advocacy and Clergy Training) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #428)

Final Text of Resolution:

(C014)

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention recognize that clergy and adults who work with youth are often on the frontlines of suicide prevention; and be it further

Resolved, That the institutions and diocesan programs that educate Priest and Deacons be encouraged to offer four (4) hours of suicide prevention education, using evidence-based trainings, for its students,
and that dioceses offer similar suicide prevention training for their clergy and adults who work with youth; and be it further

Resolved, That the Executive Council Joint Standing Committee on Local Ministry and Mission administer this program, or refer it to the appropriate body for administration; 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; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention urge local congregations to call on state and federal leaders to develop and implement strategies to increase access to quality mental health, substance abuse, and suicide prevention services.

The House of Deputies Committee on Ministry presented its Report #20 on HB Message #233 on Resolution D092 (Amend Canon III.1.2 - Non-Discrimination in Access to Discernment Process) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #429)

Final Text of Resolution:
(D092)

Resolved, That Canon III.1.2 be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2. 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, immigration status, 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.

Congregational and Diocesan Vitality

The House of Deputies Committee on Congregational and Diocesan Vitality presented its Report #5 on HB Message #185 on Resolution A221 (Collaboration and Networking) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #430)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A221)

Resolved, That after the 79th General Convention, The Episcopal Church commit to equipping and strengthening the work of networking and affinity groups of The Episcopal Church; including but not limited to: visioning for the kinds of collective aspirations for dioceses and articulating how these aspirations and efforts support The Episcopal Church in the mission of Jesus Christ; building the capacity for idea and resource sharing among dioceses and other networks; articulating the funding issues associated with collaboration; and finding ways to fund ministry; and be it further,

Resolved, That this work be initiated by affinity groups, networks, members of dioceses, and the wider Episcopal Church; and be it further,
Resolved, That diocesan leadership be attentive to and supportive of these networks, collaborations, and affinity groups which demonstrate and encourage vitality within and among dioceses; sharing the fruits and learnings with the Office of Communications such that others may participate in such learnings.

Constitution and Canons

The House of Deputies Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #25 on HB Message #194 on Resolution A282 (Amend Canon III.11.3(b)) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #431)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A282)

Resolved, That Canon III.11.3(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 ____________, 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 whereof, we have hereunto set our hands this ___day of ______ in the year of our Lord ________.

(Signed) ____________

(c) Testimonials required of the Standing Committee by this Title must be signed by a majority of the whole Committee, at a meeting duly convened, except that testimonials may be executed in counterparts, any of which may be delivered by facsimile or other electronic transmission, each of which shall be deemed an original.

Environmental Stewardship and Care of Creation

The House of Deputies Committee on Environmental Stewardship and Care of Creation presented its Report #11 on HB Message #228 on Resolution C063 (Advocate for Ocean Health) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #469)

Final Text of Resolution:

(C063)

Resolved, That the General Convention shall promote the gathering of leaders, who are engaged in the work of racial reconciliation and racial justice throughout the Episcopal Church for the purposes of
Resolved, That the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, in collaboration with partner ministries, shall organize by December 31st, 2019, a Beloved Community Summit: Igniting the Church to be Bold Agents for Racial Healing, Racial Justice, and Reconciliation. This gathering would accelerate the work of racial reconciliation by sharing stories, best practices, resources, and identifying needed action in each of the four areas of becoming Beloved Community, that will grow a network of healers, justice makers, and reconcilers; and be it further

Resolved, That the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society fund this work for the implementation of this resolution, especially to ensure participation in the Summit by the widest representation of all God’s People.

The House of Deputies Committee on Environmental Stewardship and Care of Creation presented its Report #10 on HB Message #247 on Resolution C064 (Support of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Opposing Enbridge Line #3) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #434)

Final Text of Resolution:
(C064)

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention reaffirm the work of previous General Conventions regarding the Repudiation of the Doctrine of Discovery, such as 2009-D035 and 2012-A128; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention support and encourage the Presiding Bishop and Staff, the Executive Council and its Committees and each of the Dioceses of The Episcopal Church to continue that repudiation with actions, statements, prayers and witness that are consistent with the recognition of Tribal/First Nation Sovereignty in their stewardship of water, land and mineral resources found within their various historic and treaty territories; and be it further

Resolved, That this General Convention add its voice to echo the concerns of Faron Jackson, Sr., Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Chairman, who expressed his opposition to any placement of crude oil pipeline known as Enbridge Line #3, which in the judgement of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe threatens the land, water and minerals; “The Lake Reservation will always be our home. Unlike a house, however, we can never rebuild or move if a disaster were to happen.”; and be it further

Resolved, That the Episcopal Church provide its historic moral standing among the indigenous peoples of Minnesota to stand with our congregations St. John’s in Onigum and St. Peter’s in Cass Lake, the Episcopal Church in Minnesota, our ecumenical partners and tribal governments to oppose the threat of pollution to sacred lands and the manoomin (wild rice) that has been given to these people to sustain them and provide a sovereign food source that nourishes body and soul; and be it further

Resolved, That the Episcopal Church encourage the State of Minnesota to develop and maintain a continued open dialogue with Tribal Authorities, Church Leaders and leaders of any Camps established along the proposed route of Line #3 and to protect the First Amendment Rights to petition for redress of grievances, to assemble peaceably, to speak freely, and to freely exercise religious rights; and be it further
Resolved, That the Episcopal Church learn from its engagement as allies of the Standing Rock Nation, the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, the Gwich’in People of Alaska, the Inupiaq Community of Kivalina and other times of solidarity with indigenous people by collecting and examining our history, theology, tradition, liturgy, and financial commitments. This examination will be conducted by the appropriate committee of the Executive Council, the Presiding Bishop’s Staff of Ethnic Ministries, the Office of Government Relations and those diocesan bodies and faith communities that are relevant to the work. This reflection is to strengthen the good that has been done and to bring our beliefs and actions into closer alignment with the values of the Jesus Movement.

The House of Deputies Committee on Environmental Stewardship and Care of Creation presented its Report #12 on HB Message #246 on Resolution C049 (Support Producers of Locally Grown Food) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #435)

Final Text of Resolution:
(C049)

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church request the staff of faith communities, dioceses, camp and conference centers and other Episcopal institutions to consider allocating a defined percentage of their total annual food expenditure to food locally grown or freshly processed, using resources such as or similar to the Diocese of Delaware’s 2017 convention resolution, Support Producers of Locally Grown Food; and be it further

Resolved, That this 79th General Convention urge Episcopal Church institutions, schools and faith communities, as they provide, prepare and serve meals and distribute food at events and ministries, to make every effort to use locally grown and processed foods.

The House of Deputies Committee on Environmental Stewardship and Care of Creation presented its Report #8 on HB Message #255 on Resolution D053 (Stewardship of Creation with Church-Owned Land) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #437)

Final Text of Resolution:
(D053)

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention recommends that all dioceses, faith communities and institutions create partnerships enabling the use of church-owned land for regenerative agriculture and biodiversity conservation projects in order to sequester carbon and to mitigate climate change; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention direct the Executive Council to appoint a body to gather information from the Church Pension Group, dioceses and other sources in order to create an inventory of all church-owned properties; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention requests that each Diocese consider the potential for utilization of church-owned property for new ministries integrating the care of Creation, particularly in situations where properties are no longer regularly utilized; and be it further

Resolved, That the body appointed by Executive Council develop model processes by which dioceses, faith communities and institutions may collaborate with partner agencies to care for creation and sequester carbon through regenerative agriculture, biodiversity conservation, green burial, and habitat restoration; and be it further

Resolved, That the appointed body report back to the 80th General Convention.

The House of Deputies Committee on Environmental Stewardship and Care of Creation presented its Report #9 on HB Message #250 on Resolution D081 (Helping Communities Affected by Change in Energy Use) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #439)

Final Text of Resolution:
(D081)

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church recognize that society's dependence on coal and other fossil fuels has created communities across the supply chain that are not just economically, but also culturally and socially identified with the industry; and that the long-term unsustainability of those fuels and inevitable transition to other sources of energy places the livelihood and culture of these communities at risk; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church call on its members to develop programs that address the negative impacts on these communities of the economic and energy transition away from fossil fuels; and that it specifically urge the staff responsible for Reconciliation, Justice, and Creation Care to devote financial and program resources to community development and community organizing efforts intended to ease this transition and strengthen communities in fossil fuel dependent areas; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church authorize the Office of Government Relations and the Episcopal Public Policy Network to advocate for policy initiatives intended to ease this transition for communities in fossil fuel dependent areas by increasing the availability and quality of jobs; access to vocational training, college and other educational opportunities; availability of childcare and early childhood education; access to adequate and stable housing; and other relevant community services, including support for agencies such as the Appalachian Regional Commission and others that invest in community development in these regions.

The House of Deputies Committee on Environmental Stewardship and Care of Creation presented its Report #14 on HB Message #221 on Resolution B025 (Water as a Human Right) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #440)
Final Text of Resolution:

(B025)

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention of the Episcopal Church urges the Church to learn about the watersheds and aquifers in the regions in which our faith communities and institutions are located; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church recognize the public trust that protects the waters and community uses in the watersheds and aquifers of the communities and regions that make up the Church; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church recognize water and sanitation as human rights and water as a commons (a publicly held natural system); and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church urge the phase out and eventual ban, by 2021 the sale or distribution of bottled water in Church-related facilities and at Church events except when local water supplies are deemed unsafe; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church promotes and advocate for publicly financed, owned, and operated safe water and wastewater infrastructure and services.

The House of Deputies Committee on Environmental Stewardship and Care of Creation presented its Report #15 on HB Message #244 on Resolution A213 (Promoting Energy and Water Efficiency Across The Church) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #441)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A213)

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention direct the Executive Council to create a mechanism to acquire data on energy and water sources, usage and efficiency from all church properties; and be it further

Resolved, That such data be used to create educational resources that will assist faith communities and other Episcopal institutions to reduce their environmental impact; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request that the Joint Standing Committee on Program Budget and Finance allocate $30,000 for acquisition and dissemination of this information.

The House of Deputies Committee on Environmental Stewardship and Care of Creation presented its Report #16 on HB Message #218 on Resolution A019 (Create a Task Force To Study and Report on the Intersection of Evangelism, Church Planting and Care of Creation) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #477)
Final Text of Resolution:  

(A019)  

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention encourage the Episcopal Church Center Staff working in evangelism and church planting to collaborate with such task forces as may be appointed for creation care and evangelism to study and report on the intersection of Evangelism, Church Planting, and Care of Creation; and be it further  

Resolved, That this group, comprised of Episcopal Church Center staff and relevant task force(s) shall determine how many of the new ministries begun with funding from The Episcopal Church since two thousand (2000) integrate the care of Creation as a core component of ministry. The group shall interview these ministry founders and core team, and shall make an assessment regarding the opportunities, challenges, and blessings of this intersection of ministry. In particular, the group shall make an assessment as to whether and how these methods of ministry are effective in engaging younger generations, defined as individuals and households under forty (40) years of age; and be it further  

Resolved, That Executive Council shall designate the lead author of a report on opportunities for promoting the Jesus Movement though the intersection of evangelism and creation care be delivered to the 80th General Convention.  

[Ed. Note: Resolution A019 was incorrectly processed as an adopt with amendment instead of a concur. It therefore was reported as incomplete in the Summary of Actions. It has been corrected to concurred here.]  

Racial Justice and Reconciliation  
The House of Deputies Committee on Racial Justice and Reconciliation presented its Report #2 on HB Message #261 on Resolution A015 (Anti-Racism/Diversity/Bias Awareness Training for Interim Bodies) and moved concurrence.  

Motion carried  
The House concurred  
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #442)  

Final Text of Resolution:  

(A015)  

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention affirm that the “mission of the Church is to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ” (BCP 855, Catechism). And that the work of The Jesus Movement is articulated in the pursuit of the reconciliation of humanity in the pursuit of Racial Reconciliation; and be it further  

Resolved, That the General Convention acknowledge the work of the Church happening in Interim Bodies is done by groups of Episcopal neighbors, initially strangers to one another, under time and budget constraints and that, as Interim Bodies work, opportunities abound for conscious and unconscious bias to manifest itself and can take the form of oppression and aggression counter to the work of the Body and the Gospel; and be it further  

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention require the constituted Interim Bodies of the 2019-2021 triennium to include an Anti-Racism/Diversity/Bias Awareness component at their initial meetings and that the cost of such trainings be folded into the budget for each Interim Body.
Social Justice and United States Policy

The House of Deputies Committee on Social Justice and United States Policy presented its Report #15 on HB Message #252 on Resolution A286 (Keeping Faith With U.S. Military Recruits) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #445)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A286)

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church express its condemnation of the U.S. Department of Defense's policy shift to discharge non-citizen immigrants from their voluntary service in The United States Armed Forces; and be it further

Resolved, That the Office of Government Relations urge the US Government to honor its commitments to immigrants currently serving in the US armed forces who are promised a pathway to citizenship; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church take every opportunity to give prayerful thanks for U.S. military service members born in other countries who have dedicated their lives to defending the values of the freedom and justice for all people, a tradition dating back to the immigrants to North America who fought, sacrificed and gave their lives for the founding of The United States of America.

The House of Deputies Committee on Social Justice and United States Policy presented its Report #19 on HB Message #226 on Resolution C032 (Against Human Trafficking) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #448)

Final Text of Resolution:

(C032)

Resolved, That consistent with Resolution 2009-A167 of the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church, which "calls for the protection of all victims of human trafficking," the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church supports the Code of Conduct for the Protection of Children from Sexual Exploitation in Travel and Tourism ("The Code") adopted by ECPAT (End Child Prostitution and Trafficking); and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church encourage programs and ministries of The Episcopal Church to give preference to tourism companies and businesses, including but not limited to hotels, airlines, and travel agents, that have signed The Code when making arrangements for meetings and travel to meetings; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church encourage programs and ministries of The Episcopal Church to make available opportunities for advocacy and education with tourism companies and businesses, including but not limited to hotels, airlines, and travel agents, that have not signed The Code when they are used for arrangement for meetings and travel to meetings; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church urge all dioceses, parishes within the dioceses, and members of The Episcopal Church to give preference to tourism companies and...
businesses, including but not limited to hotels, airlines, and travel agents, that have signed The Code when traveling and to engage in advocacy with tourism companies and businesses that have not; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church website make available current information on the status of companies that have signed The Code, which can be found at http://www.thecode.org/who-have-signed/members/; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention recommends that information describing human trafficking, and training for identification of possible cases of human trafficking be added to the Safe Church Policies of The Episcopal Church.

The House of Deputies Committee on Social Justice and United States Policy presented its Report #17 on HB Message #253 on Resolution C037 (Call to Respond to Opioid Epidemic) and moved concurrence. The House concurred (Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #453)

Final Text of Resolution:

(C037)

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention call all dioceses and parishes in The Episcopal Church to respond to the opioid epidemic with training, pastoral care, advocacy, and liturgy; and be it further

Resolved, That dioceses and parishes be urged to: partner with First Responders and others in the medical community to host trainings on how to administer naloxone in the event of an overdose; partner with other faith communities and recovery programs in their local contexts to offer pastoral care to those affected by this epidemic; partner with other faith leaders to advocate with local and state government regarding policies and laws to promote healing and wholeness for those affected by this epidemic; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention direct the Office of Government Relations of The Episcopal Church to advocate for the federal government of the United States to address this as public health crisis, affirming that opioid use disorder is a disease, which needs adequate resources for treatment options; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to develop additional liturgical resources to address the needs and concerns of those whose lives have been profoundly affected by this epidemic; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention concurrently acknowledge the purpose and value of prescription opioid medications in appropriately treating chronic, intractable, pain; or acute pain resulting from curable, short-term medical conditions; and affirm the work of the medical community to create established medical guidelines supporting people living with pain; and call all dioceses and parishes in The Episcopal Church to partner with the medical community and health nonprofit organizations to understand the realities, risks, and barriers to access to care and effective treatments and cures for people living with chronic conditions and otherwise untreated or undertreated pain; and be it further

Resolved, That the Church recognize that issues of substance use disorders, access to diagnosis and effective treatment, and lack of appropriate treatment for untreated or undertreated pain affect all communities, but especially those marginalized in poverty, racial, gender, and ethnic discrimination, persons with disabilities, and other minority communities; and be it further
Resolved, That congregations be urged to include in the Prayers of the People intercessions for patients, families, and communities affected by substance use disorders and also by untreated and undertreated pain and chronic diseases; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention to authorize the Presiding Officers to create a task force to assist in the curation and creation of resources for education, prevention, pastoral care, recovery, advocacy, and partnering with community organizations to be use by dioceses and parishes for the purpose of responding to the opioid epidemic and substance use disorders; 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; and be it further

Resolved, That the membership of this task force will be appointed by the Presiding Officers and consist of no fewer than 8 nor more than 14 members; and that the task force be made up of bishops, priests, deacons, and laity; and be it further

Resolved, That the task force will complete this work within two years.

The House of Deputies Committee on Social Justice and United States Policy presented its Report #18 on HB Message #256 on Resolution D077 (Reduce Death Penalty Sentence) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #454)

Final Text of Resolution:
(D077)

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church reaffirms the longstanding principle espoused by The Episcopal Church that the Death Penalty in the United States of America should be repealed; and be it further

Resolved, That all persons who have been sentenced to Death in the United States of America have their Death Sentences reduced to a lesser Sentence or, if innocent, granted exoneration; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of this 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church transmit, forward or send this Resolution to the Governors in all States where the Death Penalty is legal and to the President of the United States of America, encouraging them to reduce the Death Sentence to a lesser Sentence for all persons who are on Death Row in each of their jurisdictions and to submit and support legislation to repeal and abolish the Death Penalty; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of this 79th Convention of The Episcopal Church transmit, forward or send this Resolution to all Bishops in States and Federal Jurisdictions where the Death Penalty is legal, encouraging them to appoint task forces of clergy and lay persons within each of their jurisdictions to develop a plan to repeal the Death Penalty, to be witnesses in the name of Jesus Christ, and to request that these Bishops report on their actions to the Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church annually prior to the 80th General Convention, on or before June 30, 2019, June 30, 2020, and June 30, 2021, all of which reports shall be available to lay communicants and clergy of The Episcopal Church; and be it further

Resolved, That The 79th General Convention urge Dioceses, congregations, and Episcopalians to advocate for passage of legislation in state legislatures that would abolish the Death Penalty and commend those Governors who have suspended the Death Penalty in their states.
The House of Deputies Committee on Social Justice and United States Policy presented its Report #20 on HB Message #258 on Resolution Do89 (Supporting Non-Discrimination and Civil Rights) and moved concurrence.

**Motion carried**  
The House concurred  
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #456)

**Final Text of Resolution:**

(Do89)

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention decries the use of expressions of explicit racial malice and racially coded language with discriminatory intent on the part of political leaders; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention express its dismay at the statements expressing animosity and fear toward Muslims that have pervaded political discourse in the United States in recent years; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention recognize legitimate national security concerns, but reject national security as a pretext for discrimination and transgressing civil rights; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention express regret at historical and current U.S. Supreme Court decisions that uphold governmental discriminatory policies and practices including Korematsu v. United States and Trump v. Hawaii; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention direct The Episcopal Church's Office of Government Relations to urge the U.S. government to enact and implement legislation, policies, and initiatives that are not discriminatory in intent or in practice, and that remedies be sought to address the wrongs committed through discrimination, government policies, and political rhetoric that cause injury to communities that have been discriminated against.

Racial Justice and Reconciliation

The House of Deputies Committee on Racial Justice and Reconciliation presented its Report #3 on HB Message #262 on Resolution A042 (Proposed Name Change for EC Committee on Anti-Racism) and moved concurrence with referral to an interim body.

**Motion carried**  
The House concurred  
Resolution referred  
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #458)

Social Justice and United States Policy

The House of Deputies Committee on Social Justice and United States Policy presented its Report #22 on HB Message #245 on Resolution B029 (Reaffirmation of Jubilee Ministries) and moved concurrence.

**Motion carried**  
The House concurred  
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #459)
Final Text of Resolution:

(B029)

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention reaffirm the Jubilee Ministry Program established by the 67th General Convention as a ministry of joint discipleship in Christ with poor and oppressed people, whenever they are found, to meet basic human needs and to build a just society as an incarnational expression of the core mission of the church; and be it further

Resolved, That training be provided to center staff and Diocesan Jubilee Officers (DJOs) in the biblical roots of the Jubilee movement and how to connect with the Jesus Movement work of racial reconciliation and economic and environmental justice work; and be it further

Resolved, That the Executive Council recognize the Jubilee Ministries as the most effective “outreach arm” of the Church and continue designations of Jubilee Centers in a timely and scheduled manner; and be it further

Resolved, That Jubilee Centers enhance the work by engaging the Asset Map, Asset-Based Community Development (ABCD), the Jesus Movement and offering their ministries as models for others; and be it further

Resolved, That Program, Budget and Finance be directed to allocate $60,000 to support staffing, and nurturing and expanding the network of DJOs and the network of Jubilee Centers.

The House of Deputies Committee on Social Justice and United States Policy presented its Report #21 on HB Message #248 on Resolution D006 (Just Transition: Automation and New Technology) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #463)

Final Text of Resolution:

(D006)

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church urge our members, Office of Government Relations and other agencies, congregations, and dioceses to address the needs and opportunities of local and global economic transition, as such change affects the capacity and dignity of human beings and the welfare of God’s children. As participants in local and global economies, as citizens, and as advocates, The Episcopal Church urges faithfulness to these principles:

- Preparing and investing in people so that society as a whole, including workers and local communities, are ready for the economic transition; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church support

- Public investment in education and skills necessary to help individuals, families, and communities transition to new industries as some sectors experience contraction while opportunities that require specialized skills grow in other fields; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church support a

- Transition to a clean-energy economy that meets goals for climate change mitigation and also includes support for good jobs (i.e., jobs with living wages and benefits that can support a family) in new clean-
energy industries as well as strong implementation of new technologies to meet new energy standards, recognizing that carbon-based jobs have often been union jobs; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church support the principle and goal of public funding for

- Universal access to community college programs that are preparing students with skills to meet the workforce needs of the present and future, as well as apprenticeship programs, or similar models, that are well articulated with community college programs, labor unions and other worker organizations, and employer workforce development programs, to provide sustainable wages and educational experience on the job; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church support

- Public policies such as community benefit agreements and local-hire agreements in public works projects and publicly supported industrial development in order to encourage democratic and local control over development and pathways to jobs for underserved local residents;

- The rights of workers everywhere to organize, whether in traditional labor unions or new forms of worker organization, in order to have a voice in their workplaces and in sectoral policy development and national industrial policies as technological change continues to create deep and fast changes within the labor market both within the United States and globally.

The House of Deputies Committee on Social Justice and United States Policy presented its Report #23 on HB Message #254 on Resolution D013 (Eliminate the Provision for Legal Slavery in the U.S. Constitution) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #465)

Final Text of Resolution:

(D013)

Resolved, That this 79th General Convention affirm the dignity of every human being created in the image of God and is therefore against all human slavery at any time, in any form, under any circumstance; and be it further

Resolved, That this 79th General Convention urge the Presiding Bishop and President of the House of Deputies to appoint a task force for the next Triennium of twelve people, consisting of theologians, constitutional law experts, litigators, legislative procedure experts, leaders and representatives from civil rights organizations, returning citizens, and criminal justice scholars knowledgeable of the history, content and lingering effects of Transatlantic slavery; and be it further

Resolved, That the task force develop strategies to remove the loophole language of Amendment XIII to the U.S. Constitution authorizing legal slavery past 1865; that reads, “Neither slavery nor indentured servitude, except as a punishment for crime whereof the party shall have been duly convicted, shall exist within the United States, or any place subject to their jurisdiction…”; and be it further

Resolved, That the task force work with the Episcopal Church Office of Government Relations to collaborate with the Episcopal ecumenical/interfaith partners to support efforts in offering new constitutional language ending slavery ‘without exception’; 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.
The House of Deputies Committee on Social Justice and United States Policy presented its Report #14 on HB Message #259 on Resolution D090 (Engaging the Church in Advocacy for Disability Rights) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #468)

Final Text of Resolution:

(D090)

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church reaffirm its commitment to preserve and advance the civil and human rights of all Deaf people and people with disabilities; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention recognize that despite significant progress in this regard over the past several decades, many Deaf persons and people with disabilities still face significant barriers to full integration in community and society, including but not limited to lack of communication access, unnecessary institutionalization, lack of access to health care, lack of access to appropriate services and supports, barriers to education and gainful, meaningful employment; and widespread discrimination in everyday life; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention direct the Office of Government Relations and Episcopal Public Policy Network to partner with Deaf- and disability-led organizations to support national and international legislation and advocacy consistent with the Church’s commitment, and engage Episcopalians in supporting those efforts.

Churchwide Leadership

The House of Deputies Committee on Churchwide Leadership presented its Report #32 on HB Message #213 on Resolution A287 (Amend Canon III.13 (Formerly Resolution A171) and moved concurrence with referral to an interim body.

Motion carried
The House concurred
Resolution referred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #470)

Racial Justice and Reconciliation

The House of Deputies Committee on Racial Justice and Reconciliation presented its Report #7 on HB Message #219 on Resolution A228 (Beloved Community Summit: Igniting the Church to be Bold Agents for Racial Healing, Justice, and Reconciliation) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #469)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A228)

Resolved, That the General Convention shall promote the gathering of leaders, who are engaged in the work of racial reconciliation and racial justice throughout the Episcopal Church for the purposes of building capacity among leaders and igniting the church to live into the Jesus Way of Beloved Community; and be it further
Resolved, That the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, in collaboration with partner ministries, shall organize by December 31st, 2019, a Beloved Community Summit: Igniting the Church to be Bold Agents for Racial Healing, Racial Justice, and Reconciliation. This gathering would accelerate the work of racial reconciliation by sharing stories, best practices, resources, and identifying needed action in each of the four areas of becoming Beloved Community, that will grow a network of healers, justice makers, and reconcilers; and be it further

Resolved, That the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society fund this work for the implementation of this resolution, especially to ensure participation in the Summit by the widest representation of all God’s People.

Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations

The House of Deputies Committee on Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations presented its Report #9 on HB Message #231 on Resolution D085 (Communion Relationship with Church of Sweden) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #467)

Final Text of Resolution:

(D085)

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention acknowledge and affirm the existing full communion relationship between The Episcopal Church and the (Evangelical Lutheran) Church of Sweden, in furtherance of the 78th General Convention’s Resolution B004, which received and commended the “Report on the Grounds for Future Relations Between the Church of Sweden and The Episcopal Church,” and called on the Presiding Bishop to explore ways for the relationship with the Church of Sweden to be deepened, and which full communion relationship was formally celebrated during a Eucharist service at Uppsala Cathedral, Sweden in November 2015, a service led by former Episcopal Church Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori, at the invitation of Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, and the Church of Sweden Archbishop Antje Jackelén; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention request the Presiding Bishop to prepare, in concert with the Church of Sweden, a memorandum of understanding setting forth the terms and procedures of the full communion between The Episcopal Church and the Church of Sweden.

World Mission

The House of Deputies Committee on World Mission presented its Report #12 on HB Message #260 on Resolution D098 (Increase Focus and Engagement in Latin America and the Caribbean) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #466)
Final Text of Resolution:

(D098)

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church rejoice in the shared ministry and fellowship of our dioceses of The Episcopal Church and our Anglican Communion partners throughout Latin America and the Caribbean; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention direct the Office of Government Relations and the Office of Global Partnerships to employ the Church's relationships with the United States government and the Church's official status at the United Nations to engage with member states, regional groups of states, and international organizations such as the Organization of American States, and to find opportunities for partnership to advance mutual goals and mission; and be it further

Resolved, That a report on such engagement be included in the appropriate report(s) regarding The Episcopal Church's activities at the United Nations; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention commend the work and generosity of all Episcopalians and Episcopal organizations supporting, ministering with, and empowering our family in Christ in Latin America and the Caribbean.

Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music

The House of Deputies Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #24 on HB Message #215 on Resolution Ao67 (Propose Additional Optional Fast Days for Lesser Feasts and Fasts) and moved concurrence with referral to an interim body.

Motion carried
The House concurred
Resolution referred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #464)

The House of Deputies Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #21 on HB Message #206 on Resolution Co28 (Amend Canon II.4) and moved concurrence with referral to an interim body.

Motion carried
The House concurred
Resolution referred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #462)

The House of Deputies Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #20 on HB Message #208 on Resolution Co46 (Commemorating Appleton Deaconesses) and moved concurrence with referral to an interim body.

Motion carried
The House concurred
Resolution referred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #461)
The House of Deputies Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #19 on HB Message #207 on Resolution C065 (Resolution Include The Reverend John Edwin Culmer in Feast/Fast Calendar) and moved concurrence with referral to an interim body.

Motion carried
The House concurred
Resolution referred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #460)

Committee to Receive the Report of Resolution A169

The House of Deputies Committee to Receive the Report of Resolution A169 presented its Report #21 on Resolution A016 (Trial Use of Creation Care Language in the Baptismal Covenant) and moved to refer the resolution to the Task Force on Liturgy and Prayer Book Revision.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A016)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention, hearing the baptismal prayer asking for the newly baptized to be granted “the gift of joy and wonder in all your works,” authorize the trial use of additions to the Baptismal Covenant concerning our responsibility as baptized Christians to care for God’s creation; and be it further

Resolved, That there be two (2) options for this addition;

First, an additional question may be added with the wording:
“Will you cherish the wondrous works of God, and protect and restore the beauty and integrity of all creation?
People: I will, with God’s help.”

Second, that the question:
“Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity every human being?” may be augmented as “Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of the Earth and every human being?”;

And be it further

Resolved, That use of this additional wording be authorized for trial use as part of the Baptismal Covenant for the triennium following the 79th General Convention, beginning on the first Sunday of Advent 2018; and be it further

Resolved, That the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music accept comments and suggestions on the trial baptismal covenant language at the 80th General Convention and, as appropriate, consider for future inclusion in the revised Prayer Book.

Motion carried
Resolution referred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #457)
The House of Deputies Committee to Receive the Report of Resolution A169 presented its Report #20 on Resolution A017 (Creation Liturgies in Prayer Book Revision) and moved to refer the resolution to the Task Force on Liturgy and Prayer Book Revision.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A017)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention affirm the central Anglican tenet of lex orandi, lex credendi (“the law of praying is the law of believing,” or, more conversationally, “praying shapes believing”); and be it further

Resolved, That the Prayer Book is a primary way Episcopalians are formed through lex orandi, lex credendi; and be it further

Resolved, That, in light of the catastrophic failure of humanity to live into its role as stewards of God’s good creation and our inherent call to reconcile with all God’s creation, the General Convention directs future Prayer Book revision to include creation-focused liturgies which recognize mourning and lamentation, joy and celebration, and repentance and reconciliation; and be it further

Resolved, That this understanding, appreciation and care of God’s good creation be explicitly incorporated in the Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation and Ordination liturgies.

Motion carried
Resolution referred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #455)

The House of Deputies Committee to Receive the Report of Resolution A169 presented its Report #19 on Resolution A069 (Engagement with the Book of Common Prayer) and moved to take no further action.

Motion carried
The House took no further action
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #452)

The House of Deputies Committee to Receive the Report of Resolution A169 presented its Report #18 on Resolution A085 (Trial Use of Marriage Liturgies) and moved to take no further action.

Motion carried
The House took no further action
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #451)

The House of Deputies Committee to Receive the Report of Resolution A169 presented its Report #17 on Resolution C030 (Proposed Baptismal Covenant Language) and moved to refer the resolution to the Task Force on Liturgy and Prayer Book Revision.

Original Text of Resolution:

(C030)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention authorize the trial addition to the Baptismal Covenant of an additional question concerning our responsibility as baptized Christians to care for God’s creation; and be it further

Resolved, That the additional question and response be worded as follows:
“Will you cherish the wondrous works of God, and protect and restore the beauty and integrity of all creation?”
“I will, with God’s help.”

And be it further

Resolved, That use of this additional question and response be authorized for trial use as part of the Baptismal Covenant for the triennium following the 79th General Convention, beginning on the first Sunday of Advent 2018.

Motion carried
Resolution referred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #450)

The House of Deputies Committee to Receive the Report of Resolution A169 presented its Report #16 on Resolution C031 (Minimize Gendered Language in the BCP) and moved to take no further action.

Motion carried
The House took no further action
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #449)

The House of Deputies Committee to Receive the Report of Resolution A169 presented its Report #14 on Resolution C062 (On the Gendered Language of God) and moved to take no further action.

Motion carried
The House took no further action
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #447)

The House of Deputies Committee to Receive the Report of Resolution A169 presented its Report #15 on Resolution D036 (BCP Revision: Inclusive & Expansive Language) and moved to take no further action.

Motion carried
The House took no further action
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #446)

Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations

The House of Deputies Committee on Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations presented its Report #10 on HB Message #280 on Resolution D055 (Create an Ecumenical and Interreligious Working Group) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #444)

Final Text of Resolution:

(D055)

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention, pursuant to Joint Rule IX.22, create a task force with membership appointed by the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies to report
annually to the Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons (SCSGCC) its work in addressing matters of ecumenical and interreligious significance, including but not limited to: respond to ecumenical and interreligious issues that may arise between meetings of General Convention; have primary responsibility for developing responses to ecumenical and interreligious documents; assist the Presiding Bishop, appropriate DFMS staff, and the Executive Council with formulating and implementing ecumenical and interreligious policy; and provide such other assistance and counsel to the SCSGCC with respect to matters that come before the SCSGCC that have ecumenical or interreligious significance, in collaboration with the Deputy for Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations and Episcopal Diocesan Ecumenical and Interreligious Officers; and be it further

Resolved, That the task force shall begin on January 1, 2019, and end at the end of the 81st General Convention, unless its mandate is extended by that Convention; and be it further

Resolved, That the task force shall provide an interim report to the 80th General Convention; and be it further

Resolved, That the membership of this task force include up to three Bishops appointed by the Presiding Bishop for six-year terms; up to three Priests and/or Deacons and up to three lay persons appointed by the President of the House of Deputies for six-year terms; and up to three members of the SCSGCC appointed by the SCSGCC; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $25,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

Election of Executive Council

The House of Deputies Committee on Dispatch of Business presented its Report #20 on Resolution X024 on the Election of Bishop Members of Executive Council and moved confirmation.

Motion carried
Election confirmed
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #471)

Elected as Members of the Executive Council:

The Rt. Rev. Scott B. Hayashi
The Rt. Rev. Anne Elliott Hodges-Copple

Social Justice and United States Policy

The House of Deputies Committee on Social Justice and United States Policy presented its Report #24 on HB Message #285 on Resolution D071 (Establish State Policy Networks) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #436)

Final Text of Resolution:

(D071)

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention to be faithful in living into the Jesus Movement encourage the continued growth and development of grassroots advocacy capacity, with the intention of creating, equipping and mobilizing networks of Episcopalians to address the issues of social justice including but
not limited to civil rights, racial reconciliation, environmental stewardship, alleviation of hunger and poverty; and be it further

Resolved, That the Office of Government Relations continue outreach to build awareness and membership of the Episcopal Public Policy Network throughout The Episcopal Church; and be it further

Resolved, That as resources allow, the Office of Government Relations support dioceses in developing or expanding state advocacy networks consistent with resolutions of the General Convention or Executive Council of The Episcopal Church and with the support of the diocesan bishop or bishops in the states they operate.

Churchwide Leadership

The House of Deputies Committee on Churchwide Leadership presented its Report #34 on HB Message #195 on Resolution A169 (Amend Canon III.12.9(l) and Canon III.12.9(m)) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #433)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A169)

Resolved, That Sections 9(l) and 9(m) of Canon III.12.9 are hereby amended to read as follows:

(l) A resigned Bishop may, with the approval of the Bishop of the Diocese in which the resigned Bishop resides, accept an appointment by a Bishop Diocesan to any position created under the authority of the Diocesan Convention, including that of Assistant Assisting Bishop, and may, at the same time, occupy a pastoral charge; provided, however, that a resigned Bishop over the age of seventy-two may accept the appointment only for a term not to exceed twelve months, and this term may be renewed.

(m) Assisting Bishops are those bishops whose primary roles are teaching, preaching or providing sacramental rites at the invitation of the Ecclesiastical Authority of the diocese where the Assisting Bishop has been invited to participate for particular times and places. A resigned Bishop over the age of seventy-two may accept an appointment by a Bishop Diocesan for a term not to exceed twelve months, and this term may be renewed.

End of Consent Calendar

Privilege and Courtesy

The Secretary moved to consider the following resolutions as a block: A290 (Express Gratitude to Ecumenical Visitors), A206 (Extend Greetings to the United Methodist Church), A231 (Celebrate Episcopal Church Women and United Thank Offering), A235 (Send Greetings to Ms. Virginia Collins), A233 (Honor the Right Reverend Mary Adelia Macleod), A236 (Express Gratitude to Canon Dr. Bonnie Anderson), A234 (Express Gratitude to the Very Rev. George L. W. Werner), A293 (Express Gratitude to the Voting Secretary), A232 (Gratitude for the Young Adult Festival), A288 (Gratitude for the Children’s Program), A210 (Gratitude for Bishops’ Witness Against Gun Violence), A212 (Thanking Episcopalians for the Response to 2017 Disasters), A298 (Gratitude for the TEConversations), A190 (Church Pension Fund), A211 (Celebrate Diocesan Anniversaries), A224 (Gratitude for the Seminary of the Southwest), A197
Beginning of Privilege and Courtesy resolutions moved as a block

The House of Deputies Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #32 on Resolution A290 (Express Gratitude to Ecumenical Visitors) and moved adoption.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #405)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A290)
Resolved, That the House of Deputies of the 79th General Convention expresses its gratitude for the presence of visiting bishops, ecumenical friends, and Anglican Communion guests who have shared stories, wisdom, and experience; and be it further
Resolved, That the 79th General Convention reaffirms our commitment to work and pray together as active participants in the Jesus Movement.

The House of Deputies Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #19 on Resolution A206 (Extend Greetings to the United Methodist Church) and moved adoption.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #406)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A206)
Resolved, That the House of Deputies of the 79th General Convention send greetings and congratulations to our brothers and sisters of the United Methodist Church on the 50th anniversary of its founding, and the 150th anniversary of the Methodist Movement.

The House of Deputies Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #22 on Resolution A231 (Celebrate Episcopal Church Women and United Thank Offering) and moved adoption.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #407)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A231)
Resolved, That the House of Deputies of the 79th General Convention expresses appreciation for the presence and witness of Episcopal Church Women at its 49th Triennial Meeting; and be it further...
Resolved, That we recognize generous contributions to the United Thank Offering during this triennium as demonstrated at the Ingathering on July 6, 2018 in the amount of $3,738,989.47; and be it further

Resolved, That we celebrate the 34 grants awarded for 2018 totaling $1,283,216.21 to recipients representing eight Anglican Communion provinces and 28 dioceses of The Episcopal Church.

The House of Deputies Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #23 on Resolution A235 (Send Greetings to Ms. Virginia Collins) and moved adoption.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #408)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A235)

Resolved, That the House of Deputies of the 79th General Convention sends greetings to Ms. Virginia Collins, widow of the Very Reverend David Collins, President of the House of Deputies from 1985 to 1991; and be it further

Resolved, That we offer thanks to Ms. Collins for her ministry, and assure her of our continued prayers.

[Ed. Note: Resolution A235 was adopted by the House of Deputies only, therefore the journal editor's changed the language from "That the 79th General Convention" to "That the House of Deputies of the 79th General Convention".]

The House of Deputies Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented their report #24, on Resolution A233 (Honor the Right Reverend Mary Adelia Macleod) and moved adoption, with a minor correction noting she was of The Episcopal Church, not the Anglican Communion.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #409)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A233)

Resolved, That the House of Deputies of the 79th General Convention honors the 25th anniversary of the election of the Right Reverend Mary Adelia McLeod to serve as the Ninth Bishop of the Diocese of Vermont; and be it further

Resolved, That we acknowledge the silver anniversary of this pioneer's consecration on All Saints Day 1993, when she became the first woman to serve as diocesan bishop in The Episcopal Church, fulfilling her responsibilities with grace and dignity.

[Ed. Note: Resolution A233 was adopted by the House of Deputies only, therefore the journal editor's changed the language from "That the 79th General Convention" to "That the House of Deputies of the 79th General Convention". The change noted by the committee was also implemented in the final language.]
The House of Deputies Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #26 on Resolution A236 (Express Gratitude to Canon Dr. Bonnie Anderson) and moved adoption.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #410)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A236)

Resolved, That the House of Deputies of the 79th General Convention expresses deep appreciation and gratitude to Canon Dr. Bonnie Anderson for her continuing commitment and ministry in The Episcopal Church and in the world; and be it further

Resolved, That we honor her service as Deputy, Vice-President, and President of the House of Deputies; and be it further

Resolved, That we extend greetings to Canon Dr. Bonnie Anderson and her family, and continue to hold them in our prayers.

The House of Deputies Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #25 on Resolution A234 (Express Gratitude to the Very Rev. George L. W. Werner) and moved adoption.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #411)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A234)

Resolved, That the House of Deputies of the 79th General Convention honor the Very Rev. George L. W. Werner, who served as the President of the House of Deputies from 2000 to 2006; and be it further

Resolved, That we assure him of our prayerful support as he continues in his faithful service to The Episcopal Church.

The House of Deputies Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #28 on Resolution A293 (Express Gratitude to the Voting Secretary) and moved adoption.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #402)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A293)

Resolved, That the House of Deputies of the 79th General Convention express heartfelt gratitude to The Reverend Winnie Varghese for her humor, patience, calmness, and guidance as Voting Secretary when providing instructions and assistance for the electronic votes and votes by orders.
The House of Deputies Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #34 on Resolution A232 (Gratitude for the Young Adult Festival) and moved adoption.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #412)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A232)

Resolved, That the House of Deputies of the 79th General Convention expresses gratitude for the Young Adult Festival, and for the young adults’ active participation in General Convention, diocesan leadership, and parish ministries; and be it further

Resolved, That we celebrate the inspiring presentation by Ms. Eva Ortez to our General Convention.

[Ed. Note: Resolution A232 was adopted by the House of Deputies only, therefore the journal editor's changed the language from "That the 79th General Convention" to "That the House of Deputies of the 79th General Convention".]

The House of Deputies Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #33 on Resolution A288 (Gratitude for the Children’s Program) and moved adoption.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #413)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A288)

Resolved, That the House of Deputies of the 79th General Convention gives thanks for The General Convention Children's Program that assures the participation of the youngest disciples in the life of the Church, allowing parents and guardians of children to serve at General Convention; and be it further

Resolved, That we express our appreciation to those who are leading, teaching, and ministering to our children through Episcopal Relief and Development's Abundant Life Garden Project, celebrating God’s creation; and be it further

Resolved, That we are grateful for the soft space next to the altar platform in the Convention Center sanctuary that gives our children the ability to participate fully in worship.

[Ed. Note: Resolution A288 was adopted by the House of Deputies only, therefore the journal editor's changed the language from "That the 79th General Convention" to "That the House of Deputies of the 79th General Convention".]
The House of Deputies Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #24 on Resolution A210 (Gratitude for Bishops’ Witness Against Gun Violence) and moved adoption.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted

Final Text of Resolution:

(A210)

Resolved, That the House of Deputies of the 79th General Convention express our gratitude for the public witness of Bishops United Against Gun Violence through the organization of the marches at the 78th and 79th General Conventions; and be it further

Resolved, That we appreciate the bishops’ continued commitment to bear witness against the epidemic of gun violence.

The House of Deputies Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #17 on Resolution A212 (Thanking Episcopalians for the Response to 2017 Disasters) and moved adoption.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #415)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A212)

Resolved, That the House of Deputies of the 79th General Convention extend heartfelt thanks for the response of Episcopalians, congregations, and dioceses in the aftermath of Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria; wildfires; and other natural disasters that struck dioceses in The Episcopal Church in 2017; and be it further

Resolved, That we acknowledge the outpouring of generous support enabling Episcopal Relief and Development and church partners to respond to urgent needs of those impacted by the storms and fires and to develop plans for assistance during long-term recovery.

The House of Deputies Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #37 on Resolution A298 (Gratitude for the TEConversations) and moved adoption.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #416)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A298)

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention gives thanks for the invitation and opportunity to engage in conversation on matters of vital importance to our life and witness as followers of Jesus Christ; and be it further

Resolved, That we are grateful for and inspired by the work, words, hope, and vision of the speakers on Racial Reconciliation: Arno Michaels, Dr. Catherine Meeks, The Reverend Nancy Frausto; and by the poetry and performance of Charles Dawain Stephens (Chucky Black); and be it further
Resolved, That we are encouraged and emboldened by the speakers on Evangelism, including The Right Reverend Alan Scarfe, The Reverend Daniel Vélez-Rivera, and The Reverend Lauren Winner, as well as by the music of Joel Joe, Sam Hensley, Demethia McVea, and Aimee Bostwick (the House Band from the Episcopal Youth Event in 2017); and be it further

Resolved, That we are glad to have been reminded by The Most Reverend Thabo Mkgoba, Sister Helena Marie, and Bernadette Demientieff, speakers on Care of Creation, of the gift we have in God’s good Creation, and appreciate the challenge they issued to be loving, vigilant, and respectful stewards of God’s glorious and gracious gift; and be it further

Resolved, That we thank The Reverend David Crabtree for facilitating these sessions with skill and grace; and be it further

Resolved, That participating in these conversations has helped equip the deputies of the 79th General Convention to be sent by the Holy Spirit into the world in peace to love and serve God with gladness and singleness of heart through Christ our Lord.

The House of Deputies Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #16 on Resolution A190 (Church Pension Fund) and moved adoption.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #417)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A190)

Resolved, That the House of Deputies of the 79th General Convention celebrates the 100th anniversary of the Church Pension Fund (CPF); and be it further

Resolved, That we express our appreciation for the CPF in living out its pastoral ministry of supporting lay and ordained employee retirement, insuring parishes and church organizations, providing financial security in times of disaster or distress, and providing resources through Church Publishing. The CPF fulfills its moral directive of caring for persons and serving the needs of the church by providing life insurance, healthcare and disability insurance, and property and casualty insurance, as evidenced by paying out over $6 billion in benefits to date, and insuring over 9,500 churches and church organizations; and be it further

Resolved, That we celebrate the CPF’s professionalism, compassion, and trustworthiness in responding to the changing needs and demographics of The Episcopal Church.
The House of Deputies Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #18 on Resolution A211 (Celebrate Diocesan Anniversaries) and moved adoption.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #473)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A211)

Resolved, That the House of Deputies of the 79th General Convention join the dioceses of Albany, Central New York, Easton, Long Island, and Nebraska in celebrating the sesquicentennial anniversary of their admission to union with the General Convention; and be it further

Resolved, That the House of Deputies of the 79th General Convention join the Diocese of Ohio, the first diocese established beyond the original 13 colonies, in celebrating the bicentennial anniversary of its admission to union with the General Convention; and be it further

Resolved, That we rejoice in the longevity, vitality, and durability of the faithful witness and ministry of these dioceses in growing God’s kingdom across the continent.

[Ed. Note: Resolution A211 was adopted by the House of Deputies only, therefore the journal editor's changed the language from "That the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church" to "That the House of Deputies of the 79th General Convention".]

The House of Deputies Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #21 on Resolution A224 (Gratitude for the Seminary of the Southwest) and moved adoption.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #472)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A224)

Resolved, That the House of Deputies of the 79th General Convention acknowledges that The Right Reverend John Elbridge Hines, former Presiding Bishop and Bishop of the Diocese of Texas, founded the Episcopal Theological Seminary in Austin, Texas, in 1953 to be “a seminary for the whole church”; and be it further

Resolved, That we give thanks for the past 65 years in which the Seminary of the Southwest has formed several generations of clergy and lay leaders for the church, cultivating a practice of breadth and richness of theological education and tradition; and leading by example by living its core values of hospitality, conversation, mutuality, rootedness, respect, and celebration; and be it further

Resolved, That we appreciate the efforts of seminary Dean and President The Very Reverend Cynthia Briggs Kittredge, as well as staff, students, and volunteers in providing support for this convention.

[Ed. Note: Resolution A224 was adopted by the House of Deputies only, therefore the journal editor’s changed the language from "That the 79th General Convention" to "That the House of Deputies of the 79th General Convention".]
The House of Deputies Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #15 on Resolution A197 (Expressing Gratitude to the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Royal Family) and moved adoption.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #418)

Final Text of Resolution:

(197)

Resolved, That the House of Deputies of the 79th General Convention express its appreciation to The Most Reverend and Right Honourable the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby for graciously welcoming The Most Reverend Michael Bruce Curry, our Presiding Bishop, to serve as preacher at the wedding of Prince Harry and Ms. Meghan Markle, sharing an opportunity for worldwide evangelism with The Episcopal Church; and be it further

Resolved, That we also express our appreciation to Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, in her role as Defender of the Faith, for her assent to the choice; and be it further

Resolved, That we thank the Duke and Duchess of Sussex for their desire to have Bishop Curry’s distinct voice on their wedding day.

The House of Deputies Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #40 on Resolution A304 (Express Gratitude to Off-site Translators) and moved adoption.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #422)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A304)

Resolved, That the House of Deputies of the 79th General Convention extends immense gratitude and appreciation to all off-site translators, under the direction of Rosalie Wells; and be it further

Resolved, That their round-the-clock ministry is highly valued and essential to our participation and witness as members of the Jesus Movement.

The House of Deputies Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #27 on Resolution A294 (Commend Dinorah Padro, Spanish Language Interpreter) and moved adoption.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #419)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A294)

Resolved, That the House of Deputies of the 79th General Convention commend Ms. Dinorah Padro, Spanish language interpreter, for her vital and highly visible ministry with our Presiding Bishop, The Most Reverend Michael B. Curry; and be it further
Resolved, That we acknowledge her remarkable ability to match an extraordinarily dynamic and energetic preacher's expressiveness, grace, and humor; and be it further

Resolved, That we thank her for skillfully communicating his words and message about our loving, liberating, life-giving God to a variety of listeners in so many parts of the world.

End of Privilege and Courtesy resolutions moved as a block

The House of Deputies Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #30 on Resolution A291 (Express Gratitude for the House of Deputies Chaplain) and moved adoption.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #396)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A291)

Resolved, That the House of Deputies of the 79th General Convention extend gratitude to The Rev. Lester V. Mackenzie for his passionate, playful, and pastoral ministry to the House as its Chaplain: for his prayers, music, and joyful presence among us.

The House of Deputies Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #35 on Resolution A299 (Celebrate the Vice-President of the House of Deputies) and moved adoption.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #397)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A299)

Resolved, That the House of Deputies of the 79th General Convention congratulates The Honorable Byron Rushing on his re-election as Vice President of this House; and be it further

Resolved, That we are grateful for his joyful spirit and prophetic voice; and be it further

Resolved, That we acknowledge his deep commitment to The Episcopal Church as the most senior deputy of General Convention and in many other leadership roles.
The House of Deputies Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #36 on Resolution A300 (Gratitude for the Parliamentarian of the House of Deputies) and moved adoption.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #398)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A300)
Resolved, That the House of Deputies of the 79th General Convention expresses gratitude to Bryan Krislock, Parliamentarian, for calmly, gleefully, and efficiently explaining procedures and rules to the House; and be it further
Resolved, That we appreciate his ministry of ensuring that our work is conducted decently and in good order.

The House of Deputies Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #29 on Resolution A292 (Commend the Secretary of the House of Deputies) and moved adoption.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #399)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A292)
Resolved, That the House of Deputies of the 79th General Convention commend its Secretary, The Reverend Canon Michael Barlowe, for his faithful and diligent work as Secretary of the House of Deputies, prior to and during our time in Austin; and be it further
Resolved, That we admire his choice of blue for our Virtual Binder, and appreciate his contributions to the current Blue Book; and be it further
Resolved, That the House is grateful for his consistency and good humor as he fulfills the many responsibilities to this House and the entire Convention.

The House of Deputies Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #14 on Resolution A198 (Express Gratitude for the Royal Wedding Sermon) and moved adoption.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #400)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A198)
Resolved, That the House of Deputies of the 79th General Convention express joy in the preaching of our Presiding Bishop, The Most Reverend Michael Bruce Curry, at the wedding of Prince Harry and Ms. Meghan Markle on May 19, 2018; and be it further
Resolved, That we express our gratitude for his message affirming The Episcopal Church as servants of Jesus, grounded in the love of God; and be it further
Resolved, That we celebrate the warmth, authenticity, enthusiasm, and intimacy with which he addressed the royal couple, their families and guests, and the worldwide viewing audience of 1.9 billion people; and be it further

Resolved, That we, as the Episcopal Branch of The Jesus Movement, rejoice in the vision of loving devotion and servanthood put before us that day.

The House of Deputies Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #39 on Resolution A303 (Rejoice at the Reunion of La Iglesia Episcopal de Cuba With The Episcopal Church) and moved adoption.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #401)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A303)

Resolved, That the House of Deputies of the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church rejoices in its unanimous vote on July 11, 2018 to recognize La Iglesia Episcopal de Cuba as a member diocese of The Episcopal Church, reversing a long injustice, and gives thanks to Almighty God for the faithfulness of La Iglesia Episcopal de Cuba; and be it further

Resolved, That we gratefully acknowledge the ministry of the Metropolitan Council of Cuba and the Anglican Church of Canada for care and assistance to La Iglesia Episcopal de Cuba during those years it struggled to keep the faith alive in its country; and be it further

Resolved, That we welcome with jubilation The Right Reverend Griselda Delgado del Carpio, Bishop of La Iglesia Episcopal de Cuba, and the deputation from Cuba to their rightful seats in their respective Houses.

Communications from the President

The President thanked Deputy Kitagawa of Arizona for his willingness to step in as chair in the absence of the Vice President.

Presentation on 80th General Convention

Deputy Slater of Maryland presented a slideshow on the 80th General Convention from the Diocese of Maryland.

Closing Remarks

The President made closing remarks thanking the House for their dedication and hard work. She also thanked the House for the privilege of serving as president.

Prayers

The President called on the Chaplain for prayers.

Adjournment

The President adjourned the House at 1:42 p.m. sine die.
House of Deputies Appendix A

House of Deputies Legislative Committees

01  **Rules of Order**
Rushing, Mr. Byron, Chair (Massachusetts, I)
Schneider, Mr. Rob, Vice Chair (West Texas, VII)
Washbush, Mr. John M., Secretary (Milwaukee, V)
Montes, Ms. Luz, Assistant Secretary (Texas, VII)
Baldwin, Ms. Beth (Western Massachusetts, I)
Baunsgard, Ms. Jeanine, (Spokane, VIII)
Chalfant-Walker, The Rev. Dr. Nancy (Pittsburgh, III)
Dembali, The Rev. Megan (Bethlehem, III)
Galicia, The Rev. Kathryn (San Joaquin, VIII)
Glass, Esq., Mr. Michael (San Joaquin, VIII)
Harris, Ms. Pamela (Northern Indiana, V)
Hart, Mr. Christopher (Pennsylvania, III)
Johnson, Esq., Ms. Sally A. (Minnesota, VI)
Krislock, Esq., Mr. Bryan W. (Olympia, VIII)
Little, Esq., Mr. Thomas A. (Vermont, I)
Rahmsdorff, Mr. Terry (Eastern Oregon, VIII)
Replogle, The Rev. Jenny (Chicago, V)
Robbins, Ms. Josephine (Western New York, II)
Slater, The Rev. Canon Scott (Maryland, III)

02  **Constitution and Canons**
Simon, Mr. James S., Chair (Ohio, V)
Wells, Ms. Kathleen, Vice Chair (Fort Worth, VII)
Kimble, The Hon. Kelley, Secretary (West Texas, VII)
McKellaston, Ms. Louisa J., Assistant Secretary (Chicago, V)
Alarid, The Hon. Joseph (Rio Grande, VII)
Babb, Mr. Kevin J. (Springfield, V)
Banks, Mr. Charles (Central Pennsylvania, III)
Boyd, Mr. Timothy (Wyoming, VI)
Figueroa, Mrs. Carmen (Puerto Rico, IX)
Foster, III, Mr. C. Bradford (Montana, VI)
Glass, Esq., Mr. Michael (San Joaquin, VIII)
Johnson, Esq., Ms. Sally A. (Minnesota, VI)
Kimbrough, The Very Rev. Timothy E., (Tennessee, IV)
Krislock, Esq., Mr. Bryan W. (Olympia, VIII)
Little, Esq., Mr. Thomas A. (Vermont, I)
Mack, Canon Charles (Northern California, VIII)
Michell, The Very Rev. Dr. Neal O. (Dallas, VII)
Oles, Mr. Douglas (Olympia, VIII)
Popham, The Rev. James (Central Gulf Coast, IV)
Paraison, Mr. Webster (Haiti, II)
Remington, Mr. Scott A. (Central Gulf Coast, IV)
Schwenke, Mr. Roger D. (Southwest Florida, IV)
Constitution and Canons (continued)
Sconiers, The Hon. Rose H. (Western New York, II)
Spaid, The Rev. Canon William (Western Michigan, V)
Wirth, The Rev. Canon Bradley S. (Montana, VI)
Yeiser, Ms. Mary T. (Lexington, IV)

Safeguarding and Title IV
Andrews, Ms. Judith, Chair (Olympia, VIII)
Hayes, Esq., Mr. Christopher J., Vice Chair (California, VIII)
Cole, Ms. L. Zoe, Secretary (Colorado, VI)
Travis, Mr. Eric, Assistant Secretary (Michigan, V)
Amati, Ms. Joan (Indianapolis, V)
Atkinson, The Rev. Kate (New Hampshire, I)
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House of Bishops

Minutes of the

79th General Convention
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 7, of the Constitution, for the Seventy-ninth Regular Meeting of the General Convention, the House of Bishops assembled in the Austin Convention Center, Austin, Texas, in the Diocese of Texas, on Thursday, July 5, 2018, with the Presiding Bishop in the Chair.

Call to Order
The Presiding Bishop called the House of Bishops to order at 8:05 a.m.

Devotions
Devotions were led by chaplains, the Very Rev. Miguelina Howell, Brother Randy Greve, and Mr. Dent Davidson.

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

Calling of Roll & Quorum
The Secretary called the roll, and the Presiding Bishop declared a quorum.

The current membership of the House, pursuant to Article 1, Section 2, was 285 bishops with 278 bishops entitled to vote. Out of that number 157 were resigned and are not to be counted in computing a quorum. Calculating from 121 members, therefore, a quorum was 61 active bishops entitled to vote. There were 152 bishops in attendance at the 79th General Convention.

Message from the House of Deputies
The Presiding Bishop welcomed the arrival of a delegation from The House of Deputies, comprised of delegates named "Michael." Greetings were conveyed and it was announced that The House of Deputies was organized and is ready to proceed with business, with the Rev. Gay Clark Jennings as Chair, Deputy Byron Rushing of Massachusetts as Vice-Chair, and the Rev. Canon Dr. Michael Barlowe, from the Diocese of California as Secretary.

Deputy Michael Moore of the Diocese of East Tennessee introduced deputies named Michael: Deputy Michael Bamberger of Los Angeles, Deputy Michael Booker of Missouri, Deputy Michael Brixton of Pittsburgh, Deputy Michael Burke of Alaska, Deputy Michael Ehmer of Northwest Texas, Deputy Michael Flanagan of Upper South Carolina, Deputy Michael Funston of Kansas, Deputy Michael Gilton of Dallas, Deputy Michael Greene of Eau Claire, Deputy Michael Morrow of Kansas, Deputy Michael Pipkin of

**Appointments**

**Announcement of Vice Chair, Secretary, and Chair of Dispatch of Business**

The Presiding Bishop announced the following appointments.

- **Vice-Chair:** The Rt. Rev. Mary Gray-Reeves, Bishop of El Camino Real
- **Secretary:** The Rt. Rev. Diane Jardine Bruce, Bishop Suffragan of Los Angeles
- **Chair of Dispatch:** The Rt. Rev. Wendell Gibbs, Bishop of Michigan
- **Parliamentarian:** The Rt. Rev. Sean Rowe, Bishop of Northwestern Pennsylvania and Bishop Provisional of Bethlehem
- **Assistant Parliamentarians:** The Rt. Rev. James Mathes, Resigned
  - The Rt. Rev. Mark Hollingsworth, Bishop of Ohio
- **Chaplains:** Brother Randy Greve
  - The Rev. Miguelina Howell
  - Mr. Dent Davidson
- **Tellers:** The Rt. Rev. Arthur Williams, Resigned, Head Teller
  - The Rt. Rev. Kevin Brown, Bishop of Delaware
  - The Rt. Rev. Sam Rodman, Bishop of North Carolina
  - The Rt. Rev. Jennifer Baskerville-Burrows, Bishop of Indianapolis
  - The Rt. Rev. Brian Cole, Bishop of East Tennessee
  - The Rt. Rev. Gretchen Rehberg, Bishop of Spokane
  - The Rt. Rev. John Taylor, Bishop of Los Angeles

**House Organized**

The Secretary moved that the House of Deputies be notified that the House of Bishops was organized and ready to proceed to business.

**Final Text of Resolution:**

(X005)

Resolved, the House of Bishops is organized and ready to proceed to business, with the Most Reverend Michael B. Curry, Presiding Bishop and Primate, in the Chair, with the Rt. Rev. Mary Gray-Reeves, Bishop of El Camino Real, as Vice-Chair, and the Rt. Rev. Diane Jardine Bruce, Bishop Suffragan of Los Angeles, as Secretary.

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

The Presiding Bishop appointed the Rt. Rev. Audrey Scanlon, Bishop of Central Pennsylvania, and the Rt. Rev. Don Johnson, Bishop of West Tennessee, to inform the House of Deputies that the House of Bishops is organized and ready to proceed to business.
Welcome and Seating of Bishops-elect

The Presiding Bishop announced the Bishops-elect who are waiting to receive consent: The Rev. Carlye Hughes, Bishop-Elect of the Diocese of Newark, the Rev. Michael Hunn, Bishop-elect of the Diocese of Rio Grande, and the Rev. Mark Cowell, Bishop-Elect of the Diocese of Western Kansas. The Rev. Kevin Nichols, Bishop-elect of the Diocese of Bethlehem has received consent and was seated with voice but no vote.

Necrology

The Rt. Rev. C. Shannon Mallory, Resigned Bishop of El Camino Real, April 4, 2018
The Rt. Rev. A. Theodore Eastman, Resigned Bishop of Maryland, April 26, 2018
The Rt. Rev. George E. Councell, Resigned Bishop of New Jersey, May 21, 2018
The Rt. Rev. George Richard Millard, Former Bishop Suffragan of California, Bishop Diocesan in El Camino Real, and Convocation of Churches in Europe, June 15, 2018

Reading of the Minutes

The Presiding Bishop entertained a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes.

Motion carried

Welcome from the Host Bishop

The Rt. Rev. C. Andrew Doyle, Bishop of Texas, welcomed the bishops to Austin.

Dispatch of Business

The Rt. Rev. Wendell Gibbs, chair of The House of Bishops Committee on Dispatch of Business announced Committee #22 is organized with the Rt. Rev. Don Johnson, Bishop of West Tennessee as Vice Chair, the Rt. Rev. Clifton Daniel, Resigned, as Secretary, the Rt. Rev. Ed Konieczny, Bishop of Oklahoma, the Rt. Rev. Brian Prior, Bishop of Minnesota, the Rt. Rev. Brian Seage, Bishop of Mississippi, the Rt. Rev. Terry White, Bishop of Kentucky as members, and Margo Acomb as Legislative Aide.

Recess

Following announcements by the Secretary, the Presiding Bishop declared the House to be in recess until 4:30 p.m. and the House was dismissed for Holy Eucharist.

The House recessed at 8:39 a.m.
AFTERNOON SESSION

Reconvene
The House of Bishops reconvened at 4:33 p.m. with the Presiding Bishop in the Chair.

Reflection on #Listening Liturgy
The Vice-Chair led The House of Bishops in a reflection and debrief on the #MeToo liturgy held on Wednesday, July 4. [The House of Bishops conversed in table groups and then shared reflections in the House.]

Enrollment of Bishops
The Secretary called for Bishops who arrived after Roll Call to report to her at the end of the session.

Introduction of Visiting Bishops

Special Order of Business
The Presiding Bishop welcomed Deputy Pauline H.G. Getz of San Diego, Chancellor of the House of Deputies, to share a presentation on new Title IV educational resources.

Consent Calendar
The Secretary announced the Consent Calendar for the Second Day of Legislation.

Dispatch of Business
The House of Bishops Committee on Dispatch of Business presented Report #1 on HD Message #1 on Resolution X001 (Appointment of Michael Barlowe as Secretary of General Convention) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #2)

Final Text of the Resolution:
(X001)
Resolved, That The Reverend Canon Michael Barlowe, having been duly elected Secretary of the House of Deputies, be made Secretary of the General Convention.
The House of Bishops Committee on Dispatch of Business presented Report #2 on HD Message #4 on Resolution X003 (Confirmation of Appointments to the Board of Archives) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #3)

Final Text of the Resolution:
Resolved, That the General Convention confirm the appointments for six-year terms on the Board of Archives of:

- Dr. Heather Calloway, Diocese of Easton
- Mr. Lawrence Hitt, II, Diocese of Colorado
- Ms. Margaret Evans Porter, Diocese of New Hampshire
- The Rev. W. Keith McCoy, Diocese of New Jersey

The House of Bishops Committee on Dispatch of Business presented Report #3 on HD Message #5 on Resolution X004 (Confirming Appointments for the Board of Transition Ministry) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #4)

Final Text of the Resolution:
Resolved, That the General Convention confirm the appointments for six-year terms on the Board for Transition Ministry of:

- Ms. Anne Rudacille Schmidt, Diocese of Dallas
- Ellen McVey, Diocese of Eastern Michigan
- The Rev. Dr. Gary W. Butterworth, Diocese of Western North Carolina
- The Rev. Victor H. Conrado, Diocese of Chicago

The House of Bishops Committee on Dispatch of Business presented its Report #4 on HD Message #2 on Resolution A002 (General Convention Daily Agenda) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #5)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A002)
Resolved, That the 79th General Convention function through the following activities:

1. Formal legislative sessions of the two Houses;
2. Joint sessions for Mission and Evangelism conversation and presentation of proposed budget;
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 79th General Convention held in Austin, Texas be:

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Ministry

The Rt. Rev. Audrey Scanlan, Bishop of Central Pennsylvania, Chair of the House of Bishops Committee on Ministry reported that HB legislative committee #15 was organized and ready for business.

The House of Bishops Committee on Ministry presented its Report #3 on Resolution A098 (Amend Canon III.12.10-Timelines and Pastoral Response in Mediation) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A098)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That Canon III.12.10 is hereby amended to read as follows:
Sec. 10 Reconciliation of Disagreements Affecting the Pastoral Relation between a Bishop and Diocese.
When the pastoral relationship between a Bishop Diocesan, Bishop Coadjutor or Bishop Suffragan and the Diocese is imperiled by disagreement or dissension, and the issues are deemed serious by a Bishop of that Diocese or a two-thirds majority vote of all of the members of the Standing Committee or a two-thirds majority vote of all the members of the Diocesan Convention, any party may petition the Presiding Bishop, in writing, to intervene and assist the parties in their efforts to resolve the disagreement or dissension. The written petition shall include sufficient information to inform the Presiding Bishop and the parties involved of the nature, causes, and specifics of the disagreements or dissension imperiling the pastoral relationship. The Presiding Bishop shall initiate such proceedings as are deemed appropriate under the circumstances to attempt to reconcile the parties, which may include the appointment of a consultant or licensed mediator, and shall include appropriate pastoral care for all affected parties and individuals. The parties to the disagreement, following the recommendations of the Presiding Bishop, shall labor in good faith toward that reconciliation. If such proceedings lead to reconciliation, said reconciliation shall contain definitions of responsibility and accountability for the Bishop and the Diocese. In the event reconciliation has not been achieved within nine (9) months from the date of the Presiding Bishop’s initial receipt of communication from the Diocese, the parties to the disagreement shall meet and decide whether or not to continue attempting to reconcile under this Section or to end proceedings under this Section. If the parties do not agree, proceedings under this Section shall end. The parties shall notify the Presiding Bishop of their decision in writing. If the parties agree to continue attempting to reconcile, either party may end the further proceedings at any time by written notification to the Presiding Bishop and the other party.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #6)

Recess

Following announcements by the Secretary and prayer led by Brother Randy and Mr. Dent Davidson, Chaplains, the Presiding Bishop declared the House to stand in recess until 10:30 a.m. on the Second Legislative Day for a Joint Session on Racial Reconciliation with the House of Deputies. The House of Bishops will reconvene for an Afternoon Session tomorrow at 3:30 p.m.

The House recessed at 5:46 p.m.
Second Day

Friday
July 6, 2018

AFTERNOON SESSION

Reconvene
The House of Bishops reconvened at 3:33 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
Assistant Secretary Shin moved to approve the previous day's minutes.

Motion carried

Roll Call
The Assistant Secretary called for bishops who have arrived since Roll Call to see him.

Consent Calendar
The Assistant Secretary announced the Consent Calendar for the Second Legislative Day.

Constitution and Canons
The House of Bishops Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #2 on Resolution A003 (Amend Canon I.1.14(a) on General Convention Approval of Sites for General Convention) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A003)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention amend Canon I.1.14(a) as follows:

Sec. 14(a) At each meeting of the General Convention the Joint Standing Committee on Planning and Arrangements shall submit to the General Convention its recommendations for sites for the meeting of the General Convention to be held as the third second succeeding General Convention following the General Convention at which the report is
made. In making such recommendations, the Committee shall certify to the Convention the willingness of the Dioceses within which recommended sites are located to have the General Convention meet within their jurisdictions.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #7)

The House of Bishops Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #3 on Resolution Ao89 (Amend Articles VI and VIII regarding Full Communion) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:
(Ao89)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention amend Articles VI and VIII to read as follows:

ARTICLE VI
Sec. 1. The House of Bishops may establish a Mission in any area not included within the boundaries of any Diocese of this Church or of any Church in full communion with this Church, and elect or appoint a Bishop therefor.

ARTICLE VIII
No person shall be ordered Priest or Deacon to minister in this Church until the person shall have been examined by the Bishop and two Priests and shall have exhibited such testimonials and other requisites as the Canons in that case provided may direct. No person shall be ordained and consecrated Bishop, or ordered Priest or Deacon to minister in this Church, unless at the time, in the presence of the ordaining Bishop or Bishops, the person shall subscribe and make the following declaration:

I 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 I do solemnly engage to conform to the Doctrine, Discipline, and Worship of the Episcopal Church.

Provided, however, that any person consecrated a Bishop to minister in any Diocese of an autonomous Church or Province of a Church in full communion with this Church may, instead of the foregoing declaration, make the promises of Conformity required by the Church in which the Bishop is to minister.

If any Bishop ordains a Priest or Deacon to minister elsewhere than in this Church, or confers ordination as Priest or Deacon upon a Christian minister who has not received Episcopal Ordination, the Bishop shall do so only in accordance with such provisions as shall be set forth in the Canons of this Church.

No person ordained by a foreign Bishop, or by a Bishop not in full communion with this Church, shall be permitted to officiate as a Minister of this Church until the person shall have complied with the Canon or Canons in that case provided and also shall have subscribed the aforesaid declaration.
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. 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.

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

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #34)

The House of Bishops Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #4 on Resolution A090 (Amend Canons regarding Full Communion; C&C pg. 36, 48-49, 50, 53, 55, 56, 57, 60, 90-91, 95, 102, 112, 116-117, 121, 155, 158, 159) and moved adoption.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(A090)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention amend the following identified Canons to read as follows:

Canon I.4.9(a) Ordained Ministers and Lay Communicants of this Church, or of some church in full communion with this Church, in good standing, who qualify in accordance with the standards and procedures adopted from time to time by the Executive Council, shall be eligible for appointment as Missionaries of this Church.

(b) Members in good standing of Churches not in full communion with this Church, but otherwise qualified as above, may, at the request of the Ecclesiastical Authority of the jurisdiction in which the requirement exists, be employed and assigned to positions for which they are professionally prepared; and may receive the same stipends and other allowances as appointed Missionaries. The Ecclesiastical Authority of a jurisdiction may employ any qualified person for work in the jurisdiction.

Canon I.11.2(a) The House of Bishops may establish a Mission in any Area not included within the boundaries of a Diocese of this Church, or of a Church in full communion with this Church, under such conditions and agreements, not inconsistent with the Constitution and Canons of this Church, as shall be approved by the House of Bishops from time to time.

Canon I.11.2(c) For every such Area Mission, a Bishop of this Church, or of a church in full communion with this Church, shall be assigned by the House of Bishops to give episcopal oversight. The person so assigned, if a Bishop of this Church, shall, for the duration of such assignment, exercise jurisdiction as a Missionary Bishop under these Canons, so far as they are applicable to the Area Mission; and should occasion arise for the function of a Standing Committee or a Commission on Ministry, the Bishop shall appoint a board or boards of Clergy and Lay Persons resident in the area, to fulfill such functions as may be required.
Canon I.11.2(e) An Area Mission may be terminated by the House of Bishops as a mission of this Church; or it may be transferred by them to become a mission of another church, or to become a constituent part of an autonomous Province in full communion with this Church; or it may organize itself as an extra-provincial Diocese.

Canon I.11.3(a) An Area not previously organized as a Diocese, and not under the permanent jurisdiction of a Bishop in full communion with this Church, may, upon application for admission, in accordance with the procedures of Article V, Section 1, be admitted as a Diocese, and may be accepted as a Missionary Diocese within the meaning of Sec. 1 of this Canon. Such Missionary Diocese, and every present Missionary Diocese organized by the House of Bishops under previously existing Canons and admitted into union with the General Convention, shall be governed by a Constitution and Canons, adopted by the Convention of the said Diocese, which acknowledge the authority of the Constitution and Canons of the General Convention, and incorporate the provisions set forth in the subsequent paragraphs of this section.

Canon I.11.3(b) In the event a Missionary Diocese beyond the territory of the United States of America is incapable of functioning as a jurisdiction in union with the Episcopal Church, and the Bishop, or if there be none the Ecclesiastical Authority, of such Diocese, after consultation with appropriate diocesan authorities and the Presiding Bishop agree that continuation in union with this Church is no longer feasible, the Presiding Bishop is authorized, after consultation with the appropriate authorities in the Anglican Communion, to take such action as needed for such Diocese to become a constituent part of another Province or Regional Council in full communion with this Church.

Canon I.11.4. Notice shall be sent to all Archbishops and Metropolitans, and all Presiding Bishops, of Churches in full communion with this Church, of the establishment of any Area Mission, or of the organization or change of status of any Missionary Diocese outside the United States; and of the consecration, or assignment, of a Missionary Bishop therefor. It is hereby declared as the judgment of this Church that no two Bishops of Churches in full communion with each other should exercise jurisdiction in the same place; except as may be defined by a concordat adopted jointly by the competent authority of each of the said Churches, after consultation with the appropriate inter-Anglican body.

Canon I.15.7 The Presiding Bishop may, from time to time, by written commission under the episcopal signature and seal, assign to a Bishop or Bishops of this Church, or of a Church in full communion with this Church, the care of, and responsibility for, one or more of such Congregations and the Clergy officiating therein, for such period of time as the Presiding Bishop may deem expedient; provided that, should such term expire in a year during which a General Convention is to be held, prior to said Convention, the commission may be extended until the adjournment of the Convention.

Canon I.16.3 A Member of the Clergy of such Congregation who shall have been ordained by a Bishop not in full communion with this Church, but the regularity of whose ordination is approved by the Presiding Bishop, shall be admitted in the appropriate Order under the provision of Canon III.10.3.

Canon I.17.1(c) It is expected that all adult members of this Church, after appropriate instruction, will have made a mature public affirmation of their faith and commitment to the responsibilities of their Baptism and will have been confirmed or received by the laying
on of hands by a Bishop of this Church or by a Bishop of a Church in full communion with this Church. Those who have previously made a mature public commitment in another Church may be received by the laying on of hands by a Bishop of this Church, rather than confirmed.

Canon I.17.1(d): Any person who is baptized in this Church as an adult and receives the laying on of hands by the Bishop at Baptism is to be considered, for the purpose of this and all other Canons, as both baptized and confirmed; also, Any person who is baptized in this Church as an adult and at some time after the Baptism receives the laying on of hands by the Bishop in Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows is to be considered, for the purpose of this and all other Canons, as both baptized and confirmed; also, Any baptized person who received the laying on of hands at Confirmation (by any Bishop in apostolic historic succession) and is received into the Episcopal Church by a Bishop of this Church is to be considered, for the purpose of this and all other Canons, as both baptized and confirmed; and also, Any baptized person who received the laying on of hands by a Bishop of this Church at Confirmation or Reception is to be considered, for the purpose of this and all other Canons, as both baptized and confirmed.

Canon I.17.4(a) A member of this Church removing from the congregation in which that person’s membership is recorded shall procure a certificate of membership indicating that that person is recorded as a member (or adult member) of this Church and whether or not such a member:

(1) is a communicant;
(2) is recorded as being in good standing;
(3) has been confirmed or received by a Bishop of this Church or a Bishop in full communion with this Church.

Canon I.17.4(d) Any communicant of any Church in full communion with this Church shall be entitled to the benefit of this section so far as the same can be made applicable.

Canon I.20: Of Churches in Full Communion

Sec. 1. The Episcopal Church, a member of the Anglican Communion, has a relationship of full communion with those Churches in the historic episcopal succession, including those duly constituted Dioceses, Provinces, and regional Churches in communion with the See of Canterbury, and those Churches in the historic episcopal succession with whom it has entered into covenant agreements including:

(a) the Old Catholic Churches of the Union of Utrecht,
(b) la Iglesia Filipina Independiente/the Philippine Independent Church, and
(c) the Mar Thoma Syrian Church of Malabar.

Sec. 2. The Episcopal Church has a relationship of full communion with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America under the terms of and as defined by “Called to Common Mission,” which was adopted by the 73rd General Convention of the The Episcopal Church as Resolution GC2000-A040.
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 and as defined by 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 GC2009-A073.

Canon III.9.5. Transfer to Churches in Full Communion with This Church

(a) A Priest desiring to become canonically resident within a Diocese or equivalent jurisdiction of a Church in Full Communion full communion with The Episcopal Church (as identified in Canon I.20) or Church in Communion with This Church (as identified by Canon III.10.2(a)(3)) shall request a testimonial from the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese of current canonical residence, which testimonial shall be given by the Ecclesiastical Authority to the applicant, and a duplicate thereof may be sent to the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese or equivalent jurisdiction to which transfer is proposed. The testimonial may include a portfolio of training, continuing education, and exercise of ministries. The testimonial shall be in the following form or in the form specified by the receiving Diocese or equivalent jurisdiction:

I hereby certify that A.B., who has signified to me the desire to be transferred to the Ecclesiastical Authority of , is a Priest of the Diocese of of the Episcopal Church in good standing, and has not, so far as I know or believe, been justly liable to evil report, for error in religion or for viciousness of life, for the last three (3) years.

(Date) Deputies (Signed) ___

Canon III.9.5(b) If the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese or equivalent jurisdiction of the Church in full communion Full Communion or Church in Communion with this The Episcopal Church accepts the testimonial, the canonical residence of the Priest transferred shall date from such acceptance, and notice of acceptance shall be promptly forwarded by the Priest to the Ecclesiastical Authority in the sending Diocese. Such notification from the receiving Ecclesiastical Authority may be in the following form:

I hereby certify that A.B. has been canonically transferred to my jurisdiction and is a Priest in good standing.

(Date) Deputies (Signed) ___

Upon receipt of said acceptance, the Ecclesiastical Authority of the sending Diocese shall notify the Church Pension Fund and the Recorder of Ordinations of the priest’s departure from the Episcopal Church.

Canon III.9.5(c) This provision shall not be used for Priests who seek to enter churches Not in Communion not in full communion with This The Episcopal Church or for those who seek transfer to another Province of the Anglican Communion while remaining geographically within the boundaries of The Episcopal Church. In such cases the provisions of Canon III.8.6 shall be followed.
Canon III.9.7(c) No Rector or Priest-in-Charge of any congregation of this Church, or if there
be none, no Wardens, Members of the Vestry, or Trustees of any congregation, shall permit
any person to officiate in the congregation without sufficient evidence that such person is
duly licensed and ordained and in good standing in this Church; provided, nothing in these
Canons shall prevent:

(1) The General Convention, by Canon or otherwise, from authorizing persons
to officiate in congregations in accordance with such terms as it deems
appropriate;
(2) The Bishop of any Diocese from giving permission

(i) To a Member of the Clergy of this Church, to invite Clergy of
another church to assist in the Book of Common Prayer Offices
of Holy Matrimony or of the Burial of the Dead, or to or read
Morning or Evening Prayer, in the manner specified in Canon
III.9.5; or
(ii) To Clergy of any other church to preach the Gospel, or in
ecumenical settings to assist in the administration of the
sacraments; or
(iii) To godly persons who are not Clergy of this Church to
address the Church on special occasions; or
(iv) To the Member of the Clergy or Priest-in-Charge of a
congregation or if there be none, to the Wardens, to invite
Clergy ordained in another church in full communion with this
Church to officiate on an occasional basis, provided that such
clergy are instructed to teach and act in a manner consistent
with the Doctrine, Discipline, and Worship of this Church.

Canon III.9.7(e) Any Priest desiring to officiate temporarily outside the jurisdiction of this
Church but in a church in full communion with this Church, shall obtain from the Ecclesiastical
Authority of the Diocese in which the person is canonically resident, a testimonial which shall
set forth the person's official standing, and which may be in the following form:

I hereby certify that A.B., who has signified to me the desire to be permitted
to officiate temporarily in churches not under the jurisdiction of The
Episcopal Church, yet in full communion with this Church, is a Priest of
in good standing, and as such is entitled to the rights and privileges of
that Order.

(Date)(Signed) ______

Such testimonial shall be valid for one year and shall be returned to the Ecclesiastical
Authority at the end of that period. The Ecclesiastical Authority giving such testimonial shall
record its issuance, the name of the Priest to whom issued, its date and the date of its return.
Canon III.10.2(a)(3):

(3) The provisions of this Section and Sections 2 and 3 shall be fully applicable to all Members of the Clergy ordained in any Church in the process of entering the historic episcopal succession with which The Episcopal Church is in full communion with this Church as specified in Canon I.20, subject to the any covenant of the two (2) Churches as adopted by the General Convention.

(i) those duly constituted Dioceses, Provinces, and regional Churches in communion with the See of Canterbury,

(ii) the Old Catholic Churches of the Union of Utrecht,

(iii) the Philippine Independent Church, and

(iv) the Mar Thoma Syrian Church of Malabar.

(v) the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Canon III.11.9(c)

(c) Missionary Bishops

(1) The election of a person to be a Bishop in a Missionary Diocese shall be held in accordance with the procedures set forth in the Constitution and Canons of this Church.

(2) The Convention of a Missionary Diocese may, in lieu of electing a Bishop, request that such election be made on its behalf by the Synod of the Province, or the House of Bishops of the Province subject to confirmation of the Provincial Council, or the Regional Council of Churches in full communion with this Church of which the Diocese is a member.

Canon III.12.5(b)

An Assistant Bishop may be appointed from among the following:

(1) Bishops Diocesan, Bishops Coadjutor, or Bishops Suffragan, who under the Constitution and Canons of this Church would be eligible for election in that Diocese; provided that at the time of accepting any such appointment a Bishop Diocesan, Bishop Coadjutor or Bishop Suffragan shall resign that office;

(2) Bishops of this Church who, having resigned their previous responsibilities, are qualified to perform episcopal acts in this Church; and

(3) Bishops of a Church in full communion with this Church, in good standing therein, if they:

   (i) have previously resigned their former responsibilities;

   (ii) have received approval, by a competent authority within the Church of their ordination of their appointment to the position of Assistant Bishop;

   (iii) have exhibited satisfactory evidence of moral and godly character and having met theological requirements;
(iv) have promised in a writing submitted to the Bishop making the appointment to submit in all things to the Doctrine, Discipline and Worship of this Church;

(v) have submitted to and satisfactorily passed a thorough examination covering their medical, psychological and psychiatric condition by recognized and licensed professionals appointed by the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese with the approval of the Presiding Bishop. The forms for medical, psychological and psychiatric reports prepared by The Church Pension Fund shall be used for these purposes.

Canon III.12.9(h)

(h) A resigned Bishop may only perform any episcopal act at the request of or with the permission of the Bishop Diocesan within that Bishop's Diocese. A resigned Bishop may, by vote of the Convention of any Diocese and with the consent of the Bishop of that Diocese, be given an honorary seat in the Convention, with voice but without vote, or be given an honorary seat in the Cathedral of any Diocese, by and subject to the authority competent to grant such seat. The resigned Bishop shall report all official acts to the Bishop Diocesan and to the Diocese in which the acts are performed. These provisions shall also be applicable to a resigned Bishop of another Church in full communion with this Church, subject to the approval of competent authority within the other Church, where such approval may be required.

Canon IV.14.12(b)

(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 Office of Transition Ministry, and to the Secretary of the House of Bishops, and to all Archbishops and Metropolitans, and to all Presiding Bishops of Churches in full communion with this Church.

Canon IV.16

CANON 16: Of Abandonment of The Episcopal Church

(A) By a Bishop

Sec. 1. If the Disciplinary Board for Bishops receives information suggesting that a Bishop may have abandoned 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 full communion with this Church; or (iii) by exercising Episcopal acts in and for a religious body other than the Church or another church in full 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, the Board shall promptly notify the Presiding Bishop and the Bishop in question that it is considering the matter. Upon receipt of such notification, the Presiding Bishop may, with the advice and consent of the Advisory Council to the Presiding Bishop, place restrictions on the ministry of the Bishop in

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question for the period while the matter is under consideration by the Board. If, after consideration of the matter, the Board concludes, by a majority vote of all of its members, that the Bishop in question has abandoned The Episcopal Church, the Board shall certify the fact to the Presiding Bishop and with the certificate 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.

(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, may have abandoned The Episcopal Church, the Standing Committee shall promptly notify the Bishop Diocesan and the Priest or Deacon in question that it is considering the matter. Upon receipt of such notification, the Bishop Diocesan may, with the advice and consent of the Standing Committee, place restrictions on the ministry of the Priest or Deacon in question for the period while the matter is under consideration by the Standing Committee. 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 full 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 its determination, together with a statement setting out in a 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 4 of this Canon 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.
The House of Bishops Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #1 on Resolution A094 (Amend Canon III.4.1(b) for Clarity regarding Bishop Suffragan of the Armed Forces) and moved adoption.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(A094)

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

(b) The Presiding Bishop or the Bishop Suffragan for the Armed Forces of the United States, Veterans’ Administration Medical Centers, and Federal Correctional Institutions may authorize a member of the Armed Forces to exercise one or more of these ministries in the Armed Forces in accordance with the provisions of this Canon. Requirements and guidelines for the selection, training, continuing education and deployment of such persons shall be established by the Bishop granting the license.

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

The House of Bishops Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #5 on Resolution A096 (Amend Canons pertaining to Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe; C&C. p.43-44, 63, 70) and moved adoption.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(A096)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That Canon I.9.1 is hereby amended to read as follows:

CANON 9: Of Provinces

Sec 1. Subject to the proviso in Article VII of the Constitution, the Dioceses of this Church shall be and are hereby united into Provinces as follows:

The First Province shall consist of the Dioceses within the States of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Connecticut.

The Second Province shall consist of the Dioceses within the States of New York and New Jersey, the Dioceses of Haiti and the Virgin Islands, and the Convocation of American Churches in Europe. The Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe.

And be it further

Resolved, That Canon II.3.6(d) is hereby amended to read as follows:

II.3.6(d) In the event of the authorization of such variations, adjustments, substitutions, or alternatives, as aforesaid, it shall be the duty of the Custodian of the Standard Book of Common Prayer to notify the Ecclesiastical Authority of every Diocese, and the Convocation of American Churches in Europe Convocation of the Episcopal Churches in Europe, of such action, and to give notice thereof through the media of public information.

And be it further

Resolved, That Canon III.5.1(b) is hereby amended to read as follows:
III.5.1.(b) The Council of Advice of the Convocation of American Churches in Europe, Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe, and the board appointed by a Bishop having jurisdiction in an Area Mission in accordance with the provisions of Canon I.11.2(c), shall, for the purpose of this and other Canons of Title III have the same powers as the Standing Committee of a Diocese.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #9)

The House of Bishops Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #6 on Resolution A122 (Amend Article IX to change Removal to Admonition) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A122)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the Article IX of the Constitution be amended as follows:

ARTICLE IX
The General Convention may, by Canon, establish one or more Courts for the Trial of Bishops. Presbyters and Deacons canonically resident in a Diocese shall be tried by a Court instituted by the Convention thereof; Presbyters and Deacons canonically resident in a Missionary Diocese shall be tried according to Canons adopted by the Bishop and Convocation thereof, with the approval of the House of Bishops; provided that the General Convention in each case may prescribe by Canon for a change of venue.

The General Convention, in like manner, may establish or may provide for the establishment of Courts of Review of the determination of diocesan or other trial Courts.

The Court for the review of the determination of the trial Court, on the trial of a Bishop, shall be composed of Bishops only.

The General Convention, in like manner, may establish an ultimate Court of Appeal, solely for the review of the determination of any Court of Review on questions of Doctrine, Faith, or Worship.

None but a Bishop shall pronounce sentence of admonition, or suspension, or removal deposition from the Ministry, on any Bishop, Presbyter, or Deacon; and none but a Bishop shall admonish any Bishop, Presbyter, or Deacon.

A sentence of suspension shall specify on what terms or conditions and at what time the suspension shall cease. A sentence of suspension may be remitted in such manner as may be provided by Canon.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #10)
The House of Bishops Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #7 on Resolution A130 (Amend Canon III.12.7 - Correcting for Uniformity and moved adoption.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(A130)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That Canon III.12.7 be amended as follows:

Sec. 7. Release and Removal from the Ordained Ministry of this Church

(a) If any Bishop of The Episcopal Church shall express, in writing, to the Presiding Bishop, an intention to be released and removed from the ordained Ministry of this Church and from the obligations attendant thereto, including those promises made at Ordination in the Declaration required by Article VIII of the Constitution of the General Convention, it shall be the duty of the Presiding Bishop to record the matter. The Presiding Bishop, being satisfied that the person so declaring is acting voluntarily and for causes which do not affect the person’s moral character, and is neither the subject of information concerning an Offense that has been referred to an Intake Officer nor a Respondent in a pending disciplinary matter as defined in Title IV of these Canons, 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 person is released and removed from the ordained Ministry of this Church and from the obligations attendant thereto, and is deprived of the right to exercise in The Episcopal Church 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, at the person’s request, give a certificate to this effect to the person so released and removed from the ordained Ministry.

(b) If a Bishop submitting the writing described in Section 7(a) of this Canon be the subject of information concerning an Offense that has been referred to an Intake Officer or a Respondent in a pending disciplinary matter as defined in Title IV of these Canons, the Presiding Bishop shall not consider or act upon the written request unless and until the disciplinary matter shall have been resolved by a dismissal, Accord, or Order and the time for appeal or rescission of such has expired.

(c) In the case of the release and removal of a Bishop from the ordained Ministry of the Church as provided in this Canon, a declaration of removal and release and removal shall be pronounced by the Presiding Bishop in the presence of two (2) or more Bishops, and shall be entered in the official records of the House of Bishops and of the Diocese in which the Bishop being removed and released is canonically resident. The Presiding Bishop shall give notice thereof in writing to the Secretary of the Convention and the Ecclesiastical Authority and the Standing Committee of the Diocese in which the Bishop was canonically resident, to all Bishops of this Church, the Ecclesiastical Authority of each Diocese of this Church, the Recorder, the Secretary of the House of Bishops, the Secretary of the General Convention, The Church Pension Fund, and the Board for Transition Ministry.

**Motion carried**

**Resolution adopted**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #11)
The House of Bishops Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #8 on Resolution A152 (Amend Article III of the Constitution) and moved adoption.

**Original Text of Resolution:**
(A152)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That Article III of the Constitution is hereby amended to read as follows:

**ARTICLE III**

Bishops may be consecrated for foreign lands upon due application therefrom, with the approbation of a majority of the Bishops of this Church entitled to vote in the House of Bishops, certified to the Presiding Bishop; under such conditions as may be prescribed by Canons of the General Convention. Bishops so consecrated shall not be eligible to the office of Diocesan or of Bishop Coadjutor of any Diocese in the United States or be entitled to vote in the House of Bishops, nor shall they perform any act of the episcopal office in any Diocese or Missionary Diocese of this Church, unless requested so to do by the Ecclesiastical Authority thereof. If a Bishop so consecrated shall be subsequently duly elected as a Bishop of a Missionary Diocese of this Church, such election shall then confer all the rights and privileges given in the Canons of such Bishops.

Motion carried  
Resolution adopted  
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #12)

The House of Bishops Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #9 on Resolution A153 (Amend Article IV of the Constitution) and moved adoption.

**Original Text of Resolution:**
(A153)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That Article IV of the Constitution is hereby amended to read as follows:

**ARTICLE IV**

In every Diocese a Standing Committee shall be elected by the Convention thereof, except that provision for filling vacancies between meetings of the Convention may be prescribed by the Canons of the respective Dioceses. When there is a Bishop in charge of the Diocese, the Standing Committee shall be the Bishop’s Council of Advice. If there be no Bishop or Bishop Coadjutor or Bishop Suffragan Bishop canonically authorized to act, the Standing Committee shall be the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese for all purposes declared by the General Convention. The rights and duties of the Standing Committee, except as provided in the Constitution and Canons of the General Convention, may be prescribed by the Canons of the respective Dioceses.

Motion carried  
Resolution adopted  
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #13)
The House of Bishops Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #10 on Resolution A157 (Amend Canon III.11.2) and moved adoption.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(A157)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That Canon III.11.2 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2. It shall be lawful, within six months prior to the effective date of the resignation of a Diocesan Bishop, for the Bishop, with the advice and consent of the Standing Committee, to call a special meeting of the Convention of the Diocese to elect a successor; provided that if the Convention is to meet in regular session meanwhile, it may hold the election during the regular session. The proceedings incident to preparation for the ordination of the successor shall be as provided in this Canon; but the Presiding Bishop shall not take order for the ordination to be on any date prior to that upon which the resignation is to become effective.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #14)

**Social Justice and United States Policy**

The House of Bishops Committee on Social Justice and United States Policy presented its Report #1 on Resolution B002 (Anti-Corruption) and moved adoption with amendment.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(B002)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention recognizes that corruption – including bribery, collusion, fraud, coercion, and obstruction – inhibits the transparent and proper functioning of institutions to serve their constituencies, limits public confidence and undermines trust, and can negatively impact education, health, security and human rights; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention urge Episcopal clergy, lay people, and institutions to advocate for transparency in the public, private, and non-profit sectors, recognizing the unique voice religious institutions have in addressing this societal ill, and ensuring transparent finances in all of its institutions; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention urge the U.S. government to address its role in contributing to domestic and international corruption, including by ending facilitation of shell companies that can enable money laundering and illicit financial flows, while also partnering with foreign governments, multilateral institutions, and multinational corporations to minimize corruption and encourage transparency.

**Committee Amendment:**

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention recognizes that corruption – including bribery, collusion, fraud, coercion, and obstruction – inhibits the transparent and proper functioning of institutions to serve their constituencies, limits public confidence and undermines trust, and can negatively impact education, health, security and human rights; and be it further
Resolved, That the 79th General Convention urge Episcopal clergy, lay people, and institutions to advocate for transparency in the public, private, and non-profit sectors, recognizing the unique voice religious institutions have in addressing this societal ill, and ensuring transparent finances in all of its institutions; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention urge the U.S. all local, state, and national governments in the jurisdictions in which The Episcopal Church existsto address its role in contributing to domestic and international corruption, including by ending facilitation of shell companies that can enable money laundering and illicit financial flows, while also partnering with foreign governments, multinational institutions, and multinational corporations to minimize corruption and encourage transparency.

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

Constitution and Canons
The House of Bishops Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #11 on Resolution A095 (Amend Canon IV.4.1) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A095)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That Canon IV.4.1(h) is hereby amended to read as follows:
(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 or
(8) any Conduct Unbecoming a Member of the Clergy.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That Canon IV.4.1(h) is hereby amended to read as follows:
(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;
(7) habitual neglect of the exercise of the ministerial office without good cause; or
(8) habitual neglect of public worship, and of the Holy Communion, according to the order and use of the Church; and or
(8) (9) any Conduct Unbecoming a Member of the Clergy.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #16)

The House of Bishops Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #13 on Resolution A107 (Amend Canon III.11.2 Regarding the Election of a Bishop) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A107)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That Canon III.11.2 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2. It shall be lawful, within six months prior to the effective date of the resignation of a Diocesan Bishop for the Bishop, with the advice and consent of the Standing Committee, may call for to call a special meeting of the Convention of the Diocese, to no earlier than six months prior to the effective date of the Bishop Diocesan's resignation, to elect a successor; provided that if the Convention is to meet in regular session meanwhile, it may hold the election during the regular session. The proceedings incident to preparation for the ordination of the successor shall be as provided in this Canon; but the Presiding Bishop shall not take order for the ordination to be on any date prior to that upon which the resignation is to become effective.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #17)
The House of Bishops Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #14 on Resolution A113 (Amend Article V.4 of the Constitution) and recommended referral to an interim body.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(A113)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That Article V, Section 4 of the Constitution is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 4. Whenever a new Diocese is formed and erected out of an existing Diocese, it shall be subject to the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese out of which it was formed, except as local circumstances may prevent, until the same be altered in accordance with such Constitution and Canons by the Convention of the new Diocese.

Whenever a Diocese is formed out of two or more existing Dioceses, it shall be subject to the Constitution and Canons of that one of the said existing Dioceses to which the greater number of Members of the Clergy shall have belonged prior to the erection of such new Diocese, except as local circumstances may prevent, until the same be altered in accordance with such Constitution and Canons by the Convention of the new Diocese. The Constitution and Canons of the newly formed Diocese shall become effective upon the effective date of the union.

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

The House of Bishops Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #12 on Resolution C025 (Amend Canons I.9.1, II.3.6(d), and III.5.1(b)) and moved adoption.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(C025)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the third paragraph of Canon I.9.1 be hereby amended to read as follows:

The Second Province shall consist of the Dioceses within the States of New York and New Jersey, the Dioceses of Haiti and the Virgin Islands, and the Convocation of American Episcopal Churches in Europe.

and be it further

Resolved, That Canon II.3.6(d) be hereby amended to read as follows:

In the event of the authorization of such variations, adjustments, substitutions, or alternatives, as aforesaid, it shall be the duty of the Custodian of the Standard Book of Common Prayer to notify the Ecclesiastical Authority of every Diocese, and the Convocation of American Episcopal Churches in Europe, of such action, and to give notice thereof through the media of public information.

and be it further

Resolved, That Canon III.5.1(b) be hereby amended to read as follows:
The Council of Advice of the Convocation of American Episcopal Churches in Europe, and the board appointed by a Bishop having jurisdiction in an Area Mission in accordance with the provisions of Canon I.11.2(c), shall, for the purpose of this and other Canons of Title III have the same powers as the Standing Committee of a Diocese.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #19)

Ministry

The House of Bishops Committee on Ministry presented its Report #2 on Resolution A021 (Amend Canon III.8.5(g)) and recommended referral to the General Board of Examining Chaplains.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A021)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention recognize the critical importance of ordained leadership in prophesying change in communities and nations, especially in ethical issues; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention proclaim that the degradation and destruction of God's Creation by human beings is among the most pressing ethical issues of our time and a perversion of our original commandment to “have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth” (Genesis 1.28); and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention acknowledge the lack of training most clergy have in Christian Environmental Ethics and Stewardship of Creation; and be it further

Resolved, That Canon III.3.8.5(g)(4) is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 5 (g)(4) Christian Ethics and Moral Theology - including environmental ethics and theology

And be it further

Resolved, That Canon III.3.8.5 (g)(6) is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 5 (g)(6) The Practice of Ministry in contemporary society, including leadership, evangelism, stewardship, ecumenism, interfaith relations, mission theology, environmental stewardship and care of creation, and the historical and contemporary experience of racial and minority groups.

Motion carried
Resolution referred

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #20)
The House of Bishops Committee on Ministry presented its Report #1 on Resolution A084 (Amend Canon III.12.9-12) and recommended adoption.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(A084)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That Canon III.12.9 be amended as follows:

Sec. 9 The Resignation or Incapacity of Bishops

(p) When it is certified to the Presiding Bishop, by at least two licensed medical doctors, psychologists or psychiatrists, who have examined the case, that a Bishop Diocesan is incapable of authorizing the Bishop Coadjutor, if there is one, or a Bishop Suffragan, if there is one, or the Standing Committee to act as the Ecclesiastical Authority, then, upon the advice of five Bishops of neighboring Dioceses selected by the Presiding Bishop, the Presiding Bishop shall declare the Bishop Coadjutor, or a Bishop Suffragan, if the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese so provide, or the Standing Committee to be the Ecclesiastical Authority for all purposes set forth in these Canons and to retain such canonical authority until the Presiding Bishop, acting upon a like certificate, declares the Bishop Diocesan competent to resume official duties.

(q) If it is certified to the Ecclesiastical Authority of a Diocese by two licensed medical doctors, psychologists or psychiatrists, selected by the Ecclesiastical Authority, that the Bishop Coadjutor in the Diocese is permanently unable, by reason of medical, psychological or psychiatric condition, to carry out the duties of Bishop Coadjutor, the Ecclesiastical Authority, upon the advice of three Bishops of three neighboring Dioceses, may declare that the right of succession of the Bishop Coadjutor is terminated and a new Bishop Coadjutor may then be elected as provided in Canon III.11.9.

Sec. 10 Impairment

When any of (i) a Bishop of a Diocese, including a Bishop Diocesan, a Bishop Coadjutor or a Bishop Suffragan of that Diocese, (ii) a two-thirds majority of all of the members of the Standing Committee of a Diocese, (iii) a two-thirds majority of a Diocese’s Convention, or (iv) at least five Bishops conclude that a Bishop of the aforementioned Diocese is seriously impaired, either physically, psychologically, or emotionally, and that the impairment is causing substantial harm, or presents a significant risk of causing substantial harm, to the Bishop in question, his or her family, the Diocese, the Church, or any other person or community, the person or body reaching that conclusion may petition the Presiding Bishop, in writing, to intervene and assist in the matter. The written petition shall include sufficient information to inform the Presiding Bishop and the parties involved of the specifics of the purported impairment. The Presiding Bishop shall initiate such efforts as are appropriate under the circumstances to attempt to ascertain the nature and severity of any impairment and to address any such impairment, which efforts may include, but are not limited to, the appointment of medical and other professionals, consultants or mediators, as well as the issuance of Pastoral Directions.

And be it further

Resolved, That Sections III.12.10, 11 and 12 be renumbered to Section 11, 12 and 13.

Motion carried  
Resolution adopted

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #21)
Environmental Stewardship and Care of Creation

The House of Bishops Committee on Environmental Stewardship and Care of Creation presented its Report #1 on Resolution A011 (Oppose Environmental Racism) and moved to adopt with substitute.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A011)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention affirm that fossil fuel-based power plants are the single largest source of carbon dioxide pollution in the United States and major contributors to climate change; these emissions not only threaten the environmental stability of our planet, but also the health of young children and their families, disproportionately affecting the poorest among us; and be it further

Resolved, That the Church recommit to and direct the Office of Government Relations and the Episcopal Public Policy Network to oppose Environmental Racism expressed in such ways as the locating of extraction, production, and disposal industries where they disproportionately harm neighborhoods inhabited by people of color and low income communities. And to oppose coal, gas, oil, and uranium extraction and its subsequent transportation which threaten the health and sanctity of communities and the livelihood of future generations; especially as such industries are located disproportionately nearby low income communities and neighborhoods inhabited by people of color.

Committee Substitute:

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention affirm the need for governments, private industry and all people to act to protect the health of all persons from unsafe and unhealthy exposures to air and water pollution, toxic substances, or radiation in their food, water supply, living quarters, and work places; and be it further

Resolved, That the Church recommit to the excellent work done by previous General Conventions of The Episcopal Church, specifically resolutions 2000-D005, 2012-B023, 2012-C079, and 2015-C013 and that General Convention affirm that no community, especially poor communities, those who live closest to the land in subsistence cultures, and members of marginalized ethnic groups, should bear a disproportionate risk of environmental pollution or degradation; and advocate for and support policies that protect these populations and the sanctity of communities and the livelihood of future generations from the disparate impact of climate change and environmental degradation; and be it further

Resolved, that the General Convention direct the formation of a Task Force, not to exceed twelve people, including attorneys, health professionals, environmental professionals, and bishops and other clergy to study and report specific recommendations for appropriate changes in federal, state, or local law so that effective judicial remedies, based on a showing of disproportionate health or environmental impact on those living closest to the land in subsistence cultures, ethnic minorities or poor communities, can be obtained to address unwise governmental decisions with respect to land use, industrial, energy and transportation development, and application of environmental standards; and be it further

Resolved, The Task Force will report to Executive Council by the end of 2019; and be it further

Resolved, That Program, Budget & Finance consider a budget allocation of $30,000 for the work of the Task Force for the Triennium.

Motion carried
Substitute resolution adopted

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #33)

End of Consent Calendar
Messages from the House of Deputies

The Assistant Secretary announced that ten messages have been received from the House of Deputies.

**HD Message #1:** X001 (Appointment of Michael Barlowe as Secretary of General Convention) Adopted

**HD Message #2:** A002 (General Convention Daily Agenda) Adopted

**HD Message #3:** X002 (Calendar for the House of Deputies) Adopted

**HD Message #4:** X003 (Confirmation of Appointments to the Board of Archives) Adopted

**HD Message #5:** X004 (Confirming Appointments for the Board for Transition Ministry) Adopted

**HD Message #6:** [Ed. Note: Replaced by HD Message #9]

**HD Message #7:** A039 (Affirm the Work of The Episcopal Church at the United Nations) Adopted with Amendment

**HD Message #8:** A177 (Amend Article I.1 - second reading) Adopted

**HD Message #9:** A185 (Amend House of Deputies Rule of Order XII.D) Adopted with Amendment

**HD Message #10:** B014 (Director’s Fees for the President of the House of Deputies) Adopted with Amendment

Special Order of Business

The Vice-Chair moved a Special Order to consider in a future resolution adopting the covenant introduced in response to the Listening Liturgy. The House had five minutes of table conversation.

Personal Privilege

The Rt. Rev. Lloyd Allen, Bishop of Honduras, moved for a point of personal privilege. Bishop Lloyd raised concerns about the lack of adequate translation available for non-English speakers, which marginalizes Province IX bishops, deputies, and youth representatives.

Legislative Calendar

The Assistant Secretary moved to continue with the Legislative calendar.

Churchwide Leadership

The Chair of the House of Bishops Committee on Churchwide Leadership reported that HB legislative committee #16 was organized and ready for business.

The House of Bishops Committee on Churchwide Leadership presents its Report #2 on HD Message #10 on Resolution B014 (Director’s Fees for the President of the House of Deputies) and moved concurrence.

Debate ensued.

[Ed Note: Debate was suspended due to the point of personal privilege documented below. Debate was resumed on resolution B014 later the same afternoon.]
Personal Privilege
The Rt. Rev. Lloyd Allen, Bishop of Honduras, moved for a point of personal privilege to continue the discussion of translation.
Discussion ensued.

Recess
The Presiding Bishop announced a recess of ten minutes.

Reconvene
The House of Bishops reconvened at 4:25 p.m. with the Presiding Bishop in the Chair.

Special Order of Business
The Presiding Bishop has appointed the Vice-Chair, along with Bishops Prior, Quezada-Mota, and Allen to create an immediate solution to the translation issues raised.

Move to Postpone Vote
Dispatch recommended suspension in consideration of Resolution B014 until after the introduction of international guests.

International Guests from the Anglican Communion

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Churchwide Leadership
Consideration of resolution B014 continued.
The question was called.
Motion carried
Debated terminated
A vote was taken on the resolution.
Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #22)

Final Text of Resolution:

(B014)
Resolved, That the 79th General Convention acknowledge that the canonical duties required of the President of the House of Deputies, which are canonically mandated and currently unpaid, may limit the pool of those who can serve in the role if there is not adequate remuneration provided; and be it further,
Resolved, That this General Convention recognize the importance of diversity in governance leadership; and be it further,
Resolved, That this General Convention direct the Executive Council to compensate the President of the House of Deputies, who serves as Vice President of The Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society and Vice Chair of Executive Council, in the form of Director’s Fees for specific services rendered in order to fulfill duties required by the Constitution and Canons; and be it further,
Resolved, That the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance allocate resources for the implementation of this resolution.

Constitution and Canons
The Chair of the House of Bishops Committee on Constitution and Canons declared itself organized and prepared for business.

The House of Bishops Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #15 on Resolution A158 (Amend Canon III.11.3(a)(1)) and moved the resolution, recommending rejection.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A158)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That Canon III.11.3(a)(1) is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 3 (a) 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 a certificate of the election by the Secretary of Convention of the Diocese, bearing a statement of receipt of:
(1) evidence of the Bishop-elect’s having been duly ordered Deacon and Priest, and if a Priest, is a Priest in good standing of this Church;

Motion defeated
Resolution rejected
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #23)

Governance and Structure
The House of Bishops Committee on Governance and Structure declared itself organized and prepared for business.

The House of Bishops Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #1 on HD Message #8 on Resolution A177 (Amend Article I.1 - second reading) and moved concurrence

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #24)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A177)
Resolved, That Article I, Section 1 of the Constitution is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 1 There shall be a General Convention of this Church, consisting of the House of Bishops and the House of Deputies, which Houses shall sit, debate, and deliberate vote separately, unless otherwise provided for by this Constitution or the Canons. The Houses by majority vote of each House may call for the Houses to sit, debate, and vote, or any combination thereof, together. The General Convention may by Canon establish procedures for such sessions. and in all deliberations freedom of debate shall be allowed. Either House may originate and propose legislation, and all acts of the Convention shall be adopted and be authenticated by both Houses.

[Ed. Note: The committee authorized to resolve issues with C&C amendments ruled that resolution A177 could not be implemented as the language was not exactly the same as in the first reading.]

Social Justice and United States Policy
The Chair of the House of Bishops Committee on Social Justice and United States Policy reported it is organized and ready for business.

The House of Bishops Committee on Social Justice and United States Policy presented its Report #2 on Resolution B005 (Gun Violence as a Public Health Issue) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:

(B005)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention recognize gun violence in the United States as a public health crisis that requires federal government study to mitigate; and be it further
Resolved, That 79th General Convention calls upon the Congress of the United States to repeal the Dickey Amendment and oppose similar efforts that seek to limit the scope of federally funded research into gun violence, and be it further

Resolved, That the Office of Government Relations, members of the Episcopal Public Policy Network and individual Episcopalians be encouraged to advocate for funding and other policy measures that would encourage the Centers for Disease Control and any other appropriate federal government entities to study thoroughly gun violence in the United States and its impact on public health

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention recognize gun violence in the United States as a public health crisis that requires federal government study to mitigate; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention calls upon the Congress of the United States to repeal the Dickey Amendment and oppose similar efforts that seek to limit the scope of federally funded agencies to do research into and share statistics related to gun violence, sales and distribution of untraceable guns, and unlicensed gun sales; and be it further

Resolved, That the Office of Government Relations, members of the Episcopal Public Policy Network and individual Episcopalians be encouraged to advocate for funding and other policy measures that would encourage the Centers for Disease Control and any other appropriate federal government entities to study thoroughly gun violence in the United States and its impact on public health.

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

The House of Bishops Committee on Social Justice and United States Policy presented its Report #3 on Resolution C015 (Stricter Guidelines for "Lunch Box" Guns) and moved the resolution, recommending rejection.

Original Text of Resolution:

(C015)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That this 79th General Convention make formal requests to national officials to enact and enforce stricter and more uniform sentencing guidelines, both federally as well as among all states, for individuals who are involved in the manufacturing, possession or use of so-called “Lunch Box”, “Ghost”, “Replica” Guns and other such firearms which are lacking serial numbers.

Motion defeated
Resolution rejected
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #25)
The House of Bishops Committee on Social Justice and United States Policy presented its Report #6 on Resolution C047 (Support of One Person, One Vote) and moved adoption with amendment.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(C047)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church authorize The Episcopal Church to create a working group to study, define, and propose reforms by which civil government at all levels (local, state, and federal) may move closer toward making a reality of the principle of one person, one vote; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention budget allocate $35,000 (salary and benefits) for 1/4 FTE staff person at the Washington Office of The Episcopal Church to track federal and state legislative proposals for the creation and operation of the One Person, One Vote working group, and to provide timely action alerts to bishops, dioceses, and Episcopal Public Policy Network subscribers.

**Committee Amendment:**

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church authorize The Episcopal Church **Executive Council** to create a working group to study, define, and propose reforms by which civil government at all levels (local, state, and federal) may move closer toward making a reality of the principle of one person, one vote; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention budget allocate $35,000 (salary and benefits) for 1/4 FTE staff person at the Washington Office **Office of Government Relations** of The Episcopal Church to track federal and state legislative proposals for the creation and operation of the One Person, One Vote working group, and to provide timely action alerts to bishops, dioceses, and Episcopal Public Policy Network subscribers.

Motion carried

**Resolution adopted with amendment**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #31)

**Racial Justice and Reconciliation**

The Chair of the House of Bishops Committee on Racial Justice and Reconciliation reported it is organized and ready for business.

The House of Bishops Committee on Racial Justice and Reconciliation presented its Report #1 on Resolution D002 (Funding the Work of the Beloved Community) and moved adoption with amendment.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(D002)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the General Convention request that the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance consider a budget allocation of $1.0 million for the triennium for the implementation of this additional work of organizing our efforts to respond to racial injustice and grow a community of reconcilers, justice makers and healers for the implementation of this resolution; and be it further

Resolved, That such monies shall be utilized exclusively to make grants to agencies and dioceses of The Episcopal Church for the establishment of such programmatic activities aimed at addressing the issue of Racial Reconciliation. Such activities may include, but not be limited to, speaker series, sacred
conversations, Racial Reconciliation Workshops, and other activities that promote the purposes of this resolution.

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the General Convention request that the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance consider a budget allocation of $1.0 million allocate $5.0 million for the triennium for the implementation of this additional work of organizing our efforts to respond to racial injustice and grow a Beloved Community of healers, justice makers and reconcilers for the implementation of this resolution; and be it further

Resolved, That such monies shall be utilized exclusively to make grants to agencies and dioceses and other affiliated entities of The Episcopal Church for the establishment of such programmatic activities aimed at addressing the issue of Racial Reconciliation. Such activities may include, but not be limited to, speaker series, sacred conversations, Racial Reconciliation Workshops, and other activities that promote the purposes of this resolution; and be it further

Resolved, That this General Convention directs, consistent with established policies and procedures, that The Executive Council be charged with the establishment of all criteria, and procedures associated with the awarding of such grants, and that such criteria and procedures be established as soon as practical, after the conclusion of this 79th General Convention such Committee or Office that Executive Council shall designate with implementation of the grants shall have published the criteria and be ready to accept applications submitted for such grants, and that the entities receiving such grants shall report back to the Committee or Office that Executive Council shall have designated on the usage of its grant, and that the Executive Council shall report back to the General Convention in 2021 on the usage of the $5.0 million allocation.

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

Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music

The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music reported it is organized and ready for business.

The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #1 on Resolution C048 (Inclusion of a Hymn in Honor of Artemisia Bowden) and recommended take no further action.

Motion carried
The House took no further action
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #26)

The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #2 on Resolution D040 (The Status of Women Church Musicians) and moved to refer the resolution to an interim body.

Original Text of Resolution:

(D040)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention directs the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to study the status of Women Musicians in the Episcopal Church,
specifically considering the following: the status of resources within congregations and dioceses for the development of young musicians, specifically young women musicians; assistance for the encouragement of women who wish to become stipendiary church musicians; what percentage of women are full-time stipendiary musicians compared to men; what percentage of women are found in the final slate of candidates; and what is the percentage of stipendiary women church musicians in other denominations and, if higher, learn from them possible avenues to increase employment of women musicians within the Episcopal Church; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention request that the body to which this Resolution is referred to report its findings to the 80th General Convention.

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

The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #3 on Resolution A054 (An Offering of Prayer for the Whole Church) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A054)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention invite the multicultural ministers of the Church who are tasked with supporting the work of the Church's Black, Latino/Hispanic, Asian American and Native communities to work with liturgists and ministers in their communities to create a small book of prayer, liturgy and music as a gift for the Church in recognition and witness to the presence of Christ in all of our communities, traditions, and cultural expressions, knowing that as we live, we pray, and that as we pray, we live; and be it further

Resolved, That the book they produce be presented to the 80th General Convention for use by the whole Episcopal Church; and be it further

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

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention invite the multicultural ministers of the Church who are tasked with supporting the work of the Church's Black, Latino/Hispanic, Asian American and Native communities to work with liturgists and ministers in their communities to create a small book collection of prayer, liturgy and music as a gift for the Church in recognition and witness to the presence of Christ in all of our communities, traditions, and cultural expressions, knowing that as we live, we pray, and that as we pray, we live; and be it further

Resolved, That the book they produce this collection be presented to the 80th General Convention for use by the whole Episcopal Church; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance consider a budget allocation of $15,000 $20,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #28)
The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #4 on Resolution A195 (Establishing a Staff Person for Liturgy and Music on the Staff of the Presiding Bishop) and moved adoption with amendment.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(A195)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention establish a position for Liturgy and Music who will serve on the staff of the Presiding Bishop, to make accessible digital resources for all worshiping communities in The Episcopal Church; and be it further

Resolved, That the staff person support the work assigned to the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music in the creation, translation, and dissemination of digital versions of liturgies approved or made available by the General Convention. These resources would include, but not be limited to The Book of Common Prayer, The Book of Occasional Services, Lesser Feasts and Fasts, the Enriching our Worship, and musical resources. This staff person will be a resource to the whole Church for its liturgical life, including diocesan liturgy & music commissions and other groups engaged in enriching the Church’s worship; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request that the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance consider a budget allocation of $325,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

**Committee Amendment:**

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention establish a position for Liturgy and Music who will serve on the staff of the Presiding Bishop, to make accessible the Church’s liturgical resources, with particular regard for digital resources, for all worshiping communities in The Episcopal Church; and be it further

Resolved, That the staff person support the work assigned to the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music in the creation, translation, and dissemination of digital versions of liturgies approved or made available by the General Convention. These resources would include, but not be limited to The Book of Common Prayer, The Book of Occasional Services, Lesser Feasts and Fasts, the Enriching our Worship, and musical resources. This staff person will be a resource to the whole Church for its liturgical life, including diocesan liturgy and music commissions, and other groups engaged in enriching the Church’s worship; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request that the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance consider a budget allocation of $325,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

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 Music presented its Report #5 on Resolution A065 (Authorize Lesser Feasts and Fasts 2018) and moved for discussion to occur later.

Motion carried
Consideration postponed

[Ed Note: No specific time was set for further discussion of resolution A065 in the House of Bishops. On July 11th the HB Committee #12 report #5 was revoked in the legislative online system. Resolution A065 was then initiated in the House of Deputies instead who adopted a substitute on July 12th (Day Eight). The House of Bishops considered the HD substitute of resolution A065 on July 13th (Day Nine).]
Update from the Vice-Chair
The Vice-Chair reported on the discussion had by those selected by the Presiding Bishop regarding translation.

Recess
Following announcements by the Assistant Secretary and the Rt. Rev. Jeffery Lee, Bishop of Chicago, the Presiding Bishop declared the House in recess until 10:30 a.m. tomorrow morning.
Reconvene
The House of Bishops reconvened at 10:30 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 Secretary moved for approval of the previous day's minutes.

Motion carried

Roll Call
The Secretary made her final request for bishops who need to report for Roll Call.

Communications from the Presiding Bishop
The Presiding Bishop called the Vice-Chair to report on translation methodology in The Episcopal Church and on Stephen Lane, Bishop of Maine, to report on matters of the Program, Budget, and Finance process.

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

HD Message # 11: X006 [Ed. Note: replaced with HD message #24]
HD Message # 12: X007 (House Organized) Adopted with Amendment
HD Message # 13: A038 (Affirm Inter-Anglican Secretariat) Adopted
HD Message # 14: B013 (Response to Yemen Humanitarian Crisis) Adopted with Amendment
HD Message # 15: A034 (Supporting General Convention Children's Program) Adopted
HD Message # 16: C061 (Encouraging the Use of the Code on Conduct for the Protection of Children) Referred to a Different Committee
HD Message # 17: A030 (Small Evangelism Grants) Adopted with Amendment
HD Message # 18: A082 (Training for [Digital] Evangelists) Adopted with Amendment
HD Message # 19: B008 (Stewardship in Communities of Color) Adopted with Amendment
HD Message # 20: A028 (Salary for the President of the House of Deputies) Took No Further Action
HD Message # 21: C043 (Per Diem Compensation for the President of the House of Deputies) Took No Further Action
Election of Members of the General Board of Examining Chaplains

Election Ballot #1 was taken for Members of the General Board of Examining Chaplains.

Ministry

The House of Bishops Committee on Ministry presented its Report #4 on Resolution A091 (Amend Canon III.9 and III.7-Equity in Clergy Hiring and Appointment Practices) and moved the resolution, recommending rejection.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A091)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That Canon III.9 is hereby amended to add the following to read as follows:

Section 3: The Appointment of Priests:

(a) No priest shall be discriminated against in the call or appointment process of this Church because of race, color, ethnic origin, nation of origin, sex, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, disabilities or age, except as otherwise provided by these Canons.

and be it further

Resolved, That the existing sections be numbered appropriately; and be it further

Resolved, That Canon III.7.1 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 1. Deacons serve directly under the authority of and are accountable to the Bishop, or in the absence of the Bishop, the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese. No deacon shall be discriminated against in the appointment process of this Church because of race, color, ethnic origin, nation of origin, sex, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, disabilities or age, except as otherwise provided by these Canons.

Motion defeated

Resolution rejected

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #36)
The House of Bishops Committee on Ministry presented its Report #5 on Resolution D035 (Amend Canon III.9 regarding Reconciliation and Mediation between Clergy) and moved the resolution, recommending rejection.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(D035)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That Canon III.9 be amended to add the following section:

Sec. 16. Reconciliation of Disagreements affecting the Collegial Relationship between Clergy serving in the same Diocese

When the pastoral relationship between individual clergy serving in the same diocese is imperiled by disagreement or dissension, either party may petition the Bishop Diocesan, in writing, to intervene and assist the parties in their efforts to resolve the conflict. The written petition shall include sufficient information to inform the Bishop Diocesan of the nature, causes, and specifics of the dissension. The Bishop Diocesan shall initiate such proceedings as are deemed appropriate, which may include the appointment of a consultant or qualified mediator. The Bishop Diocesan may also serve as the mediator, at the bishop's discretion. The parties to the disagreement, following the recommendations of the Bishop Diocesan, shall labor in good faith toward that reconciliation. If such proceedings, after an agreed-upon period of time, lead to reconciliation, said reconciliation shall contain definitions of responsibility and accountability for the involved clergy.

Motion defeated

Resolution rejected

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #43)

The House of Bishops Committee on Ministry presented its Report #7 on Resolution A136 (Establish a Standing Commission on Formation and Ministry Development) and moved adoption with amendment.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(A136)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring,

That a Standing Commission on Formation and Ministry Development shall be established, which shall coordinate and encourage the development of all orders of ministry, encouraging and engaging all the baptized in the work of building up the church and developing best practices to ensure all churches benefit from the diversity of leadership gifts God has given us.

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) Support Diocesan Commissions on Ministry in their support of the ministry of all the baptized, Title III Canons 1 & 2
(iii) Develop and recommend to the General Convention comprehensive and coordinated policies for people across all ages and stages of life for lifelong formation as Christians and citizens.

(iv) 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 of discernment, education and training for ministry, leadership development, hiring, and deployment.

(v) Study the needs and trends of vocational opportunities for ordained leaders within and outside the Church and the appropriate formation required to live into those opportunities.

(vi) Recommend policies and strategies to the General Convention to ensure the fair hiring and compensation of lay and ordained employees in all ministry settings, with special attention to parity across those lines which have historically divided us, including but not limited to 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.

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, that Canon I.1.2 (n) be amended as follows:

(3) A Standing Commission on Formation and Ministry Development

That a Standing Commission on Formation and Ministry Development shall be established, which shall coordinate and encourage the development of all orders of ministry, encouraging and engaging all the baptized in the work of building up the church and developing best practices to ensure all churches benefit from the diversity of leadership gifts God has given us.

And be it further Resolved, that

It shall be the duty of the Commission to:

(i) Coordinate and encourage the development of all orders of ministry and engage all the baptized in the work of building up the church;

(ii) 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);

(iii) Support Diocesan Commissions on Ministry in their support of the ministry of all the baptized, Title III Canons 1 & 2;

(iv) Develop and recommend to the General Convention comprehensive and coordinated policies for people across all ages and stages of life for lifelong formation as Christians and citizens;

(v) 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 of discernment, education and training for ministry, and leadership development, hiring, and deployment.
(v) Study the needs and trends of vocational opportunities for ordained leaders within and outside the Church and the appropriate formation required to live into those opportunities.

(vi) Recommend policies and strategies to the General Convention to ensure the fair hiring and compensation of lay and ordained employees in all ministry settings, with special attention to parity across those lines which have historically divided us, including but not limited to 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.

And be it further

Resolved, that this change shall become effective immediately upon the close of General Convention.

The question was called.

Motion defeated

Debate continued.

The question was called.

Motion carried

Debate terminated

A vote was taken on resolution A136.

Motion defeated

Resolution rejected

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #37)

The House of Bishops Committee on Ministry presented its Report #9 on Resolution A164 (Amend Canon III.12.2) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A164)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That Canon III.12.2 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2. Continuing Education

The House of Bishops shall require and provide for the continuing education of Bishops, and shall keep a record of such education. Each Bishop shall report all continuing education taken during the calendar year to the Secretary of the House of Bishops, who shall keep a record of the continuing education taken by Bishops.

Motion carried

Resolution adopted

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #38)
The House of Bishops Committee on Ministry presented its Report #10 on Resolution C040 (Amend Canon III.4.1(a)) and moved the resolution, recommending rejection.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(C040)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention amend Canon III.4.1(a) by removing the words “Eucharistic Minister” 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.4.6 be deleted and subsequent sections of Canon III.4 be renumbered accordingly.

Sec. 6. A Eucharistic Minister is a lay person authorized to administer the Consecrated Elements at a Celebration of Holy Eucharist. A Eucharistic Minister should normally act under the direction of a Deacon, if any, or otherwise, the Member of the Clergy or other leader exercising oversight of the congregation or other community of faith.

Motion defeated
Resolution rejected

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #39)

**Special Order of Business**

The Presiding Bishop welcomed members of the General Convention Youth Presence and The Young Adult Festival. Eva Ortez, Diocese of Southeast Florida, of the Young Adult Festival, and Maria Gonzalez, Diocese of Olympia, of the General Convention Youth Presence, addressed the House.

**Introduction of Guests**

The Presiding Bishop welcomed the following ecumenical guests, who greeted the House by way of previously recorded video introductions.

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Motion to Reconsider Resolution A164

The Rt. Rev. Lawrence Provenzano, Bishop of Long Island, joined by the Bishops of North Carolina, New Jersey, and Kansas moved to reconsider Resolution A164.

Motion defeated

Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations

The Rt. Rev. Eugene Sutton, Bishop of Maryland and Chair of The House of Bishops Committee on Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations reported that HB legislative committee #19 was organized and ready for business.

The House of Bishops Committee on Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations presented its Report #3 on Resolution A041 (Episcopal Church-United Methodist Dialogue) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A041)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That this 79th General Convention receives with gratitude the proposal “A Gift to the World, Co-Laborers for the Healing of Brokenness,” which was prepared and distributed by The Episcopal Church-United Methodist Dialogue; and be it further

Resolved, That this Convention encourages and supports prayerful consideration by all Episcopalians during the coming triennium of this significant step forward in response to our Lord’s fervent wish “that all may be one.”

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention receives with gratitude the proposal “A Gift to the World, Co-Laborers for the Healing of Brokenness,” which was prepared and distributed by The Episcopal Church-United Methodist Dialogue; and be it further

Resolved, That this Convention encourage all Episcopalians to utilize the many resources available to understand the substance of this dialogue and its goal of full communion. Resources can be found on the websites of The Episcopal Church (episcopalchurch.org), the Episcopal Diocesan Ecumenical and Interreligious Officers (edeio.org), and umc-tec.org, a website supporting full communion between the United Methodist Church and The Episcopal Church; and be it further
Resolved, That this Convention encourages and supports prayerful consideration by all Episcopalians during the coming triennium of this significant step forward in response to our Lord’s fervent wish “that all may be one.”

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

Legislative Calendar Day Three
The Chair of The House of Bishops Committee on Dispatch of Business announced the beginning of the Legislative Day Three calendar.

The Vice-President assumed the chair.

Social Justice and United States Policy
The House of Bishops Committee on Social Justice and United States Policy presented its Report #8 on Resolution C022 (Supporting Transgender Access) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(C022)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church reaffirm its support for the enactment of laws at the local, state and federal level that prohibit discrimination based on gender identity or the expression of one’s gender identity; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church support legislative, educational, pastoral, liturgical, and broader communal efforts that seek to end the pattern of violence against transgender people in general and transgender women in particular, calling attention especially to the rising violence against transgender women of color; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church oppose all legislation that restricts public restroom, locker room and shower access for transgender and gender non-conforming people, recognizing that such bills disproportionately impact and contribute to a pattern of violence against transgender women and non-binary identified people; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church ask dioceses and parishes to remove barriers to full participation in congregational life by making their gender-specific facilities and activities fully accessible to all, regardless of gender identity and expression.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church reaffirm its support for the enactment of laws at the local, state and federal level that prohibit discrimination based on gender identity or the expression of one’s gender identity; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church support legislative, educational, pastoral, liturgical, and broader communal efforts that seek to end the pattern of violence against transgender people in general and transgender women in particular, calling attention especially to the rising violence against transgender women of color and gender non-conforming people; and be it further
Resolved, That The Episcopal Church oppose all legislation that restricts public restroom, locker room and shower access for transgender and gender non-conforming people, recognizing that such bills disproportionately impact and contribute to a pattern of violence against transgender women and non-binary identified people; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church ask dioceses and parishes to remove barriers to full participation in congregational life by making their gender-specific facilities and activities fully accessible to all, regardless of gender identity and expression.

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church direct the Office of Government Relations to advocate for passage of federal legislation that protects transgender and gender non-conforming persons from discrimination; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church urge dioceses, parishes, and Episcopalians to advocate for passage and enactment of similar legislation at the local and state level.

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

The Presiding Bishop assumed the chair.

Special Order of Business

The Presiding Bishop welcomed Philip and April Schentrup, parents of Carmen Schentrup, introduced by the Rt. Rev. Peter Eaton, Bishop of Southeast Florida. Philip Schentrup addressed the house on advocacy against gun violence.

Following the remarks and prayer, the Presiding Bishop asked for five minutes to be in place before resuming the agenda.

Special Order of Business

The Rt. Rev. Robert Ihloff, Bishop Assistant of Virginia introduced The Rev. Judy Upham to be recognized by the House. The Rev. Upham was welcomed by the Presiding Bishop.

Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music

The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #6 on Resolution C007 (Commend and Reconcile Baptismal Covenant to Reflect Our Unity With All Creation) and moved to take no further action.

Motion carried
The House took no further action
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #44)

Environmental Stewardship and Care of Creation

The Rt. Rev. David Rice, Bishop of San Joaquin and Chair of the House of Bishops Committee on Environmental Stewardship and Care of Creation reported that HB legislative committee #20 was organized and ready for business.
The House of Bishops Committee on Environmental Stewardship and Care of Creation presented its Report #7 on Resolution A013 (Facilitating the Development of the Church’s Ministry of the Care of Creation) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A013)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention affirm the Presiding Officers’ call to the Church to recognize Care of Creation as an integral part of The Jesus Movement; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention establish the role of Officer for the Stewardship of Creation as a member of the Presiding Bishop’s staff to directly support the work of The Episcopal Church in issues of Environmental Stewardship and Care of Creation; and be it further

Resolved, That this role shall be responsible to serve as a resource person for the Church, a liaison between parishes and Episcopal institutions with their many creation care initiatives, network developer for sharing best practices, contact person for the denomination, partners and parishes, ambassador between evangelism, racial justice and stewardship of creation, and advocate for funding, visibility and action; and be it further

Resolved, that the General Convention request that the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance allocate $390,000 for the cost of this position for the 2019-2021 triennium.

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention affirm the Presiding Officers' call to the Church to recognize Care of Creation as an integral part of The Jesus Movement; and be it further

Resolved, That, as disciples of Jesus Christ, we recognize that the Earth is the Lord’s (Psalm 24), has been made in and through Christ (John 1) and we are placed in it as a garden planet (Genesis 2); and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention establish the role of Officer for the Stewardship of Creation as a member of the Episcopal Church Center Presiding Bishop’s staff to directly support the work of The Episcopal Church in issues of Environmental Stewardship and Care of Creation; and be it further

Resolved, That this role shall be responsible to staff person shall serve as a resource person for the Church, a liaison between parishes Episcopal faith communities and Episcopal institutions with their many creation care initiatives, network developer for sharing best practices, contact person for the denomination, partners and parishes faith communities, ambassador between evangelism, racial justice and stewardship care of creation, and advocate for funding, visibility and action; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention authorize a Task Force for the Care of Creation to develop this aspect of the ongoing mission and ministry of The Episcopal Church; and be it further

Resolved, That this Task Force of up to 20 persons be appointed jointly by the President of the House of Deputies and the Presiding Bishop, with members to include a geographically diverse representation from the Church mindful to include younger generations, people of color and native persons who are and will be disproportionately affected by climate change; and be it further

Resolved, That this Task Force work during the period of 2018-2021 and submit a report to the 80th General Convention; and be it further

Resolved, That the Task Force shall develop and refine the small grants program begun by the 2015-2018 Advisory Council for Stewardship of Creation to support local and regional eco-ministry efforts; engage eco-
justice site projects, and further develop creation care networks based on bioregions (a region defined by characteristics of the natural environment rather than by human-made divisions) and/or areas of affinity, (e.g. renewable energy, regenerative agriculture, liturgy, Christian formation); and be it further

Resolved, That the staff person for the Care of Creation shall liaise with and support the work of the Task Force for the Care of Creation; and be it further

Resolved, That the Task Force shall receive and help disseminate case studies and best practices in keeping with the spirit of the Paris Climate Accord, that is, supporting humanity’s transition from industrial life to sustainable life; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention recommend to the President of the House Deputies and the Presiding Bishop in consultation with the Task Force to establish and to appoint persons to a Theology of Creation Working Group tasked with facilitating innovative educational offerings in environmental ethics and theology for the formation of clergy and laity; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request that the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance allocate $1.1 million for the implementation of this resolution and staff support and leadership from The Episcopal Church.

Resolved, that the General Convention request that the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance allocate $390,000 for the cost of this position for the 2019-2021 triennium.

The Rt. Rev. Steven Miller, Bishop of Milwaukee, moved to amend the resolution.

Proposed Amendment:
Delete "Presiding Officers" and insert "the President of the House of Deputies and the Presiding Bishop."

Motion carried
Amendment adopted

A vote was taken on Resolution A013 as amended.

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

Recess
Following announcements by the Secretary, the Rt. Rev. W. Nicholas Knisely, Bishop of Rhode Island, and the Rt. Rev. Ian Douglas, Bishop of Connecticut, the House of Bishops Chaplains Mr. Dent Davidson and the Rev. Miguelina Howell led the House in prayer. The Presiding Bishop declared the House stand in recess until 2:30 p.m. for the Joint Session on the Third Legislative Day.

The House went into recess at 1:03 p.m.
Fourth Day

Sunday
July 8, 2018

AFTERNOON SESSION

Liturgy of Thanksgiving for Resigning Bishops

The House of Bishops celebrated the Liturgy of Thanksgiving for Resigning Bishops and spouses, led by the Presiding Bishop and the Bishop of El Camino Real.

Bishops resigning:

- The Rt. Rev. Jean Zache Duracin, Bishop of Haiti, and Marie-Edithe
- The Rt. Rev. Alfredo Morante, Bishop of Ecuador Litoral, and Olga de Jesus
- The Rt. Rev. Don Johnson, Bishop of West Tennessee, and Jeannie
- The Rt. Rev. Pierre Whalon, Bishop in Charge of the Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe, and Hélène
- The Rt. Rev. C. Franklin Brookhart, Bishop of Montana, and Susan
- The Rt. Rev. Kirk Smith, Bishop of Arizona, and Laura
- The Rt. Rev. Dena Harrison, Bishop of Bishop Suffragan of Texas, and Larry
- The Rt. Rev. Barry Beisner, Bishop of Northern California, and Ann Hallisey
- The Rt. Rev. Mark Beckwith, Bishop of Newark, and Marilyn
- The Rt. Rev. Dan Edwards, Bishop of Nevada, and Linda
- The Rt. Rev. Herman Hollerith, Bishop of Southern Virginia, and Lizzie
- The Rt. Rev. Stephen Lane, Bishop of Maine, and Gretchen
- The Rt. Rev. John Tarrant, Bishop of South Dakota, and Patricia
- The Rt. Rev. Michael Vono, Bishop of Rio Grande
- The Rt. Rev. Mike Milliken, Bishop of Western Kansas, and Kathleen

Reconvene

The House of Bishops reconvened at 3:44 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 Secretary moved approval of the previous day's minutes, available in the Secretariat.

Motion carried

Communications from the Presiding Bishop

The Presiding Bishop invited the Rt. Rev. Marc Andrus, Bishop of California to share his remarks.
The Presiding Bishop invited the House of Bishops to welcome Andrés González-Bonillas of Arizona, youth preacher at the morning's Eucharist, and his family. González-Bonillas gifted a copy of his sermon to the Presiding Bishop who asked that it be spread upon the minutes of the House of Bishops.

[Ed. Note: A copy of the sermon of Andrés González-Bonilla can be found in Appendix C of the House of Bishops minutes.]

**Appointments by the Presiding Bishop**

The Presiding Bishop announced the following appointments to the Board of Archives:

- The Rt. Rev. Jennifer Baskerville-Burrows, Bishop of Indianapolis
- The Rt. Rev. William Franklin, Bishop of Western New York

The Presiding Bishop announced the following appointments to the Board of Transition Ministry:

- The Rt. Rev. Daniel Gutierrez, Bishop of Pennsylvania
- The Rt. Rev. Jose McLaughlin, Bishop of Western North Carolina

**Nominations by the Presiding Bishop for Custodian of the Book of Common Prayer, Historiographer, & Recorder of Ordinations**

The Presiding Bishop nominated Juan Cabrero Oliver for Custodian of the Book of Common Prayer, Bruce Mullins for Historiographer, and Church Pension Fund for Recorder of Ordinations.

**Announcement from the Floor**

Bishop Tom Ely asked the House to show its appreciation for the efforts of Dinorah Padro, the interpreter at last night's worship event.

**Consent Calendar**

The Secretary moved adoption of the Consent Calendar for the 4th Legislative Day, noting the removal of Resolution D043 from the Consent Calendar to be added to the Day 4 Legislative Calendar.

**Consent Calendar**

**Social Justice and United States Policy**

The House of Bishops Committee on Social Justice and United States Policy presented its Report #4 on Resolution A057 (Strengthen Staff Resources for Networking) and moved adoption with amendment.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(A057)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention support the continued and additional strengthening of Church wide staff resources and collaboration to support the grassroots work of The Episcopal Church in the areas of social justice advocacy and ethnic and multicultural ministry across The Episcopal Church.
Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention support the continued and additional strengthening of Church wide staff resources and collaboration in accordance with the Blue Book report of the House of Deputies Committee on the State of the Church to support the grassroots work of The Episcopal Church in the areas of social justice advocacy and ethnic and multicultural ministry across The Episcopal Church.

Motion carried  
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #98)

Ministry

The House of Bishops Committee on Ministry presented its Report #6 on Resolution A093 (Amend Canon III.8.7(f)- Deacons Who Subsequently Seek Ordination to the Priesthood) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A093)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That Canon III.8.7(f) is hereby amended to read as follows:

III.8.7(f)

A person ordained to the Diaconate under Canon III.6 who is subsequently called to the Priesthood shall fulfill the Postulancy and Candidacy requirements set forth in this Canon. Upon completion of these requirements, the Deacon may be ordained to the Priesthood.

A person ordained to the Diaconate under Canon III.6 who subsequently expresses a call to the Priesthood shall apply to the Bishop Diocesan and the Commission on Ministry. The Commission on Ministry and Bishop Diocesan shall ensure that the Deacon meets the formational requirements set forth in III.8.5(g) and shall recommend such additional steps as may be necessary and required. Upon completion of these requirements and those required for Postulancy and Candidacy as set forth in this Canon, the Deacon may be ordained to the Priesthood.

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That Canon III.8.7(f) is hereby amended to read as follows:

III.8.7(f)

A person ordained to the Diaconate under Canon III.6 who is subsequently called to the Priesthood shall fulfill the Postulancy and Candidacy requirements set forth in this Canon. Upon completion of these requirements, the Deacon may be ordained to the Priesthood.

A person ordained to the Diaconate under Canon III.6 who subsequently expresses a call to the Priesthood shall apply to the Bishop Diocesan and the Commission on Ministry. The Commission on Ministry and Bishop Diocesan shall ensure that the Deacon meets the formational requirements set forth in III.8.5(g) and shall recommend such additional steps as
may be necessary and required. Upon completion of these requirements and those required for Postulancy and Candidacy as set forth in this Canon III.8, the Deacon may be ordained to the Priesthood.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #96)

Constitution and Canons
The House of Bishops Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #16 on Resolution A154 (Amend Canon I.13.3(a)) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A154)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That Canon I.13.3(a) is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 3 (a) Where Parish boundaries are not defined by law, or settled by Diocesan Authority action of the Convention of the Diocese under Section 2 of this Canon, or are not otherwise settled, they shall be defined by the civil divisions of the State as follows:

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

Social Justice and United States Policy
The House of Bishops Committee on Social Justice and United States Policy presented its Report #5 on Resolution C041 (Repair America’s Safety Net) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(C041)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church advocate unflaggingly for the federal and state governments of the United States to close gaps in the safety net which cause millions of Americans to suffer eviction, homelessness, inability to access health care, medical debt, and hunger; and be it further

Resolved, That Episcopalians, dioceses, and The Episcopal Church advocate for government food assistance, health care coverage, and housing assistance to be entitlements, for which eligibility is determined by the applicant’s current financial need and all eligible people receive the aid they qualify for; and be it further

Resolved, That Episcopalians, dioceses, and The Episcopal Church oppose federal cuts in tax credits that benefit low-income families including the Earned Income Tax Credit, Child Tax Credit, and Child Care Credit, and advocate for similar tax credits at the state level; and be it further

Resolved, That Episcopalians, dioceses, and The Episcopal Church oppose health care proposals 1) to limit public benefit funding to block grants, or 2) to cut off new enrollment of income-eligible people at a
future date irrespective of their needs, or 3) to stipulate that people who lose eligibility when their income
rises cannot re-enroll if their income falls again in the future due to loss of income, and be it further

Resolved, That Episcopalians and dioceses in the 19 states that did not accept the Affordable Care Act
Medicaid Expansion advocate with their state legislators and governors to accept this benefit and federal
funding for their constituents; and be it further

Resolved, That Episcopalians, dioceses and The Episcopal Church call on Congress to make the cost-sharing
provisions of the Affordable Care Act an entitlement; and be it further

Resolved, That Episcopalians, dioceses and The Episcopal Church call on Congress to cap the mortgage
interest deduction for wealthy taxpayers and direct the increased revenue to low-income housing
assistance 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 of $83,750 for 1/4 FTE staff person at the Office of Government
Relations to track federal and state legislative proposals on public benefit funding and eligibility, and to
provide timely action alerts to Bishop Breidenthal, dioceses, and Episcopal Public Policy Network

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church
direct The Office of Government Relations to advocate unflaggingly for the federal and state governments
of the United States to close gaps in the safety net which cause millions of Americans to suffer eviction,
homelessness, inability to access health care, medical debt, and hunger; and be it further

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assistance, healthcare coverage, and housing assistance to be entitlements, for which eligibility is
determined by the applicant’s current financial need and all eligible people receive the aid they qualify for;
and be it further

Resolved, that Episcopalians, Dioceses and The Episcopal Church advocate at the federal, state, and local level
for adequate nutrition, healthcare, and housing as human rights which should be provided to all residents of
this country, and for which eligibility is determined only by the applicants’ current financial need, and all
eligible people receive the aid for which they qualify; and be it further

Resolved, That Episcopalians, dioceses, and The Episcopal Church oppose federal cuts in tax credits that
benefit low-income families including the Earned Income Tax Credit, Child Tax Credit, and Child Care Credit,
and advocate for similar tax credits at the state level; and be it further

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cannot re-enroll if their income falls again in the future due to loss of income, and be it further

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provisions of the Affordable Care Act an entitlement; and be it further

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interest deduction for wealthy taxpayers and direct the increased revenue to low-income housing
assistance 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 of $83,750 for 1/4 FTE staff person at the Office of Government Relations to track federal and state legislative proposals on public benefit funding and eligibility, and to provide timely action alerts to Bishop Breidenthal, dioceses, and Episcopal Public Policy Network; and be it further

Resolved, That the Episcopal Dioceses and congregations provide networking relationship for housing and employment to refer homeless people to assist in getting employment and housing.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #103)

World Mission

The House of Bishops Committee on World Mission presented its Report #3 on Resolution D050 (Solidarity with Victims of Religious Persecution) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:

(D050)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church reaffirm its commitment to the freedom of all people in all places to profess and practice their religious beliefs as a universal human right; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention express its concern that adherents of religious minorities in many nations and cultures are persecuted by religious majorities and by governments hostile to religion through gratuitous criticism, legal strictures, social exclusion, economic discrimination, sanctuary desecration, and physical violence; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention encourage dioceses, congregations and mission organizations to include outreach to persecuted religious minorities in their international mission work; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention encourage dioceses, congregations and mission organizations to establish in their international mission work relationships of solidarity with Christians experiencing persecution by reason of their faith in Jesus Christ; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request the Episcopal Church's Office of Governmental Relations to advocate on behalf of legislation and international appeals to protect religious freedom; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention Office communicate this resolution to the United States Ambassador-at-Large for International Religious Freedom and to the bipartisan United States Commission on International Religious Freedom.

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church reaffirm its commitment to the freedom of all people in all places to profess and practice their religious beliefs as a universal human right; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention express its concern that adherents of religious minorities in many nations and cultures are persecuted by religious majorities and by governments hostile to religion through gratuitous criticism, legal strictures, social exclusion, economic discrimination, sanctuary desecration, and physical violence; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention encourage dioceses, congregations and mission organizations to include outreach to persecuted religious minorities in their international mission work; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention encourage dioceses, congregations and mission organizations to establish in their international mission work relationships of solidarity with Christians experiencing persecution by reason of their faith in Jesus Christ; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request congregations to include in the Prayers of the People intercessions for persecuted Christians and other persecuted religious minorities on the second Sunday of each month in the following seasons of the Church Year: Advent, Epiphany, Lent, Easter, and Pentecost; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention encourage congregations and dioceses to support reputable organizations that help those who are victims of religious persecution; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention Office communicate this resolution to the United States Ambassador-at-Large for International Religious Freedom and to the bipartisan United States Commission on International Religious Freedom.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #97)

The House of Bishops Committee on World Mission presented its Report #2 on Resolution D054 (Expand YASC and EVIM Support) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:
(D054)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention affirm the Anglican and ecumenical mission consensus that incarnational and personal presence is important in global mission alongside funding and program initiatives and that therefore the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society should continue to send missionaries to serve in companionship with others around the world; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention encourage dioceses, seminaries, and congregations to recruit and support both Episcopal Volunteers in Mission (EVIMs) and Young Adult Service Corps members (YASCers); and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention increase its commitment to EVIM and YASC programs by increasing the budget to meet the escalating costs of travel and insurance for missionaries and to strengthen the promotion of both programs across the church; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance increase the Mission Personnel budget by $250,000 from $4,740,900 to $4,990,900 for the 2019-21 triennium in order to implement this resolution.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #64)
The House of Bishops Committee on World Mission presented its Report #1 on Resolution D061 (Develop Episcopal Gap Year Program) and moved adoption with amendment.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(D061)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church direct the staff of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society to conduct pilot development of an Episcopal Gap Year Program in international mission for young adults, ages 18-23, who are between high school and other educational or vocational pursuits; and be it further

Resolved, That the program be guided by innovative models of such programs, including but not limited to the Young Adult Service Corps, and that it ensure accessibility to racial and ethnic minorities, to persons from non-U.S.-domestic dioceses, and to persons of limited financial means; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance consider a budget allocation of $90,000 for the 2019-2021 triennium in order to develop the Episcopal Gap Year Program.

**Committee Amendment:**

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church direct the staff of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, especially the Office of Global Partnership and the Office of Young Adult and Campus Ministries, to conduct a pilot development of an Episcopal Gap Year Program in international mission for young adults, ages 18-23, who are between high school and other educational or vocational pursuits; and be it further

Resolved, That the program be guided by innovative models of such programs, including but not limited to the Young Adult Service Corps, and that it ensure accessibility to racial and ethnic minorities, to persons from non-U.S.-domestic dioceses, and to persons of limited financial means; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention encourage dioceses and congregations to recruit young adults to participate in the Gap Year Program and to support them with fund-raising assistance; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance consider a budget allocation of $90,000 for the 2019-2021 triennium in order to develop the Episcopal Gap Year Program.

**Motion carried**

**Resolution adopted with amendment**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #104)

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**Environmental Stewardship and Care of Creation**

The House of Bishops Committee on Environmental Stewardship and Care of Creation presented its Report #2 on Resolution A010 (The Planting of "Paris Groves") and moved adoption with amendment.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(A010)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention affirm the importance of Episcopal Schools, Camps and Conference Centers in educating generations of Episcopalians, especially in matters of stewardship and relationship with Creation; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention, recognizing the timely importance of these conversations, commend all Episcopal Schools, Camps and Conference Centers in making environmental stewardship and care of creation key components of formation in the 2019-2021 triennium; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention, as part of The Episcopal Church’s response to the opportunity to stand with civil society partners to keep the United States commitment to the Paris Climate Accord, commend each of the eighty-five (85) camp and conference centers in the Episcopal Church will establish “Paris Groves,” plantings of trees in the camp and conference centers that will serve as a visible witness to the significance of the Paris Accord and do the practical work of sequestration of carbon from the atmosphere; and be it further

Resolved, that each camp and conference center determine the tree species appropriate for their ecosystem and plant those species; and be it further

Resolved, that each Episcopalian be encouraged to donate to one of our eighty-five (85) camp and conference centers for the establishment of Paris Groves; and be it further

Resolved, that Episcopalians gather at Episcopal Camp and Conference centers for the tree planting, establishing Paris Groves; and be it further

Resolved, that the General Convention invite each Confirmand, person received into the Episcopal Church and each person reaffirming his or her Baptismal vows to plant a tree in gratitude in an Episcopal camp and conference center Paris Grove; and be it further

Resolved, that Episcopalians be encouraged to donate to an Episcopal camp and conference center for the maintenance of an existing forest.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention affirm the importance of Episcopal Schools, Camps and Conference Centers in educating generations of Episcopalians, especially in matters of stewardship and relationship with Creation; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention, recognizing the timely importance of these conversations, commend all Episcopal Schools, Camp and Conference Centers, or other church-owned properties in making environmental stewardship and care of creation key components of formation in the 2019-2021 triennium; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention, as part of The Episcopal Church’s response to the opportunity to stand with civil society international partners to keep the United States commitment to in affirming the Paris Climate Accord, commend each of the eighty-five (85) camp and conference centers in the Episcopal Church will to establish “Paris Groves,” plantings of trees in at the camp and conference centers or other church-owned properties that will serve as a visible witness to the significance of the Paris Accord and do the practical work of sequestration of carbon from the atmosphere; and be it further

Resolved, that each camp and conference center determine both the tree species and appropriate timing for their ecosystem and plant those species; and be it further

Resolved, that each Episcopalian be encouraged to donate to one of our eighty-five (85) camp and conference centers for the establishment of Paris Groves; and be it further or the maintenance of an existing forest; and be it further

Resolved, that Episcopalians gather at Episcopal Camp and Conference centers for the tree planting, establishing Paris Groves; and be it further

Resolved, that the General Convention invite each Confirmand, person received into the Episcopal Church and each person reaffirming his or her Baptismal vows to plant a tree in gratitude in an Episcopal camp
and conference center Paris Grove; and be it further and to cherish the wondrous works of God and protect and restore the beauty and integrity of all creation.

Resolved, that Episcopalians be encouraged to donate to an Episcopal camp and conference center for the maintenance of an existing forest.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #95)

Constitution and Canons
The House of Bishops Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #17 on Resolution A175 (Amend Article II.7 - Second Reading) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A175)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the Constitution of the General Convention Article II.7 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 7 It shall be lawful for the House of Bishops to may elect a Suffragan Bishop Suffragan who, under the direction of the Presiding Bishop, shall be in charge of the work of those persons of this Church who serve as chaplains in the Armed Forces of the United States and such other agencies as may be specified by the Presiding Bishop. Veterans' Administration Medical Centers, and Federal Correctional Institutions who are ordained Ministers of this Church. The Suffragan Bishop Suffragan so elected shall be consecrated and hold office under such conditions and limitations other than those provided in this Article as may be provided by Canons of the General Convention. The Suffragan Bishop shall be eligible for election as Bishop or Bishop Coadjutor or Suffragan Bishop of a Diocese.

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

The House of Bishops Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #19 on Resolution A176 (Amend Article V - Second Reading) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A176)
Resolved, the Deputies concurring, That Article V, Section 1 is amended as follows:

Sec. 1 A new Diocese may be formed, with the consent of the General Convention and under such conditions as the General Convention shall prescribe by General Canon or Canons, (1) by the division of an existing Diocese; (2) by the junction of two or more Dioceses or of parts of two or more Dioceses; or (3) by the erection into a Diocese of an unorganized area evangelized as provided in Article VI. The proceedings shall originate in a Convocation of the Clergy and Laity of the unorganized area called by the Diocesan Bishop Ecclesiastical Authority for that purpose; or, with the approval of the Bishop Ecclesiastical
Authority, in the Convention of the Diocese to be divided; or (when it is proposed to form a new Diocese by the junction of two or more existing Dioceses or of parts of two or more Dioceses) by mutual agreement of the Conventions of the Dioceses concerned, with the approval of the Bishop Ecclesiastical Authority of each Diocese. In case the Episcopate of a Diocese be vacant, no proceedings toward its division shall be taken until the vacancy is filled. After consent of the General Convention, when a certified copy of the duly adopted Constitution of the new Diocese, including an unqualified accession to the Constitution and Canons of this Church, shall have been filed with the Secretary of the General Convention and approved by the Executive Council of this Church, such new Diocese shall thereupon be in union with the General Convention.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #70)

[Ed. Note: The House of Bishops voted to reconsider their first action on Resolution A176 on July 12th (Day 8). They then made floor changes and voted to adopt with amendment, with the intention of making the amended version a first reading of a new constitutional change. The above listed constitutional change was adopted, however, with a duplicate resolution: A111.]

The House of Bishops Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #18 on Resolution D048 (Review of Disability Language in the Constitution and Canons) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:
(D048)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons to review the governing documents of The Episcopal Church concerning the use and definition of the words ‘disabled’ and ‘disability’ and report their findings to the 80th General Convention; and be it further
Resolved, That the Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons propose amendments to the Constitution and Canons regarding the use of the words ‘disabled’ and ‘disability,’ implementing language, where appropriate, that accurately reflects the intended meaning in the documents.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #71)

Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations

The House of Bishops Committee on Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations presented its Report #1 on Resolution Co59 (Dialogue between The Episcopal Church and the Lutheran Church in Bavaria) and moved adoption.
Original Text of Resolution:

(C059)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention approve and commend the existing relationship between the Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe (Convocation) and the Evangelisch-Lutherische Kirche in Bayern (ELKB) (Evangelical Church in Bavaria), and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention approve and commend the process of exploring deeper relations and the dialogue toward full communion between The Episcopal Church and the ELKB.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #74)

Constitution and Canons

The House of Bishops Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #20 on Resolution A004 (Amend Joint Rule VII.18) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A004)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That Rule VII.18 on the Joint Standing Committee on Nominations be amended as follows:

18. The Joint Standing Committee on Nominations shall be composed of three Bishops, three Presbyters or Deacons, and six Lay Persons. Members who are Presbyters or Lay Persons shall have served as deputies to the most recent General Convention and will continue to serve if elected as either a deputy or alternate to until the next General Convention.

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That Rule VII.18 on the Joint Standing Committee on Nominations be amended as follows:18.

The Joint Standing Committee on Nominations shall be composed of three Bishops, three Presbyters or Deacons, and six Lay Persons. Members who are Presbyters or Lay Persons shall have served as deputies to the most recent General Convention and will continue to serve as members of the Joint Standing Committee if elected as either a deputy or alternate to until the next General Convention.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #99)
Environmental Stewardship and Care of Creation

The House of Bishops Committee on Environmental Stewardship and Care of Creation presented its Report #3 on Resolution A014 (The Use of Carbon Offsets) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention recognizes the reality of human-caused climate change through continued reliance on fossil fuel-based transportation; and be it further

Resolved, That by offsetting the impact of the travel done on behalf of The Jesus Movement, the Church witnesses to its care for God’s creation; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention direct the Presiding Bishop’s Office to draft a policy in 2018 requiring the use of Carbon Offsets by the Episcopal Church Center and that such a program be tested and piloted during the triennium for the work of The Episcopal Church including the travel of its staff, standing commissions and interim bodies; and be it further

Resolved, That a plan for a broader offset program for all church travel be presented for consideration at the 80th General Convention; and be it further

Resolved, that $25,000 be allocated for the pilot carbon offset program.

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention recognizes the reality of human-caused climate change through continued reliance on fossil fuel-based transportation; and be it further

Resolved, That because travel done on behalf of The Jesus Movement contributes to this problem, we recognize the need to develop a comprehensive strategy to reduce, and ultimately eliminate this carbon footprint; and be it further

Resolved, That, as a first step in the process, by offsetting the impact of the travel done on behalf of The Jesus Movement, the Church witnesses to its care for God’s creation; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention direct the Presiding Bishop’s Office Executive Council to draft a policy in 2018 requiring the use of Carbon Offsets by the Episcopal Church Center and that such a program be tested and piloted during the triennium for the work of The Episcopal Church including the travel of its staff, standing commissions and interim bodies; and be it further

Resolved, That a plan for a broader offset program for all church travel be presented for consideration at the 80th General Convention; and be it further

Resolved, That $25,000 be allocated for the pilot carbon offset program.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #101)
The House of Bishops Committee on Environmental Stewardship and Care of Creation presented its Report #4 on Resolution A018 (Episcopalians Participating in Paris Climate Agreement) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A018)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention recognize that there is an important shift toward renewable energy which will help protect God's good creation. Supporting this shift is part of the Church's call to being part of The Jesus Movement in the world and; and be it further

Resolved, That climate change be recognized as a human-made threat to all God's people, creatures and the entire created order, while particularly placing unjust and inequitable burdens and stresses on native peoples, poor communities and people of color; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention, to further advance the House of Bishop's 2011 Pastoral Teaching on the Environment commitment to "advocate for a fair, ambitious, and binding climate treaty,” make every effort to fully and completely participate in future meetings of the United Nations Conference of Parties on Climate Change as an active, faithful and engaged voice for all of God's good earth; and be it further

Resolved, That as individuals and communities of faith, the Episcopal Church set an example, in the spirit of the Paris Climate Accord, by making intentional decisions about living lightly and gently on God's good earth, for example, through energy conservation, renewable energy, sustainable food practices, gardening, sustainable coffee hours in parishes (considering the carbon footprint, resourcing, health consequences, and waste streams of materials, locations) and be it further

Resolved, That dioceses, parishes and individuals making commitment to the Paris Climate Accord consider reporting on their commitments, actions and successes to the Advisory Council on the Stewardship of Creation.

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention recognize that there is an important shift toward renewable energy which will help protect God's good creation. Supporting this shift is part of the Church's call to being part of The Jesus Movement in the world; and be it further

Resolved, That climate change be recognized as a human-made threat to all God's people, creatures and the entire created order, while particularly placing unjust and inequitable burdens and stresses on native peoples, those displaced by environmental change, poor communities and people of color; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention to further advance adopt the House of Bishops’ 2011 Pastoral Teaching on the Environment commitment to as the official position of the church; and be it further

Resolved, That through our ongoing role as observers at the United Nations, we will continue to fully and completely "advocate for a fair, ambitious, and binding climate treaty,” make every effort to fully and completely and participate in future meetings of the United Nations Conference of Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change as an active, faithful and engaged voice for all of God's good earth; and be it further

Resolved, That as individuals and communities of faith, the Episcopal Church set an example, in the spirit of the Paris Climate Accord, by making intentional decisions about living lightly and gently on God's good earth, for example, through energy conservation, renewable energy, sustainable food practices, gardening, sustainable coffee hours in parishes (considering the carbon footprint, resourcing, health consequences, and waste streams of materials, locations) and gardening; and be it further
Resolved, That dioceses, parishes communities of faith and individuals making commitment committing to the Paris Climate Accord consider reporting on their commitments, actions and successes to the Executive Council Advisory Council on the Stewardship of Creation.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #102)

Ministry
The House of Bishops Committee on Ministry presented its Report #8 on Resolution A170 (Amend Canon III.12.12(a)) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A170)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That Section 12(a) of Canon III.12.12 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 12. Dissolution of the Pastoral Relation between a Bishop and Diocese
(a) If for any urgent reason a Bishop or two-thirds majority of all the members of the Standing Committee or a two-thirds majority vote of Diocesan Convention, based on a vote in a duly-called meeting, desires a dissolution of the pastoral relationship, and the parties cannot agree, any party may give notice in writing to the Presiding Bishop with a copy available to the Bishop or and also to the Standing Committee if the decision comes from the Diocesan Convention. Such notice shall include sufficient information to inform the Presiding Bishop 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, a separate report from the mediator or consultant will be submitted to the Presiding Bishop with copies available to the Bishop and Standing Committee.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #84)

Congregational and Diocesan Vitality
The House of Bishops Committee on Congregational and Diocesan Vitality presented its Report #2 on Resolution A058 (Encourage Use of Asset Map) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A058)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention challenge all congregations to fully complete their profile on the Episcopal Asset Map, a joint project of The Episcopal Church and Episcopal Relief & Development; and be it further

Resolved, That the House of Deputies State of the Church Committee analyze the Episcopal Asset Map and report on the level of engagement of social justice ministries by congregations within The Episcopal Church.
Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention challenge all congregations to fully complete their profile on the Episcopal Asset Map, a joint project of The Episcopal Church and Episcopal Relief & Development; and be it further
Resolved, That the House of Deputies State of the Church Committee analyze the Episcopal Asset Map and report on the level of engagement of social justice ministries by congregations within The Episcopal Church.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #87)

The House of Bishops Committee on Congregational and Diocesan Vitality presented its Report #1 on Resolution A112 (Establish a Task Force on Diocesan Vitality) and moved to take no further action.

Motion carried
The House took no further action
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #105)

The House of Bishops Committee on Congregational and Diocesan Vitality presented its Report #3 on Resolution A144 (Diocesan Missional Review) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A144)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention finds it to be in the best interests of The Episcopal Church that all dioceses and other jurisdictions of the Church engage in the process of a missional review periodically but no less often than prior to engaging in an episcopal search process; and be it further
Resolved, That missional reviews include, but not be limited to, asking questions such as:
• Is the diocesan infrastructure capable of permitting people to exercise their ministries in healthy and life-giving ways? Is the staffing sufficient? Does it have the capacity to use its resources, and potentially, the resources of other dioceses?
• Are the staff (including the bishop(s)) compensated appropriately, according to local diocesan guidelines and the recommendations of General Convention including pension contributions and healthcare and in a timely manner?
• Is the diocese capable of fulfilling its financial obligations, including those in its own budget and its assessment to be paid to The Episcopal Church?
• Is the diocese capable of deploying and implementing programs for the congregations (i.e., safe church training, anti-racism training, stewardship programs, vestry training, festivals and meetings)?
• Are the diocesan properties safe, sound, and insured? Are there resources (financial or otherwise) available to assist congregations in crisis?
• Are there enough people to fill leadership roles to implement mission and vision?
• Is there enough spiritual health in the congregations?
And be it further
Resolved, That dioceses participating in a missional review be urged to seek collaboration and a sharing of ideas and visions with surrounding dioceses; and be it further

Resolved, That the knowledge, insights, and wisdom gained by a missional review be used to help define the gifts and talents that a bishop might bring to the diocese.

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention finds it to be in the best interests of The Episcopal Church that all dioceses and other jurisdictions of the Church engage in the process of a missional review periodically but no less often than prior to engaging in an episcopal search process; and be it further

Resolved, That missional reviews include, but not be limited to, asking questions such as:

- Is the diocesan infrastructure capable of permitting people to exercise their ministries in healthy and life-giving ways? Is the staffing sufficient? Does it have the capacity to use its resources, and potentially, the resources of other dioceses?
- Are the staff (including the bishop(s)) compensated appropriately, according to local diocesan guidelines and the recommendations of General Convention including pension contributions and healthcare and in a timely manner?
- Is the diocese capable of fulfilling its financial obligations, including those in its own budget and its assessment to be paid to The Episcopal Church?
- Is the diocese capable of deploying and implementing programs for the congregations (i.e., safe church training, anti-racism training, stewardship programs, vestry training, festivals and meetings)?
- Are the diocesan properties safe, sound, and insured? Are there resources (financial or otherwise) available to assist congregations in crisis?
- Are there enough people to fill leadership roles to implement mission and vision?
- Is there enough spiritual health in the congregations?

And be it further

Resolved, That dioceses participating in a missional review be urged to seek collaboration and a sharing of ideas and visions with surrounding dioceses; and be it further

Resolved, That the knowledge, insights, and wisdom gained by a missional review be used to help define the gifts and talents that a bishop might bring to the diocese.

Resolved, the missional review will seek to look thoroughly into the vitality and viability of the congregations and ministries of the diocese, seeking at all times to ask the deep discernment question “what is God calling us to be and do at this time and in this place.”

Topics for the missional review include but are not limited to

- Worship and spiritual life;
- Formation for all ages;
- Engagement with the wider community, concern for neighbors and stranger, care for creation;
- Stewardship of financial resources, property, and people;
- Care for clergy and lay staff, policies and practices which seek equality and justice, recognizing the dignity and inherent worth of every human being;
- Fellowship and collegiality among and between congregations, clergy, and ministries;
- Areas of, and possibilities for, collaboration and networking, including with other dioceses and communion partners;
- Opportunities for new communities of faith and redevelopment work;
- Hopes, fears, and dreams.
A thorough review will seek examples of robust engagement and creative expressions in the various foci of review as well those places where increased time and attention must be paid in order to be become more vital, dynamic and sustainable; and be it further

Resolved, that the diocese undertaking the missional review shall seek assistance from the Office of Pastoral Development for the process of review and possibilities for consultants.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #106)

Constitution and Canons

The House of Bishops Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #21 on Resolution A159 (Amend Canon III.11.3(a) (third paragraph) and III.11.4) and moved the resolution, recommending rejection.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A159)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That Canon III.11.3(a) (third paragraph) and Canon III.11.4 are hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 3 (a) (third paragraph)

The Presiding Bishop, without delay, shall notify every Bishop of this Church exercising jurisdiction of the Presiding Bishop’s receipt of the certificates mentioned in this Section and request a statement of consent or withholding of consent to be submitted to the Presiding Bishop within not more than sixty days. Each Standing Committee, in not more than one hundred and twenty-six days after the sending by the electing body of the certificate of the election, 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 (b) 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 certificates required in this Section (documents described in Sec. 3(a)(2) of this Canon), to the Presiding Bishop. If the Presiding Bishop receives sufficient statements to indicate a majority of those the Bishops exercising jurisdiction consent 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.

Sec. 4 In case a majority of all the Standing Committees of the Dioceses do not consent to the ordination of the Bishop-elect within one hundred and twenty sixty days from the date of the notification of the election by the Standing Committee of the Diocese for which the Bishop was elected, or in case a majority of all the Bishops exercising jurisdiction do not consent within one hundred and twenty sixty days from the date of notification to them by the Presiding Bishop of the election, the Presiding Bishop shall declare the election null and void and shall give notice to the Standing Committee of the Diocese for which the Bishop
was elected and to the Bishop-elect. The Convention of the Diocese may then proceed to a new election.

Motion defeated
Resolution rejected
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #107)

World Mission

The House of Bishops Committee on World Mission presented its Report #5 on Resolution B022 (Support for the Episcopal Church in the Philippines and Joint Efforts to Continue the Jesus Movement Scholarship Program) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:

(B022)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention acknowledge with great thanks and strongly commend the continued efforts of the Episcopal Church in the Philippines (ECP) to bring about greater understanding and cooperation in theological education in Asia and the Pacific regions of the Anglican Communion by the creation of the Jesus Movement Scholarship Program (JMSP) which has helped to strengthen regional partnerships; and be it further

Resolved, That General Convention heartily commend the continued efforts of the ECP/TEC Joint Committee on Provincial Companionship (JCPC) and the many Anglican dioceses, parishes, and individuals who are working in partnership with the ECP and its dioceses to provide training of lay and clergy leaders in Asia and the Pacific at Saint Andrews Theological Seminary (SATS); and be it further

Resolved, That General Convention urge congregations and dioceses of the Episcopal Church to seek new opportunities to provide support for the work of the ECP and the JCPC, with the assistance of national church leadership and staff, to locate resources to strengthen the efforts of the Jesus Movement Scholarship Program (JMSP); and be it further

Resolved, That General Convention urge dioceses and congregations in the Episcopal Church to make it a specific mission priority to reach out to Anglican Partners in Asia and the Pacific, inviting them to seek opportunities for lay and clergy exchange visits and seminary training, by exploring resource development to assist the ECP/JCPC in their efforts to foster appreciation and greater understanding about theological education, through ongoing support and additional resource development for the Jesus Movement Scholarship Program by 2021.

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention acknowledge with great thanks and strongly commend the continued efforts of the Episcopal Church in the Philippines (ECP) to bring about greater understanding and cooperation in theological education in Asia and the Pacific regions of the Anglican Communion by the creation of the Jesus Movement Scholarship Program (JMSP) which has helped to strengthen regional partnerships; and be it further

Resolved, That General Convention heartily commend the continued efforts of the ECP/TEC Joint Committee on Provincial Companionship (JCPC) and the many Anglican dioceses, parishes, and individuals who are working in partnership with the ECP and its dioceses to provide training of lay and clergy leaders in Asia and the Pacific at Saint Andrews Theological Seminary (SATS); and be it further
Resolved, That General Convention urge congregations and dioceses of the Episcopal Church to seek new opportunities to provide support for the work of the ECP and the JCPC, with the assistance of national church-wide leadership and staff, to locate resources to strengthen the efforts of the Jesus Movement Scholarship Program (JMSP); and be it further

Resolved, That General Convention urge dioceses and congregations in the Episcopal Church to make it a specific mission priority to reach out to Anglican partners in Asia and the Pacific, inviting them to seek opportunities for lay and clergy exchange visits and seminary training, by exploring resource development to assist the ECP/JCPC in their efforts to foster appreciation and greater understanding about theological education, through ongoing support and additional resource development for the Jesus Movement Scholarship Program by 2021.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #82)

Environmental Stewardship and Care of Creation

The House of Bishops Committee on Environmental Stewardship and Care of Creation presented its Report #5 on Resolution C039 (Amend Parochial Report) and moved to take no further action.

Motion carried
The House took no further action
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #83)

World Mission

The House of Bishops Committee on World Mission presented its Report #4 on Resolution D063 (Supporting Christians in Iraq) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:

(D063)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention of the Episcopal Church hereby express its support for the right of all Christians and other persecuted minorities in Iraq to live their life of faith and develop their communities free of persecution, discrimination and violence; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention also hereby commits The Episcopal Church, working in partnership with the Anglican Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf, to provide prayers, friendship, and material support as determined by the needs and aspirations of Iraq’s Christians, as an expression of our love and recognition of their religious, cultural, and humanitarian inclusion in the sacred Body of Christ.

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention of the Episcopal Church hereby express its support for the right of all Christians and other persecuted minorities in Iraq to live their life of faith and develop their communities free of persecution, discrimination and violence; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention also hereby commits encourages The Episcopal Church, working in partnership with the Anglican Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf, to provide prayers, friendship,
and material support as determined by the needs and aspirations of Iraq’s Christians, as an expression of our love and recognition of their religious, cultural, and humanitarian inclusion in the sacred Body of Christ; and be it further

Resolved, That the Office of Governmental Relations monitor the status of the United States concerning Iraq’s Christians and other religious minorities, urge the State Department to advocate on their behalf, and report back to the Church; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the General Convention inform the Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf of this action.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #85)

Congregational and Diocesan Vitality

The House of Bishops Committee on Congregational and Diocesan Vitality presented its Report #5 on Resolution A053 (Design a New Parochial Report) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A053)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention charge the House of Deputies Committee on the State of the Church to work with the Office of the General Convention and Executive Council to design a new parochial report appropriate to the current context of the Episcopal Church including but not exclusive to multicultural congregations; aging populations; outposts of ministry in challenging economic contexts; and creative use of space and local engagement, to be administered and shared in networked, visible tools such as the Episcopal Asset Map.

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention charge the House of Deputies Committee on the State of the Church to work with the Office of the General Convention and Executive Council to design a new parochial report appropriate to the current context of the Episcopal Church including but not exclusive to multicultural congregations; aging populations; outposts of ministry in challenging economic contexts; and creative use of space and local engagement, to be administered and shared in networked, visible tools such as the Episcopal Asset Map.

simplified parochial report relevant to the diversity of the Episcopal Church’s participation in God’s mission in the world, and be it further

Resolved, that the House of Deputies Committee on the State of the Church solicit input from critical parochial report stakeholders including: (1) data providers to ensure that the data is easily collected and compiled and (2) data users to ensure that the data collected is relevant to their work, and be it further

Resolved, that the user interface be improved both for entering data and downloading data and to provide an application programming interface to allow data to be integrated into other networked tools for broader sharing and analysis.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #86)
The House of Bishops Committee on Congregational and Diocesan Vitality presented its Report #4 on Resolution A051 (Modify Parochial Report) and moved adoption with amendment.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That this 79th General Convention request the Committee on the State of the Church to consider adding the following with respect to parish and congregation Safe Church Self-Audits as required by the Model Policies for the Protection of Children and Youth and the Model Policies for the Protection of Vulnerable Adults approved in 2017: (1) the total number of parish and congregation Safe Church Self-Audits expected to be submitted to the diocese, (2) the number of self-audits received by the diocese, (3) the number of outstanding self-audits, and (4) the date when outstanding self-audits are expected to be received.

**Committee Amendment:**

(A051)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That this 79th General Convention request the Committee on the State of the Church to consider adding the following to the diocesan parochial report with respect to parish and congregation Safe Church Self-Audits as required by the Model Policies for the Protection of Children and Youth and the Model Policies for the Protection of Vulnerable Adults approved in 2017: (1) the total number of parish and congregation Safe Church Self-Audits expected to be submitted to the diocese, (2) the number of self-audits received by the diocese, (3) the number of outstanding self-audits, and (4) the date when outstanding self-audits are expected to be received.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #88)

The House of Bishops Committee on Congregational and Diocesan Vitality presented its Report #8 on Resolution A071 (Provincial Vitality) and moved to take no further action.

Motion carried
The House took no further action
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #90)

The House of Bishops Committee on Congregational and Diocesan Vitality presented its Report #7 on Resolution A074 (The Prophetic Voice of Provinces) and moved to take no further action.

Motion carried
The House took no further action
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #92)

The House of Bishops Committee on Congregational and Diocesan Vitality presented its Report #6 on Resolution A080 (A Season of Provincial Discernment) and moved to take no further action.

Motion carried
The House took no further action
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #69)
Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations

The House of Bishops Committee on Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations presented its Report #4 on Resolution A040 (Formal Response to "The Church: Towards a Common Vision") and moved to take no further action.

Motion carried
The House took no further action
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #72)

Environmental Stewardship and Care of Creation

The House of Bishops Committee on Environmental Stewardship and Care of Creation presented its Report #6 on Resolution A008 (Continuing the Advisory Council on the Stewardship of Creation) and moved to take no further action.

Motion carried
The House took no further action
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #73)

Racial Justice and Reconciliation

The House of Bishops Committee on Racial Justice and Reconciliation presented its Report #2 on Resolution A046 (Host a Racial Reconciliation Awards Program) and moved the resolution, recommending rejection.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A046)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That it is recognized that people exhibit behavior following examples they see; and be it further
Resolved, That the Episcopal Church staff will host an annual Racial Reconciliation Awards Program as defined by the Executive Council Committee and the Episcopal Church staff that will recognize individuals and organizations for their Racial Reconciliation efforts 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 per year for the implementation of this resolution until the Committee determines it is no longer needed.

Motion defeated
Resolution rejected
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #75)
Constitution and Canons

The House of Bishops Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #24 on Resolution A150 (Amend Article I.2 of the Constitution) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A150)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That Article I, Section 2 of the Constitution is hereby amended to read as follows:

Article I
Sec. 2. Each Bishop of this Church having jurisdiction, every Bishop Coadjutor, every Bishop 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 mission strategy determined by action of the General Convention or the House of Bishops, has resigned a jurisdiction, shall have a seat 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. Bishops who exercise or have jurisdiction are those who exercise ecclesiastical authority in a diocese or other jurisdiction of this Church.

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That Article I, Section 2 of the Constitution is hereby amended to read as follows:

Article I
Sec. 2. Each Bishop of this Church having jurisdiction, every Bishop Coadjutor, every Bishop 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 mission strategy determined by action of the General Convention or the House of Bishops, has resigned a jurisdiction, shall have a seat 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. Bishops who exercise or have jurisdiction are those who exercise ecclesiastical authority in a diocese or other jurisdiction of this Church.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #77)

The House of Bishops Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #22 on Resolution A151 (Amend Article II.4-8 of the Constitution) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A151)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That Article II, Sections 4-8 of the Constitution is hereby amended to read as follows:
ARTICLE II

Sec. 4. It shall be lawful for a Diocese, at the request of the Bishop of that Diocese, to elect not more than two Suffragan Bishops Suffragan, without right of succession, and with seat and vote in the House of Bishops. A Suffragan Bishop Suffragan shall be consecrated and hold office under such conditions and limitations other than those provided in this Article as may be provided by Canons of the General Convention. A Suffragan Bishop Suffragan shall be eligible for election as Bishop Diocesan or Bishop Coadjutor of a Diocese, or as a Bishop Suffragan in another Diocese.

Sec. 5. It shall be lawful for a Diocese to prescribe by the Constitution and Canons of such Diocese that upon the death, removal or deposition of the Bishop or if the Bishop resigns or is removed from office pursuant to Canon III.12.12(7), a Suffragan Bishop Suffragan of that Diocese may be placed in charge of such Diocese and become temporarily the Ecclesiastical Authority thereof serving as the Bishop Diocesan Pro Tempore until such time as a new Bishop shall be chosen and consecrated; or that during the disability or absence of the Bishop, a Bishop Suffragan of that Diocese may be placed in charge of such diocese and become temporarily the Ecclesiastical Authority thereof serving as the Bishop Diocesan Pro Tempore of the Diocese.

Sec. 6. A Bishop may not resign jurisdiction without the consent of the House of Bishops.

Sec. 7. It shall be lawful for the House of Bishops to elect a Suffragan Bishop Suffragan who, under the direction of the Presiding Bishop, shall be in charge of the work of those chaplains in the Armed Forces of the United States, Veterans’ Administration Medical Centers, and Federal Correctional Institutions who are ordained Ministers of this Church. The Suffragan Bishop Suffragan so elected shall be consecrated and hold office under such conditions and limitations other than those provided in this Article as may be provided by Canons of the General Convention. The Suffragan Bishop Suffragan shall be eligible for election as Bishop Diocesan, or Bishop Coadjutor or Suffragan Bishop Suffragan of a Diocese.

Sec. 8. A Bishop who has for at least five years next preceding exercised jurisdiction as the Ordinary, served as the Bishop Diocesan or as the Bishop Coadjutor, of a Diocese for any period of time, may be elected as Bishop Diocesan, Bishop Coadjutor, or Suffragan Bishop Suffragan of another Diocese only if five or more years have passed since the Bishop first served as Bishop Diocesan or Bishop Coadjutor of the Diocese in which the Bishop is currently or last served as Bishop Diocesan or Bishop Coadjutor. Before acceptance of such election a resignation of jurisdiction in the Diocese in which the Bishop is then serving, conditioned on the required consents of the Bishops and Standing Committees of the Church to such election, shall be submitted to the House of Bishops, and also, if the Bishop be a Bishop Coadjutor, a renunciation of the right of succession. Such resignation, and renunciation of the right of succession in the case of a Bishop Coadjutor, shall require the consent of the House of Bishops.
Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That Article II.4-8 of the Constitution is hereby amended to read as follows:

ARTICLE II

Sec. 4. It shall be lawful for a Diocese, at the request of the Bishop of that Diocese, to elect not more than two Suffragan Bishops, without right of succession, and with seat and vote in the House of Bishops. A Suffragan Bishop shall be consecrated and hold office under such conditions and limitations other than those provided in this Article as may be provided by Canons of the General Convention. A Suffragan Bishop shall be eligible for election as Bishop Diocesan or Bishop Coadjutor of a Diocese, or as a Bishop in another Diocese.

Sec. 5. It shall be lawful for a Diocese to prescribe by the Constitution and Canons of such Diocese that upon the death, removal or deposition of the Bishop or if the Bishop resigns or is removed from office pursuant to Canon III.12.12(7), a Suffragan Bishop of that Diocese may be placed in charge of such Diocese and become temporarily the Ecclesiastical Authority thereof serving as the Bishop Diocesan Pro Tempore until such time as a new Bishop shall be chosen and consecrated; or that during the disability or absence of the Bishop, a Bishop Suffragan of that Diocese may be placed in charge of such diocese and become temporarily the Ecclesiastical Authority thereof serving as the Bishop Diocesan Pro Tempore of the Diocese.

Sec. 6. A Bishop may not resign jurisdiction without the consent of the House of Bishops.

Sec. 7. It shall be lawful for the House of Bishops to elect a Suffragan Bishop who, under the direction of the Presiding Bishop, shall be in charge of the work of those chaplains in the Armed Forces of the United States, Veterans’ Administration Medical Centers, and Federal Correctional Institutions who are ordained Ministers of this Church. The Suffragan Bishop so elected shall be consecrated and hold office under such conditions and limitations other than those provided in this Article as may be provided by Canons of the General Convention. The Suffragan Bishop shall be eligible for election as Bishop Diocesan, or Bishop Coadjutor or Suffragan Bishop of a Diocese.

Sec. 8. A Bishop Diocesan or Coadjutor who has for at least five years next preceding exercised jurisdiction as the Ordinary, served as the Bishop Diocesan or as the Bishop Coadjutor, of a Diocese for any period of time, may be elected as Bishop Diocesan, Bishop Coadjutor, or Suffragan Bishop of another Diocese only if five or more years have passed since the Bishop first served as Bishop Diocesan or Bishop Coadjutor of the Diocese in which the Bishop is currently or last served as Bishop Diocesan or Bishop Coadjutor. Before acceptance of such election a resignation of jurisdiction in the Diocese in which the Bishop is then serving, conditioned on the required consents of the Bishops and Standing Committees of the Church to such election, shall be submitted to the House of Bishops, and also, if the Bishop be a Bishop Coadjutor, a renunciation of the right of succession. Such resignation, and renunciation of the right of succession in the case of a Bishop Coadjutor, shall require the consent of the House of Bishops.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #78)
The House of Bishops Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #23 on Resolution A163 (Amend Canon III.11 to add Canon III.11.10) and moved the resolution, recommending rejection.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(A163)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That Canon III.11 is hereby amended to add Sec. 10 to read as follows:

Sec. 10. Bishops who exercise or have jurisdiction are those who exercise ecclesiastical authority in a diocese or other jurisdiction of this Church.

Motion defeated
Resolution rejected

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

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**Social Justice and United States Policy**

The House of Bishops Committee on Social Justice and United States Policy presented its Report #7 on Resolution D029 and moved adoption with amendment.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(D029)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church reaffirm the statement of the 76th General Convention, in resolution 2009-C020, condemning the use of torture “by the United States and any government, individual, or organization in any location in the world;” and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church recognize prolonged solitary confinement (defined by the United Nations in its Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners, as revised in 2015, also known as “The Nelson Mandela Rules,” as the confinement of prisoners for 22 hours or more a day without meaningful human contact, in excess of 15 days) as a form of torture; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church condemn the use of prolonged solitary confinement by the United States and any government in the world, including national, state, local, and military jurisdictions, immigration detention centers, and private prisons; and be it further

Resolved, That this General Convention call upon all Episcopalians, recalling the words of Jesus that when we visit those in prison, we are visiting him (Matthew 25:36), and the call of the Apostle Paul to “Remember those in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured” (Hebrews 13:3), to demand that their governments end any use of prolonged solitary confinement in their prisons, jails, and detention centers, whether publicly run or contracted with private companies.

**Committee Amendment:**

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church reaffirm the statement of the 76th General Convention, in resolution 2009-C020, condemning the use of torture “by the United States and any government, individual, or organization in any location in the world;” and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church recognize prolonged solitary confinement (defined by the United Nations in its Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners, as revised in 2015, also known as
“The Nelson Mandela Rules,” as the confinement of prisoners for 22 hours or more a day without meaningful human contact, in excess of 15 days) as a form of torture; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church condemn the use of prolonged solitary confinement by the United States and any government in the world, including national, state, local, and military jurisdictions, immigration detention centers, and private prisons and call on our government to look at alternatives to isolated confinement; and be it further

Resolved, That this General Convention call upon all Episcopalians, recalling the words of Jesus that when we visit those in prison, we are visiting him (Matthew 25:36), and the call of the Apostle Paul to “Remember those in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured” (Hebrews 13:3), to demand that their governments end any use of prolonged solitary confinement in their prisons, jails, and detention centers, whether publicly run or contracted with private companies and raise our voice with human rights groups.

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

The House of Bishops Committee on Social Justice and United States Policy presented its Report #9 on Resolution D017 (Reducing Sexual Harassment, Assault and Exploitation in the Workplace) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:

(D017)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church recognize that sexual harassment, assault, and exploitation in the workplace occur in situations of specific vulnerabilities, such as financial precarity, job insecurity, lack of immigration status, and physical isolation on the job; and that these vulnerabilities often occur together, such that many of the workers most vulnerable to sexual harassment, assault and exploitation are low-income women, immigrants and/or women of color; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church support public policies and other efforts to reduce sexual harassment, assault, and exploitation in the workplace, including:

• Elimination of a separate minimum wage for tipped workers (set in the United States since 1991, and at the time of this resolution, at $2.13/hour on the federal level, 42 states have a lower minimum wage for tipped workers than for non-tipped workers), recognizing that wait staff and other tipped workers are effectively working for tips given their extremely low wage, and therefore often feel unable to risk their potential tips by complaining to or about customers who are harassing them;
• Policies to reduce low-road subcontracting in public sector contracts, and to strengthen enforcement of labor and harassment laws for contracted workers, recognizing that workers for low-bid firms report higher levels of on-the-job sexual harassment than those who work for high-road contractors or who are direct employees;
• Provision of adequate funding for labor standards enforcement offices at local, state, and federal levels to strengthen enforcement of equal opportunity, sexual harassment, and whistleblower laws;
• Policies and laws at federal, state, and local levels that assure workers of protection from immigration enforcement when they report workplace violations, including sexual harassment, assault and exploitation;
• Policies and laws at federal, state, and local levels to protect and strengthen the rights of agricultural and domestic workers, including the right to organize, the right to take adequate
breaks, the right to reasonable working hours and overtime pay, and the development of mechanisms for reporting and enforcing laws against sexual harassment, assault, and exploitation;
• Efforts by unions and other worker associations, and employers, to enact workplace standards, trainings, safety measures, and reporting systems to reduce sexual harassment, assault, and exploitation; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church support the rights of workers everywhere to organize, whether in traditional labor unions or new forms of worker organization, in order to have a voice in their workplaces, including on issues related to sexual harassment, assault, and exploitation.

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

End of Consent Calendar

Consent Calendar

The House of Bishops Committee on Dispatch of Business moved adoption of the Consent Calendar for the 4th Legislative Day.

Motion carried

Messages from the House of Deputies

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

HDMessage #24: X006 (Special Order for the Consideration of Resolutions on Prayer Book Revision) Adopted with Amendment
HDMessage #25: A031 (Fund a full time Evangelism Staff Officer) Rejected
HDMessage #26: B009 (Civil Discourse) Adopted
HDMessage #27: B017 (Financial Support for Administering the Episcopal Service Corps) Adopted
HDMessage #28: A033 (Supporting and Expanding Episcopal Youth Events) Adopted with Amendment
HDMessage #29: A196 (Fund a Full-time Evangelism Staff Officer) Adopted
HDMessage #30: A048 (Establish Task Force to Oversee Creation of Training Materials) Adopted with Substitute
HDMessage #31: A050 (Funding for Safe Church Training) Took No Further Action
HDMessage #32: A049 (Host Model Policies on DFMS Website) Took No Further Action
HDMessage #33: D030 (Supporting Formation) Adopted
HDMessage #34: A083 (Implementation of The Way Forward - Establishing an Effective and Efficient 21st Century Seminary) Adopted
HDMessage #35: C050 (Sanctuary) Rejected
HDMessage #36: A115 (Adopted and Implement Charter for Safety) Adopted with Amendment
HDMessage #37: C056 (Create a Task Force on Full Inclusion) Referred to an Interim Body
HDMessage #38: A194 (Study Revision of Joint Rules of Order) Adopted with Amendment
HDMessage #39: A068 (Plan for the Revision of the Book of Common Prayer) Adopted with Amendment
Results of Ballot #1 for General Board of Examining Chaplains

The Secretary announced those elected on the first ballot for the Board of Examining Chaplains:

Bishops order: The Rt. Rev. Thomas Briedenthal, Bishop of Southern Ohio

(Like communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #136)

Lay order: Rachel Erdman, Janet Roth

(Like communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #134)

Clergy with cures: The Rev. Milquella Rosanna Mendoza-Marmolejos

(Like communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #135)

Seminary faculty: The Rev. Calvin Lane, The Rev. Kara Slade, the Rev. Ian Rock

(Like communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #281)

[Ed. Note: Ian Rock was originally announced as one of those elected as a Faculty member of the General Board of Examining Chaplains on Day 4. It was later discovered he was ineligible for this category. The election was reconsidered on Day 5 and another ballot cast only to elect the third position. The final election results for Faculty member of the General Board of Examining Chaplains were Calvin Lane, Kara Slade, and Gregory Robbins. The original HD message #281 was replaced with corrected HD message #311.]

Ballot #2 for General Board of Examining Chaplains

Election Ballot #2 was taken for General Board of Examining Chaplains.

Ballot #2 taken

Election of Bishop Members of the Disciplinary Board for Bishops

The Rt. Rev. Clifton Daniel, Resigned, moved balloting for Bishop Members of Disciplinary Board for Bishops

Motion carried

Ballot #1 for

Election Ballot #1 was taken for Bishop Members of the Disciplinary Board for Bishops.

Ballot #1 taken

Nominations of Court of Review of Bishops


Motion carried
Election of Court of Review of Bishops

The Presiding Bishop moved for the election of the slate from the Court of Review of Bishops.  

**Motion carried**

Newly elected to the Court of Review of Bishops

- The Rt. Rev. Greg Brewer, Bishop of Central Florida
- The Rt. Rev. Matthew Gunter, Bishop of Fond du Lac
- The Rt. Rev. Audrey Scanlon, Bishop of Central Pennsylvania

Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music

The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #7 on Resolution B023 (Armenian Rite for Holy Cross Day) and moved adoption.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(B023)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to consider making available a rite, “The Liturgy of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross – Adapted from the Rite of the Armenian Orthodox Church,” and that such a rite be brought before the 80th General Convention for its consideration.

The proposed form of the rite follows.

*Prior to the rite the following preparations are made.*

“**A sufficient amount of sweet basil sprigs, to be distributed to the congregation, is obtained.**”

“A (silver) tray large enough to hold an altar size cross is covered with the sprigs of basil. The cross is placed (in standing position) on the tray and generously decorated with basil.”

*Following the Eucharist on Holy Cross Day (or at another appropriate time) the celebrant and attendants take their place at the basil cross, which is on a table either in the center of the nave or at the head of the central aisle of the church.*

*Officiant and People*

Holy God,

Holy and Mighty,

Holy and Immortal, you were crucified for us,

Have mercy on us.

The officiant and attendants then carry the basil cross (on the tray) to the west part of the sanctuary, saying as they go:

*Officiant*

Today on the feast of the renewal of the church in Jerusalem the sign of the Lord our God appeared in great brilliance.

*People*

O peoples, bless Christ; rejoice and be glad.
Officiant
For the rays of the holy life-creating cross appeared from the east in sun-lit brilliance, in radiant light.

People
O peoples, bless Christ; rejoice and be glad.

Officiant
The Lord’s sign, flaming and terrible, marvelous new wonder, appeared from the heavens on Holy Golgotha.

People
O peoples, bless Christ; rejoice and be glad.

The officiant, taking the cross from the tray, raises it and facing to the east says
Let the eastern part of the land be blessed, protected and guarded by Providence by the sign of the Holy Cross, and by the holy Gospel and by the grace of this day, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People
Amen. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The officiant and attendants then carry the basil cross to the east part of the sanctuary, saying as they go:

Officiant
You stretched out your spotless arms on the Cross, O Christ our God, and in it gave us the sign of victory.

People
By it preserve our life.

Officiant
The world-saving outstretched wings of your cross, O Christ our God, you gave to us as a staff of power.

People
By it preserve our life.

Officiant
You gave life again to him who had died by eating from the forbidden tree, by the tree of life.

People
By it preserve our life.

The officiant, taking the cross from the tray, raises it and facing to the west says
Let the western part of the land be blessed, protected and guarded by Providence by the sign of the Holy Cross, and by the holy Gospel and by the grace of this day, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People
Amen. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The officiant and attendants then carry the basil cross to the north part of the sanctuary, saying as they go:

Officiant
O tree of life, Christ gave you to us as the fruit of life, in exchange for the death-bringing fruit.
People
Preserve under your protection the assembly of believers.

Officiant
Through you was opened the way to the tree of life, guarded by the Seraphim.

People
Preserve under your protection the assembly of believers.

Officiant
Through you our first parents were delivered from the sin of tasting the forbidden fruit, and all believers bow down in worship before you.

People
Preserve under your protection the assembly of believers.

The officiant, taking the cross from the tray, raises it and facing to the south says
Let the south part of the land be blessed, protected and guarded by Providence by the sign of the Holy Cross, and by the holy Gospel and by the grace of this day, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People
Amen. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The officiant and attendants then carry the basil cross to the south part of the sanctuary, saying as they go:

Officiant
We all bless you for the life-giving Cross, which became our salvation. From the Father and light the cross arose on earth with brilliant light and was given to believers as the staff of might.

People
We all bless you for it: Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and always and unto the ages of ages.

Officiant
After its wonderful and brilliant appearing it was given us as help against the enemy.

People
We all bless you for it.

The officiant, taking the cross from the tray, raises it and facing to the north says
Let the north part of the land be blessed, protected and guarded by Providence by the sign of the Holy Cross, and by the holy Gospel and by the grace of this day, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People
Amen. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The officiant and attendants return to the starting point of the procession and conclude with a prayer and a blessing.

Officiant
Guard us, O Christ our God, in peace and under the shadow of your holy and precious Cross. Make us worthy to give thanks to you and to glorify you with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and always and unto the ages of ages.

People
Amen.

Officiant
May we be blessed by the grace of the Holy Spirit. Depart in peace and may the Lord be with you all.

People
Amen. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The people are invited to come to the cross and receive a sprig of basil, which they may take with them or eat at once as they prefer

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #45)

The Chair of The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music addressed the House regarding the process of designing and approving Lesser Feasts and Fasts 2018.

The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #8 on Resolution D012 (Add the Four Chaplains of the USAT Dorchester to the Church Calendar) and moved to refer the resolution to the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music.

Original Text of Resolution:
(D012)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention recommend inclusion of The Four Chaplains of USAT DORCHESTER in the Episcopal Church calendar in “Lesser Feasts and Fasts 2018”.

Motion carried
Resolution referred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #46)

The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #9 on Resolution C058 (Add The Rev. Frederick B. "Ted" Howden Jr. to LFF, 2018) 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 Rev. Frederick B. "Ted" Howden Jr. be added to Lesser Feasts and Fasts in 2018

Motion carried
Resolution referred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #47)
The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #10 on Resolution C055 (Commemoration of Father Paul Wattson) and moved to refer the resolution to the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(C055)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention urges the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to add Fr. Paul Wattson to the calendar of commemorations of the Episcopal Church.

Motion carried  
Resolution referred

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #50)

The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #11 on Resolution C027 (The Celebration of the life and work of Dorothy Day, Christian Activist) and moved to refer the resolution to the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(C027)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That this 79th General Convention recognize Dorothy Day, Christian activist, and her ministry among and to the poor, and as a Servant of God by adding her to the calendar of Lesser Feasts and Fasts (or such other calendar as may be adopted for the use of The Episcopal Church) with the following text and propers:

Dorothy Day, Christian activist.

Suggested date of commemoration: November 29

Collects

O Lord, whose grace raises up Thy servants among Thy people: Thou hast given us the life of Dorothy Day, who fed and sheltered the urban poor; who planted hope amidst rural people; and who steadfastly advanced the cause of social justice and peace over greed and war; stir up Thy grace amongst us; that we, too, may provide shelter, food, and hope to those in need; and that we may pursue the justice and peace proclaimed by Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ; who dwells with Thee and the Holy Spirit in Thy eternal kingdom that would come amongst us. Amen

O Lord, whose grace raises up your servants among your people: you have given us the life of Dorothy Day, who fed and sheltered the urban poor; who planted hope among rural people; and who steadfastly advanced the cause of social justice and peace over greed and war; stir up your grace among us; that we, too, may provide shelter, food, and hope to those in need; and that we may pursue the justice and peace proclaimed by your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ; who dwells with you and the Holy Spirit in your eternal kingdom that would come among us. Amen.

Propers:

1 Samuel 2: 1–10 (Song of Hannah)
or Isaiah 25: 1–5
Sirach 34: 14–20
or Romans 12: 1–16
Matt: 10 9: 34–42
Psalm 107: 1–9

The Life of Dorothy Day

Dorothy Day was born in Brooklyn in 1897, to a middle-class family. She experienced an early life of social activism as a journalist, editor, novelist, and screenplay writer very much tossed on the seas of contemporary ideological currents. Not until her reception into the Roman Catholic faith in December 1927 did she find the disciplined focus of an ardent Christian faith to fuel her social activism. In 1933 she was the co-founder of the Catholic Worker Movement.

Attending daily local worship for prayer and the sacraments, Day launched a passionate career of radical Christian social action during the Great Depression, focusing on housing and the food needs of unemployed urban workers and their families in New York City. She used her pen to champion their needs. Criticized by some, including the leaders in her own beloved church, and often arrested for her activism, political labels never took hold as she consistently passed on government assistance for her work relying instead on the good will of donors and help from those who could find work.

Propelled by the economic conditions of the 1930's, Day's program—typified by iconic soup kitchens—spread to other large cities across the U.S. and in at least 19 countries abroad. She also helped start a rural commune farm movement, emphasizing the values of community and fellowship over productivity. Today, there are over 200 "hospitality houses" world-wide. Her Catholic Worker newspaper served as a channel of information and encouragement selling always for a penny a copy.

Day's faith also expressed itself in her pacifism. She challenged U.S. participation in World War II and all subsequent conflicts up to the Vietnam War. She took up the cause of migrant workers, working with Cesar Chavez in the 60s and 70s.

The winner of numerous awards for her leadership and personal example, she chose deliberately to live in voluntary poverty among those whom she served. In 2015 Pope Francis in an address to the United States Congress cited her activist passion for justice and service to the oppressed and called her a "Servant of God". She died, beloved and admired, in a hospitality house for women in New York City at the age of 83. Her gravestone simply lists her name, the dates of her life, and her proclamation, "Deo Gratias".

Motion carried
Resolution referred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #48)
The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #12 on Resolution C012 (Add Origen of Alexandria to the Church Calendar) and moved to refer the resolution to the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(C012)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention recommend inclusion of Origen of Alexandria in the Episcopal Church sanctoral calendar.

Motion carried

Resolution referred

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

The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #13 on Resolution C051 (Include The Way of Light Liturgy in Book of Occasional Services) and moved to take no further action.

Motion carried

The House took no further action

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #49)

The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #14 on Resolution A219 (Refer Portions of The Proposed Book of Occasional Services 2018) and moved adoption.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(A219)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention commend the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music for their work on revision of the Book of Occasional Services, especially given the limited funding made available to them; and be it further

Resolved, That the following portions of The Proposed Book of Occasional Services 2018 be referred back to the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music for further revision and that the SCLM report on this work to the 80th General Convention:

- Way of the Cross
- On Maundy Thursday
- When Members Leave a Congregation
- Discernment for a new Church Mission
- A Liturgy for Commissioning a Church Planter, Missioner or Mission Team
- A Liturgy for the Opening of a New Congregation
- Reaffirmation of Ordination Vows
- And the parallel texts in French and Spanish

And it be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $12,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

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

The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #17 on Resolution A216 (Calendar Reformation) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A216)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention amend pages 19-30 of the Calendar of the Church Year in the Book of Common Prayer by removal of all non-Biblical feasts of optional observance (while retaining them on the calendar of Lesser Feasts and Fasts); and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention add the following Biblical feasts of optional observance on pages 19-30 of the Calendar of the Book of Common Prayer:

February 26 The Samaritan Woman
May 21 Lydia of Thyatira, Coworker of the Apostle Paul
July 8 Priscilla and Aquila, Coworkers of the Apostle Paul
August 3 Joanna, Mary, and Salome, Myrrh-bearing Women
August 29 The Beheading of Saint John the Baptist
September 3 Phoebe, Deacon
September 8 The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
October 25 Tabitha (Dorcas) of Joppa

And be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention amend page 18 of the Calendar of the Church Year in the Book of Common Prayer by the addition of the words “Prayer Book” before the word “Calendar” in line 3, and the addition of a new line following it with the words “Additional Commemorations listed in the Lesser Feasts and Fasts Calendar.”

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention amend pages 19-30 of the Calendar of the Church Year in the Book of Common Prayer by removal of all non-Biblical feasts of optional observance (while retaining them on the calendar of Lesser Feasts and Fasts) so that it consists of the following: Principal Feasts, Feasts of our Lord, Other Major Feasts, and Holy Days. All other feasts and fasts are noted in the calendar of Lesser Feasts and Fasts; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention add the following Biblical feasts of optional observance on pages 19-30 of the Calendar of the Book of Common Prayer:

February 26 The Samaritan Woman
May 21 Lydia of Thyatira, Coworker of the Apostle Paul
And be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention amend page 18 of the Calendar of the Church Year in the Book of Common Prayer by the addition of the words “Prayer Book” before the word “Calendar” in line 3, and the addition of a new line following it with the words “Additional Commemorations listed in the Lesser Feasts and Fasts Calendar.”

This is the first of two required readings in accordance with Article X of the Constitution.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #57)

The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #16 on Resolution A217 (Consultation of Common Revised Common Lectionary Daily Readings) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A217)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to consider the Consultation on Common Text’s Revised Common Lectionary Daily Readings; and report to the 80th General Convention.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #54)

The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #15 on Resolution C003 (Way of Light Liturgy) 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 79th General Convention direct that “The Way of Light” Liturgy, in the form below is included in the next revised edition of The Book of Occasional Services.
The Way of Light

A hymn or other song may be sung during the entrance of the ministers.

Opening Devotions
In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Officiant and People
Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.

V. We will glory in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ:
R. In whom is our salvation, our life and resurrection.

Let us pray. (Silence)
Almighty Father, who gave your only Son to die for our sins and to rise for our justification: Give us grace so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness, that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The procession goes to the First Station.

First Station
Jesus is raised from the dead
We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you:
Because by your glorious resurrection you have redeemed the world.

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, the women came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.” Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles.

V. Why do you look for the living among the dead?
R. He is not here, but has risen.

Let us pray. (Silence)

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord’s resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Second Station
Peter and John run to the Empty Tomb
We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you:
Because by your glorious resurrection you have redeemed the world.

Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he
saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

V. Set your mind on things that are above:
R. Not things that are on the earth.
Let us pray. (Silence)

O God, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Third Station
Mary Magdalene meets the Risen Lord
We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you:

Because by your glorious resurrection you have redeemed the world.

Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away. Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, “Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

V. Weeping may linger for the night:
R. But joy comes with the morning.
Let us pray. (Silence)

Almighty God, whose blessed Son restored Mary Magdalene to health of body and of mind, and called her to be a witness of his resurrection: Mercifully grant that by your grace we may be healed from all our infirmities and know you in the power of his unending life; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.
Fourth Station

Jesus appears on the Road to Emmaus

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you:

Because by your glorious resurrection you have redeemed the world.

On that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?” He asked them, “What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.” Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

V. Do not think I have come to abolish the law or the prophets:

R. I have come not to abolish but to fulfill.

Let us pray. (Silence)

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Fifth Station

Jesus is known in the breaking of the bread

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you:

Because by your glorious resurrection you have redeemed the world.

As they came near the village to which they were going, Jesus walked ahead as if he were going on. But the two disciples urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then
their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

V. As often as you eat this bread and drink the cup:
R. You proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

Let us pray. (Silence)

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Sixth Station
Jesus appears to the disciples in Jerusalem
We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you:

Because by your glorious resurrection you have redeemed the world.

Jesus himself stood among the disciples and said to them, “Peace be with you.” They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures.

V. Christ being raised from the dead will never die again:
R. Death no longer has dominion over him.

Let us pray. (Silence)

Grant, we pray, Almighty God, that we who celebrate with awe the Paschal feast may be found worthy to attain to everlasting joys; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.
Seventh Station
Jesus gives his disciples his peace and the power to forgive sins
We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you:
Because by your glorious resurrection you have redeemed the world.
Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”
V. Peace I leave with you: R. My peace I give to you.
Let us pray.
(Against)
Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ’s Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Eighth Station
Jesus strengthens the faith of Thomas
We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you:
Because by your glorious resurrection you have redeemed the world.
Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.” A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”
V. We have come to believe in Christ Jesus: R. So that we might be justified by faith in Christ.
Let us pray. (Silence)
Everliving God, who strengthened your apostle Thomas with firm and certain faith in your Son’s resurrection: Grant us so perfectly and without doubt to believe in Jesus Christ, our Lord and our God, that our faith may never be found wanting in your sight; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Ninth Station
Jesus appears by the Sea of Galilee
We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you:
Because by your glorious resurrection you have redeemed the world.

Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, “Children, you have no fish, have you?” They answered him, “No.” He said to them, “Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.” So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.” So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn.

V. On this day the Lord has acted:
R. We will rejoice and be glad in it.

Let us pray. (Silence)

O God of all the nations of the earth: Remember the multitudes who have been created in your image but have not known the redeeming work of our Savior Jesus Christ; and grant that, by the prayers and labors of your holy Church, they may be brought to know and worship you as you have been revealed in your Son; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Tenth Station
Jesus forgives Peter and commands him to feed his sheep
We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you:
Because by your glorious resurrection you have redeemed the world.

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my lambs.” A second time he said to him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Tend my sheep.” He said to him the third time, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, “Do you love me?” And he said to him, “Lord, you
know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep. Very truly, I
tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you
wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten
a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.” (He said this to indicate the
kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, “Follow me.”

V. Like sheep we had gone astray:

R. But now we have returned to the shepherd and guardian of our souls. Let us pray.
(Silence)

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his
voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with
you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Eleventh Station

Jesus gives the Great Commission

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you:

Because by your glorious resurrection you have redeemed the world.

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them.
When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to
them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make
disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the
Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And
remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

V. I will give you as a light to the nations:

R. That my salvation shall reach to the ends of the earth.

Let us pray. (Silence)

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son
to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people
everywhere may seek after you and find you, bring the nations into your fold, pour out your
Spirit upon all flesh, and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Twelfth Station

Jesus ascends into heaven

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you:
Because by your glorious resurrection you have redeemed the world.

While staying with the disciples, Jesus ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. “This,” he said, “is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.” So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

V. You will be my witnesses:
R. To the ends of the earth.

Let us pray. (Silence)

Grant, we pray, Almighty God, that as we believe your only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ to have ascended into heaven, so we may also in heart and mind there ascend, and with him continually dwell; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Thirteenth Station
Mary and the disciples wait in prayer

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you:

Because by your glorious resurrection you have redeemed the world.

The disciples returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day’s journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

V. Be still before the LORD:
R. Wait patiently for him.

Let us pray. (Silence)

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

Christ has died.
Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Fourteenth Station

The Holy Spirit descends at Pentecost

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you:

Because by your glorious resurrection you have redeemed the world. When the day of Pentecost had come, the followers of Jesus were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” In answering, Peter preached to them from the scriptures. Then he said, “Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.” And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added. They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

V. I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh:

R. And your sons and daughters shall prophesy.

Let us pray. (Silence)

Almighty God, on the day of Pentecost you opened the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of your Holy Spirit: Shed abroad this gift throughout the world by the preaching of the Gospel, that it may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Concluding Prayers before the Altar

V. If then you have been raised with Christ:

R. Seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

Let us pray. (Silence)

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.
Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. Amen.

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

Ministry
The House of Bishops Committee on Ministry presented its Report #15 on Resolution C060 (Breaking the Episcopal Stained Glass Ceiling) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(C060)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention of the Episcopal Church authorize a task force with membership, appointed by the Presiding Officers, of which women shall compose at least half of the membership, to research sexism in The Episcopal Church, and the role it plays in pay equity, status, and gender-based harassment. The task force shall report back to the 80th General Convention of the Episcopal Church with a plan to provide materials and resources to combat sexism in the Church; and be it further

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

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention of the Episcopal Church authorize a task force with a membership of twelve members consisting of 3 bishops, 3 priests or deacons and 6 lay persons, including at least two young adults, appointed by the President of the House of Deputies and Presiding Bishop Presiding Officers, of which women shall compose at least half of the membership, to research sexism in The Episcopal Church, and the role it plays in pay equity, status, and gender-based harassment. The task force shall report back to the 80th General Convention of the Episcopal Church with a plan to provide materials and resources to combat sexism in the Church; and be it further

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

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #55)
Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations

The House of Bishops Committee Ecumenical and Interreligious presented its Report #2 on Resolution D043 (Welcoming the Church of South India into the United States of America) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:

(D043)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention welcome with affection and seek fellowship with the congregations of the Church of South India in the United States, an Anglican Communion partner United Church establishing congregations in the United States to serve immigrants and their families from the states of South India; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the General Convention send this greeting to the Moderator of the Church of South India and all CSI congregations in the United States.

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention welcome with affection and seek fellowship with the congregations of the Church of South India (CSI) in the United States within the geographical bounds of The Episcopal Church. The CSI is an Anglican Communion partner United Church, which has established and is establishing congregations in the United States to serve immigrants and their families from the states of South India; and be it further

Resolved, That all Dioceses, Parishes, and other Episcopal communities be encouraged to seek fellowship with Church of South India communities within their geographical area of ministry; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the General Convention send this greeting to the Moderator of the Church of South India and all CSI congregations in the United States within the geographical bounds of The Episcopal Church.

The Rt. Rev. Prince Singh, Bishop of Rochester moved to amend the resolution.

Proposed Amendment PFA 0031:

Insert a Second resolve clause as follows.

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention communicate to the moderators and bishops of the Church of South India (CSI) and other united churches that are constituent members of the Anglican Communion, and invite them to adhere to the stewardship of eclesi al jurisdictions by not creating parallel jurisdictions in the Episcopal Church.

A vote was taken on the amendment.

Motion carried
Amendment adopted

A vote was taken on Resolution D043.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #58)
Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations

The House of Bishops Committee on Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations presented its Report #8 on Resolution Do80 (Recommendation for Ecumenical Agreements) and moved to refer the resolution to The House of Bishops Committee on Constitution and Canons.

Original Text of Resolution:

(Do80)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention direct the Executive Council to include language in the several agreements that govern the exchange of clergy between denominations to allow and encourage bishops to communicate information regarding any and all disciplinary actions in a cleric’s history, and enter into new agreements specifically for the exchange of information about involved clergy.

Motion carried

Resolution re-referred to a Legislative Committee

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #56)

Break

At 4:39 p.m. the Chair announced a break to last no more than 10 minutes.

Reconvene

The House of Bishops reconvened at 4:50 p.m. with the Presiding Bishop in the chair.

Special Order of Business: "A Covenant for the Practice of Equity and Justice for All in The Episcopal Church."

The Chair gave ten minutes for the House of Bishops to read "A Covenant for the Practice of Equity and Justice for All in The Episcopal Church."

The Chair asked for five minutes of table discussion before moving into plenary.

The Chair announced discussion on the Covenant that will eventually become a Resolution from the House of Bishops and moved for adoption of the covenant.

Original Text of "A Covenant for the Practice of Equity and Justice for All in The Episcopal Church."

Giving thanks to God, and listening deeply to the recent outcry expressing pain and brokenness in our church, we recognize the urgent need for change. The church as both community of faith and workplace is not immune to abuse, harassment and exploitation of people of varying gender, racial and cultural identities. As pastoral and prophetic leaders of the church, we bear the responsibility to continue the healing and transformational work that has yet to be fully realized. Together, we commit ourselves in our local contexts to strive daily, transforming the culture of our church into a more just, safe, caring and prophetic place for all. We embrace the hashtag “#ustoo” used by the group of Gen X and Millennial clergy in their substantial and insightful memorial offered at General Convention 2018. We seek to shift our institutional life from one which benefits a few at the expense of others, and more determinedly live our baptismal vows following the way of Jesus.
Leading with greater awareness of God’s dream, deeper courage and integrity, we plan to engage our diocesan cultures and structures in the following ways:

- Recognize and respect the official as well as unofficial power given to us by our office, exercising it with humble care and in loving service with all God’s people;
- Participate in regular self-examination and seek micro-transformations in our personal and systemic use of authorized, relational and positional power;
- Increase our awareness of, listen to, and take to heart the stories that reflect the biases deeply embedded in our structure;
- Create a culture of empowerment, giving space for leadership based on equity, not tokenism;
- Make room for varying cultural and gender-based leadership practices, nurturing an ethos of cooperation and collaboration, exploring and supporting a broad range of leadership models;
- Eliminate pay and benefit inequities among all persons, and cease ‘wage theft’ by creating and enforcing standardized diocesan compensation guidelines;
- Create and enforce equitable parental leave policies;
- Utilize formational opportunities for congregational search committees to examine bias and make responsible choices regarding their selection and call of clergy into ministry with them.

Motion to Refer

The Rt. Rev. Larry Benfield, Bishop of Arkansas, moved to refer the adoption of the covenant to the next House of Bishops meetings.

Debate ensued.

The Rt. Rev. Leo Frade, Resigned, moved the previous question.

Motion defeated

Proposed Amendment:


Motion carried

Amendment adopted

Proposed Amendment:

The Rt. Rev. Kirk Smith, Bishop of Arizona, moved an amendment to delete the sentence "We embrace the hashtag 'ustoo' used by the group of Gen X and Millennial clergy in their substantial and insightful memorial offered at General Convention 2018."

Proposed Amendment to the Proposed Amendment:

The Vice-Chair moved an amendment to read "We are grateful for the substantial and insightful memorial offered at General Convention 2018 by Gathering the Next Generation 2016."

Motion carried

Amendment to Amendment adopted

Motion carried

Amendment adopted
Proposed Amendment:
The Rt. Rev. Michael Smith, Bishop of North Dakota, moved an amendment to remove "and cease ‘wage theft’ " in the 6th bullet point.

Motion carried
Amendment adopted

Proposed Amendment:
The Rt Rev. Mark Hollingsworth, Bishop of Ohio, moved an amendment to remove "micro transformations" from the second point and replaced it with "amendment of life".

Motion carried
Amendment adopted

Move the Previous Question
The Rt. Rev. Todd Ousley, Bishop in the Office of Pastoral Development, moved the previous question

Motion carried
Debate terminated

The Chair read "A Working Covenant for the Practice of Equity and Justice for All in The Episcopal Church" with approved amendments.

A vote was taken on "A Working Covenant for the Practice of Equity and Justice for All in The Episcopal Church" as amended.

Motion carried
Covenant adopted

[Ed. Note: The final amended text to "A Working Covenant for the Practice of Equity and Justice for All in The Episcopal Church" can be found in Appendix D of the House of Bishops minutes.]

Election of Bishop Members of the Disciplinary Board for Bishops - Ballot #1
The Secretary read the results of Election Ballot #1 for in the Election of Bishop Members of the Disciplinary Board for Bishops.

Newly elected Bishop Members of the Disciplinary Board for Bishops:
   The Rt. Rev. Mark Bourlakas, Bishop of Southwestern Virginia
   The Rt. Rev. Jennifer Brooke-Davidson, Bishop Suffragan of West Texas
   The Rt. Rev. Wendell Gibbs, Bishop of Michigan
   The Rt. Rev. Dena Harrison, Bishop Suffragan of Texas
   The Rt. Rev. A. Robert Hirschfeld, Bishop of New Hampshire
   The Rt. Rev. Herman Hollerith, Bishop of Southern Virginia

   (Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #137)
Ballot #3 for General Board of Examining Chaplains

Election Ballot #3 was taken for General Board of Examining Chaplains.

Recess

Following announcements by the Parliamentarian, Secretary, Bishop of Rhode Island, the Rt. Rev. Mark Lattime, Bishop of Alaska, and prayers led by Chaplains Brother Randy Greve and Dent Davidson, the Chair declared the House to stand in recess until 10:30 a.m. on the 5th Legislative Day.

The House recessed at 6:05 p.m.
Fifth Day

Monday
July 9, 2018

MORNING SESSION

Reconvene

The House of Bishops reconvened at 10:31 a.m. with the Presiding Bishop in the chair.

Opening Prayers

Opening prayers were led by Chaplain, the Very Rev. Miguelina Howell.

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 Secretary moved to accept 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 #40**: X009 (Special Order of Business for Consideration of Resolution B012) Adopted
- **HD Message #41**: A003 [Ed. Note: replaced with HD msg #127]
- **HD Message #42**: D020 (Understanding the Truth of Sexual Harrassment and Assault in The Episcopal Church) Took No Further Action
- **HD Message #43**: A128 (Amend Canon IV.2 - Composition of a Conference Panel) Rejected
- **HD Message #44**: A134 (Amend Canon IV.12.3 - Conference Panel Process) Adopted
- **HD Message #45**: A131 (Amend Canon IV.14.5 - Clarity About Accords) Adopted
- **HD Message #46**: A127 (Amend Canon IV.17.3 - Membership on Disciplinary Board for Bishops) Adopted
- **HD Message #47**: A117 (Amend Canon IV.6.9) Referred to an Interim Body
- **HD Message #48**: A121 (Amend Canon IV.2 Remove Definition of Procedural Officer) Adopted
- **HD Message #49**: A109 (Create Task Force on Sexual Harassment) Adopted with Amendment
- **HD Message #50**: A110 (Amendments to Title IV - Creating a Single Court of Review) Adopted
- **HD Message #51**: B018 (A Resolution For Reconciliation and Engagement in the Holy Land) Took No Further Action
- **HD Message #52**: D041 (Protecting Jerusalem) Took No Further Action
- **HD Message #53**: C035 (Due Process For Palestinian Children in Israeli Military Courts) Took No Further Action
- **HD Message #54**: B021 (Support Aid to Palestinian Refugees) Adopted
- **HD Message #55**: B003 (On the Status of Jerusalem) Adopted with Amendment
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HD Message #96: A060 (Create a Task Force to Study Church's Pension System) Adopted with Substitute
HD Message #97: A062 (Amend Canon II.3.6-9) Referred to a Different Committee
HD Message #98: B010 (Concerning the Service of the Church) Referred to an Interim Body
HD Message #99: C024 (Translations of Book of Common Prayer) Adopted with Amendment
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HD Message #106: E011 (Disciplinary Board for Bishops (Lay)) Elected
HD Message #107: E018 (Trustee of General Theological Seminary (Lay)) Elected
HD Message #108: E010 (Disciplinary Board for Bishops (Clergy)) Elected
HD Message #109: E001 (President of the House of Deputies) Elected

Governance and Structure
The House of Bishops Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #3 on HD Message #13 on Resolution A038 (Affirm Inter-Anglican Secretariat) and moved concurrence.

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

Final Text of Resolution:
(A038)

Resolved, That through our funding and active participation, this Church continues to bear witness to this Church's ongoing commitment to the Anglican Communion and the work of the Inter-Anglican Secretariat (Anglican Communion Office).

World Mission
The House of Bishops Committee on World Mission reported that HB legislative committee #05 was organized and ready for business.

The House of Bishops Committee on World Mission presented its Report #7 on Resolution D062 (Companionship with Sudanese Christians) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(D062)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention celebrate the witness and vigor that new Americans seeking refuge from war and famine in Sudan and South Sudan have brought to the Episcopal Church since 1983; and be it further
Resolved, That this Convention encourage Archbishop Ezekiel Kondo of the Episcopal Church of Sudan and Archbishop Justin Badi Arama of the Episcopal Church South Sudan in their efforts to reconcile all groups in the Sudans with God and each other; and be it further

Resolved, That this Convention encourage the continuation of existing and the exploration of new mission companionships between dioceses and parishes of The Episcopal Church (and other friends of the Sudans) with the dioceses and other institutions of the Episcopal Church of Sudan and the Episcopal Church of South Sudan; and be it further

Resolved, That this Convention commend the ongoing labor of Sudanese diaspora communities across the United States and Canada to unify their voices and overcome the destroyers of peace in their homelands.

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention celebrate the witness and vigor that new Americans seeking refuge from war and famine in Sudan and South Sudan have brought to The Episcopal Church since 1983; and be it further

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Resolved, That this Convention commend the ongoing labor of Sudanese diaspora communities across the United States and Canada to unify their voices and overcome the destroyers of peace in their homelands.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #109)

The House of Bishops Committee on World Mission presented its Report #8 on Resolution D024 (Support for the Episcopal Church of South Sudan and Sudan and Their Efforts to Foster Peace) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:

(D024)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention acknowledge with great thanks and strongly commend the continued heroic efforts of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan (ECSS) to bring about a cessation of the civil war which erupted in December 2013 and which has killed tens of thousands, and displaced several million people; and be it further

Resolved, That General Convention heartily commend the continued efforts of Episcopal Relief and Development and the many dioceses, parishes, and individuals who are working in partnership with ECSS and its dioceses to provide humanitarian relief, sustainable development, training of lay and clergy leaders in South Sudan, and Scriptural translation into tribal languages; and be it further

Resolved, That General Convention strongly urge congregations and dioceses to seek new opportunities to support the work of the ECSS and the Episcopal Church of Sudan (ECS) to form partnerships that
strenthen the efforts of the ECSS and ECS to bring a sustainable peace to their respective nations; and be it further

Resolved, That General Convention urge that dioceses and congregations in The Episcopal Church make it a specific mission priority to reach out to people from the South Sudanese and Sudanese diaspora who have emigrated to the United States and elsewhere, inviting them into our congregational lives and exploring appropriate efforts to assist ECSS and ECS efforts to foster peace in South Sudan and Sudan and among its disparate tribes; and be it further

Resolved, That General Convention authorize the Office of Government Relations to continue its advocacy for a cessation of the civil war in South Sudan and armed conflict by the Government of Sudan with marginalized communities in the Nuba Mountains and Darfur, including by means of arms embargoes, trade sanctions, the criminal prosecution and the freezing of assets of war criminals, human rights violators, and political leaders who have looted the treasuries of their governments, and provision of adequately trained, equipped, and disciplined peace-keeping military forces to protect civilians and separate contending forces.

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention gratefully acknowledge with great thanks and strongly commend the continued heroic efforts of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan (ECSS) to bring about a cessation of the civil war which erupted in December 2013 and which has killed tens of thousands, and displaced several million people; and be it further

Resolved, That General Convention heartily commend the continued efforts of Episcopal Relief & Development and the many dioceses, parishes, and individuals who are working in partnership with the Episcopal Church of South Sudan (ECSS) and its dioceses to provide humanitarian relief, sustainable development, training of lay and clergy leaders in South Sudan, and Scriptural translation into tribal languages; and be it further

Resolved, That General Convention strongly urge congregations and dioceses to seek new opportunities to support the work of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan, ECSS and the Episcopal Church of Sudan, (ECS) and their Primates to form partnerships that strengthen their efforts of the ECSS and ECS to bring a sustainable peace to their respective nations; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention urge all dioceses and congregations of The Episcopal Church observe with special prayers, awareness, and support of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan and the Episcopal Church of Sudan the Sunday closest to the Feast Day of the Martyrs of Sudan (May 16th); and be it further

Resolved, That General Convention urge that dioceses and congregations in The Episcopal Church make it a specific mission priority to reach out to people from the South Sudanese and Sudanese diaspora who have emigrated to the United States and elsewhere, inviting them into our congregational lives and exploring appropriate efforts to assist their ECSS and ECS efforts to foster peace in South Sudan and Sudan and among its disparate tribes; and be it further

Resolved, That General Convention authorize the Office of Governmental Relations to continue its advocacy with the United States Government for a cessation of the civil war in South Sudan and armed conflict by the Government of Sudan with marginalized communities in the Nuba Mountains and Darfur, including by means of arms embargoes, trade sanctions, the criminal prosecution and the freezing of assets of war criminals, human rights violators, and political leaders who have looted the treasuries of their governments, and provision of adequately trained, equipped, and disciplined peace-keeping military forces to protect civilians and separate contending forces.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #110)
Social Justice and International Policy

The Rt. Rev. Barry Beisner, Bishop of Northern California, and Chair of The House of Bishops Committee on Social Justice and International Policy reported that HB legislative committee #07 was organized and ready for business.

The House of Bishops Committee on Social Justice and International Policy presented its Report #1 on HD Message #7 on Resolution A039 (Affirm the Work of The Episcopal Church at the United Nations) and moved concurrence.

Final Text of Resolution:

(A039)

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention and the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Episcopal Church rejoice together in being granted Economic and Social Council consultative status at the United Nations, which status provides the opportunity for representatives and delegates of The Episcopal Church to provide input to decision and policy makers of the United Nations, such input provided being in accordance with resolutions passed by the General Convention; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention encourage Executive Council and its committees be in closer dialogue with the official representatives of The Episcopal Church to the United Nations; and be it further

Resolved, That this Church encourage all Episcopalians to educate themselves about the work of the United Nations, through resources provided by the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Church and the United Nations, and to explore the many ways in which our collective call as Christians to “seek and serve Christ in all persons” links with the work undertaken at the United Nations, and to partner with the United Nations and its related funds and programs to achieve these goals; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention encourage the Global Partnerships team and the Church’s official representatives to the United Nations to provide access to educational materials, resources, and information in English, French, and Spanish regarding opportunities presented by this status on The Episcopal Church website, Episcopal News Service, and at diocesan conventions; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention encourage all Episcopalians to avail themselves of the resources and opportunities provided by the Global Partnerships team and the Church’s official representatives to the United Nations and encourage those who participate as delegates representing The Episcopal Church to share their experiences as broadly as possible in their parishes, dioceses, and beyond with the support of the Domestic and Foreign Mission Society; and be it further

Resolved, That our representatives continue to work in partnership with the representatives of the Anglican Communion, and actively seek to collaborate as far as possible with representatives of other faith-based organizations; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention and the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of The Episcopal Church rejoice together in the relationships built between the delegates of The Episcopal Church and the representatives of the Anglican Communion, deepening understanding and sharing stories.
Christian Formation and Discipleship

The Rt. Rev. Dena Harrison, Bishop Suffragan of Texas and Chair of The House of Bishops Committee on Christian Formation and Discipleship reported that HB legislative committee #14 was organized and ready for business.

The House of Bishops Committee on Christian Formation and Discipleship presented its Report #1 on HD Message #100 on Resolution A055 (Develop Multicultural Ministry Pathways) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #128)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A055)

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention invite the multicultural ministers of the Church center to further develop channels and pathways for sharing the gifts of ministry that exist in abundance in our Black, Latino/Hispanic, Asian American and Native communities with the wider Church, such as: an expanded New Communities gathering; regional or provincial trainings for ministry development officers, to share best practices for multicultural leadership development; and new channels for sharing the gifts of lay-led multicultural ministry that are already well-developed in the dioceses of Province IX and in outlying communities throughout the Church; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention direct the multicultural ministers of the Church center to collect, evaluate, disseminate, and encourage the development of excellent resources and best practices for the discernment, theological education, and formation of culturally diverse clergy; to work with other groups to publicize the availability of these resources to The Episcopal Church, its dioceses, congregations and to persons involved in culturally diverse ministries and Christian formation; and to seek feedback regarding resources needed (and used) by the widest possible variety of groups within the Church; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance consider a budget allocation of $250,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

The House of Bishops Committee on Christian Formation and Discipleship presented its Report #3 on HD Message #28 on Resolution A033 (Supporting and Expanding Episcopal Youth Events) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #129)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A033)

Resolved, That the General Convention commends and supports the vital role of the Episcopal Youth Event in the formation of young people; and be it further
Resolved, That General Convention supports the efforts of the Department of Formation Ministries to expand the scope of EYE, through the Evento de Jovenes Episcopales and possible other events to reach beyond the continental U.S.; and it be further

Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance consider a budget allocation of $150,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

Ministry

The House of Bishops Committee on Ministry presented its Report #13 on Resolution A007 (Establish Committee to Study Relationship of Episcopal Seminaries with General Convention, One Another) and moved the resolution, recommending rejection.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A007)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention authorize establishment of a committee to carry out an investigation related to the work detailed here. This committee would be empowered to study and make specific recommendations regarding the restructuring of the relationship between the General Convention and those leaders engaged in theological formation, including the Episcopal seminaries. Its work would also include:

- Exploring the sharing of resources among the seminaries
- Reviewing the structure and relationship of other judicatories and their seminaries (especially ELCA)
- Consulting with the Association of Theological Schools regarding accreditation
- Surveying Bishops and diocesan Commissions on Ministry to determine their needs for theological education
- Reviewing seminary budgets and curriculum
- Surveying the student bodies to determine size and diversity
- Considering the possibility of elected/appointed representation of the General Convention on seminary boards of trustees
- Providing funding from the General Convention budget to be allocated for the work of seminaries
- Exploring how and where theological education and formation for ordination are being pursued throughout the Episcopal Church beyond its accredited seminaries including the exploration and review of local and alternative formation programs
- Exploring/reviewing theological formation for lay leadership

The committee would report regularly to the Executive Council between conventions and submit a final report to the General Convention 2024. An Interim Report would be provided to General Convention in 2021.

The committee, appointed by the Presiding Officers, would be comprised of: two (2) bishops, two (2) priests/deacons, two (2) lay persons, one (1) dean of students/academic dean, one (1) seminary president, one (1) member of Executive Council and one (1) staff representative/consultant from the Episcopal Church.
Much of this committee’s work would be carried out through online communications vehicles, however there would be periodic in person meetings. Seminary presidents/deans might meet in person to discuss strategies. Committee members might meet with the boards of Episcopal seminaries and various non-Episcopal seminaries. The committee may also convene a gathering of seminary representatives and students during the triennia.

Motion defeated
Resolution rejected

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #130)

The House of Bishops Committee on Ministry presented its Report #18 on Resolution D011 (Doctrine of Discovery Training) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:

(D011)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention of the Episcopal Church, in accordance with the directive to all dioceses made by the 76th, 77th and 78th General Conventions, most recently with resolution 2015-A024, advance the education of all those seeking ordination in the Church by recommending a minimum of four hours of training on the Doctrine of Discovery, and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention direct the Indigenous Missioner of the Presiding Bishop’s Office to identify and appoint indigenous representatives to provide training on the Doctrine of Discovery to those seeking ordination, such that the Office of the Indigenous Missioner provide direction to and oversight of the Doctrine of Discovery training program, and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention encourage seminaries and local clergy formation programs to allocate funds from their organizational budgets or pursue available grant funding for the provision of four hours of training on the Doctrine of Discovery for those seeking ordination.

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention of the Episcopal Church, in accordance with the directive to all dioceses made by the 76th, 77th and 78th General Conventions, most recently with resolution 2015-A024, advance the education of all those seeking ordination in the Church by recommending a minimum of four hours of training on the Doctrine of Discovery, and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention direct the Indigenous Missioner of the Presiding Bishop’s Office to identify and appoint indigenous representatives to provide training on the Doctrine of Discovery to those seeking ordination, such that the Office of Indigenous Ministries Office of the Indigenous Missioner provide direction to and oversight of the Doctrine of Discovery training program, and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention encourage seminaries and local clergy formation programs to allocate funds from their organizational budgets or pursue available grant funding for the provision of four hours of training on the Doctrine of Discovery for those seeking ordination.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #131)
The House of Bishops Committee on Ministry presented its Report #19 on Resolution A027 (New Funding for Clergy Formation) and moved adoption with amendment.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

\[\text{(A027)}\]

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention direct the Executive Council to establish a committee of Executive Council with membership appointed by the Presiding Officers consisting of no fewer than ten (10) nor more than twenty (20) representatives. The committee shall include, but not be limited to, representatives from local diocesan clergy formation programs, representatives from seminaries (particularly persons involved in tuition assistance programs), fund development professionals within The Episcopal Church, and representatives from organizations (such as the Society for the Increase of Ministry and United Thank Offering) that provide funds to assist persons in advanced theological education. The committee shall be made up of bishops, priests, deacons, and laity. It shall develop and implement a plan to provide need-based central scholarship funding to individuals pursuing theological education who are preparing to serve as priests or deacons in non-stipendiary positions or in bi-vocational ministries in small congregations. This plan shall work to expand the funding available to aspiring priests and deacons who are engaged in theological education other than full-time seminary education. In addition to considering other funding sources, the committee shall examine the possible use of donor-directed endowment funds held in trust by the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society [DFMS] as a partial means to fulfill this mandate; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation for the implementation of this resolution.

**Committee Amendment:**

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention create a task force with direct the Executive Council to establish a committee of Executive Council with membership appointed by the President of the House of Deputies and the Presiding Bishop Presiding Officers consisting of no fewer than ten (10) nor more than twenty (20) representatives. The task force committee shall include, but not be limited to, representatives from local diocesan clergy formation programs, representatives from seminaries (particularly persons involved in tuition assistance programs), fund development professionals within The Episcopal Church, and representatives from organizations (such as the Society for the Increase of Ministry and United Thank Offering) that provide funds to assist persons in obtaining advanced theological education. The task force committee shall be made up of two (2) bishops, three (3) priests or deacons, and five (5) members of the laity. It shall develop and implement a plan to provide need-based central scholarship funding to individuals pursuing theological education who are preparing to serve as priests or deacons in non-stipendiary, or part-time positions or in bi-vocational ministries in small congregations. This plan shall work to expand the funding available to aspiring priests and deacons who are engaged in theological education other than full-time seminary education. In addition to considering other funding sources, the task force committee shall examine the possible use of donor-directed endowment funds held in trust by the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society (DFMS) as a partial means to fulfill this mandate; and be it further

Resolved, That the task force shall begin on January 1, 2019, and end at the end of the 80th General Convention, unless its mandate is extended by that Convention; and be it further

Resolved, that the task force shall communicate information about any scholarship plan to members of The Episcopal Church and provide a report to the 80th General Convention; and be it further
Resolved, That the 79th 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.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #132)

Special Order of Business
The Presiding Bishop welcomed Bill Slocumb from Episcopal Camp and Conference Centers, who addressed the House. Board Members the Rt. Rev. Brian Prior, Bishop of Minnesota and Elisabeth Kimball, Ph.D. addressed the House of Bishops, and Dr. Kimball was presented with the Hero of Camping Ministry Award.

Churchwide Leadership
The House of Bishops Committee on Churchwide Leadership presented its Report #2 on HD Message #72 on Resolution A166 (Amend Canon III.12.4(c) and add Canon III.12.4(d)) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #133)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A166)

Resolved, That Canon III.12.4(c) is hereby amended to read as follows and Canon III.12.4(d) is added to read as follows:

Section 4. Residency; Vacancy in the Episcopate

(c) A Bishop Diocesan, whenever leaving the Diocese for six consecutive months or more, shall authorize in writing, under hand and seal, the Bishop Coadjutor, the Bishop Suffragan if the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese so provide, or, should there be none, the Standing Committee of the Diocese, to act as the Ecclesiastical Authority thereof during the absence. The Bishop Coadjutor, or the Bishop Suffragan if the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese so provide, or, should there be none, the Standing Committee may at any time become serve as the Ecclesiastical Authority upon the written request of the Bishop and continue to act as such until the request is revoked by the Bishop Diocesan in writing.

(d) A vacancy in the episcopate shall be deemed to exist on the occurrence of any of the following:

(i) the death, resignation, deposition or removal of the Bishop exercising jurisdiction, or
(ii) the incapacity (or inability to return from an absence within a time certain) of the Bishop exercising jurisdiction following the issuance of a court order by a court of competent jurisdiction or by determination of at least two licensed medical doctors, psychologists or psychiatrists, who have examined the case, as declared by

(A) the Presiding Bishop; or
(B) resolution of the Standing Committee of the Diocese.
The House of Bishops Committee on Churchwide Leadership presented its Report #5 on HD message #101 on Resolution A171 (Amend Canon III.13) and moved concurrence.

**Discussion**

The Rt. Rev. Pierre Whalon, Bishop of the Convocation of Churches in Europe proposed his pre-filed amendment.

**Proposed Amendment: PFA0042**

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That Canon III.13 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**CANON 13: Of Dioceses without Bishops:**

Sec. 1(a). Upon the death, resignation, deposition, or removal of a Bishop Diocesan, a Bishop Suffragan or Bishop Coadjutor of the Diocese may serve as the Bishop Diocesan Pro Tempore in accordance with Article II of the Constitution and the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese. If a Bishop Suffragan or Bishop Coadjutor of the Diocese is not serving as its Bishop Diocesan Pro Tempore, a Diocese without a Bishop Diocesan may, by an act of its Convention, and in consultation with the Presiding Bishop, be placed under the provisional charge and authority of a Bishop of this Church of another Diocese or of a resigned Bishop of this Church, who shall by that act be authorized to serve as Bishop Diocesan Pro Tempore and to exercise jurisdiction and carry out all the duties and offices of the Bishop Diocesan of the Diocese until a Bishop Diocesan is elected and ordained for that Diocese or until the act of the Convention is revoked:

Sec. 3. (b) A Diocese, while under the provisional charge of a Bishop Diocesan Pro Tempore, shall not invite any other Bishop to visit and exercise episcopal acts or authority without the consent of the Bishop Diocesan Pro Tempore in charge:

Sec. 2. Any Bishop may, on the invitation of the Convention or of the Standing Committee of any Diocese where there is no Bishop, visit and exercise episcopal offices, but shall not exercise jurisdiction, in that Diocese or any part of it as a Bishop Provisional for the Diocese. This invitation may include a letter of agreement, shall be for a stated period and may be revoked at any time. A Diocese may have more than one Bishop Provisional serving the Diocese, and in such case the respective duties and responsibilities of the Bishops Provisional shall be set forth in their letters of agreement:

And be it further

Resolved that this Amendment to Canon III.13 shall be effective as of July 15, 2018.

And be it further

Resolved that because of the number of current episcopal transitions, the Secretary of General Convention is encouraged to communicate notice of the adoption of this resolution as soon as practicable.

Motion carried

Amendment adopted

The Rt. Rev. Rayford High, Bishop Resigned, Ft. Worth & Texas moved the previous question.

Motion defeated
Proposed Amendment:
The Rt. Rev. Francisco Duque, Bishop of Colombia, proposed an amendment to reverse the terms in the third section and following to read Bishop Diocesan, Bishop Coadjutor, and Bishop Suffragan.

Motion carried
Amendment adopted

Point of Order
It was brought to the attention of the Chair that one of the speakers was not working, making it difficult for the translators to hear.

Proposed Amendment:
The Rt. Rev. Francisco Duque, Bishop of Colombia, proposed that every "pro tempore" must have a set amount of time.

Motion defeated

It was moved to re-refer resolution A171 to a legislative committee.

Motion carried
Resolution re-referred to a Legislative Committee
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #138)

[Ed Note: Resolution A171 was re-referred to the legislative committee. However, to accomplish this in the computer system the resolution was completed with "Take No Further Action" and replaced with resolution A287. To follow the further progress of this resolution look for resolution A287 in the HB July 11, 2018 (Day 7) minutes.]

The House of Bishops Committee on Churchwide Leadership presented its Report #6 on HD Message #69 on Resolution A169 (Amend Canon III.12.9(l) and Canon III.12.9(m) ) and moved concurrence.

Proposed Amendment:
Delete the word "resigned" from paragraph 3.

Motion carried
Amendment adopted

Dispatch moved to postpone to a time certain.

Motion carried
Consideration postponed

[Ed. Note: Debate resumed on resolution A169 on July 10, 2018 (Day 6) and again on July 11, 2018 ( Day 7).]

Agenda Adjusted
Dispatch moved to adjust the agenda to begin after Noonday Prayers.

Motion carried
Noonday Prayers
Noonday prayers were led by Chaplains Dent Davidson and the Very Rev. Miguelina Howell.

Communications from the Presiding Bishop
The Chair noted that the Bishop of California was waiting to speak to the previous resolution, and he would begin discussion on Resolution A169 when it resumed.

Special Order of Business
The Rt. Rev. Todd Ousley, Bishop for the Office of Pastoral Development, shared that the election results for the Bishop of Haiti have been contested and explained how that canonical process to contest an Episcopal election works.

Executive Session
Dispatch moved for the House of Bishops to move into Executive Session for pastoral conversations.

Motion carried

Open Session
Dispatch moved to have the House of Bishops return to Open Session.

Motion carried

Recess
Following announcements by the Secretary and the Rt. Rev. Pierre Whalon, Bishop of the Convocation of the Churches in Europe, the House of Bishops Committee on Dispatch of Business moved that the House stand in recess until 2:15 on the Fifth Legislative Day.

Motion carried

The House recessed at 12:50 p.m.
AFTERNOON SESSION

Reconvene
The House of Bishops reconvened at 2:28 p.m. with the Presiding Bishop in the chair.

Communications from the Presiding Bishop
The Presiding Bishop welcomed the 25th and 26th Presiding Bishops to the platform.

Consent Calendar
The Secretary moved the adoption of the Consent Calendar for the 5th Legislative Day.

Consent Calendar

Evangelism and Church Planting
The House of Bishops Committee on Evangelism and Church Planting presented its Report #1 on Resolution A032 (Congregational Redevelopment) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A032)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention requests that the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies in consultation with the Church Center staff create a church-wide Community of Practice that works with up to one hundred (100) congregations and their bishops to help them redevelop to better engage the cultural realities of their communities for the sake of launching new ministries and multi-cultural missional initiatives; and be it further

Resolved, That the Communications Office be directed to make a priority of reporting on the stories of redeveloped congregations on an ongoing basis through news media, video, and other means and through developing a website that provides detailed information about the redevelopment efforts happening throughout the church; and be it further

Resolved, That the cost of this initiative will be equally shared by the church-wide budget, participating dioceses and redeveloping congregations; and be it further

Resolved, That the presiding officers appoint a task force to coordinate this initiative in collaboration with Church Center staff. That task force may be combined with a task force on Church Planting and Missional Initiatives at the discretion of the presiding officers; and be it further

Resolved, That the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance consider a budget allocation of $725,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention requests that the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies in consultation with the Church Center staff create a church-wide Community of Practice that works with up to one hundred (100) congregations and their bishops to help them redevelop to better engage the cultural realities of their communities for the sake of launching new ministries and multi-cultural missional initiatives; and be it further
Resolved, That the Communications Office be directed to make a priority of reporting on the stories of redeveloped congregations on an ongoing basis through news media, video, and other means and through developing a website online resources that provides detailed information about the redevelopment efforts happening throughout the church; and be it further

Resolved, That the cost of this initiative will be equally shared by the church-wide budget, participating dioceses and redeveloping congregations; and be it further

Resolved, That the presiding officers appoint a task force to coordinate this initiative in collaboration with Church Center staff. That task force may be combined with a task force on Church Planting and Missional Initiatives at the discretion of the presiding officers; and be it further

Resolved, That the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance consider a budget allocation of $725,000 during the triennium for the implementation of this resolution.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #111)

Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations

The House of Bishops Committee on Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations presented its Report #5 on Resolution A035 (Commend "The Church Towards A Common Vision") and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A035)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention commend to every Episcopalian for study the 2013 convergence statement published by the World Council of Churches, The Church: Towards a Common Vision (TCTCV).

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention commend to every Episcopalian for study both the 2013 convergence statement published by the World Council of Churches, The Church: Towards a Common Vision (TCTCV), and the draft response from The Episcopal Church, which can be found on the website of The Episcopal Church.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #112)

Constitution and Canons

The House of Bishops Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #25 on Resolution A097 (Amend Canons III.7.11(a)(3) and III.12.8(a)(3) regarding Return of Clergy After Release and Removal) and moved adoption with amendment.
Original Text of Resolution:

(A097)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That Canon III.7.11(a)(3) is hereby amended to read as follows:

(3) A statement from no less than two (2) members of the clergy in good standing of this Church known to the applicant in support of the application;

And be it further
Resolved, That Canon III.12.8(a)(3) is hereby amended to read as follows:

(3) A statement from no less than two (2) Bishops in good standing of this Church known to the applicant in support of the application;

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That Canon III.7.11(a)(3) is hereby amended to read as follows:

(3) A statement from no less fewer than two (2) members of the clergy in good standing of this Church known to who know the applicant in support of the application;

And be it further
Resolved, That Canon III.12.8(a)(3) is hereby amended to read as follows:

(3) A statement from no less fewer than two (2) Bishops in good standing of this Church known to who know the applicant in support of the application;

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #113)

Social Justice and United States Policy

The House of Bishops Committee on Social Justice and United States Policy presented its Report #11 on Resolution D007 (Disaster Resilience Policy) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:

(D007)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General convention commend the efforts of Episcopalians to support their families and neighbors in times of disaster, both individually and collectively, especially the leadership of Episcopal Relief & Development in coordinating immediate response and supporting long-term recovery; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention acknowledge and commend Episcopal Relief & Development’s work with dioceses in providing life-saving assistance such as water, food, housing assistance, medical supplies, gift cards, gas and other emergency supplies and pastoral care to the people of Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands (both United States and United Kingdom), Texas, Florida, and California
in the aftermath of a devastating series of hurricanes, floods, fires, and mudslides in 2017; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention urge the U.S. federal government to fund and support not only immediate, but also long-term community and economic recovery from human-caused and natural disasters in the 50 States and U.S. Territories in equal treatment, recognizing that full recovery for a community and economy can require decades of investment at a scale only feasible through the collective action of all Americans through our federal government, and that material poverty exacerbates the effects of natural disasters and lengthens the time to recover from them; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention urge the United States government to invest in large-scale preventative disaster and resilience planning for the effects of climate change on the scale of natural disasters in the future, and to coordinate these planning efforts with other nations as appropriate (for example, in the Caribbean region, with the United Kingdom, France, Netherlands, and Caribbean governments, and with regional and global agencies); and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention encourage all Episcopalians to prepare and plan how they will respond to disasters, how their parishes and dioceses can serve, and how to best partner with Episcopal Relief & Development to respond to local, regional, and national disasters as necessary, including using the Episcopal Asset Map and other tools to facilitate local partnerships between Episcopal Relief & Development and local dioceses and congregations.

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General convention commend the efforts of Episcopalians to support their families and neighbors in times of disaster, both individually and collectively, especially the leadership of Episcopal Relief & Development in coordinating immediate response and supporting long-term recovery; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention acknowledge and commend Episcopal Relief & Development’s work with dioceses in providing life-saving assistance such as water, food, housing assistance, medical supplies, gift cards, gas and other emergency supplies and pastoral care to the people of Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands (both United States and United Kingdom), Texas, Florida, and California in the aftermath of a devastating series of hurricanes, floods, fires, and mudslides in 2017; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention urge the U.S. federal government to fund and support not only immediate, but also long-term community and economic recovery from human-caused and natural disasters in the 50 States and U.S. Territories in equal treatment, recognizing that full recovery for a community and economy can require decades of investment at a scale only feasible through the collective action of all Americans through our federal government, and that material poverty exacerbates the effects of natural disasters and lengthens the time to recover from them; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention urge the United States government in concert with state, regional, and local governments to invest in large-scale preventative disaster and resilience planning for the effects of climate change on the scale of natural disasters in the future, and to coordinate these planning efforts with other nations as appropriate (for example, in the Caribbean region, with the United Kingdom, France, Netherlands, and Caribbean governments, and with regional and global agencies); and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention encourage all Episcopalians to prepare and plan how they will respond to disasters, how their parishes and dioceses can serve, and how to best partner with Episcopal Relief & Development to respond to local, regional, and national disasters as necessary, including using the Episcopal Asset Map and other tools to facilitate local partnerships between Episcopal Relief & Development and local dioceses and congregations; and be it further
Resolved, that the General Convention encourage all diocese and congregations to create emergency preparedness and response plans that are inclusive of people with disabilities.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #114)

Environmental Stewardship and Care of Creation

The House of Bishops Committee on Environmental Stewardship and Care of Creation presented its Report #9 on Resolution C008 (Advocacy for Creation Care) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(C008)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention urge further advancement of the House of Bishop’s 2011 commitment, “to advocate for a fair, ambitious, and binding climate treaty,” by making every effort to fully and completely participate in future meetings of the United Nations Conference of Parties on Climate Change as an active, faithful and engaged voice for all of God’s good earth.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention urge further advancement of in keeping with the House of Bishops’ 2011 commitment to combat climate change, “to advocate for a fair, ambitious, and binding climate treaty,” by making every effort to fully and completely participate in future meetings of the United Nations Conference of Parties on Climate Change as an active, faithful and engaged voice for all of God’s good earth, urge that the members of The Episcopal Church strive to transform our individual and communal lives towards sustainability; and be it further

Resolved, That Episcopalians be encouraged to use a web-based tool to support healthy, sustainable choices; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request that the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance allocate $30,000 to be devoted over the triennium 2019-2021 to make a web-based carbon tracking tool such as “Sustaining Earth, Our Island Home” available to all Episcopalians.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #115)

Social Justice and United States Policy

The House of Bishops Committee on Social Justice and United States Policy presented its Report #12 on Resolution D032 (Equal Access to Health Care Regardless of Gender) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(D032)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church acknowledge the need for universal and equitable access to good quality health care that allows for equal utilization for those with equal need; and be it further
Resolved, That this Convention acknowledge that the United States must acknowledge that equitable access to women’s health care, including women’s reproductive health care, is an integral part of a woman’s struggle to assert her dignity and worth as a human being; and be it further

Resolved, That the Episcopal Church recognize that women’s reproductive health and reproductive health procedures should be treated as all other medical procedures, and not singled out by gender; and be it further

Resolved, That the Episcopal Church support health care that takes into account the specific health care needs of all persons, including women and transgendered persons; and be it further

Resolved, That this Convention direct the Office of Government Relations and the Episcopal Public Policy Network to urge all Episcopalians to advocate for our government to work to address the specific needs of health care for everyone, especially women and girl’s health care, by:

- Supporting legislation that creates equal utilization of health care for those in equal need, regardless of ability to pay and reject reasons for unequal use;
- Advocating for everyone to have the right to make decisions about their bodies and those decisions should be between themselves and their provider;
- Ensuring equal access to every health care service regardless of gender;
- Ensuring health care is equal in coverage and cost regardless of gender.

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church acknowledge the need for universal and equitable access to good quality health care that allows for equal utilization for those with equal need; and be it further

Resolved, That this Convention acknowledge that the United States must acknowledge that equitable access to women’s health care, including women’s reproductive health care, is an integral part of a woman’s struggle to assert her dignity and worth as a human being; and be it further

Resolved, That the Episcopal Church call for recognizing that women’s reproductive health and reproductive health procedures should be treated as all other medical procedures, and not singled out or omitted or because of gender; and be it further

Resolved, That the Episcopal Church support health care that takes into account the specific health care needs of all persons, including women and transgendered persons; and be it further

Resolved, That this Convention direct the Office of Government Relations and the Episcopal Public Policy Network to urge all Episcopalians to advocate for our government to work to address the specific needs of health care for everyone, especially women’s and girl’s health care, by:

- Supporting legislation that creates equal utilization of health care for those in equal need, regardless of ability to pay, and reject reasons for unequal use as well as strategies that promote unequal access to health care;
- Advocating for everyone to have the right to make decisions about their bodies and those decisions should be between themselves and their provider (reaffirming 1994 A054: That The... “Episcopal Church express its unequivocal opposition to any legislative, executive or judicial action on the part of local, state or national governments that abridges the right of a woman to reach an informed decision ... or that would limit the access of a woman to safe means of acting on her decision.”);
- Ensuring equal access to every health care service regardless of gender (reaffirming 1994 A055: that the... “General Convention urge adequate government funding and support for research and development, prevention and treatment in matters affecting the health and quality of life of women, including domestic violence, AIDS, heart disease, breast, ovarian and endometrial cancer, safe and
effective contraceptives, and other methods of pregnancy prevention, maternity care, menopause and chronic illnesses unique to or prevalent among women); • Ensuring health care is equal in coverage and cost regardless of gender.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #116)

Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations

The House of Bishops Committee on Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations presented its Report #6 on Resolution A036 (Affirm Ongoing Work and Dialogue with Ecumenical Bodies) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A036)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention affirms the continuation of the ecumenical dialogues in which the Episcopal Church is engaged: the Presbyterian-Episcopal Dialogue; the Anglican-Roman Catholic Dialogue (ARCUSA), noting particularly a renewed round of conversations; and the work toward full communion with the United Methodist Church. This Convention also affirms the continued coordinating committee work with our full communion partners, the Evangelical Lutheran Church and the Moravian Church (Northern Province and Southern Province); and be it further

Resolved, That this Convention celebrates with joy and gratitude the deepening relationship among the leaders of the Episcopal Church, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, the Anglican Church of Canada, and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, and commends the members of all four churches for the work they have done together and the statements and study documents they have jointly issued.

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention joyfully affirms the continuation of the ecumenical dialogues in which the Episcopal Church is engaged: the Presbyterian Church (USA)-Episcopal Dialogue; the Anglican-Roman Catholic Dialogue (ARCUSA), noting particularly a renewed round of conversations; and the work toward full communion with the United Methodist Church. And be it further

Resolved, That this Convention also joyfully affirms the continued coordinating committee work with our full communion partners, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and the Moravian Church (Northern Province and Southern Province); and be it further

Resolved, That this Convention celebrates with joy and gratitude the deepening international relationship among the leaders of the Episcopal Church, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, the Anglican Church of Canada, and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, and commends the members of all four these churches for the work they have done together and the statements and study documents they have jointly issued.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #117)
The House of Bishops Committee on Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations presented its Report #7 on Resolution A037 (Encourage Interfaith Engagement) and moved adoption with amendment.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(A037)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention affirms the work being done on behalf of interfaith engagement by the Episcopal Church at all levels in the life of the Church. We particularly cite the deepening of the Christian Jewish and Christian Muslim engagement as well as the broadening engagement with other religious traditions such as Hinduism, Buddhism, Sikhism, and others.

**Committee Amendment:**

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention affirms the work being done on behalf of to further interfaith religious engagement by the Episcopal Church at all levels in the life of the Church. We particularly cite the deepening of the Christian Jewish and Christian Muslim engagement as well as the broadening engagement with other religious traditions such as Hinduism, Buddhism, Sikhism, and others.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #118)

**Environmental Stewardship and Care of Creation**

The House of Bishops Committee on Environmental Stewardship and Care of Creation presented its Report #8 on Resolution C020 (Carbon Tax) and moved adoption with amendment.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(C020)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church support a national tax on carbon-based fossil fuels based on the Carbon Fee and Dividend proposal of the Citizens’ Climate Lobby, which would impose a carbon fee on all fossil fuels and other greenhouse gases at the point where they first enter the economy; align US emissions with the physical constraints identified by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) to avoid irreversible climate change; and use this carbon fee through a trust fund to make equal monthly per-person dividend payments to all American households.

**Committee Amendment:**

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the Episcopal Church shall work with people of good will to materially reduce emissions of greenhouse gases in order to stabilize our climate; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church support a national tax on carbon-based fossil fuels based on public policy which may include the a Carbon Fee and Dividend model proposal of the Citizens’ Climate Lobby or other means accounting for greenhouse gas emissions from carbon based fuels, which would impose a carbon fee on all fossil fuels and other greenhouse gases at the point where they first enter the economy; align US emissions with the physical constraints identified by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) to avoid mitigate further irreversible climate change; and be it further
Resolved, That in implementing any such policies, the church will advocate for appropriate measures to reduce the economic impacts on poor people and people of modest income, which means might include use of a trust fund paid for with carbon fees and distributed to the poorest people first. this carbon fee through a trust fund to make equal monthly per-person dividend payments to all American households.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #119)

Governance and Structure
The House of Bishops Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #2 on HD Message #15 on Resolution A034 (Supporting General Convention Children's Program) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #125)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A034)
Resolved, That the General Convention commends and supports the General Convention Children's Program, and continues to direct funding to include the youngest of God's children in our work together.

Stewardship and Socially Responsible Investing
The House of Bishops Committee on Stewardship and Socially Responsible Investing presented its Report #1 on HD Message #19 on Resolution B008 (Stewardship in Communities of Color) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #126)

Final Text of Resolution:
(B008)
Resolved, That the 79th General Convention recognizes that The Episcopal Church has not historically articulated, recognized or appreciated the particularities and uniqueness of stewardship and fundraising practices among congregations and faith communities of color; nor is there denominational or ecumenical research and data available on stewardship and fundraising practices of communities of color; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention commends the initiative of the ecumenical Collective Foundation in their project to research and collect data on stewardship and fundraising practices of communities of color called: “Research on Giving by Faith Communities of Color,” and its goal to support communities of color in their ongoing stewardship programs and initiatives; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention urges the offices of The Episcopal Church Center, dioceses, and congregations to cooperate with, and support the efforts of, the Collective Foundation in the “Research on Giving by Faith Communities of Color” project in partnership with other denominations.
Ministry

The House of Bishops Committee on Ministry presented its Report #12 on Resolution D010 (Create Position of Indigenous Theological Education Coordinator) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:

(D010)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention adopts the creation of a full-time Indigenous Theological Education Coordinator staff position as an education resource coordinator and developer for indigenous lay and ordained leaders for all Provinces and dioceses of The Episcopal Church, under the direction and supervision of the Office of the Indigenous Missioner; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention supports continuing development of shared resources for theological education based on, but not limited to, the six subject areas listed in Canon III.6.5(f-g) and Canon III.8.5(g-h) and of The Episcopal Church; and be it further

Resolved, That the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance consider a budget allocation of $398,600 for the implementation of this resolution.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted

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

Social Justice and United States Policy

The House of Bishops Committee on Social Justice and United States Policy presented its Report #13 on Resolution D014 (Addressing Maternal Mortality) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:

(D014)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention support the advocacy efforts of our dioceses for all women to have the right to safe and available pre- and post-natal health care that enables healthy pregnancies, births, post-partum recovery, and mental health care; and overall maternal wellbeing; and be it further

Resolved, That the Office of Government Relations articulates our vision that safe and respectful maternal health care is a recognized human right throughout the U.S., and urges state governments to adopt a human-rights based approach to ensuring safe pregnancy and childbirth; and be it further

Resolved, That as we live out our commitment to be the Beloved Community, we acknowledge the tragic disparity through discrimination in pre- and post-natal maternal health care for women in poor communities and communities of color.

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention reaffirm its commitment in Resolution 2006-B018 to work to “Ensure quality pre-natal care is available for all;” and views with alarm that the incidence of maternal mortality and morbidity has been increasing in the United States; and be it further
Resolved, That Convention support the advocacy efforts of our dioceses for all women to have the right to safe and available pre- and post-natal health care that enables healthy pregnancies, births, post-partum recovery, and mental health care; and overall maternal wellbeing; and be it further

Resolved, That the Office of Government Relations articulates our vision that safe and respectful maternal health care is a recognized human right throughout the U.S., and urges state governments to adopt a human-rights based approach to ensuring safe pregnancy and childbirth; and be it further

Resolved, That as we live out the call of our Presiding Bishop our commitment to be the Beloved Community, we acknowledge the tragic disparity in maternal health care that has resulted from through discrimination in pre- and post-natal maternal health care for impoverished women in poor communities and communities and women of color.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #121)

Ministry
The House of Bishops Committee on Ministry presented its Report #14 on Resolution D021 (Revise OTM Information) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(D021)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That on the Basic Information portion of the Ministry Portfolio maintained by the Officer of Transition Ministry for a member of the clergy, the section titled Sex be deleted; and be it further

Resolved, That on the Compensation & Housing portion of the Ministry Portfolio maintained by the Officer of Transition Ministry for a member of the clergy, the Current Annual Compensation section be deleted; and be it further

Resolved, That on the References section of the Ministry Portfolio maintained by the Officer of Transition Ministry for a member of the clergy, the member of the clergy shall be directed to provide the name of at least one male reference and one female reference; and be it further

Resolved, That on the Search Portfolio maintained by the Officer of Transition Ministry, that providing a specific amount or a range of compensation for the Compensation Available for New Position section be required information from institutions posting available positions on the Office of Transition Ministries website; and be it further

Resolved, That these changes be made and take effect no later than December 31, 2018 and that they apply to all postings and information maintained by the Officer of Transition Ministry as of that date.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That on the Basic Information portion of the Ministry Portfolio maintained by the Officer of Transition Ministry for a member of the clergy, the section titled Sex be deleted; and be it further

Resolved, That on the Compensation & Housing portion of the Ministry Portfolio maintained by the Officer of Transition Ministry for a member of the clergy, the Current Annual Compensation section be deleted; and be it further
Resolved, That on the References section of the Ministry Portfolio maintained by the Officer of Transition Ministry for a member of the clergy, the member of the clergy shall be directed to provide the name of at least one male reference and one female reference; and be it further

Resolved, that a specific amount or range of compensation be required on each Community Ministry Portfolio published by the Office of Transition Ministry; and be it further That on the Search Portfolio maintained by the Officer of Transition Ministry, that providing a specific amount or a range of compensation for the Compensation Available for New Position section be required information from institutions posting available positions on the Office of Transition Ministries website; and be it further

Resolved, That these changes be made and take effect no later than December 31, 2018 and that they apply to all postings and information maintained by the Officer of Transition Ministry as of that date.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #122)

World Mission
The House of Bishops Committee on World Mission presented its Report #9 on Resolution A207 (Encouraging Mission as Part of the Beloved Community) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A207)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention remind dioceses, congregations, and individuals that “being a beloved community” is being members of a global community honoring our full name: The Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church (DFMS); and be it further

Resolved, That this Convention affirm that in baptism we are called to companionship, which is by its very nature, standing with, traveling with, and sharing bread with another; and be it further

Resolved, That this Convention commit to moving away from colonialism and recognize that the work of mission is a Christ-centered, mutual undertaking, which is most effective when the traditional roles of “giver” and “receiver” are discarded, and the gifts of all are accepted, welcomed, and utilized; and be it further

Resolved, That this Convention encourage dioceses, congregations and mission organizations to establish productive, mutual relationships with other outreach communities that have similar intent, but may not be part of the Episcopal Church; and be it further

Resolved, That dioceses, congregations, and individuals be encouraged to pray regularly for specific dioceses and congregations and individuals with whom they are in companionship; and be it further

Resolved, That dioceses, congregations and individuals be encouraged to form personal sharing relationships through messaging and social media with individuals and congregations with whom they are in companionship.

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention reaffirm remind dioceses, congregations, and individuals that “being a beloved community” means is being members of a global community honoring our full name: The Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church (DFMS); and be it further
Resolved, That this General Convention affirm that in baptism we are called to companionship, which means is by its very nature, standing with, traveling with, and sharing bread with another; and be it further

Resolved, That this General Convention commit continue to repent of moving away from colonialism and recognize that the work of mission is a Christ-centered, mutual undertaking, which is most effective when the traditional roles of “giver” and “receiver” are discarded, and the gifts of all are accepted, welcomed, and utilized; and be it further

Resolved, That this General Convention encourage dioceses, congregations and mission organizations to establish productive, mutual relationships with other outreach communities that have similar intent, but may not be part of the Episcopal Church; and be it further

Resolved, That this General Convention urge dioceses, congregations, and individuals be encouraged to pray regularly for specific dioceses and congregations and individuals with whom they are in companionship; and be it further

Resolved, That this General Convention encourage dioceses, congregations and individuals be encouraged to form one-to-one personal sharing relationships through messaging and social media with individuals and congregations with whom they are in companionship.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #123)

The House of Bishops Committee on World Mission presented its Report #6 on Resolution B031 (Commend Global Episcopal Mission Network) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:

(B031)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention affirm the global dimension of God’s mission that the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Episcopal Church has carried out since 1835 through deploying missionaries, developing mission companionships with Christians around the world, and engaging globally in educational, healthcare and justice work; and be it further

Resolved, That this General Convention commend the networking, mission education and mobilization for global mission that the Global Episcopal Mission Network (GEMN) has carried out since 1995 through the annual Global Mission Conference, the Mission Formation Program, and online resources; and be it further

Resolved, That this General Convention encourage dioceses, congregations, freestanding mission organizations, individuals, and seminaries to strengthen their global engagement through membership in the Global Episcopal Mission Network.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #124)

End of Consent Calendar
Day Six Consent Calendar

The Secretary announced the Consent Calendar for the Sixth Legislative Day could be found in the Virtual Binder.

Messages from the House of Deputies

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

HD Message #110: X011 (Special Order for D019, Ending Church Complicity in the Occupation) Adopted with Amendment
HD Message #111: B012 (Marriage Rites for the Whole Church) Adopted with Amendment
HD Message #112: A063 (Amend Article X of the Constitution of the Episcopal Church (First Reading)) Adopted
HD Message #113: A186 (Amend House of Deputies Rule of Order XV) Adopted with Amendment
HD Message #115: A188 (Amend HOD Rules of Order II) Adopted
HD Message #117: A187 (Amend HOD Rules of Order XIV) Adopted with Amendment
HD Message #118: A147 (Pilot Board for Episcopal Transitions) Adopted with Amendment

Special Order of Business

The Presiding Bishop welcomed the 25th Presiding Bishop, the Most Rev. Frank T. Griswold to greet the House of Bishops.

The Presiding Bishop welcomed the 26th Presiding Bishop, the Most Rev. Katherine Jefferts Schori to greet the House of Bishops.

The Presiding Bishop shared his thanks.

Communications from the Presiding Bishop

The Presiding Bishop described the morning's closed session as a time for the House of Bishops to discuss the ongoing work of pastoral matters in the House of Bishops.

Special Order of Business

The Rt. Rev. Todd Ousley, Bishop in the Office for Pastoral Development, delivered a summary of the morning's closed session, which was created for the purpose of questions and reflections from the House of Bishops regarding the contested election in Haiti.

Motion to reconsider General Board of Examining Chaplains

Dispatch moved for the House to reconsider the election of Faculty members of the General Board of Examining Chaplains

Motion carried
Election of Faculty Members of the General Board of Examining Chaplains

Bishop Daniel, Resigned introduced the runoff for Faculty Members of the General Board of Examining Chaplains between the Rev. Anne Vouga and Dr. Gregory Robbins.

Election Ballot #4 was taken for Faculty Members of the General Board of Examining Chaplains.

Newly elected as a Faculty Member of the General Board of Examining Chaplains:
Dr. Gregory Robbins

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #311)

[Ed. Note: Ian Rock was originally announced as one of those elected as a Faculty member of the General Board of Examining Chaplains on Day 4. It was later discovered he was ineligible. The election was reconsidered on Day 5 and another ballot cast as shown above. The final election results for Faculty member of the General Board of Examining Chaplains were Calvin Lane, Gregory Robbins, and Kara Slade. The original HD message #281 was replaced with corrected HD message #311.]

Election of Bishop Members of the Executive Council

Election Ballot #1 was taken for Bishop Members of the Executive Council.

Ballot #1 taken

Election of Bishop Members of the General Theological Seminary Board

The Presiding Bishop moved for a voice vote.

Motion carried

Newly elected bishop members of the General Theological Seminary Board:
The Rt. Rev. Daniel Gutierrez, Bishop of Pennsylvania
The Rt. Rev. Kevin Brown, Bishop of Delaware

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #139)

Election of Bishop, Lay and Clergy with Cures Members of the General Board of Examining Chaplains

The Secretary read the results of Election Ballot #3.

Newly elected as members of the General Board of Examining Chaplains

Bishop Order:
The Rt. Rev. DeDe Duncan-Probe, Bishop of Central New York

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #136)

Lay Order:
Ms. Beth Bojarski

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #134)
Clergy with Cures Order:
The Rev. Miranda Hassett
The Rev. Mark Story

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #135)

The House of Bishops Committee to Receive the Report of Resolution A169

The Rt. Rev. Mark Hollingsworth, Bishop of Ohio and Chair of the House of Bishops Committee to Receive the Report of Resolution A169 reported that HB legislative committee #13 was organized and ready for business.

The House of Bishops Committee to Receive the Report of Resolution A169 presented its Report #1 on HD Message #39 on Resolution A068 (Plan for the Revision of the Book of Common Prayer) and moved adoption with amendment.

Committee Amendment

(A068)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention authorize the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music, plus two members or representatives from Province IX of The Episcopal Church, one being a bishop of said province and one being a clergy or lay representative of said province, to undertake comprehensive revision of The Book of Common Prayer 1979; and be it further

Resolved, That such revision will continue in faithful adherence to the historic rites of the Church Universal as they have been received and interpreted within the Anglican tradition of Common Prayer and mindful of our existing ecumenical commitments while also providing space for, encouraging the submission of, and facilitating the perfection of rites that will arise from the continual movement of the Holy Spirit among us and growing insights of our Church; and be it further

Resolved, That such revision utilize the riches of Holy Scripture and our Church’s liturgical, cultural, racial, generational, linguistic, gender, physical ability, and ethnic diversity in order to share common worship; and be it further

Resolved, that this church ensure that, at each step of the revision process, all materials be translated into English, Spanish, French, and Haitian Creole, following the method commonly called dynamic equivalency; and be it further

Resolved, that such revision will continue to adhere to the four tenets of "The Chicago-Lambeth Quadrilateral", as enumerated under points "(a), "(b), "(c), "(d)" on pages 877 and 878 in the Book of Common Prayer 1979 under the heading "Lambeth Conference of 1888, Resolution II"; and be it further

Resolved, That such revision utilize inclusive and expansive language and imagery for humanity and divinity; and be it further

Resolved, That such revision shall incorporate and express understanding, appreciation, and care of God’s creation; and be it further

Resolved, That such revision take into consideration the use of current technologies which provide access to a broad range of liturgical resources; and be it further

Resolved, that all materials in Rite I and the Historical Documents of the Church, and also the Lord’s Prayer, be exempted from this revision; and be it further
Resolved, That the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music follow the “Guiding Assumptions” and “Plan for the revision of the Book of Common Prayer 1979” from the SCLM Blue Book Report to the 79th General Convention; and be it further

Resolved, That the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music shall report to the 80th General Convention; and be it further

Resolved, That the sum of $1,917,025 be appropriated to the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music for the 2019-2021 Triennium for this process.

**Special Order: Table Discussion before Plenary Discussion**

The Presiding Bishop asked for ten minutes of table discussion before plenary discussion.

The Chair of The House of Bishops Committee to Receive the Report of Resolution A169 described the amended Resolution.

**Special Order of Business**

The Parliamentarian explained that Dispatch will move to create a Committee of the Whole to facilitate discussion.

**Motion: Committee of The Whole**

Dispatched moved for a 10 minute Committee of the Whole to facilitate the discussion around Resolution A068.

Motion carried

**Announcement from the Chair**

The Chair of the House of Bishops announced that there would be three more speakers and voting on the Resolution would be moved to the next day.

**Motion to come out of the Committee of the Whole**

The Chair of the House of Bishops moved to close the Committee of the Whole.

Motion carried

Committee of the Whole terminated

[Ed. Note: Debate on Resolution A068 was continued on July 10, 2018 (Day 6).]

**Recess**

Following announcements by the Secretary, the Chair announced that the House will stand in recess until a Joint Session with the House of Deputies at 10:30 a.m. and the House of Bishops will reconvene at 2:15 p.m. on the Sixth Legislative Day.

Chaplains Brother Randy Greve and Mr. Dent Davidson led the House in prayer.

The House recessed at 4:59 p.m.
Sixth Day

Tuesday
July 10, 2018

AFTERNOON SESSION

Reconvene
The House of Bishops reconvened at 2:16 p.m. with the Presiding Bishop in the chair.

Opening Prayers
Opening prayers were led by Chaplains the Very Rev. Miguelina Howell and Mr. Dent Davidson.

Agenda of the Day
The Assistant Secretary moved to adopt the agenda of the day.

Motion carried
Agenda adopted

Previous Day's Minutes
The House of Bishop's Committee on Dispatch moved acceptance of the previous day's minutes.

Motion carried

Communications from the Presiding Bishop
The Presiding Bishop invited the Rt. Rev. Stephen Lane, Bishop of Maine, Vice-Chair of Program, Budget and Finance, to provide information about the budget that will be presented to both Houses in the Joint Session tomorrow morning.

Consent Calendar
The Assistant Secretary announced the Consent Calendar for the Sixth Legislative Day.

Consent Calendar

Social Justice and International Policy
The House of Bishops Committee on Social Justice and International Policy presented its Report #3 on HD Message #14 on Resolution B013 (Response to Yemen Humanitarian Crisis) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #141)
Final Text of Resolution:

(B013)

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church, as followers of Jesus Christ, recognize our moral imperative to address our deep concern and dismay over the ongoing conflict in Yemen, now in its fourth year, and the humanitarian crisis caused by the conflict, which has left 22 million people—three-quarters of the country’s population—in need of humanitarian assistance including food and clean water; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church direct the Office of Government Relations to call upon the U.S. government: 1) to observe the embargo of arms sales to all parties in the conflict, as called for by the United Nations, and specifically to avoid supplying munitions, military equipment or technology that could be used in the conflict, as well as logistical and financial support for such transfers; 2) to call upon all parties to the conflict to allow unobstructed access in the conflict areas for humanitarian relief organizations, medical relief personnel, human rights investigators, and journalists; and 3) to express an urgent need for a politically negotiated solution; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church recognize that throughout the Middle East region access to water and sustainable agriculture are serious problems and a primary source of conflict; and encourage the Episcopal Church and Episcopal Relief and Development to undertake, in partnership with the Anglican Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf, relief and long-term economic development projects in areas such as education, job creation, and health care, as well as sustainable solutions for the lack of access to water.

The House of Bishops Committee on Social Justice and International Policy presented its Report #2 on HD Message #22 on Resolution D051 (Support Recommitment to Iran Nuclear Deal) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #142)

Final Text of Resolution:

(D051)

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention, as followers of Jesus Christ, call attention to His words, “Blessed are the peacemakers,” as central to the role of governments, Christians, and all people of good will in the conflicts of the world and in the effort to prevent proliferation of nuclear weapons in the Middle East and elsewhere; and be it further

Resolved, That this General Convention urge the United States government to pursue carefully negotiated, multilateral international agreements in order to prevent nuclear proliferation and to achieve denuclearization; and be it further

Resolved, That this General Convention affirm the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA), commonly known as the Iran Nuclear Deal, that was agreed to in 2015 by Iran, the five permanent members of the United Nations Security Council – China, France, Russia, the United Kingdom, and the United States of America – and Germany and the European Union, and recognize the role of faith-based organizations and churches in assisting in the development of the Iran Nuclear Deal; and be it further

Resolved, That this General Convention oppose the May 2018 unilateral withdrawal of the United States of America from the Iran Nuclear Deal and urge the other parties to the agreement to persevere in their commitment to it; and be it further
Resolved, That this General Convention urge the United States Congress to enact legislation mandating that the United States of America rejoin the Iran Nuclear Deal, and to refrain from efforts, such as re-imposing sanctions without cause on Iran, that would further erode international confidence in the commitment of the United States of America to international agreements and further diminishes the trust and goodwill of the people of Iran toward the United States of America; and be it further

Resolved, That this General Convention recognize with deep concern and dismay the very detrimental impact of the withdrawal of the United States of America from the Iran Nuclear Deal and the imposition of sanctions on the lives of the people of Iran, especially Christians and other religious minorities; and be it further

Resolved, That this General Convention encourage the church’s Office of Governmental Relations in Washington to continue to advocate the United States of America adhere to the Iran Nuclear Deal and cease all sanctions without cause on Iran; and be it further

Resolved, That this General Convention urge Episcopalians based in the United States of America to commend this resolution to their senators and representatives in Congress, and request the Episcopal Public Policy Network provide information and support to facilitate communication with senators and representatives in Congress.

Churchwide Leadership

The House of Bishops Committee on Churchwide Leadership presented its Report #4 on HD Message #102 on Resolution D057 (Impairment Commission - Training on Alcohol and Substance Misuse) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #144)

Final Text of Resolution:
(D057)

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention directs the Executive Council to take the necessary steps to develop a mandatory training program with respect to alcohol and substance misuse and other forms of addiction (to be renewed at designated intervals) for all persons in the process of formation for ordination and for all priests and deacons currently licensed, with the goal that all such clergy would:

1. Be trained in prior resolutions of the General Convention regarding impairment;
2. Recognize impairment; and
3. Provide tools for reporting incidents involving impaired clergy and remove barriers that impede individuals from reporting.

And be it further

Resolved, That the Executive Council consider using training materials through publicly available resources at no cost, such as The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (samhsa.gov).
The House of Bishops Committee on Churchwide Leadership presented its Report #7 on HD Message #70 on Resolution D058 (Impairment Commission - Rapid Response Team for Crisis Intervention) and moved concurrence.

**Motion carried**

**The House concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #145)

**Final Text of Resolution:**

(D058)

Resolved, That The 79th General Convention recommends that the Presiding Bishop, drawing on the research of the Commission on Leadership and Impairment, establish a team of advisors or consultants to serve as a resource on alcoholism and substance misuse and other forms of addiction to provide a rapid response to issues of questionable impairment, to provide clergy or other concerned individuals with confidential advice, and to assist with monitoring and recovery.

**Ministry**

The House of Bishops Committee on Ministry presented its Report #16 on Resolution A189 (Create Task Force to Develop Process for Substance Abuse Screening) and moved adoption.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(A189)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That a Task Force or similar body be formed to develop a standardized process of screening persons applying for ordination with respect to their history of and experience with alcohol and substance abuse; and be it further

Resolved, that the Task Force identify best practices for dioceses to follow in evaluating issues of alcohol and substance abuse, including training for Standing Committees, Commissions on Ministry and others involved in the ordination process, as well as training for persons in the ordination process; and be it further

Resolved, That the Task Force prepare a report for the 80th General Convention giving recommendations with respect to alcohol and substance abuse for (1) screening processes for dioceses to employ in the ordination process, including how to best evaluate applicants with a history of addictions who are now living in recovery (2) training for Standing Committees, Commissions on Ministry and others involved in the ordination process, including diocesan staff, and (3) training and other appropriate recommendations for persons in the ordination process; and be it further

Resolved, That the Task Force be composed of three Bishops appointed by the Presiding Bishop, at least two of whom have experience in dealing with clergy with a history of alcohol or substance abuse, and six priests, deacons or lay persons appointed by the President of the House of Deputies, at least 3 of whom have relevant experience in the evaluation and treatment of persons with a history of alcohol or substance abuse and at least one of whom serves as a diocesan Transition Officer who has experience in dealing with clergy who have a history of alcohol or substance abuse. At least three members of this Task Force should be persons living in recovery; and be it further

Resolved, That the Task Force also examine a process for identifying other forms of addiction and their potential impact on ministry; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Commission on Program, Budget and Finance allocate $25,000 to the budget to facilitate the work of the Task Force.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #140)

Social Justice and International Policy
The House of Bishops Committee on Social Justice and International Policy presented its Report #4 on HD Message #55 on Resolution B003 (On the Status of Jerusalem) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #146)

Final Text of Resolution:
(B003)

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention strongly reaffirm its long-established position calling for the holy city of Jerusalem to be the shared capital of both the State of Israel and of a potential Palestinian state; at the same time recognizing that this hoped-for two state solution is currently in serious jeopardy and may not become a reality; and be it further

Resolved, That this General Convention assert its conviction that Jerusalem is a holy city to the three Abrahamic faiths, where full respect must be accorded to the civil rights and religious interests of all persons; that all holy places in the city must be equally protected and accessible to all adherents; and that the city’s status as a community for all Christians, Muslims, and Jews must be honored; and be it further

Resolved, That this Convention concur with our Presiding Bishop, who said in his March 29, 2018, reflections on his trip to the Holy Land, “As we pray for the peace of Jerusalem, as the Bible teaches us, we must find ways to work for the peace of Jerusalem, which will be found where there is true equality for all, true justice for all and true freedom for everyone. Here it is clear that this is not simply an idealistic dream. It is the only hope, and we must not rest until it is realized;” and be it further

Resolved, That the Convention join with leaders of the Christian communities in Jerusalem in recognizing that the relocation of the US Embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem at this time creates an additional obstacle to peace; and be it further

Resolved, That all dioceses be encouraged to engage earnestly in education, advocacy, and prayer for the renewal of a diplomatic and political process for peace in the region, and for the peace of Jerusalem; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention urge the House of Bishops to disseminate as soon as is practicable a Pastoral Letter supporting Jerusalem’s prophetic identity as the Holy City of Peace.
Christian Formation and Discipleship

The House of Bishops Committee on Christian Formation and Discipleship presented its Report #2 on HD Message #26 on Resolution B009 (Civil Discourse) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #147)

Final Text of Resolution:

(B009)

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention calls on all Episcopalians to practice civil discourse in our political life, while not making peace with evil and injustice; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention urge individual Episcopalians, parishes, dioceses and seminaries to use the Civil Discourse Curriculum developed by The Episcopal Church Office of Government Relations as a resource to guide discussions about politics, policy, and legislation, while strengthening our relationships with one another; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention direct The Episcopal Church Office of Government Relations to work with bipartisan efforts in Congress, when possible, and intentionally engage with elected and career government officials from all political parties.

Social Justice and International Policy

The House of Bishops Committee on Social Justice and International Policy presented its Report #5 on HD Message #54 on Resolution B021 (Support Aid to Palestinian Refugees) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #148)

Final Text of Resolution:

(B021)

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention strongly call upon the United States Government to maintain its historic commitment to alleviating the poverty of Palestinians and restore its full planned 2018 funding to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) so that it can continue to serve the over 5 million Palestinian refugees in the West Bank, East Jerusalem, Gaza, Jordan, Lebanon and Syria; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention also strongly call upon the United States Government to lift its funding freeze on United States Agency for International Development (USAID) programs which aid Palestinians.
Christian Formation and Discipleship

The House of Bishops Committee on Christian Formation and Discipleship presented its Report #4 on HD Message #27 on Resolution B017 (Financial Support for Administering the Episcopal Service Corps) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #149)

Final Text of Resolution:

(B017)

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention embrace the ministry of the Episcopal Service Corps as a dynamic and transformational force in the lives of young adults and for the Episcopal Church; and be it further

Resolved, That as a demonstration of this commitment to and investment in the long-term health of current and future local programs, the General Convention establish a financial commitment toward administration and care among the other young adult ministries in the Office of Formation; 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 $150,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

The House of Bishops Committee on Christian Formation and Discipleship presented its Report #5 on HD Message #33 on Resolution D030 (Supporting Formation) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #150)

Final Text of Resolution:

(D030)

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention, designate an annual grant of $50,000 each year of the triennium to Forma to support the work of, and further develop, the grassroots network which enables collaborative Christian formation of all the baptized across the Episcopal Church; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance consider a budget allocation of $150,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

The House of Bishops Committee on Christian Formation and Discipleship presented its Report #6 on HD Message #64 on Resolution D031 (Recognizing and Ending Domestic Violence in our Congregations) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #151)
Final Text of Resolution:

(D031)
Resolved, That the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church continue to speak out clearly against all forms of domestic violence as it has done in the past; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention encourages Episcopal clergy and congregations to educate themselves on the widespread problem that domestic violence is in their churches, neighborhoods and beyond; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention urge all Episcopal Bishops and other clergy and lay leadership to familiarize themselves with the international and multi-lingual resources provided by the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, White Ribbon, and other local resources, as well as existing trainings developed for domestic violence prevention, and create procedures for supporting domestic violence survivors in their dioceses and congregations; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention urge the Church at every level to examine its response to domestic violence, especially its response to survivors of domestic violence.

Ministry
The House of Bishops Committee on Ministry presented its Report #17 on Resolution D073 (Amend Canon III.7.4 and Canon III.9.3) and moved to refer the resolution to the Board of Transition Ministry.

Original Text of Resolution:

(D073)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That Canon III.7.4 Of the Life and Work of Deacons be amended by adding a new Section (h):

Sec. 4. (h) All half time or greater permanent stipendiary positions that are recognized by the Church Pension Fund must be publicly posted, including but not limited to the posting of said positions through the Office of Transition Ministries (OTM) portal for a minimum of two weeks, except as otherwise specified by Canons.

And be it further

Resolved, That Canon III.9.3 Of the Life and Work of Priests be amended by adding a new Section (a) and renumbering all subsequent sections:

Sec.3. (a) All half time or greater permanent stipendiary positions that are recognized by the Church Pension Fund must be publicly posted, including but not limited to the posting of said positions through the Office of Transition Ministries (OTM) portal for a minimum of two weeks, except as otherwise specified by Canons.

And be it further

Resolved, That the Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons consider the question of public posting of stipendiary positions for lay people and report to the 80th General Conventions recommendations that would provide equitable access to the application process for
qualified applicants for stipendiary positions in congregations and dioceses of The Episcopal Church, and in institutions affiliated with The Episcopal Church.

Motion carried
Resolution referred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #152)

Safeguarding and Title IV

The House of Bishops Committee on Safeguarding and Title IV presented its Report #1 on HD Message #30 on Resolution A048 (Establish Committee to Oversee Creation of Training Materials) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #153)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A048)

Resolved, That this 79th General Convention direct the Executive Council to establish a Task Force pursuant to Canon I.1.2.(o) to create and implement new safe church training materials to be developed during the next triennium to reflect the approved 2017 Model Policies for the Protection of Children and Youth and the approved 2017 Model Policies for the Protection of Vulnerable Adults, such committee to be comprised of at least nine (9) and no more than twelve (12) people who reflect the diversity of The Episcopal Church, which should include youth ministers, those working with vulnerable adults, educators for adults, and those experienced in the prevention of sexual abuse; membership should also include at least three (3) persons from the Task Force to Update Sexual Misconduct Policies appointed in 2015; and be it further

Resolved, That the Church Pension Group be asked to collaborate and coordinate their training program with this effort and to appoint a member to serve on the committee; and be it further

Resolved, That such safe church training materials for the prevention of sexual misconduct include written and web-based training materials that include responsive and multilingual online web-based resources, a modern content management system and a curated resource list, such training to provide Universal Training accessible to all congregants and ministry participants that fosters a culture of safety and inclusion for all people and Specialized Training consisting of discrete modules on topics directly related to ministry roles and functions; and be it further

Resolved, That this 79th General Convention assign to the Task Force that will oversee the new safe church training materials the following duties: where and how to host training materials that includes a comprehensive list of resources, develop a plan for continued updating of the training materials and the curating of resources, as well as a plan to oversee this work; and be it further

Resolved, That this 79th General Convention direct the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society [DFMS] to host on its website the Model Policies for the Protection of Children and Youth and the Model Policies for the Protection of Vulnerable Adults for the prevention of sexual misconduct approved in 2017; and be it further

Resolved, That this 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church commits itself to the financial support of the creation, implementation and maintenance of such safe church training materials to advance clergy wellness and reduce liability; and be it further
Resolved, That this 79th General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $245,000 for the creation of the safe church training materials described in this resolution and $50,000 for the work of the Task Force.

World Mission

The House of Bishops Committee on World Mission presented its Report #10 on Resolution A208 (Establish a Standing Commission on World Mission) and moved adoption of a substitute.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A208)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention recognize that mission engagement with the peoples and cultures of the world beyond the United States of America is inherent in the purpose of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society as it seeks to participate in God’s mission of reconciliation; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention lament how inward concerns of the church and inter-Anglican conflict have reduced the Episcopal Church’s engagement with sisters and brothers in Christ around the world, yet rejoice in how many global relationships have continued or been renewed; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention recognize that dioceses, congregations and freestanding mission organizations carry out much of the church’s global mission work alongside the Global Partnerships Office, Episcopal Relief & Development, the United Thank Offering and other agencies of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, and that the Global Episcopal Mission Network assists with networking and mission formation; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention recognize the important monitoring of DFMS’s global mission work that is carried out by the Executive Council’s Standing Committee on World Mission; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention amend Canon I.1.2(n) to establish a Standing Commission on World Mission; and be it further

Resolved, That the mandate of the Standing Commission on World Mission shall be to identify the global mission work carried out by the DFMS, dioceses, congregations and mission organizations throughout the church, to consult with them to envision future directions for the church’s global engagement, and to develop policy proposals for consideration by General Convention; and be it further

Resolved, That the Standing Commission on World Mission shall include six laypersons, three clergy and three bishops appointed by the Presiding Bishop and President of the House of Deputies to serve staggered six-year terms, with half of the membership initially appointed for three-year terms; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to give consideration to the appropriation of $90,000 to fund the work of the Standing Commission for the 2019-21 triennium.

Committee Substitute:

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That Canon 1.1.2(n) be amended as follows:

(3) A Standing Commission on World Mission. It shall be the duty of the Commission to:
(i) Identify the global mission work carried out by the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, dioceses, congregations and mission organizations throughout the church.

(ii) Consult with the above bodies to envision future directions for the church’s global engagement.

(iii) Develop policy proposals for world mission for consideration by General Convention.

(iv) Discharge such other duties as shall from time to time be assigned by the General Convention.

And be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to appropriate $90,000 to fund the work of the Standing Commission on World Mission for the 2019-21 triennium.

Motion carried
Substitute resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #175)

The House of Bishops Committee on World Mission presented its Report #11 on Resolution A215 (Solidarity with the People of Venezuela) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A215)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention acknowledge the difficult circumstances the nation of Venezuela faces; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention express its solidarity with our brothers and sisters in the Diocese of Venezuela as it continues to further the mission and ministry of The Episcopal Church; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention call on The Episcopal Church to pray and advocate for a peaceful resolution of the crisis facing our sisters and brothers in Venezuela, and urge continued support for those seeking protection in neighboring countries; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention urge the Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church to designate a day of prayer throughout The Episcopal Church for the Episcopal Diocese of Venezuela and the people of Venezuela.

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention acknowledge the difficult circumstances the nation of Venezuela faces; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention express its solidarity with our brothers and sisters in the Diocese of Venezuela as it continues to further the mission and ministry of The Episcopal Church; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention call on The Episcopal Church to pray regularly and advocate for a peaceful resolution of the crisis facing our sisters and brothers in Venezuela, and urge continued support for all Venezuelans, including those who have migrated to other countries, those seeking protection in neighboring countries; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention urges the Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church to designate the first Sunday in October as a day of prayer throughout The Episcopal Church for the Episcopal Diocese of Venezuela and the people of Venezuela.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #154)

Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations
The House of Bishops Committee on Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations presented its Report #10 on Resolution A225 (On the Importance of Ecumenism for Becoming Beloved Community) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A225)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That, whereas the Presiding Bishop has articulated three foci for the work of Becoming Beloved Community—care of creation, racial reconciliation, and evangelism-- the 79th General Convention recognizes that we cannot do this work alone, and that we have much to offer other church traditions and much to learn from them in the work of the three above named areas; and be it further
Resolved, That the 79th General Convention encourage all Provinces, Regional Consultative Groups, Dioceses, Episcopal Communities, and Parishes to seek ecumenical partners for mutual upbuilding in the areas of care of creation, racial reconciliation, and evangelism; and be it further
Resolved, That they be encouraged to seek ecumenical partners that reflect the racial, ethnic, national, linguistic, and cultural diversity of their context.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #155)

The House of Bishops Committee on Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations presented its Report #11 on Resolution C026 (Amend Canon I.20.1 - Building Full Communion with Church of Sweden) and moved to take no further action.

Motion carried
The House took no further action
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #157)

Christian Formation and Discipleship
The House of Bishops Committee on Christian Formation and Discipleship presented its Report #7 on HD Message #60 on Resolution C034 (Ministry to People with Mental Illness and their Families) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #176)
Final Text of Resolution:

(C034)

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention authorize the establishment of a Task Force on Mental Illness to further the Episcopal Church's commitment to, with and for persons with mental illness and their families as reflected in the General Convention resolution 2015-C020, as adopted and which reads:

(2015-C020)

Resolved, That the 78th General Convention of the Episcopal Church calls upon diocese, congregations, schools and other entities of The Episcopal Church to explore and adopt best practices for the vitality and increased capacity of their mission and ministry in the inclusion, support and spiritual care for persons with mental illness and their families; and be it further

Resolved, That dioceses, congregations, schools and other entities of The Episcopal Church increase understanding about mental illness by providing educational material and training; utilizing existing programs such as the National Alliance on Mental Illness, veterans groups, government departments on mental health, local organizations and other programs; and sharing the information so it is readily accessible.

And be it further;

Resolved, That this task force be appointed jointly by the Presiding Officers, with between 10 and 12 members, two or three of whom shall be bishops, two or three of whom shall be clergy, and not more than six lay persons, and all of the members shall have some professional, family or personal background with mental illness, and that this task force report back to the 80th General Convention; and be it further

Resolved, That the 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.

Constitution and Canons

The House of Bishops Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #26 on Resolution D026 (Amend Canons I.17 and III.1.2 - Non-Discrimination in Hiring and Clergy Deployment) and moved to take no further action.

Motion carried
The House took no further action
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #158)

Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations

The House of Bishops Committee on Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations presented its Report #9 on Resolution D056 (Amend Canons I.20 and III.10.2(a)(3) - Full Communion Relationships) and moved adoption.
Original Text of Resolution:
(D056)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention amend Canon I.20 to read as follows:

Sec. 1. The Episcopal Church, a member of the Anglican Communion, has a relationship of full communion with (i) those Churches that are also members of the Anglican Communion by action of the Anglican Consultative Council and (ii) those Churches in the historic succession with whom it entered into covenant agreements prior to 1980 and thereafter with those Churches in the historic episcopal succession and with whom it has entered into covenant agreements adopting the General Convention including:

(a) the Old Catholic Churches of the Union of Utrecht (via ratification of the Bonn Agreement of 1931 by the 51st General Convention in 1934),

(b) la Iglesia Filipina Independiente/the Philippine Independent Church (via The Concordat of Full Communion Between the Iglesia Filipina Independiente and The Episcopal Church of 1961 adopted by the 60th General Convention in 1961), and

(c) the Mar Thoma Syrian Church of Malabar (via the Mar Thoma Church - Episcopal Church Agreement of 1979).

Sec. 2. The Episcopal Church has a relationship of full communion with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America under the terms of and as defined by “Called to Common Mission,” which was adopted by the 73rd General Convention of the The Episcopal Church as Resolution 2000-A040.

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 and as defined by 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 2009-A073.

And be it further

Resolved, That Canon III.10.2(a)(3) be amended to read as follows:

(3) The provisions of this Section 1 Sections 2 and 3 shall be fully applicable to all Members of the Clergy ordained in any Church in the process of entering the historic episcopal succession with which The Episcopal Church is in full communion with this Church as specified in Canon I.20, subject to the covenant of the two churches The Episcopal Church and the other Church or Churches as adopted by the General Convention and by the denominational authority or similar body for those Churches that are not members of the Anglican Communion by action of the Anglican Consultative Council.

(i) those duly constituted Dioceses, Provinces, and regional Churches in communion with the See of Canterbury,
(ii) the Old Catholic Churches of the Union of Utrecht,
(iii) the Philippine Independent Church, and
(iv) the Mar Thoma Syrian Church of Malabar.
(v) the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #159)

Governance and Structure
The House of Bishops Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #5 on HD Message #96 on Resolution A060 (Create a Task Force to Study Church's Pension System) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #160)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A060)
Resolved, That the 79th General Convention invite the Executive Council and The Church Pension Fund to study jointly the historical and current relationship of The Episcopal Church and The Church Pension Fund in order to achieve greater clarity on their respective roles, responsibilities and authority, and be it further Resolved, The Executive Council and The Church Pension Fund issue a joint report about this study by December 31, 2019.

The House of Bishops Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #6 on HD Message #93 on Resolution A073 (Mandates to Provinces) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #164)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A073)
Resolved, That prior to taking action affecting provinces, the governing bodies of this Church, including General Convention and Executive Council, first consider the likely and potential unanticipated impacts on provinces to determine if all provinces have the financial and other resources necessary to comply with the actions, and make appropriate adjustments in the measures to allow for differences in these resources.
The House of Bishops Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #9 on HD Message #95 on Resolution A072 (Provincial Geographic Boundaries) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #165)

**Final Text of Resolution:**

(A072)

Resolved, That in the 2018-2021 triennium, each diocese of this Church review its involvement in and relationship to its current province, and faithfully discern whether, based on its identity, gifts and needs, it may wish to explore established constitutional and canonical paths toward becoming a constituent diocese of a different province.

The House of Bishops Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #8 on HD Message #94 on Resolution A075 (Executive Council Representatives from Provinces) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #166)

**Final Text of Resolution:**

(A075)

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention of the Episcopal Church urges the Executive Council, in consultation with the provinces and the Joint Standing Committee on Nominations, to develop best practices for provinces to use when nominating and electing provincial representatives to Executive Council, which practices will continue to ensure diverse and qualified candidates, and that the Executive Council commend those best practices to the leadership of the provinces.

The House of Bishops Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #7 on HD Message #34 on Resolution A083 (Implementation of The Way Forward - Establishing an Effective and Efficient 21st Century Seminary) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #167)

**Final Text of Resolution:**

(A083)

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention concur with the October 19, 2017 unanimous resolution of the Board of Trustees of The General Theological Seminary of The Episcopal Church that Article III of its Constitution be amended as follows:

**ARTICLE III**

The Board of Trustees shall be constituted as follows: The Presiding Bishop of the Church; the Bishop of the Diocese in which the Seminary is located; the Dean of the Seminary; the
President of the Alumni Board; one (1) Bishop chosen by the House of Bishops; one (1) presbyter or deacon and one (1) lay person chosen by the House of Deputies; three (3) persons chosen by the Alumni of the Seminary; and the remaining Trustees shall be elected by the Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees shall fix by Resolution from time to time at its Annual Meeting the total number of Trustees, which number of Trustees shall be not less than nineteen (19) nor more than thirty (30) members. The Presiding Bishop, the Bishop of the Diocese, the Dean of the Seminary, and the President of the Alumni Board shall be members ex-officio. The Bishop elected by the House of Bishops and the persons elected by the House of Deputies of the General Convention shall be elected at each convention for a term of three (3) years. The three (3) Trustees elected by the Alumni (excluding the President of the Alumni Board who shall serve ex-officio while holding that office) shall be elected annually by the Alumni Board for staggered terms of three (3) years. The persons elected by the Board of Trustees shall be elected at the Annual Meeting or other duly called meetings of the Board of Trustees for staggered terms of three (3) years;

And be it further

Resolved, That this shall be effective January 1, 2019, provided that it shall then have been ratified and approved by the Board of Trustees and provided further that all members of the Board of Trustees holding office on such effective date shall continue to hold office until the expiration of their respective present terms of office.

Church Pension Fund

The House of Bishops Committee on Church Pension Fund presented its Report #2 on HD Message #73 on Resolution C029 (Clergy Compensation by Race) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #168)

Final Text of Resolution:

(C029)

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention, recognizing the need for The Episcopal Church to participate in “Becoming Beloved Community,” directs the Recorder of Ordinations to develop and implement a strategy for compiling and reporting canonically resident clergy data by race; and be it further

Resolved, That the Recorder of Ordinations present its strategy to Executive Council at its spring 2019 meeting; and be it further

Resolved, That recognizing the time required to properly compile the data, the Church Pension Group “2020 Clergy Compensation Report,” as well as reports for subsequent years, include data about compensation by race.

End of Consent Calendar
Consent Calendar
The House of Bishops Committee on Dispatch of Business moved adoption of the Consent Calendar for the Sixth Legislative Day.

Motion carried

Consent Calendar
The Secretary announced the Consent Calendar for the Seventh 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 #119:** A172 (Amend Canon I.2.3) Rejected
**HD Message #120:** D019 (Ending Church Complicity in the Occupation) Adopted with Amendment
**HD Message #121:** A168 (Amend Canon III.12.9(a)) Rejected
**HD Message #122:** A155 (Amend Canon III.5.1(c)) Adopted
**HD Message #123:** A173 (Amend Canon I.2.1(a-f)) Adopted with Amendment
**HD Message #124:** D016 (Seeking Truth, Reconciliation and Restoration) Adopted with Substitute

Election of Bishop Members of Executive Council
Election Ballot #2 was taken for Members of Executive Council.

Ballot #2 taken
The Rt. Rev. Anne Hodges-Copple, Bishop Suffragan of North Carolina, was elected to the Executive Council.

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #282)

Election of the Treasurer of the General Convention
The Presiding Bishop nominated N. Kurt Barnes to be Treasurer of the General Convention.

Motion carried
N. Kurt Barnes elected Treasurer of the General Convention.

Motion carried
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #283)

Election of the Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop

Personal Privilege
Personal Privilege


Personal Privilege


Election Ballot #1 was taken for Bishop Members of the Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop.

Ballot #1 taken

Election of Trustees of the Church Pension Fund

The House of Bishops Committee on Dispatch of Business presented its Report #3 on Resolution X015 on the election of Trustees of the Church Pension Fund and moved confirmation.

Motion carried

Election confirmed

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #169)

Elected as Trustees of the Church Pension Fund:

- Canon Rosalie Simmonds Ballentine
- The Rt. Rev. Diane M. Jardine Bruce
- The Very Rev. Sam Candler
- The Rt. Rev. Clifton Daniel III
- Delbert Glover, Ph.D.
- The Rt. Rev. Julio Holguin
- Mr. Ryan Kusumoto
- Canon Kathryn Weathersby McCormick
- Ms. Yvonne O'Neal
- Mr. Solomon Owayda
- The Rev. Austin K. Rios
- Ms. Linda Watt
Election of General Theological Seminary Board of Trustees

The House of Bishops Committee on Dispatch of Business presented its Report #4 on Resolution X017 on the Election of Clergy Trustees of The General Theological Seminary and moved confirmation.  

Motion carried  
Election confirmed  
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #170)

Elected as Clergy Trustees of the General Theological Seminary:

The Rev. Thomas Dillon II  
The Rev. James Kodera

The House of Bishops Committee on Dispatch of Business presented its Report #5 on Resolution X018 on the Election of Lay Trustees of The General Theological Seminary and moved confirmation.  

Motion carried  
Election confirmed  
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #171)

Elected as Lay Trustees of the General Theological Seminary:

Mr. Michael Braxton  
Ms. Diane Audrick Smith

Election of Members of Executive Council

The House of Bishops Committee on Dispatch of Business presented its Report #6 on Resolution X014 on the Election of Lay Members to the Executive Council and moved confirmation.  

Motion carried  
Election confirmed  
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #172)

Elected as Lay Members of Executive Council:

Ms. Liza Anderson  
Ms. Pauline Getz  
Ms. Andrea McKellar  
Ms. Diane B. Pollard  
Ms. Rose Sconiers  
Ms. Sarah Stonesifer
The House of Bishops Committee on Dispatch of Business presented its Report #7 on Resolution X013 on the Election of Clergy members to the Executive Council and moved confirmation.

Motion carried
Election confirmed
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #173)

Elected as Clergy Members of Executive Council:

- The Rev. Devon Anderson
- The Rev. Canon Anne E. Kitch

The Episcopal Church in Cuba

The House of Bishops Committee on The Episcopal Church in Cuba reported that HB legislative committee #06 was organized and ready for business.

The House of Bishops Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #1 on Resolution A238 (Admit Episcopal Diocese of Cuba as a Diocese of The Episcopal Church) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A238)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention, accepting with joy the request of the sisters and brothers of La Iglesia Episcopal de Cuba, and welcoming the prospect of restoring the relationship between The Episcopal Church and La Iglesia Episcopal de Cuba, admit it to The Episcopal Church and recognize it as a Diocese in union with General Convention, to be effective as set forth in this resolution; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention acknowledges that, while Article V, Section 1 of the Constitution does not expressly provide for creation of a new Diocese from an existing Anglican Communion Diocese, neither does it expressly limit or forbid General Convention from doing so; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention laments the actions of the House of Bishops of The Episcopal Church in 1966 that led to the precipitous and painful separation of The Episcopal Church and La Iglesia Episcopal de Cuba; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention commends the diligence of La Iglesia Episcopal de Cuba in completing the following actions set forth by The Episcopal Church Task Force on Cuba, based on Resolution 2015-B003: drafted changes to the Constitution and Canons of La Iglesia Episcopal de Cuba; sent the changed Constitution and Canons to the Metropolitan Council; pledged in writing to conform with these expectations (submit an annual Diocesan Parochial Report to the Office of The Episcopal Church, pay an Assessment to The Episcopal Church, and provide a complete accounting of the financial assistance received from The Episcopal Church); provided education for clergy and laity about The Episcopal Church, Constitution and Canons, and the workings of General Convention; provided a proposed annual budget to The Episcopal Church; provided Church Pension Fund with accurate reporting about active clergy and years of service, and retired clergy who are already in the Pension Fund; convened an Extraordinary Synod on May 11, 2018 to designate the choice of a province; and sent members to visit at the 79th General Convention; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention recognize that La Iglesia Episcopal de Cuba has agreed to undertake all responsibilities pertaining to diocesan membership in The Episcopal Church as provided in the Constitution and Canons, including, but not limited to, fully conforming its constitution and canons to the provisions of the Constitution and Canons of The Episcopal Church; submitting annual diocesan and parochial reports; contributing annually to the assessment for the budget of The Episcopal Church; and reporting fully on any financial assistance it receives from the such budget; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention express its deep gratitude to the Anglican Church of Canada for its long and continuing support for La Iglesia Episcopal de Cuba; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention call upon the dioceses, congregations and members of The Episcopal Church to acquaint themselves with the ministries of La Iglesia Episcopal de Cuba, to work in harmony and companionship with La Iglesia Episcopal de Cuba for evangelism, mutual understanding, and the full expression of God’s mission, and to consider ways in which they can be in relationship and partnership with La Iglesia Episcopal de Cuba going forward; and be it further

Resolved, That the acceptance of the Diocese of Cuba into union with the General Convention shall become effective on such date as the Executive Council adopts a resolution accepting and approving a certification to it by the Secretary of the General Convention that he has received from the Diocese of Cuba the following:

1. A certified copy of the Constitution of the Diocese that contains an unqualified accession to the Constitution and Canons of The Episcopal Church and otherwise conforms in essential part to such Constitution and Canons;

2. A certified copy of the Canons of the Diocese that conform in essential part to the Constitution and Canons of The Episcopal Church;

3. An annual diocesan parochial report as required by Canon I.6 for the last full year prior to compliance with this resolution;

4. A commitment by the Diocese to a contribution to the budget of The Episcopal Church for the year in which the Diocese is to come into union with the General Convention;

5. An accounting of any funds received by the Diocese from the General Convention budget in the last full year prior to compliance with this resolution; and

6. Evidence that all clergy in the Diocese have complied with the requirements of Canon III.10 and Article IX of the Constitution;

And be it further

Resolved, That, following such effective date,

1. The Diocese of Cuba shall take such steps as shall be required by the Constitution and Canons of The Episcopal Church for the Bishop Diocesan of the Diocese of Cuba to be received as a Bishop of The Episcopal Church;

2. The General Convention designates the Diocese of Cuba to be added to the Second Province of The Episcopal Church;

3. The Diocese of Cuba shall be entitled to all rights pertaining to membership in The Episcopal Church as provided in the Constitution and Canons, including, but not limited to, seat, voice, and vote in the House of Bishops and in the House of Deputies, in accordance with the rules of those Houses;

And be it further
Resolved, That the Bishop Diocesan of *La Iglesia Episcopal de Cuba* upon passage of this Resolution be eligible to participate in the House of Bishops consistent with its rules of order; and be it further

Resolved, That immediately upon the close of business of the 79th General Convention, the active clergy of *La Iglesia Episcopal de Cuba* shall become eligible to participate going forward in the International Clergy Pension Plan (ICPP) and its related plans, which will be administered by The Church Pension Fund (CPF) consistent with the terms of the ICPP, an administration agreement between *La Iglesia Episcopal de Cuba* and CPF, and applicable law, including the receipt of any necessary licenses from the Office of Foreign Assets Control or any other applicable governmental authority; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention direct The Episcopal Church, together with *La Iglesia Episcopal de Cuba* and other potential ministry partners, in consultation with CPF, to collaborate on a plan to fund the past service liability accrued by the active clergy of *La Iglesia Episcopal de Cuba*; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention support the formation of a 3-year interim body to accompany *La Iglesia Episcopal de Cuba* and The Episcopal Church as they fully reunify. The body would consist of eight members, four from *La Iglesia Episcopal de Cuba* and four from The Episcopal Church jointly appointed by the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies, to facilitate complete reunification of life, ministry, and mission; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention reaffirm the principle that dioceses of this church that are not located within the United States may seek autonomy according to the procedures set forth in Resolution A235 of the 1991 General Convention or may join other provinces of 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 $400,000 for ministry and mission of *La Iglesia Episcopal de Cuba* and $50,000 for the interim body’s work for the implementation of this resolution

**Committee Amendment:**

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention, accepting with joy the request of the sisters and brothers of *La Iglesia Episcopal de Cuba*, and welcoming the prospect of restoring the relationship between The Episcopal Church and *La Iglesia Episcopal de Cuba*, admit it to The Episcopal Church and recognize it as a Diocese in union with General Convention, to be effective as set forth in this resolution; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention acknowledges that, while Article V, Section 1 of the Constitution does not expressly provide for creation of a new Diocese from an existing Anglican Communion Diocese, neither does it expressly limit or forbid General Convention from doing so; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention laments the actions of the House of Bishops of The Episcopal Church in 1966 that led to the precipitous and painful separation of The Episcopal Church and *La Iglesia Episcopal de Cuba*; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention commends the diligence of *La Iglesia Episcopal de Cuba* in completing the following actions set forth by The Episcopal Church Task Force on Cuba, based on Resolution 2015-B003: drafted changes to the Constitution and Canons of *La Iglesia Episcopal de Cuba*; sent the changed Constitution and Canons to the Metropolitan Council; pledged in writing to conform with these expectations (submit an annual Diocesan Parochial Report to the Office of The Episcopal Church, pay an Assessment to The Episcopal Church, and provide a complete accounting of the financial assistance received from The Episcopal Church); provided education for clergy and laity about The Episcopal Church, Constitution and Canons, and the workings of General Convention; provided a proposed annual budget to The Episcopal Church; provided Church Pension Fund with accurate reporting about active clergy and years of service, and retired clergy who are already in the Pension Fund;
convened an Extraordinary Synod on May 11, 2018 to designate the choice of a province; and sent members to visit at the 79th General Convention; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention recognize that La Iglesia Episcopal de Cuba has agreed to undertake all responsibilities pertaining to diocesan membership in The Episcopal Church as provided in the Constitution and Canons, including, but not limited to, fully conforming its constitution and canons to the provisions of the Constitution and Canons of The Episcopal Church; submitting annual diocesan—parish reports; contributing annually to the assessment for the budget of The Episcopal Church; and reporting fully on any financial assistance it receives from the such budget; and be it further

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5. An accounting of any funds received by the Diocese from the General Convention budget in the last full year prior to compliance with this resolution; and
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And be it further

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Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #143)

Special Order of Business: Welcoming the Bishop of Cuba

The Presiding Bishop invited the Rt. Rev. Griselda Delgado del Carpio, Bishop of Cuba to the platform to be welcomed and to share her remarks. The Bishop of Cuba shared her gratitude, her story, and the lyrics of the hymn saying to always have hope and to always have faith.

Personal Privilege of the Presiding Bishop

The Presiding Bishop invited the Bishop of Cuba to be seated on the convention floor. The Presiding Bishop also thanked the Anglican Church of Canada for its historic role in facilitating financial support for the Diocese of Cuba.
Personal Privilege
The Rt. Rev. Clifton Daniel, Bishop Resigned, moved for the Bishop of Western North Carolina's remarks in support of Resolution A238 to be included in the minutes of the House of Bishops.

Motion carried

[Ed. Note: The remarks of The Rt. Rev. José A. McLoughlin, Bishop of Western North Carolina pertaining to resolution A238, can be found in Appendix E of the House of Bishops minutes.]

Break
The Presiding Bishop declared a ten minute break of the house.

Reconvene
The House of Bishops reconvened at 3:44 p.m. with the Presiding Bishop in the chair.

Committee to Receive the Report of Resolution A169
The House resumed debated on Resolution A068 (Plan for the Revision of the Book of Common Prayer). Dispatch asked the Chair to call on The Rt. Rev. C. Andrew Doyle, Bishop of Texas to offer his remarks. The Bishop of Texas presented pre-filed Floor Amendment 0084 and moved adoption of a substitute.

Proposed Substitute PFA0084:

(A068)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention, pursuant to Article X of the Constitution, authorize the ongoing work of liturgical and Prayer Book revision for the future of God’s mission through the Episcopal branch of the Jesus movement. And, that it do so upon the core theological work of loving, liberating, life-giving reconciliation and creation care; and be it further

Resolved, that our methodology be one of a dynamic process for discerning common worship, engaging all the baptized, while practicing accountability to The Episcopal Church; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention create a Task Force on Liturgical and Prayer Book Revision (TFLPBR), the membership of which will be jointly appointed by the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies, and will report to the appropriate legislative committee(s) of the 80th General Convention, ensuring that diverse voices of our church are active participants in this liturgical revision by constituting a group with leaders who represent the expertise, gender, age, theology, regional, and ethnic diversity of the church, to include, 10 laity, 10 priests or deacons, and 10 Bishops; and be it further

Resolved, That this Convention memorialize the 1979 Book of Common Prayer as a Prayer Book of the church preserving the psalter, liturgies, The Lambeth Quadrilateral, Historic Documents, and Trinitarian Formularies ensuring its continued use; and be it further

Resolved, That this church continue to engage the deep Baptismal and Eucharistic theology and practice of the 1979 Prayer Book; and be it further
Resolved, That bishops engage worshiping communities in experimentation and the creation of alternative texts to offer to the wider church, and that each diocese be urged to create a liturgical commission to collect, reflect, teach and share these resources with the TFLPBR; and be it further

Resolved, That the TFLPBR in consultation with the Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons is directed to propose to the 80th General Convention revisions to the Constitution and Canons to enable The Episcopal Church to be adaptive in its engagement of future generations of Episcopalians, multiplying, connecting, and disseminating new liturgies for mission, attending to prayer book revision in other provinces of the Anglican Communion; and be it further

Resolved, That liturgical and Prayer Book revision will continue in faithful adherence to the historic rites of the Church Universal as they have been received and interpreted within the Anglican tradition of 1979 Book of Common Prayer, mindful of our existing ecumenical commitments, while also providing space for, encouraging the submission of, and facilitating the perfection of rites that will arise from the continual movement of the Holy Spirit among us and growing insights of our Church; and be it further

Resolved, That such revision utilize the riches of Holy Scripture and our Church’s liturgical, cultural, racial, generational, linguistic, gender, physical ability, class and ethnic diversity in order to share common worship; and be it further

Resolved, That our liturgical revision utilize inclusive and expansive language and imagery for humanity and divinity; and be it further

Resolved, That our liturgical revision shall incorporate and express understanding, appreciation, and care of God’s creation; and be it further

Resolved, That our liturgical revision take into consideration the use of emerging technologies which provide access to a broad range of liturgical resources; and be it further

Resolved, That the SCLM create a professional dynamic equivalence translation of The Book of Common Prayer 1979 and the Enriching Our Worship Series in Spanish, French, and Haitian Creole; and that the SCLM diversify the publication formats of new resources, liturgies and rites to include online publishing; and be it further

Resolved, That this church ensure that, at each step of the revision process, all materials be professionally translated into English, Spanish, French, and Haitian Creole, following the principles of dynamic equivalence and that no new rites or liturgical resources be approved by this church until such translations are secured; and be it further

Resolved, That the TFLPBR shall report to the 80th General Convention; and be it further

Resolved, That there being $201,000 in the proposed budget for the translation of liturgical materials, that the Executive Council be encouraged to identify additional funds in the amount of $200,000 to begin this liturgical revision.

Chair of The House of Bishops Committee to Receive the Report of Resolution A169 confirmed his support for the floor substitute.

Special Order of the Chair
The Chair gave five minutes to read through the proposed substitute before debate.

Debate ensued.

The Rt. Rev. Mary Glasspool, Bishop of New York, moved the question.

Motion carried
Debate terminated
A vote was taken on substitute PFA0084

The Rt. Rev. Edward Konieczny, Bishop of Oklahoma, moved the previous question.

The Rt. Rev. Brian Thom, Bishop of Los Angeles, moved the question.

A vote was taken on resolution A068 as substituted.

Motion carried
Substitute adopted

Motion defeated
Debate continued

Motion carried
Debate terminated

Motion carried
Substitute resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #174)

**Election of the 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:

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[Ed. Note: At the time of the election of the Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop the Diocese of Rio Grande did not have a Diocesan Bishop. But the Bishop Elect for the Diocese of Rio Grande was The Rev. Canon Michael Hunn, who was consecrated a bishop after the General Convention.]

**Election of Bishops to Executive Council**

The Assistant Secretary read the results of Election Ballot #2. The Assistant Secretary declared there was no election.

Election Ballot #3 was taken for Bishop to Executive Council.

Ballot #3 taken
Personal Privilege of the Presiding Bishop

The Presiding Bishop appointed The Rt. Rev. C. Andrew Doyle, Bishop of Texas, the Rt. Rev. Sean Rowe, Bishop of Northwest Pennsylvania and Parliamentarian of the House of Bishops, the Rt. Rev. Thomas Ely, Bishop of Vermont and member of HB Legislative Committee #13, and the Rt. Rev. Jeffery Lee, Bishop of Chicago and Chair of HB Legislative Committee #13 to a Committee of Conference regarding Ao68.

Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music

The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #18 on Resolution D065 (Use of Alternative Psalters in Public Worship) and moved to refer the resolution to the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music.

Original Text of Resolution:

(D065)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention authorize for use in public worship the St. Helena Psalter (Order of St. Helena, 2000), and the Psalter for the Christian People: An Inclusive Language ReVision of the Psalter of the Book of Common Prayer 1979 (Pueblo Books, 1993), under the direction of a bishop exercising ecclesiastical authority.

Motion carried
Resolution referred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #162)

Christian Formation and Discipleship

The House of Bishops Committee on Christian Formation and Discipleship presented its Report #8 on HD Message #62 on Resolution A087 (Develop Relationship Pastoral Resources) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #163)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A087)

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention seeks to minister to the growing number of persons entering into sexually intimate relationships other than marriage, while acknowledging the Church's teaching on marriage, by calling for the curation and increased awareness of resources that provide pastoral guidance and teaching on relationships that involve sexual expression; and be it further

Resolved, That the selection process for resources shall be guided by the following principles that were adopted by General Convention 2000-D039: "That we expect such relationships will be characterized by following statement guide the development of these resources: “Qualities of relationship that ground in faithfulness the expression of sexual intimacy include: fidelity, monogamy, commitment, mutual affection and respect, careful and honest communication, physical maturity, emotional maturity, mutual consent, and the holy love which enables those in such intimate relationships to see in each other the image of God.”; and be it further
Resolved, That the 79th General Convention provide guidance to persons seeking to honor God's call in all aspects of their lives by calling for the development intentional discernment to relationship, be it to singleness, celibacy, marriage, and/or parenting; and for the curation and increased awareness of resources, including but not limited to spiritual practices, to aid individuals and couples in discerning their vocation to relationship, be it to singleness, celibacy, marriage and/or parenting; and be it further

Resolved, That the Office of Formation, through partnerships with organizations such as Forma and Church Publishing, curate and create awareness of materials consistent with this resolution.

Churchwide Leadership

The House of Bishops Committee on Churchwide Leadership presented its Report #5 on HD Message #101 on Resolution A171 (Amend Canon III.13) and moved concurrence.

Point of Order

Bishop Samuel Rodman, Bishop of North Carolina, made a point of order that the House of Bishop cannot consider A171 because the substance for the resolution had not yet been properly calendared. The Chair agreed.

Consideration postponed

[Ed. Note: Resolution A171 was re-referred to the legislative committee on July 9, 2018 (Day 5). Due to a technical issue the resolution was stopped with "take no further action" and resolution A287 created to supersede it. A171 should not have been presented again on Day 6. The replacement copy, resolution A287, was considered by the House of Bishops on July 11th, 2018 (Day 7).]

Churchwide Leadership

The House continued consideration of resolution A169.

Proposed Amendment:

The Rt. Rev. Michael Smith, Bishop of North Dakota, moved to remove "resigned" from the second paragraph.

Postponing Consideration

Due to a Point of Order noting a formatting anomaly, the Parliamentarian moved to postpone consideration of Resolution A169.

Motion carried
Consideration postponed

[Ed. Note: Debate resumed on resolution A169 on July 11, 2018 (Day 7).]
The House of Bishops Committee on Churchwide Leadership presented its Report #8 on HD Message #71 on Resolution D059 (Impairment Commission - Training on Alcohol/Substance Misuse for Church Leadership) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #161)

Final Text of Resolution:
(D059)
Resolved, That the 79th General Convention:

1. directs the Executive Council, working with a knowledgeable and skilled advisor, to evaluate the policies and practices of its meetings and the meetings of its commissions, committees, and boards to make necessary changes that may contribute to a healthy environment with regard to alcohol and substance misuse and other forms of addiction; and
2. recommends that the Pastoral Development Committee of the House of Bishops, working with a knowledgeable and skilled advisor, evaluate the policies and practices of meetings of the House of Bishops and recommend changes that may contribute to a healthy environment with regard to alcohol and substance misuse and other forms of addiction; and
3. recommends that CREDO develop a program component to help participants explore their relationship to alcohol and substance misuse and other forms of addiction

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 $50,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

The House of Bishops Committee on Churchwide Leadership presented its Report #3 on HD Message #68 on Resolution A149 (Reorganize the Board of Directors of The College for Bishops) and moved to refer to an interim body.

Debate ensued.

The Rt. Rev. Rayford High, Bishop Resigned, moved the question.

Motion carried
Debate terminated

A vote was taken on resolution A149.

Motion defeated
Resolution rejected
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #193)

Election of Bishops to Executive Council
Dispatch reported the need for an additional ballot.

Election Ballot #4 was taken for Executive Council.

Ballot #4 taken
Communications from the Presiding Bishop

The Presiding Bishop clarified the Church of the West Indies to be a member of the Metropolitan Council.

Recess

Following announcements by the Assistant Secretary and the Rt. Rev. DeDe Duncan-Probe, Bishop of Central New York, and prayers led by Chaplains Brother Randy Greve and Dent Davidson, the Chair declared the House stand in recess until 10:30 a.m. on the Seventh Legislative Day.

Motion carried

The House recessed at 5:02 p.m.
Seventh Day

Wednesday
July 11, 2018

MORNING SESSION

Reconvene
The House of Bishops reconvened at 10:33 a.m. with the Presiding Bishop in the chair.

Opening Prayers
Opening prayers were led by Chaplains, the Very Rev. Miguelina Howell and Dent Davidson.

Announcements from The House of Bishops Committee on Dispatch of Business
The Chair of The House of Bishops Committee on Dispatch of Business noted the numbers of Resolutions that had been passed and those needing to be passed and encouraged members of the House of Bishops to limit conversation to ten minutes per resolution and two minutes per speaker.

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

Motion carried
Agenda adopted

Election of Executive Council of Bishops - Ballot #4
The Secretary announced that the Rt. Rev. Scott Hayashi, Bishop of Utah, had been elected on Ballot #4 for the election of the Executive Council of Bishops.

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #282)

Previous Day's Minutes
The Secretary moved acceptance of the previous day's minutes.

Communications from the Presiding Bishop
The Presiding Bishop invited the Rt. Rev. Allen Shin, Bishop Suffragan of New York, to share a letter from The Anglican Church in Korea seeking a letter of appeal on behalf of a Peace Treaty between North and South Korea.

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

*HD Message #125: E002 (Vice President of the House of Deputies) Elected*
*HD Message #126: A153 (Amend Article IV of the Constitution) Concurred*
HD Message #127: A003 (Amend Canon I.1.14(a) on General Convention Approval of Sites for General Convention) Concurred

HD Message #128: A089 (Amend Articles VI and VIII regarding Full Communion) Concurred

HD Message #129: A122 (Amend Article IX to change Removal to Admonition) Concurred

HD Message #130: A113 (Amend Article V.4 of the Constitution) Concurred with Referral to an Interim Body

HD Message #131: A152 (Amend Article III of the Constitution) Concurred

HD Message #132: A135 (Examine Cultural Homogeneity of the Canons) Adopted with Amendment

HD Message #133: A116 (Amend Canon I.1.2(n)(1) regarding Title IV Training) Adopted with Amendment

HD Message #134: D018 (Negotiating the Israeli/Palestinian Conflict) Adopted with Amendment

HD Message #135: A023 (Assist Vocation Discernment Groups) Took No Further Action

HD Message #136: A026 (Identify Effective Formation Models) Took No Further Action

HD Message #137: A024 (Forming Culturally Diverse Clergy) Took No Further Action

HD Message #138: A025 (Bishops and Small-Congregation Clergy) Took No Further Action

HD Message #139: A051 (Modify Parochial Report) Concurred

HD Message #140: A222 (Against Caste-and Descent-Based Discrimination ) Adopted

HD Message #141: C013 (Against Human Trafficking) Took No Further Action

HD Message #142: C061 (Encouraging the Use of the Code on Conduct for the Protection of Children) Took No Further Action

HD Message #143: [Ed. Note: Replaced with HD Message #392]

HD Message #144: D012 (Add the Four Chaplains of the USAT Dorchester to the Church Calendar) Concurred with Referral to an Interim Body

HD Message #145: A047 (Ethical Investments) Took No Further Action

HD Message #146: B026 (Embracing the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals) Adopted

HD Message #147: D008 (Practicing Responsible Investing) Took No Further Action

HD Message #148: C054 (Inclusion of Transgender People) Adopted with Amendment

HD Message #149: D037 (Expand Clergy Compensation Report) Adopted with Substitute

HD Message #150: A160 (Amend Canon III.11.9(a)) Adopted

HD Message #151: A161 (Amend Canon III.9(b)) Adopted

HD Message #152: A223 (Family Leave Policies) Adopted

HD Message #153: D044 (Tools for Effective Shareholder Engagement for Human Rights) Took No Further Action

HD Message #154: A076 (Amend Canon I.1.14(c)) Referred to an Interim Body

HD Message #155: A077 (Amend Canon I.7.1(a)) Referred to an Interim Body

HD Message #156: A079 (Amend Canon I.11.3(c)) Referred to an Interim Body

HD Message #157: A099 (Amend Canon I.1(b) - Call Meeting of House of Deputies) Rejected

HD Message #158: A101 (Amend Canon I.4.1(d) related to DFMS By-laws) Rejected

HD Message #159: A226 (Site of 81st General Convention (2024)) Adopted

HD Message #160: A237 (Investigation of Pension Parity Resolution) Adopted

HD Message #161: A139 (Analysis of Data from Episcopal Elects) Took No Further Action

HD Message #162: A140 (Diversity Guidelines for Episcopal Elects) Took No Further Action

HD Message #163: A141 (Training of Transition Consultants) Took No Further Action

HD Message #164: A142 (Adoption of Episcopal Elect Procedures by Dioceses) Took No Further Action

HD Message #165: B007 (Ethical Investing in Gun Manufacturers) Adopted with Amendment

HD Message #166: C017 (A Just Peace in the Holy Land) Took No Further Action

HD Message #167: D045 (Pension Equity for Lay Employees) Adopted with Amendment

HD Message #168: B011 (Inclusive Language Policies for Episcopal Seminaries and Formation Programs) Adopted with Amendment - Floor Changes
HD Message #169:  A029 (Commend the Evangelism Charter for the Church to All Episcopalians)  
Adopted with Substitute

HD Message #170:  A088 (Proposed Guidelines for Amending Church Records) Adopted with Substitute

HD Message #171:  A098 (Amend Canon III.12.10 - Timelines and Pastoral Response in Mediation)  
Concurred

HD Message #172:  A191 (Official Youth Presence) Adopted

HD Message #173:  A192 (Church Publishing) Adopted

HD Message #174:  A201 (Thanking Episcopalians for the Response to 2017 Disasters) Adopted

HD Message #175:  A202 (Appreciation for the House of Bishops' Listening Session) Adopted

HD Message #176:  A203 (Give Thanks to the People of Austin) Adopted

HD Message #177:  A205 (Give Thanks to the Diocese of Texas and to City of Austin Hosts) Adopted

HD Message #178:  A204 (Give Thanks to the Diocese of Texas for Hosting Convention) Adopted

HD Message #179:  A010 (The Planting of "Paris Groves") Concurred

HD Message #180:  A011 (Oppose Environmental Racism) Concurred

HD Message #181:  A013 (Facilitating the Development of the Church's Ministry of the Care of Creation)  
Concurred


HD Message #183:  [Ed. Note: Replaced with HD Message #479]

HD Message #184:  [Ed. Note: Replaced with HD Message #480]

HD Message #185:  C055 (Commemoration of Father Paul Wattson) Concurred with Referral to an  
Interim Body

HD Message #186:  C058 (Add The Rev. Frederick B. "Ted" Howden Jr. to LFF, 2018) Concurred with  
Referral to an Interim Body

HD Message #187:  A054 (An Offering of Prayer for the Whole Church) Concurred

HD Message #188:  D040 (The Status of Women Church Musicians ) Concurred with Referral to an  
Interim Body

HD Message #189:  D063 (Supporting Christians in Iraq) Concurred

HD Message #190:  A053 (Design a New Parochial Report) Concurred

HD Message #191:  A058 (Encourage Use of Asset Map) Concurred

HD Message #192:  A144 (Diocesan Missional Review) Concurred

HD Message #193:  A093 (Amend Canon III.8.7(f)- Deacons who subsequently seek ordination to the  
priesthood) Concurred

HD Message #194:  A170 (Amend Canon III.12.12(a)) Concurred

HD Message #195:  A004 (Amend Joint Rule VII.18) Concurred

HD Message #196:  A150 (Amend Article I.2 of the Constitution) Concurred

HD Message #197:  A154 (Amend Canon I.13.3(a)) Concurred

HD Message #198:  D048 (Review of Disability Language in the Constitution and Canons) Concurred

HD Message #199:  B022 (Support for the Episcopal Church in the Philippines and Joint Efforts to  
Continue the Jesus Movement Scholarship Program) Concurred

HD Message #200:  D050 (Solidarity with Victims of Religious Persecution) Concurred

HD Message #201:  D054 (Expand YASC and EVIM Support) Concurred

HD Message #202:  D081 (Develop Episcopal Gap Year Program) Concurred

Introduction of Visiting Bishops

The Presiding Bishop invited the Rt. Rev. Alan Scarfe, Bishop of Iowa to introduce the Rt. Rev. Samuel  
Enosa Peni, Bishop of Nzara in South Sudan, and his wife, Ambassador Peni.
Legislation

Dispatch announced continuation of the 6th Legislative Day calendar.

Social Justice and United States Policy

The House of Bishops Committee on Social Justice and United States Policy presented its Report #15 on Resolution C033 (Respecting the Dignity of Immigrants) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:

(C033)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church reject and deplore racist and unjust treatment of immigrants of any residential status; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church affirm the following propositions regarding immigrants in our country:
1. Just reception and hospitable treatment of the stranger in our midst is a faith-based component of baptismal living. 2. Undocumented immigrants should have reasonable opportunity to pursue permanent residency. 3. Close family members should be allowed to reunite without undue delay with individuals lawfully present in the United States. 4. Fundamental U.S. principles of legal due process should be granted all persons; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church call upon the Government of the United States to implement humane means of enforcing reasonable border control; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church support the goals of expanded immigration relief for youth as outlined in the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA); and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church advocate through education, communication, and representation before legislative authorities the continuation of Temporary Protective Status (TPS) for all persons fleeing to or currently resident in the US seeking refuge from violence, environmental disaster, economic devastation, or cultural abuse or other forms of abuse; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church advocate for 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 citizenship and to full social and economic integration into the United States.

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church reject and deplore racist and unjust treatment of immigrants of any residential status; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church affirm the following propositions regarding immigrants in our country:
1. Just reception and hospitable treatment of the stranger in our midst is a faith-based component of baptismal living. 2. Undocumented immigrants should have reasonable opportunity to pursue permanent residency. 3. Close family members should be allowed to reunite without undue delay with individuals lawfully present in the United States. 4. Fundamental U.S. principles of legal due process should be granted all persons; and be it further

Resolved, That the Episcopal Church reaffirm GC2009-B006 which advocates for comprehensive immigration reform; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church call upon the Government of the United States to implement humane means of enforcing reasonable border control.
Resolved, That **the Episcopal Church direct the Episcopal Office of Government Relations to advocate on this Church’s behalf all elements of this resolution, and be it further**

Resolved, That the General Convention 79 support the goals of expanded immigration relief for youth as outlined in the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA); and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church advocate through education, communication, and representation before legislative authorities the continuation of Temporary Protective Status (TPS) for all persons fleeing to or currently resident in the US seeking refuge from violence, environmental disaster, economic devastation, or cultural abuse, domestic abuse, or other forms of abuse; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church advocate for 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 realistic pathway to citizenship and to full social and economic integration into the United States; and be it further

Resolved, That we **affirm comprehensive immigration reform to include:**

- Keeping families together
- Respecting the United States Bill of Rights
- Honoring Human and Worker Rights
- Providing a Pathway to Citizenship;

And be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention 79 support the goals of expanded immigration relief for youth as outlined in the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) as stated in GC2015-D048; and support the passing of federal legislation that presents a pathway to citizenship for undocumented youth and young adults known as DREAMers, as stated in GC2012-D067; and be it further

Resolved, That we urge dioceses, congregations, and individual Episcopalians to commit to long term advocacy, prayer, and study around immigration and partner with the Office of Government Relations to contact their elected officials on the need for compassionate and humane immigration reform through the Episcopal Public Policy Network.

Resolved, That The 79th General Convention commends the ongoing work of Episcopal Migration Ministries in resettling refugees to the United States on behalf of the Episcopal Church and encourages dioceses, parishes, and communities to engage the work of Episcopal Migration Ministries through its Partners in Welcome ministry network and other welcoming and advocacy programs.

**Motion carried**

**Resolution adopted with amendment**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #196)

The House of Bishops Committee on Social Justice and United States Policy presented its Report #19 on Resolution C002 (Support Legislation for a Clean DREAM Act) and moved to take no further action.

**Motion carried**

**The House took no further action**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #212)
The House of Bishops Committee on Social Justice and United States Policy presented its Report #20 on Resolution A178 (Halt the Intensification and Implementation of Immigration Policies and Practices that are Harmful to Migrant Women, Parents and Children) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A178)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church acknowledge the specific vulnerabilities and needs of immigrant women, parents and children in the current immigration crisis, both in the United States and globally; and be it further

Resolved, That this Convention acknowledge that the U.S. government’s intensification of and implementation of punitive immigration policies and practices, such as the detention and separation of children from parents and the practice of housing children in military bases, is inhumane and unjust, and only serves to traumatize the vulnerable, especially women and children; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church decry and call for a halt to the implementation and intensification of inhumane and unjust immigration policies and practices such as detaining and separating children from parents; ignoring the reproductive health needs of women and girls in detention centers and converting military bases to immigration detention centers for children, and be it further

Resolved, That this Convention direct the Office of Government Relations and urge all Episcopalians to advocate for our governments to address the specific needs of women and children migrants and others with special vulnerabilities, by:

• Keeping babies and children together with their parents and other responsible family members, and releasing families from immigration detention as a priority policy;
• Providing access to physical and mental health care to all in immigration detention, including to the full range of reproductive health care and sanitary products for women and girls;
• Ensuring the safety of all immigrants from sexual harassment, exploitation, and sex and labor trafficking, including women, children, youth, and elders; people with disabilities; and lesbian, gay, transgender and gender non-conforming persons;
• Deprioritizing immigration enforcement when deportation would mean parental separation from children and loss of needed family income, with exceptions for those with violent felony convictions;
• Preventing the release of immigration information from local law enforcement to ICE, except in cases of violent crime, so that people, including women, are not afraid to call local police to report domestic violence and other criminal activity, for fear of themselves or other family members being deported; and be it further

Resolved, That this Convention urge Episcopalians and Episcopal Church-related agencies and organizations to support ministries in states that provide vulnerable migrants with basic needs, legal support, and advocacy.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #266)

Racial Justice and Reconciliation

The House of Bishops Committee on Racial Justice and Reconciliation presented its Report #7 on Resolution A230 (Deploring the Sin of Scapegoating in Politics) and moved adoption with amendment.
Original Text of Resolution:

(A230)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention proclaims that the Episcopal branch of the Jesus Movement repudiates all political appeals and language rooted in the sin of scapegoating groups of human beings on the basis of race, language, culture, belief, caste, immigration status, gender identification, and sexual orientation; and be it further

Resolved, That such attacks have escalated alarmingly in the current political climate, including, but not limited to, the scapegoating of African-Americans in our cities—blamed for crime; non-white immigrants and asylum seekers from the Southern Hemisphere—blamed for stealing jobs; visitors and citizens from Arab Muslim countries—blamed for terrorism; indigenous peoples—blamed for a wide range of social ills and for thwarting energy independence; and women and LGBTQ+ people—blamed for the de-masculinization and disintegration of American society and families; and be it further

Resolved, That we repudiate the acts of violence that inevitably result from the rhetoric and tactics of political scapegoating; and be it further

Resolved, That group scapegoating is abhorrent to the heart of Christ and the soul of democracy; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention commends the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies to such consultations as they deem fit with The Episcopal Church’s ecumenical and interfaith partners (including the National Council of Churches’ A.C.T. Now to End Racism initiative) with a goal of uniting people of faith and like mind and spirit behind a consolidated, comprehensive, and coordinated witness against an ungodly practice that pollutes and strains our common life.

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention proclaims that the Episcopal branch of the Jesus Movement repudiates all political appeals and language rooted in the sin of scapegoating groups of human beings on the basis of race, language, culture, belief, caste, economic and physical condition, immigration status, gender identification, and sexual orientation; and be it further

Resolved, That General Convention observes that such attacks have escalated alarmingly in the current political climate, including, but not limited to, the scapegoating of African-Americans people of African descent in our cities—blamed for crime; non-white immigrants and asylum seekers from the Southern Hemisphere—blamed for stealing jobs; visitors and U.S. citizens from Arab Muslim countries—blamed for terrorism; indigenous peoples—blamed for a wide range of social ills and for thwarting energy independence; and women and LGBTQ+ people—blamed for the de-masculinization and disintegration of American society and families; and the economically disadvantaged—blamed for being a burden on the wealthy and comfortable; the incarcerated and formerly incarcerated—condemned as irredeemable; and persons with disabilities—ridiculed, as in Jesus’s time, as outcasts. We recognize also that the sin of scapegoating occurs in virtually every nation in which the Episcopal Church ministers; and be it further

Resolved, That we General Convention repudiates the acts of violence that inevitably result from the rhetoric and tactics of political scapegoating; and be it further

Resolved, That General Convention finds group scapegoating is to be abhorrent to the heart of Christ and the soul of democracy. It offends against the rootedness of the best ideals of our government in the ethics respecting the dignity of individuals to which Christianity and all great faiths are pledged. It degrades politics by basing appeals for votes on fear and hate instead of hope and love. It invites comparisons to the darkest moments in human history, when race-based, clan-based, and other forms of scapegoating unleashed acts of genocide; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention commends the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies to such consultations as they deem fit with The Episcopal Church’s ecumenical and interfaith partners (including the National Council of Churches’ A.C.T. Now to End Racism initiative) with a goal of uniting people of faith and like mind and spirit behind a consolidated, comprehensive, and coordinated witness against an ungodly practice that pollutes and strains our common life.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #183)

Social Justice and United States Policy

The House of Bishops Committee on Social Justice and United States Policy presented its Report #22 on Resolution C009 (Becoming A Sanctuary Church) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(C009)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church, in obedience to the many biblical injunctions imploring us not to wrong or oppress the alien in our midst and Jesus’ own mandate to extend care for the stranger, and in accordance with our Baptismal Covenant and in the spirit of being inclusive, reaffirms resolution 2015-D057 supporting the New Sanctuary Movement; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church urge its members, as people of faith and people of conscience, pledge to challenge and question any unjust immigration law, policy, or practice that is inconsistent with our biblical mandate to "not wrong or oppress a resident alien" (Exodus 22:21); and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church recommend that its dioceses and congregations become places of sanctuary, serving as places of welcome, refuge, healing, and other forms of material and pastoral support for those targeted for deportation due to immigration status or some perceived status of difference, and that we work alongside our friends, families, and neighbors to ensure the dignity and human rights of all people; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church encourage its members to connect with local and national sanctuary communities and institutions, immigrant rights groups and coalitions, and engage in educating, organizing, advocacy, and direct action, and other methods as deemed appropriate in each context, to ensure the safety and security of the undocumented community, and to assist in equipping congregations, clergy and lay leaders to engage in such work, appropriate to local contexts, capacity, and discernment.

Committee Amendment:

1) Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church, in obedience to the many biblical injunctions imploring us not to wrong or oppress the alien in our midst and Jesus' own mandate to extend care for the stranger, and in accordance with our Baptismal Covenant and in the spirit of being inclusive, reaffirms resolution 2015-D057 supporting the New Sanctuary Movement; and be it further

2) Resolved, That The Episcopal Church urge its members, as people of faith and people of conscience, pledge to challenge and question any unjust immigration law, policy, or practice that is inconsistent with our biblical mandate to "not wrong or oppress a resident alien" (Exodus 22:21); and be it further
3) Resolved, That The Episcopal Church recommend that its dioceses, institutions, and congregations become places of sanctuary, serving as places of welcome, refuge, healing, and other forms of material and pastoral support for those targeted for deportation due to immigration status or some perceived status of difference, and that we work alongside our friends, families, and neighbors to ensure the dignity and human rights of all people; and be it further

4) Resolved, That The Episcopal Church encourage its members to connect with local and national sanctuary communities and institutions, faith-based coalitions, and immigrant rights groups and coalitions, and engage in educating, organizing, advocacy, and direct action, and other methods as deemed appropriate in each context, to ensure the safety, and security, and due process for immigrants, with a focus on keeping families together of the undocumented community, and to assist in equipping congregations, clergy and lay leaders to engage in such work, appropriate to local contexts, capacity, and discernment; and be it further

5) Resolved, That The Episcopal Church affirm our church’s support for U.S. executive policies that deemphasize immigrant enforcement action against those who have not committed felony crimes, and reaffirm our church’s support for congressional action for comprehensive and just reform of the broken U.S. immigration system as called for in General Convention resolution 2009-B006: “to allow 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.”

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #184)

Congregational and Diocesan Vitality

The Rt. Rev. Mariann Budde, Bishop of Washington and Chair of The House of Bishops Committee on Congregational and Diocesan Vitality reported that HB legislative committee #10 was organized and ready for business.

The House of Bishops Committee on Congregational and Diocesan Vitality presented its Report #9 on Resolution A221 (Collaboration and Networking) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A221)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the Article IX of the Constitution be amended as follows:

ARTICLE IX

The General Convention may, by Canon, establish one or more Courts for the Trial of Bishops. Presbyters and Deacons canonically resident in a Diocese shall be tried by a Court instituted by the Convention thereof; Presbyters and Deacons canonically resident in a Missionary Diocese shall be tried according to Canons adopted by the Bishop and Convocation thereof, with the approval of the House of Bishops; provided that the General Convention in each case may prescribe by Canon for a change of venue.
The General Convention, in like manner, may establish or may provide for the establishment of Courts of Review of the determination of diocesan or other trial Courts.

The Court for the review of the determination of the trial Court, on the trial of a Bishop, shall be composed of Bishops only.

The General Convention, in like manner, may establish an ultimate Court of Appeal, solely for the review of the determination of any Court of Review on questions of Doctrine, Faith, or Worship.

None but a Bishop shall pronounce sentence of admonition, or suspension, or removal, or deposition from the Ministry, on any Bishop, Presbyter, or Deacon; and none but a Bishop shall admonish any Bishop, Presbyter, or Deacon.

A sentence of suspension shall specify on what terms or conditions and at what time the suspension shall cease. A sentence of suspension may be remitted in such manner as may be provided by Canon.

**Committee Amendment:**

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the Article IX of the Constitution be amended as follows:

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The General Convention, in like manner, may establish or may provide for the establishment of Courts of Review of the determination of diocesan or other trial Courts.

The Court for the review of the determination of the trial Court, on the trial of a Bishop, shall be composed of Bishops only.

The General Convention, in like manner, may establish an ultimate Court of Appeal, solely for the review of the determination of any Court of Review on questions of Doctrine, Faith, or Worship.

None but a Bishop shall pronounce sentence of admonition, or suspension, or removal, or deposition from the Ministry, on any Bishop, Presbyter, or Deacon; and none but a Bishop shall admonish any Bishop, Presbyter, or Deacon.

A sentence of suspension shall specify on what terms or conditions and at what time the suspension shall cease. A sentence of suspension may be remitted in such manner as may be provided by Canon.

*Motion carried*

*Resolution adopted with amendment*

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #185)
Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music

The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #19 on Resolution C028 (Amend Canon II.4) and moved to refer the resolution to an interim body.

Original Text of Resolution:

(C028)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That a new section 2 be added to Title II, Canon 4 of the Constitution and Canons of The Episcopal Church, to read as follows:

Sec. 1 In any Congregation, worshiping in other than the English language, which shall have placed itself under the oversight of a Bishop of this Church, it shall be lawful to use a form of service in such language; provided that such form of service shall have previously been approved by the Bishop of the Diocese, until such time as an authorized edition of the Book of Common Prayer in such language shall be set forth by the authority of the General Convention; and provided further, that no Bishop shall license any such form of service until first satisfied that the same is in accordance with the Doctrine and Worship of this Church; nor in any case shall such form of service be used for the ordination or consecration of Bishops, Priests, or Deacons.

Sec. 2. Use of Other Anglican Books of Worship with the permission of the Bishop Diocesan, any book of prayer/worship authorized for use by a Church or Province of the Anglican Communion may be used in congregations or ministries within that diocese.

Motion carried Resolution referred

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #206)

The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #25 on Resolution A283 (Multicultural Liturgies for Occasional Services) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A283)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention approve the following services from the Proposed Book of Occasional Services 2018 for use by worshiping communities in The Episcopal Church:

Las Posadas

Christians in parts of Mexico and those who have migrated to other countries celebrate Las Posadas nightly beginning December 16 and ending December 24. Las Posadas is a liturgy of hospitality and commemorates the journey of Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem, searching for lodging for the birth of the Christ Child.

Las Posadas begins as an outdoor procession. Traditionally, two people dress as los peregrinos (the pilgrims), Mary and Joseph, or images of Mary and Joseph are carried in the procession. Along the procession route, certain houses serve as “lodgings.” At each house, those inside sing to those outside, denying them entry. At the final stop, the los peregrinos are recognized and invited into the home.
Communities who observe Las Posadas should consider the following:

1. Since the tradition of Las Posadas comes from a particular culture and language, those who plan an observance should engage in dialogue with those for whom these devotions are culturally indigenous, and seek to learn from their experience.

2. An Order of Service for the Evening may serve as a liturgy before the procession, with appropriate lessons and prayers for Advent included, either in the church or in a home.

3. Participants may carry lights in procession.

4. The hymn, *Canto Para Pedir Posada* is traditionally sung in this rite.

5. At the final stop, the procession is welcomed for closing devotions. Such devotions may include personal testimony, the singing of hymns, the Lord’s Prayer, other prayers and collects.

6. Following the closing devotions, refreshments or a meal may be served.

**Concerning the Service**

*The Feast of La Virgen de Guadalupe is celebrated on December 12 throughout Mexico and increasingly in The Episcopal Church.*

According to tradition, an indigenous man named Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin saw la Virgen on two separate occasions, on December 9 and December 12, 1531. In his vision, she told Juan Diego to ask the archbishop to build a church on El Tepeyac, located in today’s Mexico City. Unconvinced by an uneducated indigenous person, the bishop asked for proof of La Virgen’s appearance. When Juan Diego returned to El Tepeyac, he found roses growing. He gathered the roses in his tilma (cloak) and took them to show to the bishop. Roses spilled out when he unfolded the tilma, and it revealed an image of La Virgen, a dark-skinned indigenous woman, head bowed in prayer. The bishop, convinced by the miracle, built a church.

The image of La Virgen de Guadalupe permeates Latino cultures. She serves as a rallying point for people’s hopes of liberation and justice revealed in Jesus Christ. The popularity of the feast continues to grow and is attached to many cultural observances. On the day of the feast, people process through towns and cities, offering their songs of love and joy. The procession is followed by a celebration of the Holy Eucharist that may feature dancers, drummers, banners, and mariachis.

Additional materials for use on December 12 are found on page____.

**Celebration of the Feast of La Virgen de Guadalupe**

When circumstances permit, the congregation may gather at a place apart from the church, so that all may go into the church in procession. Flowers, preferably roses, to be carried in the procession may be distributed to the people before the service, or after the opening collect.

**Presider** A great sign appeared in the sky, a woman clothed with the sun,

People With the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars.

**Presider** Let us pray.
Be present with us, God our Deliverer, as you were present with La Virgen de Guadalupe (the Virgin of Guadalupe) who called Juan Diego her beloved son. May her example of tender care for the poor and oppressed guide us in the way of justice and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Deacon Let us go forth in peace.

People In the Name of Christ. Amen.

During the procession, the people may carry flowers, and appropriate hymns, psalms, or anthems are sung, such as the hymn “La Guadalupana.”

Upon arrival in the sanctuary, the Eucharist begins with the Collect of the Day.

The people standing, the Presider says The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

O God of love, you blessed your people at El Tepeyac with the presence of La Virgen de Guadalupe: grant that her example of love to the poor and forsaken may stir our faith to recognize all people as members of one family. Teach us to follow in the way you have prepared for us, that we may honor one another in word and action, sharing with her your commonwealth of peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

The Eucharist continues in the usual manner, using the following Psalm and Lessons

The First Reading Zechariah 2:10-13

or A Selection from The Nican Mopohua, the reading then concludes, “Here ends the reading.”

Psalm 131 or 116

The Second Reading Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a


A Homily

The Prayers of the People

As we honor La Virgen de Guadalupe, may we strive for unity among all people; we pray to you, God of mercy. Hear our prayer.

May the vision of Juan Diego inspire our community to stand against prejudice, discrimination, hatred and violence; we pray to you, God of mercy. Hear our prayer.

May our care for youth and children, the elderly and sick, the weak, helpless and poor (especially ________), reflect the love of La Virgen, revealed at Tepeyac; we pray to you, God of mercy. Hear our prayer.

May the vision of La Virgen strengthen us to stand with all immigrants and refugees in their struggle in every nation and people, (especially the people of ________); we pray to you, God of mercy. Hear our prayer.

May those who have died (especially ________) rest in your peace, and those who mourn (especially ________) find comfort in fellowship with La Virgen de Guadalupe and all the saints; we pray to you, God of mercy. Hear our prayer.
Intercessions may be offered by the people.

The Presider adds this concluding Collect.

O God of power and mercy, who gives us roses in a season of darkness; fill us with your unexpected truth and vision of peace among all people. By the example of La Virgen de Guadalupe may we seek the justice which unites all people everywhere; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

At the Eucharist the liturgy continues with the Peace and the Offertory.

Proper Preface

Because in revealing the La Virgen de Guadalupe at El Tepeyac, you have shown us your way of justice and peace, lifted up the small and lowly, and assured us of your great love for the poor and weak.

In place of the usual postcommunion prayer, the following is said

Presider and People

We give you thanks, O God, for gathering your children together in the Sacrament of Christ’s Body and Blood. We rejoice that you have remembered us; for we were scattered and have now been drawn together from the four corners of the earth. May we who celebrate La Virgen de Guadalupe ever strive for peace, and serve you as witnesses of Jesus Christ, until the Lord dawns in glory. Amen.

Following the postcommunion prayer, the People may place flowers at the image of La Virgen de Guadalupe. Appropriate hymns, anthems, instrumental music, or songs, such as “Buenos Días Paloma Blanca” may accompany this action.

The Bishop, when present, or the Priest, may bless the people.

The Deacon, or the Presider, dismisses the people.

Songs, hymns, and readings traditionally used on the Feast of La Virgen de Guadalupe include the following.

Songs and Hymns:

La Guadalupana

Buenos Días Paloma Blanca

Mi Virgen Ranchera

Oh Virgen la más Hermosa

From Hymnal 1982

277 Sing of Mary, Pure and Lowly (Raquel)

78 Sing We of the Blessed Mother (Rustington)

From El Himnario

483 Mi Alma Glorifica al Señor mi Dios (Cántico de María)

62 Como Estrella en Claro Cielo (Raquel)

A Reading from The Nican Mopohua:
Juan Diego returned and right to the top of the mountain he saw the Lady from heaven, at the spot where he saw her the first time. Seeing her, he fell down before her and said, "Lady, the smallest of my daughters, my Child, I went where you sent me to fulfill your mandate; though with difficulty, from where is the seat of the bishop, I saw him and exposed your message; he received me graciously and I listened attentively; but I understood by his response that he believes that it is I who makes the request of building your temple, and that perhaps is not your command. I strongly beg, Lady, my Child that you send instead of me someone who is known, respected and esteemed. If we entrust your message to someone like that he is sure to be believed. The Bishop does not believe me because I am a lesser man, I'm small, I'm a no one, and you, my Child, the least of my daughters, Lady, you send me to a place where I do not belong. Forgive me if I cause you great sorrow." Our Lady replied: “Listen, my son, I understand but need you to know that that I have many servants and messengers whom I can send to do my bidding yet I choose you. You are the one that I strictly command, to go again tomorrow to see the Bishop. Tell him once more who sends you and that it is my will for a temple to be built in my honor. Tell him, that the ever-Blessed Virgin Mary, mother of God, is the one that sends you" Juan Diego replied: "My Lady, my Child, I will do what you ask. I'll do your will; but perhaps I will not be heard with pleasure. I know that it will be difficult for them to believe me.

*El Día de los Muertos (Day of the Dead)*

Christians in parts of Mexico and Central America keep All Saints’ Day (November 1) and All Souls’ Day (November 2) with special devotions to honor the dead and pray for them. These devotions have spread beyond their geographical origins in Mexico into other languages and cultures. For those who are observing this tradition for the first time, adapt it to your own needs and consider engaging in conversation with communities or individuals that have experience with this tradition.

Communities who observe *El Día de los Muertos* should consider the following principles:

1. Practices for keeping the Day include adornment of an altar or a sacred space to offer reverence for the dead, which may be placed in a home, church, or cemetery. Photographs of those being remembered are traditionally displayed. A place for prayer may be provided nearby.

2. Devotions may include prayers and thanksgivings for the dead. Resources for prayers may be found in the burial rites or the propers for All Saints’ Day and All Souls’ Day.

And be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to work in collaboration with the Department of Ethnic Ministries at the beginning of the process to provide liturgies for additional pastoral rites authorized for use in The Episcopal Church; and be it further

Resolved, That the SCLM consider the resource, “Changes: Prayers and Services Honoring Rites of Passage” as it begins its work.

*Motion carried*

*Resolution adopted*  
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #186)
The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #26 on Resolution D072 (Amend Title II Canon IV) and moved to discharge and re-refer the resolution to The House of Bishops Committee on Constitution and Canons.

**Motion carried**

**Resolution re-referred to a Legislative Committee**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #192)

[Ed. Note: The House of Bishops considered resolution D072 again on July 13th (Day 9).]

**Ministry**

The House of Bishops Committee on Ministry presented its Report #28 on Resolution D069 (Gather Annual Deployment and Compensation Data for LGBT and Gender Nonbinary Clergy) and moved adoption with amendment.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(D069)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention of the Episcopal Church direct the Office for Transition Ministry, in consultation with the Church Pension Fund, dioceses, and other appropriate agencies to gather data annually about: 1) the numbers of clergy who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, and/or transgender or gender nonbinary; 2) the deployment of such self-identified clergy, including whether their positions are part time, full time, or non-stipendiary; 3) their compensation, and 4) to broadly disseminate the report by electronic and other means on an annual basis.

**Committee Amendment:**

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention of the Episcopal Church direct the Office for Transition Ministry, in consultation with the Church Pension Fund, dioceses, seminaries, and other appropriate agencies to gather data periodically using surveys and other mechanisms annually about: 1) the numbers of clergy who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, and/or transgender or gender nonbinary; 2) the deployment of such self-identified clergy, including whether their positions are part time, full time, or non-stipendiary; 3) their compensation, and 4) to 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 #276)

The House of Bishops Committee on Ministry presented its Report #22 on Resolution A056 (Create Task Force on the Theology of Social Justice Advocacy as Christian Justice) and moved adoption with amendment.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(A056)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention direct the Presiding Officers of The Episcopal Church to appoint a Task Force on the Theology of Social Justice Advocacy as Christian Ministry, consisting of three (3) bishops, three (3) presbyters or deacons, and six (6) lay persons, who represent the diversity of the Church, to be tasked in this triennium to consider scripture, approved
liturgical resources, other theological texts and previous actions of General Convention to summarize the ways in which The Episcopal Church understands the work for social justice as essential mission and ministry of the Christian Church; and be it further

Resolved, That the Task Force study how The Episcopal Church currently fosters theological understanding and leadership for social justice, and recommend ways to foster theological and practical conversation across the Church on this topic; and be it further

Resolved, That the Task Force be directed to report its findings and recommendations to the 80th 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 $15,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention direct the Presiding Officers Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies of The Episcopal Church to appoint a Task Force on the Theology of Social Justice Advocacy as Christian Ministry, consisting of three (3) bishops, three (3) presbyters or deacons, to include both orders, and six (6) lay persons, who represent the diversity of the Church, to be tasked in this triennium to consider scripture, approved liturgical resources, other theological texts and previous actions of General Convention to summarize the ways in which The Episcopal Church understands the work for social justice as essential mission and ministry of the Christian Church; and be it further

Resolved, That the Task Force study how The Episcopal Church currently fosters theological understanding and leadership for social justice, and recommend ways to foster theological and practical conversation across the Church on this topic; and be it further

Resolved, That the Task Force be directed to report its findings and recommendations to the 80th 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 $15,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #187)

The House of Bishops Committee on Ministry presented its Report #11 on Resolution A092 (Amend Canons - Reception of Clergy from Churches in Apostolic Succession) and moved adoption of a substitute.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A092)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That Canon III.10.3 is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 3. Clergy Ordained by Bishops in Churches in the Historic Succession but Not in Full Communion with This Church

(a) When a Priest or Deacon ordained in a Church by a Bishop in the Historic Succession but not in full communion with this Church, the regularity of whose ordination is approved by the Presiding Bishop as permitted by Canon I.16.3, desires to be received as a Member of the Clergy in this Church, the person shall apply in writing to a Bishop, attaching the following:
(1) A nomination in writing for reception from the person’s congregation or community of faith in this Church. The Nomination shall include a letter of support by the congregation or community of faith, committing the community to involve itself in the person’s preparation for reception to the Priesthood. If it be a congregation, the letter shall be signed by two-thirds of the Vestry or comparable body, and by the Member of the Clergy or leader exercising oversight.

(2) The person, if agreeing, shall accept the nomination in writing, and shall provide the following in writing to the Bishop:

(a) Full name and date of birth.
(b) The length of time resident in the Diocese.
(c) Evidence that the person is a confirmed adult communicant in good standing in a Congregation of this Church.
(d) Whether an application has been made previously for reception in this or any other diocese.
(e) A description of the process of discernment the person has undertaken individually and with the nominating congregation or community of faith.
(f) A statement of reasons for seeking to enter Holy Orders in this Church.

(1) Evidence that the person is a confirmed adult communicant in good standing in a Congregation of this Church.

(2) Evidence of previous Ministry and that all other credentials are valid and authentic.

(3) Evidence of moral and godly character; and that the person is free from any vows or other engagements inconsistent with the exercise of Holy Orders in this Church.

(4) Transcripts of all academic and theological studies.

(5) A certificate from at least two (2) Presbyters of this Church stating that, from personal examination or from satisfactory evidence presented to them, they believe that the departure of the person from the Communion to which the person has belonged has not arisen from any circumstance unfavorable to moral or religious character, or on account of which it may not be expedient to admit the person to Holy Orders in this Church.

(6) Certificates in the forms provided in Canon III.8.6 and III.8.7 from the Rector or Member of the Clergy in charge and Vestry of a Parish of this Church.

(7) A statement of the reasons for seeking to enter Holy Orders in this Church.

And be it further

Resolved, That Canon III.10.4 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 4. Clergy Ordained in Churches Not in the Historic Succession

(a) If a person ordained or licensed by other than a Bishop in the Historic Succession desires to be ordained, the person shall apply to a Bishop, attaching a nomination in writing for ordination from the person’s congregation or community of faith in this Church. The Nomination shall include a letter of support by the congregation or community of faith, committing the community to:
(1) Involve itself in the person’s preparation for ordination to the Priesthood. If it be a congregation, the letter shall be signed by two-thirds of the Vestry or comparable body, and by the Member of the Clergy or leader exercising oversight.

(2) The person, if agreeing, shall accept the nomination in writing, and shall provide the following in writing to the Bishop:

(a) Full name and date of birth.
(b) The length of time resident in the Diocese.
(c) Evidence that the person is a confirmed adult communicant in good standing in a Congregation of this Church.
(d) Whether an application has been made previously for ordination in this or any other diocese.
(e) A description of the process of discernment the person has undertaken individually and with the nominating congregation or community of faith.
(f) A statement of reasons for seeking to enter Holy Orders in this Church.

(1) The person must first be a confirmed adult communicant in good standing in a Congregation of this Church;
(3) The Commission shall examine the applicant and report to the Bishop with respect to:

(i) Whether the applicant has served in the previous Church with diligence and good reputation and has stated the causes which have impelled the applicant to leave the body and seek ordination in this Church,
(ii) The nature and extent of the applicant’s education and theological training,
(iii) The preparations necessary for ordination to the Order(s) to which the applicant feels called;

Subsequent sections should be renumbered accordingly.

Committee Substitute:
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That Canon III.10.3 (a) is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 3. Clergy Ordained by Bishops in Churches in the Historic Succession but Not in Full Communion with This Church

(a) When a Priest or Deacon ordained in a Church by a Bishop in the Historic Succession but not in full communion with this Church, the regularity of whose ordination is approved by the Presiding Bishop as permitted by Canon I.16.3, desires to be received as a Member of the Clergy in this Church, the person shall apply in writing to a Bishop, attaching the following:

(i) A nomination in writing for reception from the person’s congregation or community of faith in this Church. The Nomination shall include a letter of support by the congregation or community of faith, committing the community to involve itself in the person’s preparation for reception to the Priesthood. If it be a congregation, the letter shall be signed by two-thirds of the Vestry or comparable body, and by the Member of the Clergy or leader exercising oversight.
(2) The person, if agreeing, shall accept the nomination in writing, and shall provide the following in writing to the Bishop:

(a) Full name and date of birth.
(b) The length of time resident in the Diocese.
(c) Evidence that the person is a confirmed adult communicant in good standing in a Congregation of this Church.
(d) Whether an application has been made previously for reception in any diocese.
(e) A description of the process of discernment the person has undertaken individually and with the nominating congregation or community of faith.
(f) A statement of reasons for seeking to enter Holy Orders in this Church.

(1) Evidence that the person is a confirmed adult communicant in good standing in a Congregation of this Church.
(2) Evidence of previous ordained Ministry and that all other credentials are valid and authentic.
(3) Evidence of moral and godly character; and that the person is free from any vows or other engagements inconsistent with the exercise of Holy Orders in this Church.
(4) Transcripts of all academic and theological studies.
(5) A certificate from at least two Presbyters in good standing of this Church stating that, from personal examination or from satisfactory evidence presented to them, they believe that the departure of the person from the Communion to which the person has belonged has not arisen from any circumstance unfavorable to moral or religious character, or on account of which it may not be expedient to admit the person to Holy Orders in this Church.
(6) Certificates in the forms provided in Canon III.8.6 and III.8.7 from the Rector or Member of the Clergy in charge and Vestry of a Parish of this Church.

(7) A statement of the reasons for seeking to enter Holy Orders in this Church

And be it further

Resolved, That Canon III.10.4 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 4. Clergy Ordained in Churches Not in the Historic Succession

(a) If a person ordained or licensed by other than a Bishop in the Historic Succession historic succession to minister in a Church not in full communion with this Church desires to be ordained, the person shall follow the procedures and requirements set forth in Canon III.6 if the person desires to be ordained to the diaconate or Canon III.8 if the person desires to be ordained to the priesthood.
(1) The person must first be a confirmed adult communicant in good standing in a Congregation of this Church;

(2) (b) The Commission shall examine the applicant and report to the Bishop with respect to:

(i) (1) Whether the applicant has served in the previous Church with diligence and good reputation and has stated the causes which have impelled the applicant to leave the body and seek ordination in this Church,

(ii) (2) The nature and extent of the applicant’s education and theological training,

(iii) (3) The preparations necessary for ordination to the Order(s) to which the applicant feels called;

(3) (c) The provisions of Canon III.5.6, and 8 shall be followed except that the minimum period of Candidacy need not apply, if the Bishop and the Standing Committee at the recommendation of the Commission judge the Candidate to be ready for ordination to the Diaconate earlier than twelve months; the applicant shall be examined by the Commission and show proficiency in the following subjects:

(i) (1) Church History: the history of the Anglican Church and the Episcopal Church in the United States of America,

(ii) (2) Doctrine: the Church’s teaching as set forth in the Creeds and in An Outline of the Faith, commonly called the Catechism;

(iii) (3) Liturgics: the principles and history of Anglican worship; the contents of the Book of Common Prayer;

(iv) (4) Practical Theology:

(a) The office and work of a Deacon and Priest in this Church,

(b) The conduct of public worship,

(c) The Constitution and Canons of the General Convention, and of the Diocese in which the applicant is resident,

(d) The use of voice in reading and speaking;

(5) The points of Doctrine, Discipline, Polity, and Worship in which the Church from which the applicant has come differs from this Church. This portion of the examinations shall be conducted, in part at least, by written questions and answers, and the replies kept on file for at least three years.
If all the requirements of this Canon have been fulfilled, the Bishop may ordain the Candidate a Deacon under Canon III.6 or III.8, but may do so no sooner than twelve months after the Candidate became a confirmed communicant of this Church. If ordained a deacon under Canon III.8, no sooner than six months thereafter, the Candidate may be ordained a Priest at the Bishop’s discretion. At the time of such ordination the Bishop shall read this preface following the signing of the declaration of conformity:

The Ecclesiastical Authority of this Diocese is satisfied that A.B. accepts the Doctrine, Discipline, and Worship of this Church and now desires to be ordained a Deacon (or ordained a Priest) in this Church. We are about to confer upon A.B. the grace and authority of Holy Orders as this Church has received them and requires them for the exercise of the ministry of a Deacon (or a Priest).

In such cases, the ordination certificate shall contain the words:

Acknowledging the ministry which A.B. has already received and hereby adding to that commission the grace and authority of Holy Orders as understood and required by this Church for the exercise of the ministry of a Deacon (or a Priest).

5. Following reception or ordination each clergy person shall be assigned a mentor Priest by the Bishop in consultation with the Commission on Ministry. The mentor and clergy person shall meet regularly to provide the clergy person an opportunity for guidance, information, and a sustained dialogue about ministry in the Episcopal Church.

Motion carried
Substitute resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #268)

Constitution and Canons

The House of Bishops Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #28 on Resolution A282 (Amend Canon III.11.3(b)) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A282)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That Canon III.11.3(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 ____________, 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. In witness
whereof, we have hereunto set our hands this ___ day of ________ in the year of our Lord________.

(Signed) ____________________

(c) Testimonials required of the Standing Committee by this Title must be signed by a majority of the whole Committee, at a meeting duly convened, except that testimonials may be executed in counterparts, any of which may be delivered by facsimile or other electronic transmission, each of which shall be deemed an original.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #194)

Social Justice and International Policy

The House of Bishops Committee on Social Justice and International Policy presented its Report #6 on HD Message #120 on Resolution D019 (Ending Church Complicity in the Occupation) and moved concurrence.

Motion defeated
Resolution rejected

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #182)

Personal Privilege

The Rt. Rev. Peter Eaton, Bishop of Southeast Florida, made a point of personal order encouraging a larger forum for discussion on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

Personal Privilege

The Rt. Rev. Gayle Harris, Bishop Suffragan of Massachusetts, made a point of personal order regarding the inability of the Bishop of Israel to speak freely due to political constraints that could restrict his access to all parts of his jurisdiction

Safeguarding and Title IV

The Rt. Rev. Susan Goff, Bishop Suffragan of Virginia, and Chair of The House of Bishops Committee on Safeguarding and Title IV reported that HB legislative committee #03 was organized and ready for business.

The House of Bishops Committee on Safeguarding and Title IV presented its Report #14 on HD Message #124 on Resolution D016 (Seeking Truth, Reconciliation and Restoration) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #177)
Final Text of Resolution:

(Do16)

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention as members of the Body of Christ, confess our sins of gender-based discrimination, harassment, and violence against women and girls in all their forms as we understand these sins, which include, but are not limited to, sexual and gender harassment, sexual assault, physically, spiritually, and emotionally abusive behavior, and oppression based on gender, particularly as these sins have denigrated and devalued women and their ministries; acknowledge that within our patriarchal culture, the misuse of power and authority is primarily exercised by men with the vast majority of victims being women; acknowledge that we have created a culture of excuses, justifications, enabling, and dishonesty around gender-based discrimination and violence; have not heard the experiences of women with the goal of justice through acts of contrition, restoration, and reconciliation; declare that we as the Church seek to turn from the systems of oppression, patriarchy, ableism, heteronormativity, white supremacy, and our colonial legacy, among others, and seek to engage in restoration of the dignity of women and reconciliation from past acts, beginning with confessing to God and to one another the truth that we have not loved God with our whole heart, and mind, and strength, and that we have not loved, respected, and honored the presence, gifts, equality, and ministry of women, seeing in them the presence of Christ; confess that we have embraced patriarchal power, and in doing so, have exploited women and been blind to injustice and prejudice; and declare that we seek to repent and be restored to God and to each other, with the Church and each diocese declaring a period of fasting and repentance for this sin; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention authorize the establishment of a Task Force for Women, Truth, and Reconciliation for the purpose of helping the Church engage in truth-telling, confession, and reconciliation regarding gender-based discrimination, harassment, and violence against women and girls in all their forms by those in power in the Church, making an accounting of things done and left undone in thought, word, and deed, intending amendment of life, and seeking counsel, direction, and absolution as we are restored in love, grace, and trust with each other through Christ; and be it further

Resolved, That this Task Force be appointed jointly by the President of the House of Deputies and the Presiding Bishop, with 15 members - 6 lay people (at least 4 of whom identify as women), 6 priests or deacons members (at least 4 of whom identify as women), and 3 bishops members (at least 2 of whom identify as women). The overall composition of this task force shall include members of the LGBTQ community, people of color, and reflect regional diversity. The overall composition of this task force shall include at least 5 members who have experienced gender-based discrimination, harassment, and violence against women and girls and at least 3 members who have personal and recent (within the last 5 years) experience working with complaints within the general Church and/or secular community on matters of gender-based discrimination, harassment, and violence against women and girls. This Task Force shall report its progress to Executive Council, present a public timeline, summary of ongoing work easily accessible by members of the Episcopal Church, and report back to the 80th General Convention on the following tasks:

- To develop a survey on gender-based discrimination, harassment, and violence against women and girls in all their forms as we understand these sins, which include, but are not limited to, sexual and gender harassment, sexual assault, physical, spiritual, and emotionally abusive behavior, and oppression based on gender. This survey shall be modeled on the survey used to gather information and compile the 2017 report “Sexual Misconduct in the United Methodist Church: US Update,” and the task force shall create said survey no later than December of 2019 and shall work with appropriate general Church organizations, dioceses, and church leadership, both lay and clergy, to distribute
widely in the Episcopal Church for access by both laity and clergy no later than spring of 2020, said survey being available primarily on-line, and with adaptations made as determined by the task force to enable responses by those members of the general Church who may not have ready and easy access to the internet;

-To conduct a review of survey responses and data regarding gender-based discrimination, harassment, and violent behavior that has been experienced by those who identify as women in our church; and present this information in accessible, public, and informative ways as a truthful reality of the treatment of women; and the impact of this treatment on lay and ordained women and girls, their ministries, and the ministry of the Church to the following members and organizations of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America: The House of Bishops, The Executive Council, The National Association of Episcopal Schools; all Episcopal Seminaries (including diocesan formation programs for ordination); Episcopal Camps and Conference Centers; Diocesan Youth Directors; all Canons to the Ordinary; all Transition Officers; all diocesan Chancellors; and any other bodies, organizations, or committees that the President of the House of Deputies or the Presiding Bishop deem necessary;

-To coordinate and receive reports from the aforementioned persons and organizations no later than six months after the publication of the survey response report with the following written responses to the report, a copy of the same responses shared with the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies: How their body and/or institution has contributed to a church culture of gender-based discrimination, harassment, and violence against women and girls in all their forms, when appropriate detailing specific examples of this culture that has approved of this behavior, ignored and/or excused this behavior, and how this culture has damaged the body and/or institution; The body and/or institution’s plan of action within their body or institution that can bring about a culture of truth telling, repentance, reconciliation, and justice in our church; including a timeline of said plan of action; and any other questions the task force, in consultation with the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies, deem helpful and necessary for the general Church to confess the truth of the impact of the sin of gender-based discrimination, harassment, and violence against women and girls in all their forms and to engage the process of restoration and reconciliation;

-To create a Truth and Reconciliation process to guide churches, dioceses, provinces, and the general Church as they develop their own paths for reconciliation and restoration, with emphasis given to discerning the qualities of methods churches, dioceses, provinces, and the general Church may implement to witness the truth and to seek justice, restoration, and reconciliation; recognizing a one-size-fits-all process will not be helpful given the diversity of our Church, and that identifying qualities for a process invites churches, dioceses, provinces, and general Church to map their ways forward to justice, restoration, and reconciliation with guidance;

-To conduct a comprehensive audit and analysis of the internal church-wide structures that exist, or are needed, to educate and inform the church about realities and consequences of gender-based discrimination, harassment, and violence against women and girls in all their forms; to develop programs to proactively reduce incidences of gender-based discrimination, harassment, and violence within the church; as well as to develop resources that build the capacity of our church to provide trauma informed pastoral care for victims;
To oversee an audit done by an outside auditor of the culture within church-wide structures to identify systemic expressions of power and leadership that create and continue gender-based discrimination, harassment, and violence against women and girls in all their forms, particularly the impact of this system as it manifests in access to leadership, pay inequity, imbalances in power, inequality in leadership, gender-based discrimination, sexual harassment and violence, and the enabling of gender-based violence by those in positions of power throughout the church that diminishes, excuses, and discounts discrimination, abuse, and harassment, contrary to the Gospel of Christ.

And be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request that the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance consider a budget allocation of $320,000 for the implementation of this resolution which will provide funding for regular meetings, including bi-annual in-person meetings throughout the triennium ($150,000); costs associated with creating and distributing the survey and subsequent reports ($40,000) contract with external firm to conduct a culture audit ($65,000); website, communications, and staff support ($50,000); and expenses associated with in-person presentations of findings to strategic groups, including Executive Council, the House of Bishops, and other groups as determined by the Task Force, the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies ($15,000).

Evangelism and Church Planting

The Rt. Rev. W. Nicholas Knisely, Bishop of Rhode Island, and Chair of The House of Bishops Committee on Congregational and Diocesan Vitality reported that HB Legislative Committee #11 was organized and ready for business.

The House of Bishops Committee on Safeguarding and Title IV presented its Report #2 on HD Message #29 on Resolution A196 (Fund a Full-time Evangelism Staff Officer) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #178)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A196)

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention affirm the initiative of the Presiding Bishop and Executive Council in the creation of and funding for a full-time Evangelism Officer to serve on the Presiding Bishop's staff; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention encourage Program, Budget, and Finance to maintain the sum of $380,000, as currently allocated in the draft budget proposed by the Executive Council for this position.

Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music

The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #29 on Resolution D046 (Expansive-Language Liturgical Resources) and moved adoption with amendment.
Original Text of Resolution:

(D046)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th 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; Enriching Our Worship 4: The Renewal of Ministry and the Welcoming of a New Rector or other Pastor; and Enriching Our Worship 5: Liturgies and Prayers Related to Childbearing, Childbirth, and Loss; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention encourage the use of translations of the Psalter that use inclusive and expansive language; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to develop principles for the use of inclusive and expansive language in liturgical texts, to report these principles to the 80th General Convention, and to follow these principles in all revisions of liturgical resources and in the development of any new liturgical resources; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention encourage the use of inclusive and expansive language within existing authorized resources, including but not limited to the Book of Common Prayer and Enriching Our Worship, by replacing masculine-gendered language for God with feminine or neutral language; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention encourage the grassroots development of liturgical texts to provide expansive language resources, particularly resources that reflect the breadth of cultures, languages, and ancestral contexts already represented in The Episcopal Church; and to share those resources with the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music for evaluation for inclusion in official liturgical resources.

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th 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; Enriching Our Worship 4: The Renewal of Ministry and the Welcoming of a New Rector or other Pastor; and Enriching Our Worship 5: Liturgies and Prayers Related to Childbearing, Childbirth, and Loss; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention encourage the use of translations of the Psalter that use inclusive and expansive language; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to develop principles for the use of inclusive and expansive language in liturgical texts, to report these principles to the 80th General Convention, and to follow these principles in all revisions of liturgical resources and in the development of any new liturgical resources; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention encourage the use of inclusive and expansive language within existing authorized resources, including but not limited to the Book of Common Prayer and Enriching Our Worship, by replacing masculine-gendered language for God with feminine or neutral language; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention encourage each diocese to identify an individual or body to encourage the grassroots development of liturgical texts to provide expansive language resources, particularly resources that reflect the breadth of cultures, languages, and ancestral contexts already represented in The Episcopal Church; and to report on their work to share those resources with the
Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music for evaluation for inclusion in its report to the 80th General Convention official liturgical resources.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #189)

The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #27 on Resolution A218 (The Proposed Book of Occasional Services 2018) and moved adoption with amendment.

Point of Order
The Presiding Bishop noted the need for the amendment to be translated into Spanish.

Motion carried
Consideration postponed

[Ed. Note: Resolution A218 was considered in the evening session on July 11, 2018 (Day 7).]

Churchwide Leadership
The House of Bishops Committee on Churchwide Leadership presented its Report #12 on Resolution A287 (Amend Canon III.13 (Formerly Resolution A171)) and moved to refer the resolution to an interim body.

The Chair of the committee noted that the amendment had not been translated.

Motion carried
Consideration postponed

[Ed. Note: Resolution A287 was considered after the break.]

Break
The Presiding Bishop declared a ten minute break at 11:41 a.m.

Call to Order
The House of Bishops was called to order at 11:56 a.m. with the Presiding Bishop in the chair.

Communications from the Presiding Bishop
The Presiding Bishop invited the Rt. Rev. Ian Douglas, Bishop of Connecticut to call attention to the thank you notes given by the Schentrup family for the House of Bishops.

Noonday Prayers
Noonday prayers were led by Chaplain Dent Davidson and Brother Randy Greve.
Churchwide Leadership

The House of Bishops Committee on Churchwide Leadership returned the House to consideration of its Report #12 on Resolution A287 (Amend Canon III.13 (Formerly Resolution A171)) and moved to refer the resolution to an interim body.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A287)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That Canon III.13 is hereby amended to read as follows:

CANON 13: Of Dioceses without Bishops

Sec. 1(a). Upon the death, resignation, deposition, or removal of a Bishop Diocesan, a Bishop Suffragan or Bishop Coadjutor of the Diocese may serve as the Bishop Diocesan Pro Tempore in accordance with Article II of the Constitution and the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese. If a Bishop Suffragan or Bishop Coadjutor of the Diocese is not serving as its Bishop Diocesan Pro Tempore, a Diocese without a Bishop Diocesan may, by an act of its Convention, and in consultation with the Presiding Bishop, be placed under the provisional charge and authority of a Bishop of this Church of another Diocese or of a resigned Bishop of this Church, who shall by that act be authorized to serve as Bishop Diocesan Pro Tempore and to exercise jurisdiction and carry out all the duties and offices of the Bishop Diocesan of the Diocese until a Bishop Diocesan is elected and ordained for that Diocese or until the act of the Convention is revoked.

Sec. 3. (b) A Diocese, while under the provisional charge of a Bishop Diocesan Pro Tempore, shall not invite any other Bishop to visit and exercise episcopal acts or authority without the consent of the Bishop Diocesan Pro Tempore in charge.

Sec. 2. Any Bishop may, on the invitation of the Convention or of the Standing Committee of any Diocese where there is no Bishop, visit and exercise episcopal offices, but shall not exercise jurisdiction, in that Diocese or any part of it as a Bishop Provisional for the Diocese. This invitation may include a letter of agreement, shall be for a stated period and may be revoked at any time. A Diocese may have more than one Bishop Provisional serving the Diocese, and in such case the respective duties and responsibilities of the Bishops Provisional shall be set forth in their letters of agreement.

And be it further resolved that this Amendment to Canon III.13 shall be effective as of July 15, 2018.

And be it further resolved that because of the number of current episcopal transitions, the Secretary of General Convention is encouraged to communicate notice of the adoption of this resolution as soon as practicable.

Motion carried
Resolution referred

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #213)

[Ed. Note: Resolution A287 was created as a copy of resolution A171 in order to accommodate re-referral to the legislative committee.]
The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #20 on Resolution C065 (Resolution Include The Reverend John Edwin Culmer in Feast/Fast Calendar) and moved to refer the resolution to an interim body.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(C065)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That this General Convention add The Reverend Edwin Culmer, D.D. to the Church calendar of Lesser Feasts and Fasts (or Holy Women, Holy Men) on June 18 or other appropriate date; and be it further

Resolved, That Father John Edwin Culmer who was born on May 22, 1891 and died on June 19, 1963 was a priest, humanitarian, and civil rights leader. Culmer served as Vicar of St. James Church, Tampa from 1919 to 1929. During that time he successfully completed the red-pressed brick church edifice, installed the pews, built the rectory, retired a mortgage of $25,000, and nearly doubled the membership. He also started the mission of St. Augustine’s Episcopal Church in St. Petersburg. In 1929, when Culmer was transferred to Miami, Tampa’s religious and civic leadership expressed profound regret at the decision; and be it further

Resolved, That Father Culmer’s subsequent ministry in Miami and with the wider Episcopal Church was even more abundant. Both the Church and Culmer’s community recognized his dedication and accomplishments with numerous awards, gubernatorial appointments, and honorary degrees, including a Certificate of commendation signed by U.S. President Harry Truman. In 1955 Bethune-Cookman College in Daytona Beach, Florida, bestowed upon him the honorary Doctor of Laws degree. Five years later, as the institution’s first living black priest recipient, Culmer was awarded the honorary Doctor of Divinity from the Virginia Theological Seminary and was recognized as “one of the nation’s greatest humanitarians”; be it further

Resolved, That John Edwin Culmer is remembered as one of the chief architects of an integrated Episcopal Church and may be the first Black Deputy to the Episcopal General Convention; be it further

Resolved, That the Tampa, Florida Chapter of the United Black Episcopalians (UBE) is named in honor of Rev Culmer, and along with St. James House of Prayer Episcopal Church (Tampa), support this resolution; be it further

Resolved, That a portrait of Father Culmer was dedicated in 2014 and now hangs in Southwest Florida’s Diocesan House and that much of the history on Father Culmer in this resolution comes from information presented at that dedication ceremony.

Motion carried
Resolution referred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #207)

The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #21 on Resolution C046 (Commemorating Appleton Deaconesses) and moved to refer the resolution to an interim body.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(C046)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention of the Episcopal Church recognize the ministry of the Deaconesses who administered the Appleton Church Home and known as the Order of St. Katharine; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention set aside June 6th in the commemorations of this Church as a feast day honoring the Appleton Deaconesses.

Motion carried
Resolution referred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #208)

The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #22 on Resolution D101 (Study the Practice of Open Communion) and moved to take no further action.

Motion carried
The House took no further action
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #209)

The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #23 on Resolution D099 (Women Musicians in the Church) and moved to take no further action.

Motion carried
The House took no further action
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #210)

The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #24 on Resolution A064 (Authorize the Book of Occasional Services, 2018) and moved to take no further action.

Motion carried
The House took no further action
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #211)

Governance and Structure

The House of Bishops Committee on Governance and Structure presented its report #4 on HD Message #37 on Resolution C056 and moved concurrence with referral to an interim body.

The Bishop of Milwaukee moved adoption of Floor Amendment 0077, which changes the term "Presiding Officers" to "Presiding Bishop and President of the House of Deputies" in the third resolve.

Motion carried
Amendment adopted

A vote was taken on resolution C056.

Motion carried
The House concurred
Resolution referred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #457)

[Ed. Note: The House of Bishops voted to refer resolution C056 as amended, but as that was not an available action in the rules of order the resolution was instead marked as a concurrence with referral to an interim body. The House of Bishops’ amendment was never concurred by the House of Deputies, however. The resolution was referred in its original language. The original text of resolution C056 can be found in the House of Deputies July 8, 2019 (Day 3) minutes.]
Churchwide Leadership

The House continued consideration of resolution A169.

Proposed Amendment

The Rt. Rev. Sean Rowe, Bishop of Northwest Pennsylvania, moved to amend the resolution.

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That Sections 9(l) and 9(m) of Canon III.12.9 are hereby amended to read as follows:

(l) A resigned Bishop may, with the approval of the Bishop of the Diocese in which the resigned Bishop resides, accept any position, an appointment by a Bishop Diocesan to any position created under the authority of the Diocesan Convention, including that of Assistant Assisting Bishop, and may, at the same time, occupy a pastoral charge; provided, however, that a resigned Bishop over the age of seventy-two may accept the appointment only for a term not to exceed twelve months, and this term may be renewed.

(m) Assisting Bishops are those bishops whose primary roles are teaching, preaching or providing sacramental rites at the invitation of the Ecclesiastical Authority of the diocese where the Assisting Bishop has been invited to participate for particular times and places. A resigned Bishop over the age of seventy-two may accept an appointment by a Bishop Diocesan for a term not to exceed twelve months, and this term may be renewed.

A vote was taken on Resolution A169 as amended.

Motion carried
Amendment adopted

Christian Formation and Discipleship

The House of Bishops Committee on Christian Formation and Discipleship presented its Report #9 on HD Message #148 on Resolution C054 (Inclusion of Transgender People) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #179)

Final Text of Resolution:

(C054)

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention affirm the following guiding principles for the inclusion of transgender and non-binary people and urge that the Dioceses of the Episcopal Church prayerfully consider adopting and implementing the following guiding principles for the inclusion of transgender and non-binary people in their parishes, missions, schools and camps:
Guiding Principles for the Inclusion of Transgender and Non-Binary People in Dioceses, Parishes, Missions, Schools and Camps:

We believe that all people are created in the image of God and that all people are beloved children of God. Because this is true,

1. We will protect the rights and respect the dignity of transgender and non-binary persons, refusing to reject, judge, abuse, belittle or in any way dehumanize them.
2. We will engage the complex realities for transgender and non-binary persons in our churches, schools, and camps, and not yield to the temptation to ignore those realities.
3. We will recognize and accept our responsibility to protect the privacy of transgender and non-binary persons.
4. We will make decisions about how to support transgender and non-binary minors in our schools and camps in sensitive and appropriate communication with their parents.
5. We will provide a safe environment for transgender and non-binary persons, for those who support them, and for those who do not understand our commitment to these principles.
6. We will stay flexible in response to the complex and changing ramifications of this work by being open to relevant stories, to emerging information, and to the movement of the Holy Spirit.

And be it further

Resolved, That materials to help promote the Guiding Principles of this resolution be developed and curated by the Office of Formation through partnerships with organizations such as Integrity and TransEpiscopal.

Ministry

The House of Bishops Committee on Ministry presented its Report #33 on Resolution C005 (Appoint Task Force to Study Implementation of Canon III.1) and moved adoption of a substitute.

Original Text of Resolution:

(C005)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention, in recognition of the Jesus Movement and the calling of all the baptized in their daily life and work, appoint a task force to study the implementation of

Title III, CANON 1: Of the Ministry of All Baptized Persons which reads:

Sec. 1. Each Diocese shall make provision for the affirmation and development of the ministry of all baptized persons, including: (a) Assistance in understanding that all baptized persons are called to minister in Christ's name, to identify their gifts with the help of the Church and to serve Christ's mission at all times and in all places. (b) Assistance in understanding that all baptized persons are called to sustain their ministries through commitment to lifelong Christian formation;

and be it further
Resolved That such task force be appointed by the Presiding Officers jointly and that a report be given to the 80th General Convention with its recommendations for the implementation of Canon III.1 in all parishes, dioceses, provinces, and the wider church, focusing on full engagement of all the Baptized in their ministries beyond Sunday in their daily life, work, and leisure.

Committee Substitute:

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, that the 79th General Convention direct the President of the House of Deputies and the Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church to appoint a Task Force on Formation and Ministry of the Baptized including members experienced in Christian formation and education, and consisting of a minimum of five (5) clergy and five (5) lay persons, who represent the diversity of the Church; and be it further

Resolved, that this task force identify or develop curricula, practices, and strategies that can be used by dioceses and congregations to encourage and engage all the baptized in the work of building up the church by identifying their gifts for ministry, employing their gifts for ministry, and focusing on full engagement of their ministries in daily life, work, and leisure; and be it further

Resolved, that this task force report to the 80th General Convention with recommended strategies for the affirmation, development, and exercise of ministry by all baptized persons in the areas of gifts discernment, education and training for ministry, and leadership 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 $60,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

Motion carried
Substitute resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #188)

Churchwide Leadership

The House of Bishops Committee on Churchwide Leadership presented its Report #9 on HD Message #118 on Resolution A147 (Pilot Board for Episcopal Transitions) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #180)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A147)

Resolved, That a Task Force to assist the Office of Pastoral Development be appointed for an initial period of three years commencing at the adjournment of the 79th General Convention; and be it further

Resolved, That the Task Force be composed of up to twelve persons appointed jointly by the Presiding Bishop and President of the House of Deputies in consultation with the Bishop for Pastoral Development. Membership of the Task Force will represent the diversity of all the baptized within the Church and will consider particular gifts and experiences that will be beneficial to the work of the Task Force; and be it further

Resolved, That the Task Force will concentrate its work on assisting the Office of Pastoral Development in:

• revising existing resources and creating new resources to assist dioceses in the discernment, nomination, search, election, and transition processes for episcopal transitions;
• making available through open-source and digital networks, the variety of materials for use by individuals, dioceses, and consultants in the discernment, nomination, search, election and transition processes for episcopal elections.
• establishing a process and developing resources by which individuals may seek support in discerning a possible call to the episcopate.
• gathering and analyzing data regarding diversity in episcopal transitions, developing processes and resources to encourage diversity in the episcopate.
• recruiting, training and evaluating Transition Consultants and missional review consultants.
• encouraging electing dioceses to contract for the services of a Transition Consultant throughout the episcopal search and election process.
• formalizing and expanding recruitment and training for Transition Consultants.
• standardizing and monitoring the contracts used by Transition Consultants with electing dioceses.
• establishing a process to review the performance of each Transition Consultant, including the use of individual performance records for each Transition Consultant and to provide for their collection and analysis.
• establishing a process for electing dioceses to provide individual performance evaluations based upon objective standards for the Transition Consultant(s) who served the electing diocese from which the work of each Transition Consultant can be evaluated.
• providing ways in which one or more Transition Consultants can participate in the maintenance of the Raising Up of Episcopal Leadership - A Manual for Dioceses in Transition and evaluation of the effectiveness of the episcopal election process.
• enhancing guidelines for reference, background, medical, and psychological screening of persons considered for nomination for episcopal elections and guidelines for the dissemination, evaluation, and record keeping of the screening information gathered.

And be it further

Resolved, That the Bishop for Pastoral Development report semi-annually to the Executive Council and to the next General Convention; and be it further

Resolved, That the amount of $250,000 be appropriated for the organization and initial resources of the Task Force, to include two meetings per year.

The House of Bishops Committee on Churchwide Leadership presented its Report #10 on HD Message #123 on Resolution A173 (Amend Canon I.2.1(a-f)) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #181)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A173)

Resolved, That Canon1.2.1(a-f) is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 1 (a) At each General Convention a Joint Nominating Committee for the election of the Presiding Bishop shall be elected. The Nominating Committee shall be comprised of 20 members. Fifteen (15) of those members shall consist of five Bishops; five clerical members, including at least one deacon, and five lay people. The Joint Standing Committee on
Nominations will nominate a slate for election to the Nominating Committee, in accordance with the Joint Standing Committee on Nominations’ canonical charge and procedures, and guided by the skill sets needed for effective service on the Nominating Committee. The nominees for the Joint Standing Committee for the Nomination of the Presiding Bishop may but need not be deputies to General Convention. The House of Deputies shall elect five Clerical and five Lay Deputy as members of the Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop, with a majority of those voting necessary for election.

At each General Convention the House of Deputies shall elect one Clerical and one Lay Deputy from each Province as members of the Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop. A Deputy from a particular Province may be nominated only by another Deputy from the same Province, but the election of each member of the Committee shall be by the entire membership of the House of Deputies, with a majority of those voting necessary for election. Prior to the election, the Clerical and Lay Deputies from each Province shall hold a caucus, at which two Clerical Deputies and two Lay Deputies as nominees shall be selected by the caucus, and these shall be the only nominees upon which the House of Deputies shall vote in electing the members of the Joint Nominating Committee. The President of the House of Deputies, after consultation with representatives of youth, shall appoint two persons, age 16-21, as members of the Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop.

(b) At each General Convention the House of Bishops shall elect five Bishops as members of the Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop, guided by the skill sets needed for effective service on the Nominating Committee.

At each General Convention the House of Bishops shall elect one Bishop from each Province as a member of the Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop. A Bishop from a particular Province may be nominated only by another Bishop from the same Province, but the election of each member of the Committee shall be by the entire membership of the House of Bishops, with a majority of those voting necessary for election. Prior to the election, the Bishops from each Province shall hold a caucus, at which two Bishops as nominees shall be selected by the caucus, and these shall be the only nominees upon which the House of Bishops shall vote in electing the members of the Joint Nominating Committee.

(c) The Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies shall also jointly appoint three members to the Joint Nominating Committee to ensure the cultural and geographic diversity of the Church and the skill sets needed for effective service on the Nominating Committee.

(ε) (d) In the event vacancies shall occur in the Joint Nominating Committee after the election of its members due to death, disability, resignation, or other cause within one year of the next General Convention, the vacancies shall not be filled and the remaining members shall constitute the Joint Nominating Committee. In the event such vacancies shall occur more than one year prior to the next General Convention, the Presiding Officer of the House of Bishops shall appoint Bishops and the President of the House of Deputies shall appoint Clerical and Lay Deputies, in all cases from the same Provinces as those Bishops or Deputies whose positions are being filled. An elected or appointed member who shall not be a Deputy to the next General Convention shall continue as a member of the Joint Nominating Committee until the adjournment of such next General Convention. A member of the Committee who transfers from one Province to another or a Lay Deputy...
who is ordained Presbyter or Deacon, or a Presbyter or Deacon who is consecrated a Bishop, shall not thereby become ineligible to continue to serve on the Joint Nominating Committee through the next succeeding General Convention. A Lay member of the Committee who is ordained Presbyter or Deacon, or a Presbyter or Deacon who is consecrated a Bishop before the next General Convention, shall not thereby become ineligible to continue to serve on the Joint Nominating Committee through the next succeeding General Convention.

(d) The Joint Nominating Committee shall remain in office until the adjournment of the next General Convention, at which a new Joint Nominating Committee shall be elected. Members of the Committee are eligible for reelection.

(e) The Joint Nominating Committee shall develop and manage a process for soliciting and identifying qualified nominees for the office of Presiding Bishop and for providing the 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) establishing 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 each Bishop so nominated to be included in the information distributed about the nominees; (3) providing pastoral care for each nominee bishop and his or her family and diocese; and (4) determining and providing for transition assistance to the Presiding Bishop and the Presiding Bishop-elect must enable the work to be done efficiently and as cost-effectively as practicable. This process shall be designed to encourage diversity that reflects the breadth of The Episcopal Church. The process shall include (1) the Nominating Committee shall inform the wider church of the process and timeline; (2) the Nominating Committee shall prepare a profile for the election of the next Presiding Bishop, and the profile will be distributed widely to the Church; (3) 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; (4) establishing a timely process for any bishop or deputy to nominate any other member of the House of Bishops through a petition process, and for each Bishop so nominated to be vetted through the same process of background and reference checks as all nominees, and for each Bishop so nominated to be included in the information distributed about the nominees; and (5) providing pastoral care for each nominee bishop and his or her family and diocese.

(f) A Presiding Bishop Transition Committee shall be appointed by the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies. The members shall have the necessary skills and talents to determine the need for and provide for transition assistance to the Presiding Bishop and the Presiding Bishop-elect.

(g) A small Presiding Bishop Installation Committee shall be appointed by Executive Council with the necessary skills and talents to plan for and carry out a Celebration of New Ministry for the new Presiding Bishop.

(h) At the General Convention at which a Presiding Bishop is to be elected, the Joint Nominating Committee shall present to the House of Bishops and the House of Deputies in Joint Session the names of not fewer than three members of the House of Bishops, along with those nominated through the petition process, for the consideration of the two Houses in the choice of a Presiding Bishop, and there may be discussion of all nominees. At
the Joint Session to which the Joint Nominating Committee shall report, any Bishop or Deputy may nominate any other member of the House of Bishops for the consideration of the two Houses in the choice of a Presiding Bishop, and there may be discussion of all nominees. Commencing on the day following the Joint Session, election shall be by the House of Bishops from among such nominees. If the House of Bishops shall find itself unable to elect a Presiding Bishop from among such nominees, another Joint Session shall be held, at which additional nominations may be received, and on the following day, election shall be by the House of Bishops from among all of the nominees. After the election by the House of Bishops, report of the result thereof, including the number of votes cast for each nominee on each ballot, shall be made to the House of Deputies which shall vote to confirm or not to confirm such choice of Presiding Bishop.

The rest of the canon continues as numbered.

[Ed. Note: The italics on Sections g and h in resolution A173 were accidentally removed when resolution A173 was amended. They have been re-italicized here to show that they were intended as insertions into the canon per the ruling of the committee authorized to resolve issues with C&C resolutions. In addition the renumbering was incorrect in the resolution and was corrected in the final updated canon.]

Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music

The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #28 on Resolution D084 (Commemoration of Emily Malbone Morgan) and moved to take no further action.

Motion carried

The House took no further action

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #214)

The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #31 on Resolution A066 (Add Thurgood Marshall, Pauli Murray, and Florence Li Tim-Oi to Lesser Feasts and Fasts, 2018) and moved that the Committee take no action.

Motion carried

The House took no further action

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #216)

[Ed. Note: The action on resolution A066 was later erroneously revoked in the online system and the resolution was started over in the House of Deputies on July 13, 2018 (Day 9) where it was adopted. The House of Bishops then concurred on July 13, 2018 (Day 9). The Secretary of General Convention ruled that this is a completed, concurred resolution.]
The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #30 on Resolution A067 (Propose Additional Optional Fast Days for Lesser Feasts and Fasts) and moved to refer the resolution to an interim body.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A067)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to research the possibility of adding additional fast days to the resource Lesser Feasts and Fasts for optional use within the church, and to bring any recommendations to the 80th General Convention in 2021.

Motion carried
Resolution referred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #215)

Recess

Following announcements by the Secretary and the Rt. Rev. Stephen Lane, Bishop of Maine, and Chair of PB&F, the House of Bishops Committee on Dispatch of Business moved that the House stand in recess until 2:15 p.m. for the Joint Session and the House of Bishops will reconvene at 3:45 p.m.

Motion carried

The House recessed at 12:29 p.m.
Reconvene

The House of Bishops reconvened at 3:49 p.m. with the Presiding Bishop in the chair.

Consent Calendar

The Secretary announced the Consent Calendar for the 7th Legislative Day with Resolution D098 removed from the Consent Calendar.

[Ed. Note: Resolution D098 was in fact not removed from the consent calendar. It was processed as part of the Day 7 consent calendar.]

Consent Calendar

Environmental Stewardship and Care of Creation

The House of Bishops Committee on Environmental Stewardship and Care of Creation presented its Report #12 on Resolution A019 (Create a Task Force To Study and Report on the Intersection of Evangelism, Church Planting and Care of Creation) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A019)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention direct the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies to appoint a Task Force to study and report on the intersection of Evangelism, Church Planting, and Care of Creation; and be it further

Resolved, That the Task Force shall be made up of no fewer than six (6) and no more than twelve (12) individuals and shall include representation from mission enterprise zone developers, church planters, local evangelists and creation care advocates, Executive Council members, and members of the Presiding Bishop’s Staff; and be it further

Resolved, That the Task Force shall determine how many of the new ministries begun with funding from The Episcopal Church since two thousand (2000) integrate the care of Creation as a core component of ministry. The Task Force shall interview these ministry founders and core team, and shall make an assessment regarding the opportunities, challenges, and blessings of this intersection of ministry. In particular, the Task Force shall make an assessment as to whether and how these methods of ministry are effective in engaging younger generations, defined as individuals and households under forty (40) years of age; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention direct the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to allocate $100,000 for this work in the current triennium.

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention encourage the Episcopal Church Center Staff working in evangelism and church planting to collaborate with such task forces as may be appointed for creation care and evangelism direct the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House
of Deputies to appoint a Task Force to study and report on the intersection of Evangelism, Church Planting, and Care of Creation; and be it further

Resolved, That the Task Force shall be made up of no fewer than six (6) and no more than twelve (12) individuals and shall include representation from mission enterprise zone developers, church planters, local evangelists and creation care advocates, Executive Council members, and members of the Presiding Bishop’s Staff; and be it further

Resolved, That this group, the Task Force, comprised of Episcopal Church Center staff and relevant task force(s) shall determine how many of the new ministries begun with funding from The Episcopal Church since two thousand (2000) integrate the care of Creation as a core component of ministry. The Task Force shall interview these ministry founders and core team, and shall make an assessment regarding the opportunities, challenges, and blessings of this intersection of ministry. In particular, the Task Force group shall make an assessment as to whether and how these methods of ministry are effective in engaging younger generations, defined as individuals and households under forty (40) years of age; and be it further

Resolved, That Executive Council shall designate the lead author of a report on opportunities for promoting the Jesus Movement though the intersection of evangelism and creation care be delivered to the 80th General Convention.

Resolved, That the General Convention direct the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to allocate $100,000 for this work in the current triennium.

Motion carried

Resolution adopted with amendment

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #218)

Racial Justice and Reconciliation

The House of Bishops Committee on Racial Justice and Reconciliation presented its Report #3 on Resolution A228 (Beloved Community Summit: Igniting the Church to be Bold Agents for Racial Healing, Justice, and Reconciliation) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A228)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the General Convention shall promote the gathering of leaders, who are engaged in the work of racial reconciliation and racial justice throughout The Episcopal Church for the purposes of building capacity among leaders and igniting the church to live into the Jesus Way of Beloved Community; and be it further

Resolved, That the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, in collaboration with partner ministries, shall convene by December 31, 2019, a Beloved Community Summit: Igniting the Church to be Bold Agents for Racial Healing, Racial Justice, and Reconciliation. This gathering would accelerate the work of racial reconciliation by sharing stories, best practices, resources, and identifying needed action in each of the four areas of becoming Beloved Community, that will grow a network of healers, justice makers, and reconcilers; and be it further

Resolved, That the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society fund this work through the allocation of $50,000 for the implementation of this resolution, especially to ensure participation in the Summit by the widest representation of all God’s People.
Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring. That the General Convention shall promote the gathering of leaders, who are engaged in the work of racial reconciliation and racial justice throughout the Episcopal Church for the purposes of building capacity among leaders and igniting the church to live into the Jesus Way of Beloved Community; and be it further

Resolved, That the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, in collaboration with partner ministries, shall convene organize by December 31st, 2019, a Beloved Community Summit: Igniting the Church to be Bold Agents for Racial Healing, Racial Justice, and Reconciliation. This gathering would accelerate the work of racial reconciliation by sharing stories, best practices, resources, and identifying needed action in each of the four areas of becoming Beloved Community, that will grow a network of healers, justice makers, and reconcilers; and be it further

Resolved, That the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society fund this work through the allocation of $50,000 for the implementation of this resolution, especially to ensure participation in the Summit by the widest representation of all God’s People.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #219)

Environmental Stewardship and Care of Creation

The House of Bishops Committee on Environmental Stewardship and Care of Creation presented its Report #10 on Resolution B025 (Water as a Human Right) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:

(B025)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention of the Episcopal Church urges the Church to learn about the watersheds in which our congregations and institutions are located; and be it further

Resolved, That the Episcopal Church recognize the public trust that protects the waters and community uses in the watersheds of the communities and regions that make up the Church; and be it further

Resolved, That the Episcopal Church recognize water and sanitation as human rights and water as a commons; and be it further

Resolved, That the Episcopal Church phase out and eventually ban, by 2021 the sale or distribution of bottled water in Church-related facilities and at Church events; and be it further

Resolved, That the Episcopal Church promotes and advocates for publicly financed, owned, and operated safe water and wastewater infrastructure and services.

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention of the Episcopal Church urges the Church to learn about the watersheds and aquifers in the regions in which our congregations faith communities and institutions are located; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church recognize the public trust that protects the waters and community uses in the watersheds and aquifers of the communities and regions that make up the Church; and be it further
Resolved, That The Episcopal Church recognize water and sanitation as human rights and water as a commons (a publicly held natural system); and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church urge the phase out and eventually ban, by 2021 the sale or distribution of bottled water in Church-related facilities and at Church events except when local water supplies are deemed unsafe; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church promotes and advocates for publicly financed, owned, and operated safe water and wastewater infrastructure and services.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #221)

Social Justice and United States Policy

The House of Bishops Committee on Social Justice and United States Policy presented its Report #16 on Resolution C001 (Reduced Enforcement of Immigration) and moved to take no further action.

Motion carried
The House took no further action
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #222)

The House of Bishops Committee on Social Justice and United States Policy presented its Report #21 on Resolution C018 (Becoming a Sanctuary Church) and moved to take no further action.

Motion carried
The House took no further action
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #224)

The House of Bishops Committee on Social Justice and United States Policy presented its Report #14 on Resolution C032 (Against Human Trafficking) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:

(C032)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That consistent with Resolution 2009-A167 of the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church, which "calls for the protection of all victims of human trafficking," the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church support the Code of Conduct for the Protection of Children from Sexual Exploitation in Travel and Tourism ("The Code") adopted by ECPAT (End Child Prostitution and Trafficking); and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church encourage programs and ministries of The Episcopal Church to give preference to tourism companies and businesses, including but not limited to hotels, airlines, and travel agents, that have signed The Code when making arrangements for meetings and travel to meetings; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention of the Episcopal Church encourage programs and ministries of The Episcopal Church to make available opportunities for advocacy and education with tourism companies and businesses, including but not limited to hotels, airlines, and travel agents, that have not signed The Code when they are used for arrangement for meetings and travel to meetings; and be it further
Resolved, That the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church urge all dioceses, parishes within the dioceses, and members of The Episcopal Church to give preference to tourism companies and businesses, including but not limited to hotels, airlines, and travel agents, that have signed The Code when traveling and to engage in advocacy with tourism companies and businesses that have not; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church website make available current information on the status of companies that have signed The Code, which can be found at http://www.thecode.org/who-have-signed/members/.

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That consistent with Resolution 2009-A167 of the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church, which "calls for the protection of all victims of human trafficking," the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church supports the Code of Conduct for the Protection of Children from Sexual Exploitation in Travel and Tourism ("The Code") adopted by ECPAT (End Child Prostitution and Trafficking); and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church encourage programs and ministries of The Episcopal Church to give preference to tourism companies and businesses, including but not limited to hotels, airlines, and travel agents, that have signed The Code when making arrangements for meetings and travel to meetings; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church encourage programs and ministries of The Episcopal Church to make available opportunities for advocacy and education with tourism companies and businesses, including but not limited to hotels, airlines, and travel agents, that have not signed The Code when they are used for arrangement for meetings and travel to meetings; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church urge all dioceses, parishes within the dioceses, and members of The Episcopal Church to give preference to tourism companies and businesses, including but not limited to hotels, airlines, and travel agents, that have signed The Code when traveling and to engage in advocacy with tourism companies and businesses that have not; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church website make available current information on the status of companies that have signed The Code, which can be found at http://www.thecode.org/who-have-signed/members/.

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, that the 79th General Convention recommends that information describing human trafficking, and training for identification of possible cases of human trafficking be added to the Safe Church Policies of The Episcopal Church.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #226)

Environmental Stewardship and Care of Creation

The House of Bishops Committee on Environmental Stewardship and Care of Creation presented its Report #11 on Resolution Co63 (Advocate for Ocean Health) and moved adoption with amendment.
Original Text of Resolution:

(C063)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention affirm any and all work and projects being carried out across the Church to protect and restore the Earth’s oceans to ecological health and to advocate for ocean health through the adoption of appropriate public policies, including, without limitation, projects, programs, and public policies and advocacy designed: (1) to establish and protect areas of the oceans from human interference or to limit human interference through the establishment of marine sanctuaries, reserves, and similar protected areas; (2) to protect, preserve, and restore all species that live in ocean habitats; (3) to prevent and remediate ocean pollution from all sources and of all kinds, including plastics, petroleum products and wastes, fertilizers, and hazardous substances, hazardous wastes, solid wastes, and toxic materials as defined in environmental laws; (4) to mitigate ocean acidification and to assist with adaptation to ocean acidification; (5) to mitigate ocean warming and sea level rise and to assist with adaptation to ocean warming and sea level rise; (6) to prevent or limit adverse effects to species and ecosystems from offshore oil, gas, and mineral exploration, drilling, and extraction; (7) to support sustainable fisheries and to prevent illegal fishing, over-fishing, and by-catch; (8) to prevent migration of invasive species through ocean-going vessels and, where invasive species have taken hold, to restore native ecosystems to health; and (9) to minister to people and human populations adversely affected by declines and secondary impacts from declines in ocean health, especially those whose livelihoods are lost or put at risk and those who are forced to migrate due to sea level rise (“Ocean Health Work’’); and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention encourage the further development of programs and projects across the Church that support and advance Ocean Health Work; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention call on the Office of Governmental Relations to advocate for public policies that support and advance Ocean Health Work nationally and internationally; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention call on dioceses, congregations, and all the baptized to deepen our understanding of and commitment to Ocean Health Work as Christian communities through prayer and study and to then act to support and advance Ocean Health Work including, when appropriate, in partnership with ecumenical, interfaith, and non-governmental organizations; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention call on dioceses, congregations, and all the baptized to respond to the needs of refugees in our own communities who have had to leave their homes due to sea level rise, pollution of oceans and coastal areas, and other ocean health concerns; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention call on the dioceses of The Episcopal Church located in Pacific Ocean or on the Pacific Rim to partner with other Anglican provinces and dioceses in the Pacific to work together for oceanic health, and the safety and well-being of environmental refugees.

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention affirm any and all work and projects being carried out across the Church to protect and restore the Earth’s oceans Global Ocean to ecological health and to advocate for ocean health through the adoption of appropriate public policies, including, without limitation, projects, programs, and public policies and advocacy designed: (1) to establish and protect areas of the ocean from human interference or to limit human interference through the establishment of marine sanctuaries, reserves, and similar protected areas; (2) to protect, preserve, and restore all species that live in ocean habitats; (3) to prevent and remediate ocean pollution from all sources and of all kinds, including plastics, petroleum products and wastes, fertilizers, and hazardous substances, hazardous wastes, solid wastes, and toxic materials as defined in
environmental laws; (4) to mitigate ocean acidification and to assist with adaptation to ocean acidification; (5) to mitigate ocean warming and sea level rise and to assist with adaptation to ocean warming and sea level rise; (6) to prevent or limit adverse effects to species and ecosystems from offshore oil, gas, and mineral exploration, drilling, and extraction; (7) to support sustainable fisheries and to prevent illegal fishing, over-fishing, and by-catch; (8) to prevent migration of invasive species through ocean-going vessels and, where invasive species have taken hold, to restore native ecosystems to health; and (9) to minister to people and human populations adversely affected by declines and secondary impacts from declines in ocean health, especially those whose livelihoods are lost or put at risk and those who are forced to migrate due to sea level rise (“Ocean Health Work”); and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention encourage the further development of programs and projects across the Church that support and advance Ocean Health Work; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention call on authorize the Office of Governmental Relations to advocate for public policies that support and advance Ocean Health Work nationally and internationally; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention call on dioceses, congregations, and all the baptized to deepen our understanding of and commitment to Ocean Health Work as Christian communities through prayer and study and to then act to support and advance Ocean Health Work including, when appropriate, in partnership with ecumenical, interfaith, and non-governmental organizations; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention call on dioceses, congregations, and all the baptized to respond to the needs, safety and well-being of refugees the environmentally displaced in our own communities who have had to leave their homes due to sea level rise, pollution of Global Ocean and coastal areas, and other ocean health concerns; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention call on the dioceses of The Episcopal Church to partner with extra-provincial maritime diocese already impacted by climate change e.g. those located in the Pacific Ocean or on the Pacific Rim and the Caribbean together for oceanic health, and to partner with other Anglican provinces and dioceses in the Pacific to work together for oceanic health, and the safety and well-being of environmental refugees.; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention embody the teachings of Jesus to welcome the stranger and love your neighbor, and to particularly embody these teachings in the acceptance and welcome of those environmentally displaced from all over the world.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #228)

Social Justice and United States Policy

The House of Bishops Committee on Social Justice and United States Policy presented its Report #18 on Resolution D001 (Haitian Temporary Protective Status) and moved to take no further action.

Motion carried
The House took no further action
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #229)
The House of Bishops Committee on Social Justice and United States Policy presented its Report #17 on Resolution D015 (Support Keeping Families Together) and moved to take no further action.

**Motion carried**
**The House took no further action**  
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #230)

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**Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations**

The House of Bishops Committee on Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations presented its Report #12 on Resolution D085 (Communion Relationship with Church of Sweden) and moved adoption with amendment.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(D085)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention acknowledge and affirm the existing communion relationship between The Episcopal Church and the (Evangelical Lutheran) Church of Sweden, in furtherance of the 78th General Convention’s Resolution B004, which received and commended the “Report on the Grounds for Future Relations Between the Church of Sweden and The Episcopal Church,” and called on the Presiding Bishop to explore ways for the relationship with the Church of Sweden to be deepened, and which communion relationship was formally celebrated during a Eucharist service at Uppsala Cathedral, Sweden in November 2015, a service led by former Episcopal Church Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori, at the invitation of Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, and the Church of Sweden Archbishop Antje Jackelén; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention charge the Presiding Bishop to prepare, in concert with the Church of Sweden, a memorandum of understanding setting forth the terms and procedures of the communion between The Episcopal Church and the Church of Sweden.

**Committee Amendment:**

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention acknowledge and affirm the existing full communion relationship between The Episcopal Church and the (Evangelical Lutheran) Church of Sweden, in furtherance of the 78th General Convention’s Resolution B004, which received and commended the “Report on the Grounds for Future Relations Between the Church of Sweden and The Episcopal Church,” and called on the Presiding Bishop to explore ways for the relationship with the Church of Sweden to be deepened, and which full communion relationship was formally celebrated during a Eucharist service at Uppsala Cathedral, Sweden in November 2015, a service led by former Episcopal Church Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori, at the invitation of Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, and the Church of Sweden Archbishop Antje Jackelén; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention charge the Presiding Bishop to prepare, in concert with the Church of Sweden, a memorandum of understanding setting forth the terms and procedures of the full communion between The Episcopal Church and the Church of Sweden.

**Motion carried**
**Resolution adopted with amendment**  
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #231)
Committee on Safeguarding and Title IV
The House of Bishops Committee on Safeguarding and Title IV presented its Report #2 on HD Message #48 on Resolution A121 (Amend Canon IV.2 Remove Definition of Procedural Officer) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #223)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A121)
Resolved, That Canon IV.2 is hereby amended to strike the following language:

Procedural Officer shall mean a person learned in the law, experienced in litigation and having familiarity with the provisions and objectives of this Title. No Chancellor or Vice-Chancellor of a Diocese shall serve as Procedural Officer in the same Diocese. Every Diocese shall have a Procedural Officer, who shall be appointed for a term of not less than one year by the Bishop Diocesan in consultation with the president of the Disciplinary Board to aid in the prompt and proper disposition of procedural motions and challenges in Title IV proceedings.

The House of Bishops Committee on Safeguarding and Title IV presented its Report #3 on HD Message #44 on Resolution A134 (Amend Canon IV.12.3 - Conference Panel Process) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #225)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A134)
Resolved, That the 79th General Convention amend Canon IV.12.3 to read as follows:

Sec. 3. The Conference Panel shall issue a notice to the Respondent, the Respondent’s Advisor, the Respondent’s counsel, if any, the Complainant, the Complainant’s Advisor, the Complainant’s counsel, if any, 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, shall 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 conference at which the Respondent is to appear before the Conference Panel, which date shall be not less than twenty days after service of the notice upon the Respondent. The Conference Panel shall endeavor to set the conference at a date and location reasonably convenient for the persons entitled to attend.
The House of Bishops Committee on Safeguarding and Title IV presented its Report #4 on HD Message #92 on Resolution A184 (Amend Title III.8.5(h)) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #227)

Final Text of Resolution:

\[(A184)\]

Resolved, That Title III.8.5 (h) be amended as follows:

(\(h\)) Preparation for ordination shall include training regarding

1. prevention of sexual misconduct.
2. civil requirements for reporting and pastoral opportunities for responding to evidence of abuse.
3. the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church, particularly Title IV thereof, utilizing, but not limited to use of, the Title IV training website of The Episcopal Church.
4. the Church’s teaching on racism.

The House of Bishops Committee on Social Justice and United States Policy presented its Report #6 on HD Message #90 on Resolution A108 (Amend Canon III.6.5(g) Addressing Harassment and Sexual Misconduct) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #269)

Final Text of Resolution:

\[(A108)\]

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention amend Canon III.6.5(g) as follows:

(g) Preparation for ordination shall include training regarding

1. prevention of sexual misconduct against both children and adults.
2. civil requirements for reporting and pastoral opportunities for responding to evidence of abuse.
3. the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church, particularly Title IV thereof.
4. the Church’s teaching on racism.

And be it further

Resolved, That Canon III.8.5(h) shall be amended as follows:

(h) Preparation for ordination shall include training regarding

1. prevention of sexual misconduct against both children and adults.
2. civil requirements for reporting and pastoral opportunities for responding to evidence of abuse.
3. the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church, particularly Title IV thereof.
4. the Church’s teaching on racism.
The House of Bishops Committee on Safeguarding and Title IV presented its Report #8 on HD Message #49 on Resolution A109 (Create Task Force on Sexual Harassment) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #217)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A109)

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention of the Episcopal Church declares that sexual harassment of adults by clergy, church employees and church members are abuses of trust, a violation of the Baptismal Covenant, contrary to Christian Character, and are therefore wrong; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention of the Episcopal Church establish a Task Force on Sexual Harassment to be appointed by the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies to prepare a Model Policy for Sexual Harassment of Adults for Dioceses, including parishes, missions, schools, camps, conference centers and other diocesan institutions. It shall be the duty of the Task Force to study, educate, develop curriculum, and propose and promulgate model policy and standards of conduct on different forms of harassment, and to advise the Church as resource persons. The membership of the Task Force is to be representative as to gender, race and ethnic diversity and should include lawyers whose practice covers this area of law or who serve or have served as chancellors for a diocese or church, human resource professionals, educators for adults, and those experienced in the prevention of sexual harassment. Approximately one-third of the members of the Task Force shall be clergy. The Task Force will report to the 80th General Convention and include as part of its report a Model Policy for Sexual Harassment of Adults for Dioceses; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $50,000 for the work of the Task Force.

The House of Bishops Committee on Safeguarding and Title IV presented its Report #5 on HD Message #50 on Resolution A110 (Amendments to Title IV - Creating a Single Court of Review) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #232)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A110)

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention amend Canon IV as follows:

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 familiar with the provisions and objectives of this Title who is designated to support, assist, consult with, advise and, where expressly so authorized under this Title, speak for 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 president of the Disciplinary Board at any time after the matter has been referred out of the Reference Panel, and, when the prosecution of the case may impact the mission, life, or ministry of the Church, with the Bishop Diocesan.

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) any person or persons from whom the Intake Officer receives information concerning an alleged Offense and who, upon consent of that person(s), is designated a Complainant by the Intake Officer 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 or more 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 of the Conference Panel may serve as a member of the Hearing Panel in the same case. The president of the Disciplinary Board shall be ineligible to serve on the Conference Panel. If the Conference Panel consists of more than one member, it shall include both clergy and lay members.

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 or more members of the Disciplinary Board and shall include both clergy and lay members 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 of the Hearing Panel may serve as a member of the Conference Panel in the same case. The president of the Disciplinary Board shall be ineligible to serve on the Hearing Panel.

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. The Investigator acts under the direction of the Reference Panel until a referral is made pursuant to Canon IV.11.3; after such referral, the Investigator shall be overseen by and report to the Church Attorney.

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.

Procedural Officer shall mean a person learned in the law, experienced in litigation and having familiarity with the provisions and objectives of this Title. No Chancellor or Vice-Chancellor of a Diocese shall serve as Procedural Officer in the same Diocese. Every Diocese shall have a Procedural Officer, who shall be appointed for a term of not less than one year by the Bishop Diocesan in consultation with the president of the Disciplinary Board to aid in the prompt and proper disposition of procedural motions and challenges in Title IV proceedings.

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 by the Bishop Diocesan to provide information or to make a statement; (e) who agreed with the Bishop Diocesan regarding terms of discipline pursuant to Canon IV.9; or (f) any Member of the Clergy who requests a review pursuant to Canon IV.19.31.

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.
And be it further

Resolved, That Canon IV.5.4 be amended as follows:

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, two Priests, six Members of the Clergy, or one Priest and one Deacon which and will include not fewer than two Priests and not fewer than two Deacons; and two six lay persons; and (ii) one Bishop, one Priest or Deacon, and one lay person to serve as alternates as hereinafter provided. Each No more than two Priests or Deacons, whether a member or alternate, shall be canonically resident in a the same Diocese of the Province different from any other Priest or Deacon, and each lay person, whether a member or alternate, shall reside in a different Diocese of the Province different from any other lay person. The Priests, Deacons and lay persons shall be or have been members of the Disciplinary Boards of their respective Dioceses.

(b) The Bishops on the Court of Review shall be elected by the House of Bishops. One of the Bishops on the Court of Review shall be chosen from Provinces I, II or III; one of the Bishops shall be chosen from Provinces IV, V or VI; and one of the Bishops shall be chosen from Provinces VII, VIII or IX. The clergy and lay members and alternates of the Provincial Court of Review shall be elected by the House of Deputies for a three-year term, such that one-third of clergy members and one-third of lay members shall come from Province I, II, or III; one-third shall come from Province IV, V, or VI; and one-third shall come from Province VII, VIII, IX. appointed annually by the president of the Province. The Provincial Court of Review shall select a president from among its members. The President shall be a Priest, Deacon or lay person.

(c) The persons appointed to the Provincial Court of Review shall continue to serve until their respective successors have been elected appointed, except in case of death, resignation or declination to serve. Members of the Court of Review who are currently appointed to a panel shall continue to serve on that panel until its work has been completed.

(d) Whenever a matter is referred to the Court of Review, the President shall appoint a panel for that case consisting of one Bishop, two Members of the Clergy and two lay persons. 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 an 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 Court of Review 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.

And be it further

Resolved, That Canon IV.15 be amended as follows:

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. Upon receipt of the request, the President of the Court of Review shall appoint a panel consisting of one bishop, one priest or deacon and one lay person from among the members of the Court of Review. The appointments shall be made within fifteen days of receipt of the request. No person appointed shall be from the Diocese in which the Hearing Panel is sitting. 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 appointed panel of the Provincial Court of Review shall convene, either personally, by video conference 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 therefor. 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 noncommission of that Offenses were not committed. 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, it shall follow the procedure outlined elsewhere in this Canon. 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.

And be it further

Resolved, That Canon IV.17.2(f) be amended as follows:

(f) Provincial Court of Review shall mean the Court of Review for Bishops as provided in Canon IV.17.8.

And be it further

Resolved, That Canon IV.18 be amended as follows:

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 the 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 the any Provincial Court of Review, as the case may be, as to why the proposed modification or remission should or should not be permitted.

And be it further

Resolved, That Canon IV.19.5(c) be amended as follows:
(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 Bishop 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 Bishop 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 (14) 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 (30) days of service of the request.

5. It is a goal of these processes to not delay unduly the progress of any proceeding under this Title. Therefore, the parties shall not use the full extent of these deadlines for the purpose of prolonging the proceedings.

And be it further

Resolved, That Canon IV.19.23 be amended as follows:

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.

And be it further

Resolved, That Canon IV.19.30(a)(1) be amended as follows:
Sec. 30(a) Records of proceedings shall be preserved as follows:

(1) Each Hearing Panel and the 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.

The House of Bishops Committee on Safeguarding and Title IV presented its Report #9 on HD Message #36 on Resolution A115 (Adopt and Implement Charter for Safety) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #220)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A115)

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention join the 2012 Anglican Consultative Council in adopting the following "Charter for Safety of People Within the Churches of the Anglican Communion" noting that it summarizes The Episcopal Church's policy regarding maintaining the safety of all who come to or work for our churches:

1. Pastoral support where there is abuse — We will provide pastoral support for the abused, their families, and affected parishes and church organizations by listening with patience and compassion to their experiences and concerns; offering spiritual assistance and other forms of pastoral care.

2. Effective responses to abuse — We will have and implement policies and procedures to respond properly to allegations of abuse against clergy and other church personnel that include: making known within churches the procedure for making complaints; arranging pastoral care for any person making a complaint of abuse; the impartial determination of allegations of abuse against clergy and other church personnel, and assessment of their suitability for future ministry; providing support for affected parishes and church organizations.

3. Practice of pastoral ministry — We will adopt and promote, through education and training, standards for the practice of pastoral ministry by clergy and other church personnel.

4. Suitability for ministry — We will have and implement policies and procedures to assess the suitability of persons for ordination as clergy or appointment to positions of responsibility in the church, including checking their background.

5. Culture of safety — We will promote a culture of safety in parishes and church organizations by education and training to help clergy, other church personnel, and participants prevent the occurrence of abuse.
The House of Bishops Committee on Safeguarding and Title IV presented its Report #7 on HD Message #47 on Resolution A117 (Amend Canon IV.6.9) and moved concurrence with referral to an interim body.

Motion carried
The House concurred
Resolution referred

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #270)

The House of Bishops Committee on Safeguarding and Title IV presented its Report #12 on HD message #89 on Resolution A125 (Amend Canon IV.2 and IV.13 pertaining to Declining to Advance Proceedings) and moved concurrence with referral to an Interim Body.

Motion carried
The House concurred
Resolution Referred

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #271)

The House of Bishops Committee on Safeguarding and Title IV presented its Report #10 on Resolution A127 (Amend Canon IV.17.3 - Membership on Disciplinary Board for Bishops) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #235)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A127)

Resolved, That Canon IV.17.3 be amended as follows:

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 at a regularly scheduled session of General Convention, 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 elected or 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. A vacancy among the member Bishops shall be appointed by the Presiding Bishop with the advice and consent of the Bishop members of Executive Council. A vacancy among the lay or Priest or Deacon members shall be filled by the President of the House of Deputies with the advice and consent of the lay, Priest and Deacon members of Executive Council. Unless elected or appointed to fill the remainder of an unexpired term, each member shall serve from the first day of January following the adjournment of the General Convention at which the member was elected, until the last day of December of the sixth calendar year following election and until the member's successor is elected and qualifies; however,
there shall be no change in the composition of any Hearing Panel while a matter is pending unresolved before the Hearing Panel.

The House of Bishops Committee on Safeguarding and Title IV presented its Report #11 on HD message #91 on Resolution A181 (Liability Insurance for Clergy) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #239)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A181)
Resolved, That the 79th General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons to examine the potential difficulties concerning clergy being able to obtain adequate representation during a Title IV procedure and directs the Commission to bring to the 80th General Convention specific recommendations which address the means by which clergy will be as adequately represented as are the dioceses bringing forth Title IV actions.

The House of Bishops Committee on Safeguarding and Title IV presented its Report #13 on HD message #45 on Resolution A131 (Amend Canon IV.14.5 - Clarity About Accords) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #242)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A131)
Resolved, That Canon IV.14.5 be amended as follows:

Sec. 5. The Bishop Diocesan shall have twenty days from the date on which the Accord is entered in which to advise in writing the Respondent, the Respondent’s Advisor, the Respondent’s counsel, if any, 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. If a Sentence of Admonition, Suspension or Deposition is imposed, the Bishop Diocesan shall pronounce Sentence not sooner than twenty days following the date on which the Accord is entered and not later than forty 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. In the case of an Accord under Canon IV.9, the Bishop Diocesan shall pronounce Sentence not sooner than the day after the date the Accord becomes effective and irrevocable.
Ministry

The House of Bishops Committee on Ministry presented its Report #20 on Resolution D092 (Amend Canon III.1.2 - Non-Discrimination in Access to Discernment Process) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:

(D092)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That Canon III.1.2 be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2. 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, immigration status, 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.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #233)

The House of Bishops Committee on Ministry presented its Report #23 on Resolution A143 (Study Career Development of Female and Minority Clergy) and moved adoption of a substitute.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A143)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the issue of how dioceses and the Church can better invest in the career development of women and racial/ethnic minority clergy be assigned to an appropriate interim body for study and consideration, with an analysis and recommendations to be reported back to the 80th General Convention.

Committee Substitute:

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, that the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church acknowledges that there has not been adequate investment in the career development of women, transgender, non-binary, and racial/ethnic minority clergy at multiple levels; and be it further

Resolved, that an appropriate interim body be assigned the task to study these concerns and make a report, including analysis and recommendation for improvements, to the 80th General Convention.

Motion carried
Substitute resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #234)

Environmental Stewardship and Care of Creation

The House of Bishops Committee on Environmental Stewardship and Care of Creation presented its Report #13 on Resolution B027 (Gender Inclusivity in Climate Change Action) and moved adoption with amendment.
Original Text of Resolution:

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church call on our Office of Government Relations to support international and domestic efforts to encourage and advocate for gender inclusive approaches within climate change disaster response and management, recognizing that climate change profoundly and differently impacts people according to their gender; and be it further

Resolved, That this convention urge congregations and dioceses of The Episcopal Church to act in their own contexts in recognition that women are at the front line of climate impact and need to be involved in decisions affecting their lives, and those of their families and communities in response to disasters and humanitarian emergencies; and be it further

Resolved, That institutions and providers in The Episcopal Church whose ministries are associated with disasters, climate refugees, maternal health, poverty alleviation, and addressing inequalities be urged to lift up and advocate for women's leadership on climate justice, support gender inclusive approaches to climate resilience and make themselves available as resources to congregations and dioceses for this work; and be it further

Resolved, That the Episcopal Church 1) commit to the development and circulation of educational materials to be used in both diocesan and congregational formation and 2) develop policies that substantively move diocesan and congregational policies to conform our corporate life to the Sustainable Development Goals.

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church call on our Office of Government Relations to support international and domestic efforts to encourage and advocate for gender inclusive approaches within climate change disaster response and management, recognizing that climate change profoundly and differently impacts people according to their gender; and be it further

Resolved, That this Convention urge congregations and dioceses of The Episcopal Church to act in their own contexts in recognition that women are at the front line of climate impact and need to be involved in decisions affecting their lives, and those of their families and communities in response to disasters and humanitarian emergencies; and be it further

Resolved, ,That institutions and providers in The Episcopal Church, such as Episcopal Relief and Development, whose ministries are associated with disasters, climate refugees, maternal health, poverty alleviation, and addressing inequalities be urged to continue to lift up and advocate for women's leadership on climate justice, support gender inclusive approaches to climate resilience and make themselves available as resources to congregations and dioceses for this work; and be it further

Resolved, That the Episcopal Church 1) commit to the development, revision of previous materials, development and circulation of educational materials resources to be used in both diocesan and congregational formation and 2) develop policies that substantively move diocesan and congregational policies encourage faith communities and dioceses to recommit to allocating 0.7% of their operating budgets in support of to conform our corporate life to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #236)
Ministry

The House of Bishops Committee on Ministry presented its Report #21 on Resolution D049 (Churchwide Fund for Clergy Education) and moved the resolution, recommending rejection.

Original Text of Resolution:

(D049)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That this church establish The Priest Development Plan of this church for all domestic dioceses, parishes, missions and other ecclesiastical organizations or bodies subject to the authority of this church, for the support of postulants and candidates to the priesthood who are studying in theological seminaries officially affiliated with The Episcopal Church, in accordance with the following principles:

1. The Priest Development Plan shall be designed and administered by the Trustees and officers of the Church Pension Fund, following best industry practices;
2. The Priest Development Plan shall provide benefits to financially support postulants and candidates to the priesthood;
3. The Priest Development Plan shall provide benefits through the Episcopal Church Education Trust, which shall be established through the authorization of this resolution, and shall be the sole sponsor for such benefits and continue to be operated on a financially sound basis;
4. The Priest Development 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 Priest Development Plan;
5. For the 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;
6. 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 priest education under the Priest Development Plan; and
7. The implementation of the Priest Development Plan shall be completed as soon as practicable, but in no event later than by the end of 2021

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, and denominational health plan of the Church, substantially in accordance with the principles adopted by the General Convention of 2009 in Resolution 2009-A177, with the view to providing pensions, health care and related benefits for the eligible Clergy and eligible lay employees of this Church, as well as their eligible beneficiaries and dependents. The Church Pension Fund is also authorized to establish and administer the Priest Development Plan of the Church, substantially in accordance with the principles adopted by the General Convention of 2018 in Resolution [this resolution number], with the view to providing support to postulants and candidates to the priesthood who are studying in theological seminaries officially affiliated with The Episcopal Church.
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 lay employee pension system and denominational health plan, 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, 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. For the purpose of administering the postulant and candidate support system, The Church Pension Fund shall be entitled 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 support 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.

Motion defeated
Resolution rejected
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #237)

The House of Bishops Committee on Ministry presented its Report #27 on Resolution C014 (Suicide Prevention Advocacy and Clergy Training) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(C014)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention recognize that clergy are often on the frontlines of suicide prevention; and be it further
Resolved, That the institutions and diocesan programs that educate Priest and Deacon candidates be requested to offer four (4) hours of suicide prevention education, using evidence-based trainings, for its students, and that dioceses offer similar suicide prevention training for their clergy; 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 $7,500 for the implementation of this resolution; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention urge local congregations to call on state and federal leaders to develop and implement strategies to increase access to quality mental health, substance abuse, and suicide prevention services.
Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention recognize that clergy and adults who work with youth are often on the frontlines of suicide prevention; and be it further

Resolved, That the institutions and diocesan programs that educate Priest and Deacons candidates be encouraged requested to offer four (4) hours of suicide prevention education, using evidence-based trainings, for its students, and that dioceses offer similar suicide prevention training for their clergy and adults who work with youth; and be it further

Resolved, That the Executive Council Joint Standing Committee on Local Ministry and Mission administer this program, or refer it to the appropriate body for administration; 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 $7,500 for the implementation of this resolution; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention urge local congregations to call on state and federal leaders to develop and implement strategies to increase access to quality mental health, substance abuse, and suicide prevention services.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #238)

The House of Bishops Committee on Ministry presented its Report #24 on Resolution C019 (Church-Wide Paid Family Leave Policy) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:

(C019)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention call upon the Presiding Bishop and President of the House of Deputies to appoint a task force consisting of lay and ordained members to research and create a proposal for a church-wide paid family leave policy for consideration at the 80th 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 $30,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention call upon the Presiding Bishop and President of the House of Deputies to appoint a task force consisting of lay and ordained members to three (3) bishops, three (3) presbyters or deacons, and six (6) lay persons, who represent the diversity of the Church and having among them applicable human resources policy administration, childbirth, adoption, and care of ill family member experience, either personal or professional, to research and create, in consultation with the Church Pension Group, a proposal for a church-wide paid family leave policy for consideration at the 80th 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 $30,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #240)
The House of Bishops Committee on Ministry presented its Report #26 on Resolution D005 (Gather Racial/Ethnic Statistics About Episcopal Elections and Clergy Compensation) and moved adoption of a substitute.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(D005)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church directs the Office of Pastoral Development to maintain statistics of the Racial and Ethnic makeup of men and women in elections to the episcopate and to report them annually to the Church; and be it further Resolved, That the General Convention directs the Office for Transition Ministry, in consultation with the Church Pension Fund, diocese and other appropriate agencies gather data annually about 1) clergy compensation by race and ethnicity, and 2) numbers of all male and female clergy by race and ethnicity, and to broadly disseminate the report by electronic and other means on an annual basis.

**Committee Substitute:**

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church directs the Office of Pastoral Development to maintain statistics of the Racial and Ethnic makeup of men and women in elections to the episcopate and to report them annually to the Church; and be it further Resolved, That the General Convention calls upon the Recorder of Ordinations to gather data about clergy by race and ethnicity in order to show trends in ordination, deployment, and compensation by race and ethnicity, and to report broadly by electronic and other means.

Motion carried
Substitute resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #241)

The House of Bishops Committee on Ministry presented its Report #25 on Resolution D025 (Amend Canons III.6.5(g), III.7.5, III.8.5(b), III.9.1, III.10.1(c), III.12.1, III.12.2) and moved adoption of a substitute.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(D025)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the Canon III.6.5(g) be amended to read as follows:

(g) Preparation for ordination shall include training regarding

1. prevention of sexual misconduct.
2. civil requirements for reporting and pastoral opportunities for responding to evidence of abuse.
3. the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church, particularly Title IV thereof.
4. the Church’s teaching on racism.
5. research-based understandings of gender identity and expression and human sexuality.

And be it further

Resolved, That Canon III.7.5 be amended to read as follows:
Sec. 5. The Bishop and Commission shall require and provide for the continuing education of Deacons and keep a record of such education. Such continuing education shall include the theological foundations for the Church's teaching on non-discrimination as found in Canons I.17.5 and III.1.2 at least once every five years.

and be it further

Resolved, That Canon III.8.5(h) be amended to read as follows:

(h) Preparation for ordination shall include training regarding

(1) prevention of sexual misconduct.
(2) civil requirements for reporting and pastoral opportunities for responding to evidence of abuse.
(3) the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church, particularly Title IV thereof.
(4) the Church’s teaching on racism.
(5) research-based understandings of gender identity and expression and human sexuality.

And be it further,

Resolved, That Canon III.9.1 be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 1. The Bishop and Commission shall require and provide for the continuing education of Priests and keep a record of such education. Such continuing education shall include the theological foundations for the Church's teaching on non-discrimination as found in Canons I.17.5 and III.1.2 at least once every five years.

And be it further

Resolved, That Canon III.10.1(c) be amended to read as follows:

(c) evidence of training regarding

(1) prevention of sexual misconduct.
(2) civil requirements for reporting and pastoral opportunities for responding to evidence of abuse.
(3) the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church, particularly Title IV thereof.
(4) training regarding the Church's teaching on racism.
(5) research-based understandings of gender identity and expression and human sexuality.

And be it further

Resolved, That Canon III.12.1 be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 1. Formation
Following election and continuing for three years following ordination, new Bishops shall pursue the process of formation authorized by the House of Bishops. This process of formation shall provide a mentor for each newly ordained Bishop. The process of formation shall include training regarding:

1. prevention of sexual misconduct.
2. civil requirements for reporting and pastoral opportunities for responding to evidence of abuse.
3. the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church, particularly Title IV thereof.
4. the Church’s teaching on racism.
5. research-based understandings of gender identity and expression and human sexuality.
6. the theological foundations for the Church’s teaching on non-discrimination as found in Canons I.17.5 and III.1.2.

And be it further
Resolved, That Canon III.12.2 be amended to read as follows:

**Sec. 2. Continuing Education**

The House of Bishops shall require and provide for the continuing education of Bishops and shall keep a record of such education. Such education shall include:

1. prevention of sexual misconduct.
2. civil requirements for reporting and pastoral opportunities for responding to evidence of abuse.
3. the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church, particularly Title IV thereof.
4. the Church’s teaching on racism.
5. research-based understandings of gender identity and expression and human sexuality.
6. the theological foundations for the Church’s teaching on non-discrimination as found in Canons I.17.5 and III.1.2.

**Committee Substitute:**

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention direct the President of the House of Deputies and the Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church to appoint a Task Force on Clergy Formation and Continuing Education, including members experienced in theological formation and education, and consisting of a minimum of two (2) bishops, three (3) presbyters or deacons, to include both orders, and five (5) lay persons, who represent the diversity of the Church; and be it further

Resolved, That the Task Force be directed to study the required subjects for the preparation for ordination, including those listed in Canons III.6.5(g) and III.8.5(h); and the continuing education of members of the clergy, including Canons III.7.5 and III.9.1; and to study Resolution D025 as originally presented to the 79th General Convention; and to report to the 80th General Convention any proposals...
for alterations to or consolidation of canons concerning preparation for ordination and continuing education; 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 implementation of this resolution.

Motion carried
Substitute resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #243)

Environmental Stewardship and Care of Creation
The House of Bishops Committee on Environmental Stewardship and Care of Creation presented its Report #14 on Resolution A213 (Promoting Energy and Water Efficiency Across The Church) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A213)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention direct the Executive Council to create a mechanism to acquire data on energy and water sources, usage and efficiency from all church properties; and be it further
Resolved, That such data be used to create educational resources that will assist faith communities and other Episcopal institutions to reduce their environmental impact; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention request that the Joint Standing Committee on Program Budget and Finance allocate $30,000 for acquisition and dissemination of this information.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #244)

Social Justice and United States Policy
The House of Bishops Committee on Social Justice and United States Policy presented its Report #24 on Resolution B029 (Reaffirmation of Jubilee Ministries) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:
(B029)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention reaffirm the Jubilee Ministry Program established by the 67th General Convention as a ministry of joint discipleship in Christ with poor and oppressed people, whenever they are found, to meet basic human needs and to build a just society as an incarnational expression of the core mission of the church; and be it further
Resolved, That training be provided to center staff and Diocesan Jubilee Officers (DJOs) in the biblical roots of the Jubilee movement and how to connect with the Jesus Movement work of racial reconciliation and economic and environmental justice work; and be if further
Resolved, That the Executive Council recognize the Jubilee Ministries as the most effective “outreach arm” of the Church and continue designations of Jubilee Centers in a timely and scheduled manner; and be it further
Resolved, That Jubilee Centers enhance the work by engaging the Asset Map, Asset-Based Community Development (ABCD), the Jesus Movement and offering their ministries as models for others; and be it further,

Resolved, That Program, Budget and Finance be directed to allocate $60,000 to support staffing, and nurturing and expanding the network of DJOs and the network of Jubilee Centers.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #245)

Environmental Stewardship and Care of Creation

The House of Bishops Committee on Environmental Stewardship and Care of Creation presented its Report #15 on Resolution C049 (Support Producers of Locally Grown Food) and moved adoption of a substitute.

Original Text of Resolution:
(C049)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That this 79th General Convention of the Episcopal Church urges the staff of the mission priority, Stewardship of Creation, to include programs and grants which will encourage Episcopal institutions and individual Episcopalians to serve and promote locally grown food.

Committee Substitute:

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church request the staff of faith communities, dioceses, camp and conference centers and other Episcopal institutions to consider allocating a defined percentage of their total annual food expenditure to food locally grown or freshly processed, using resources such as or similar to the Diocese of Delaware’s 2017 convention resolution, Support Producers of Locally Grown Food; and be it further

Resolved, That this 79th General Convention urge Episcopal Church institutions, schools and faith communities, as they provide, prepare and serve meals and distribute food at events and ministries, to make every effort to use locally grown and processed foods.

Motion carried
Substitute resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #246)

The House of Bishops Committee on Environmental Stewardship and Care of Creation presented its Report #17 on Resolution C064 (Support of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Opposing Enbridge Line #3) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(C064)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention reaffirm the 76th General Convention’s Repudiation of the Doctrine of Discovery; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention continue to support and encourage the Presiding Bishop and Staff, the Executive Council and its Committees and each of the Dioceses of the Episcopal Church to continue that repudiation with actions, statements, prayers and witness that are consistent with the
recognition of Tribal/First Nation Sovereignty in their stewardship of water, land and mineral resources found within their various historic and treaty territories; and be it further

Resolved, That this General Convention add its voice to echo the concerns of Faron Jackson, Sr., Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Chairman, who expressed his opposition to the placement of crude oil pipeline known as Enbridge Line #3 because of its threat to land, water and minerals, “The Lake Reservation will always be our home. Unlike a house, however, we can never rebuild or move if a disaster were to happen.”; and be it further

Resolved, That the Episcopal Church provide its historic moral standing among the indigenous peoples of Minnesota to stand with our congregations St. John’s in Onigum and St. Peter’s in Cass Lake, the Episcopal Church in Minnesota, our ecumenical partners and tribal governments to oppose the threat of pollution to sacred lands and the manoomin (wild rice) that has been given to these people to sustain them and provide a sovereign food source that nourishes body and soul; and be it further

Resolved, That the Episcopal Church encourage the State of Minnesota to refrain from responding to those exercising their First Amendment Right of Free Speech by using a militarized police presence, refrain from escalating and inciting violence, and develop and maintain a continued open dialogue with Tribal Authorities, Church Leaders and leaders of any Camps established along the proposed route of Line #3; and be it further

Resolved, That the Episcopal Church learn from its engagement as allies of the Standing Rock Nation, the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, and other times of solidarity with indigenous people by collecting and examining our history, theology, tradition, liturgy, and financial commitments. This examination will be conducted by the Advocacy and Networking Committee of the Executive Council, the Presiding Bishop’s Staff of Ethnic Ministries, the Office of Government Relations and those diocesan bodies and congregations that are relevant to the work. This reflection is to strengthen the good that has been done and reform our beliefs and actions as needed.

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention reaffirm the 76th General Convention’s work of previous General Conventions regarding the Repudiation of the Doctrine of Discovery, such as 2009-D035 and 2012-A128; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention continue to support and encourage the Presiding Bishop and Staff, the Executive Council and its Committees and each of the Dioceses of The Episcopal Church to continue that repudiation with actions, statements, prayers and witness that are consistent with the recognition of Tribal/First Nation Sovereignty in their stewardship of water, land and mineral resources found within their various historic and treaty territories; and be it further

Resolved, That this General Convention add its voice to echo the concerns of Faron Jackson, Sr., Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Chairman, who expressed his opposition to the any placement of crude oil pipeline known as Enbridge Line #3, which in the judgement of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe threatens the because of its threat to land, water and minerals: “The Lake Reservation will always be our home. Unlike a house, however, we can never rebuild or move if a disaster were to happen.”; and be it further

Resolved, That the Episcopal Church provide its historic moral standing among the indigenous peoples of Minnesota to stand with our congregations St. John’s in Onigum and St. Peter’s in Cass Lake, the Episcopal Church in Minnesota, our ecumenical partners and tribal governments to oppose the threat of pollution to sacred lands and the manoomin (wild rice) that has been given to these people to sustain them and provide a sovereign food source that nourishes body and soul; and be it further

Resolved, That the Episcopal Church encourage the State of Minnesota to refrain from responding to those exercising their First Amendment Right of Free Speech by using a militarized police presence, refrain from escalating and inciting violence, and develop and maintain a continued open dialogue with
Tribal Authorities, Church Leaders and leaders of any Camps established along the proposed route of Line #3 and to protect the First Amendment Rights to petition for redress of grievances, to assemble peaceably, to speak freely, and to freely exercise religious rights; and be it further

Resolved, That the Episcopal Church learn from its engagement as allies of the Standing Rock Nation, the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, the Gwich’in People of Alaska, the Inupiaq Community of Kivalina and other times of solidarity with indigenous people by collecting and examining our history, theology, tradition, liturgy, and financial commitments. This examination will be conducted by the Advocacy and Networking committee of the Executive Council, the Presiding Bishop’s Staff of Ethnic Ministries, the Office of Government Relations and those diocesan bodies and congregations faith communities that are relevant to the work. This reflection is to strengthen the good that has been done and reform to bring our beliefs and actions as needed into closer alignment with the values of the Jesus Movement.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #247)

Social Justice and United States Policy

The House of Bishops Committee on Social Justice and United States Policy presented its Report #23 on Resolution D006 (Just Transition: Automation and New Technology) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:

(D006)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church recognize the profound economic opportunities and threats that new technologies pose for people and societies around the world, and urge a balanced policy approach to adoption and regulation of new technologies in order to encourage investment in opportunities and growth while also preparing and investing in people so that society as a whole, including workers and local communities, are ready for the economic transition; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church support public investment in education and skills necessary to help individuals, families, and communities transition to new industries as some sectors experience contraction while opportunities that require specialized skills grow in other fields; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church support a transition to a clean-energy economy that meets goals for climate change mitigation and also includes support for good jobs (i.e., jobs with living wages and benefits that can support a family) in new clean-energy industries as well as strong implementation of new technologies to meet new energy standards, recognizing that carbon-based jobs have often been union jobs; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church support the principle and goal of public funding for universal access to community college programs that are preparing students with skills to meet the workforce needs of the present and future, understanding that cities, states, and federal government may experiment with different and/or incremental models to reach universal access, as has been true for expanding universal access to kindergarten and high school over the years; and that the Church also support adoption of apprenticeship programs, or similar models, that are well articulated with community college programs, labor unions and other worker organizations, and employer workforce development programs, to provide sustainable wages and educational experience on the job so that
aspiring workers do not have to choose between a low-skill, low-pay job or education and debt; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church support public policies such as community benefit agreements and local-hire agreements in public works projects and publicly supported industrial development in order to encourage democratic and local control over development and pathways to jobs for underserved local residents; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church support the rights of workers everywhere to organize, whether in traditional labor unions or new forms of worker organization, in order to have a voice in their workplaces and in sectoral policy development and national industrial policies as technological change continues to create deep and fast changes within the labor market both within the United States and globally.

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church urge our members, Office of Government Relations and other agencies, congregations, and dioceses to address the needs and opportunities of local and global economic transition, as such change affects the capacity and dignity of human beings and the welfare of God’s children. As participants in local and global economies, as citizens, and as advocates, The Episcopal Church urges faithfulness to these principles: recognize the profound economic opportunities and threats that new technologies pose for people and societies around the world, and urge a balanced policy approach to adoption and regulation of new technologies in order to encourage investment in opportunities and growth while also preparing and investing in people so that society as a whole, including workers and local communities, are ready for the economic transition; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church support

- Public investment in education and skills necessary to help individuals, families, and communities transition to new industries as some sectors experience contraction while opportunities that require specialized skills grow in other fields; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church support a

- Transition to a clean-energy economy that meets goals for climate change mitigation and also includes support for good jobs (i.e., jobs with living wages and benefits that can support a family) in new clean-energy industries as well as strong implementation of new technologies to meet new energy standards, recognizing that carbon-based jobs have often been union jobs; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church support the principle and goal of public funding for

- Universal access to community college programs that are preparing students with skills to meet the workforce needs of the present and future, understanding that cities, states, and federal government may experiment with different and/or incremental models to reach universal access, as well as has been true for expanding universal access to kindergarten and high school over the years; and that the Church also support adoption of apprenticeship programs, or similar models, that are well articulated with community college programs, labor unions and other worker organizations, and employer workforce development programs, to provide sustainable wages and educational experience on the job so that aspiring workers do not have to choose between a low-skill, low-pay job or education and debt; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church support

- Public policies such as community benefit agreements and local-hire agreements in public works projects and publicly supported industrial development in order to encourage democratic and local
control over development and pathways to jobs for underserved local residents; and be it further
Resolved, That The Episcopal Church support

- The rights of workers everywhere to organize, whether in traditional labor unions or new forms of worker organization, in order to have a voice in their workplaces and in sectoral policy development and national industrial policies as technological change continues to create deep and fast changes within the labor market both within the United States and globally.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #248)

Ministry
The House of Bishops Committee on Ministry presented its Report #29 on Resolution B006 (Amend Canon I.17) and moved adoption of a substitute.

Original Text of Resolution:
(B006)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That Canon 1.17: Of Regulations Respecting the Laity is hereby amended to include the following addition:

Sec. 9. Any Lay Person accepting employment within the Church in any capacity is entitled to a letter of agreement describing the duties and responsibilities of the position, including details of salary and any benefits. The letter will include provisions for an annual performance evaluation, procedures for the reconciliation of disagreements, and contain a clearly articulated dissolution clause. Employees are to be circumspect in their conduct avoiding any moral or pastoral conduct of a nature to bring material discredit upon the Church.

Committee Substitute:
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That every diocese and ministry organization, in recognition of the guidelines included in The Manual of Business Methods in Church Affairs, be requested to include a letter of agreement as part of a transparent hiring process for any church employee. Such letter of agreement may describe the duties and responsibilities of the position, including details about salary and benefits. The letter may also include provisions for an annual performance evaluation, procedures for the reconciliation of disagreements, and articulate policies concerning dissolution.

Motion carried
Substitute resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #249)

Environmental Stewardship and Care of Creation
The House of Bishops Committee on Environmental Stewardship and Care of Creation presented its Report #16 on Resolution D081 (Helping Communities Affected by Change in Energy Use) and moved adoption with amendment.
Original Text of Resolution:

(D081)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church recognize that society's dependence on coal and other fossil fuels has created communities across the supply chain that are not just economically, but culturally and socially identified with the industry; and that the long-term unsustainability of those fuels and inevitable transition to other sources of energy places the livelihood and culture of these communities at risk; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church call on its members at all levels to develop programs that address the negative impacts on these communities of the economic and energy transition away from fossil fuels; and that it specifically direct the Office of Reconciliation, Justice, and Creation Care to devote financial and program resources to community development and community organizing efforts intended to ease this transition and strengthen communities in Appalachia and other fossil fuel dependent areas; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church direct the Office of Government Relations and the Episcopal Public Policy Network to advocate for policy initiatives intended to ease this transition for communities in Appalachia and other fossil fuel dependent areas by increasing the availability and quality of jobs; access to vocational training, community college and other educational opportunities; availability of childcare and early childhood education; access to adequate and stable housing; and other relevant community services, including support for the Appalachian Regional Commission and other agencies that invest in community development in these regions. ; and be it further

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

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church recognize that society's dependence on coal and other fossil fuels has created communities across the supply chain that are not just economically, but also culturally and socially identified with the industry; and that the long-term unsustainability of those fuels and inevitable transition to other sources of energy places the livelihood and culture of these communities at risk; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church call on its members at all levels to develop programs that address the negative impacts on these communities of the economic and energy transition away from fossil fuels; and that it specifically urge direct the staff responsible for Office of Reconciliation, Justice, and Creation Care to devote financial and program resources to community development and community organizing efforts intended to ease this transition and strengthen communities in Appalachia and other fossil fuel dependent areas; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church direct authorize the Office of Government Relations and the Episcopal Public Policy Network to advocate for policy initiatives intended to ease this transition for communities in Appalachia and other fossil fuel dependent areas by increasing the availability and quality of jobs; access to vocational training, community college and other educational opportunities; availability of childcare and early childhood education; access to adequate and stable housing; and other relevant community services, including support for the Appalachian Regional Commission and other agencies such as the Appalachian Regional Commission and others that invest in community development in these regions. ; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention requests the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance consider a budget allocation of $300,000 for the implementation of this Resolution.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #250)

Constitution and Canons

The House of Bishops Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #29 on Resolution A284 (Amend Canon I.17.5 and Canon III.1.2) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A284)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That Canon I.17.5 be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 5. No one shall be denied rights, status or access to an equal place in the life, worship, and governance, or employment of this Church because of race, color, ethnic origin, national origin, marital or family status (including pregnancy or child care plans), sex, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, disabilities or age, except as otherwise specified by Canons.

And be it further
Resolved, That Canon III.1.2 be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2. No person shall be denied access to the discernment process or to any process for the employment, licensing, calling, or deployment for any ministry, lay or ordained, in this Church because of race, color, ethnic origin, national origin, sex, marital or family status (including pregnancy and child care plans), sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, disabilities or age, except as otherwise provided by these Canons. No right to employment, licensing, ordination, call, deployment, or election is hereby established.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #251)

Social Justice and United States Policy

The House of Bishops Committee on Social Justice and United States Policy presented its Report #29 on Resolution A286 (Keeping Faith With U.S. Military Recruits) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A286)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That The Episcopal Church express its condemnation of the U.S. Department of Defense’s sudden policy shift to discharge legal immigrants from their voluntary service in The United States Armed Forces, and be it further
Resolved, That the Office of Government Relations of The Episcopal Church advocate on behalf of the 10,000 legal immigrants currently serving in the U.S. armed forces with the promise of a pathway to
citizenship as well as advocate for soldiers with legal residency recently discharged with no stated reason other than being a non-U.S. citizen, and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church take every opportunity to give prayerful thanks for U.S. military service members born in other countries who have dedicated their lives to defending the values of the freedom and justice for all people, a tradition dating back to the immigrants to North America who fought, sacrificed and gave their lives for the founding of The United States of America.

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That The Episcopal Church express its condemnation of the U.S. Department of Defense's sudden policy shift to discharge legal non-citizen immigrants from their voluntary service in the United States Armed Forces, and be it further

Resolved, That the Office of Government Relations urge the US Government to honor its commitments to immigrants currently serving in the US armed forces who are promised a pathway to citizenship of The Episcopal Church advocate on behalf of the 10,000 legal immigrants currently serving in the U.S. armed forces with the promise of a pathway to citizenship as well as advocate for soldiers with legal residency recently discharged with no stated reason other than being a non-U.S. citizen; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church take every opportunity to give prayerful thanks for U.S. military service members born in other countries who have dedicated their lives to defending the values of the freedom and justice for all people, a tradition dating back to the immigrants to North America who fought, sacrificed and gave their lives for the founding of The United States of America.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #252)

The House of Bishops Committee on Social Justice and United States Policy presented its Report #25 on Resolution C037 (Call to Respond to Opioid Epidemic) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:

(C037)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention call all dioceses and parishes in The Episcopal Church to respond to the opioid epidemic with training, pastoral care, advocacy, and liturgy; and be it further

Resolved, That dioceses and parishes be encouraged to: partner with First Responders and others in the medical community to host trainings on how to administer Narcan in the event of an overdose; partner with other faith communities and recovery programs in their local contexts to offer pastoral care to those affected by this epidemic; partner with other faith leaders to advocate with local and state government regarding policies and laws to promote healing and wholeness for those affected by this epidemic; and to lift up the needs of those affected by the epidemic in the Prayers of the People; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention direct the Office of Government Relations of The Episcopal Church to advocate for the federal government of the United States to address this as public health crisis, affirming that opioid addiction is a disease, which needs adequate resources for treatment options; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to develop additional liturgical resources to address the needs and concerns of those whose lives have been profoundly affected by this epidemic.
Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention call all dioceses and parishes in The Episcopal Church to respond to the opioid epidemic with training, pastoral care, advocacy, and liturgy; and be it further

Resolved, That dioceses and parishes be encouraged urged to: partner with First Responders and others in the medical community to host trainings on how to administer Narcanaloxone in the event of an overdose; partner with other faith communities and recovery programs in their local contexts to offer pastoral care to those affected by this epidemic; partner with other faith leaders to advocate with local and state government regarding policies and laws to promote healing and wholeness for those affected by this epidemic; and to lift up the needs of those affected by the epidemic in the Prayers of the People; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention direct the Office of Government Relations of The Episcopal Church to advocate for the federal government of the United States to address this as public health crisis, affirming that opioid addiction use disorder is a disease, which needs adequate resources for treatment options; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to develop additional liturgical resources to address the needs and concerns of those whose lives have been profoundly affected by this epidemic.

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention concurrently acknowledge the purpose and value of prescription opioid medications in appropriately treating chronic, intractable, pain; or acute pain resulting from curable, short-term medical conditions; and affirm the work of the medical community to create established medical guidelines supporting people living with pain; and call all dioceses and parishes in The Episcopal Church to partner with the medical community and health nonprofit organizations to understand the realities, risks, and barriers to access to care and effective treatments and cures for people living with chronic conditions and otherwise untreated or undertreated pain; and be it further

Resolved, that the Church recognize that issues of substance use disorders, access to diagnosis and effective treatment, and lack of appropriate treatment for untreated or undertreated pain affect all communities, but especially those marginalized in poverty, racial, gender, and ethnic discrimination, persons with disabilities, and other minority communities; and be it further

Resolved, that congregations be urged to include in the Prayers of the People intercessions for patients, families, and communities affected by substance use disorders and also by untreated and undertreated pain and chronic diseases.

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention to authorize the Presiding Officers to create a task force to assist in the curation and creation of resources for education, prevention, pastoral care, recovery, advocacy, and partnering with community organizations to be use by dioceses and parishes for the purpose of responding to the opioid epidemic and substance use disorders; 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.

Resolved, That the membership of this task force will be appointed by the Presiding Officers and consist of no fewer than 8 nor more than 14 members; and that the task force be made up of bishops, priests, deacons, and laity; and be it further

Resolved, That the task force will complete this work within two years.

Motion carried Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #253)
The House of Bishops Committee on Social Justice and United States Policy presented its Report #31 on Resolution D013 (Eliminate the Provision for Legal Slavery in the U.S. Constitution) and moved adoption with amendment.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(D013)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That this 79th General Convention affirm the dignity of every human being created in the image of God and is therefore against all human slavery at any time, in any form, under any circumstance; and be it further

Resolved, That this 79th General Convention urge the Presiding Bishop and President of the House of Deputies to appoint a task force of twelve people, consisting of theologians, constitutional law experts, litigators, legislative procedure experts, leaders and representatives from civil rights organizations, returning citizens, and criminal justice scholars knowledgeable of the history, content and lingering effects of Transatlantic slavery; and be it further

Resolved, That the task force develop strategies to remove the loophole language of Amendment XIII to the U.S. Constitution authorizing legal slavery past 1865; that reads, “Neither slavery nor indentured servitude, except as a punishment for crime whereof the party shall have been duly convicted, shall exist within the United States, or any place subject to their jurisdiction...”; and be it further

Resolved, That the task force work with the Episcopal Church Office of Government Relations to collaborate with the Episcopal ecumenical/interfaith partners to support efforts in offering new constitutional language ending slavery ‘without exception‘; 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 Deputies concurring, That this 79th General Convention affirm the dignity of every human being created in the image of God and is therefore against all human slavery at any time, in any form, under any circumstance; and be it further

Resolved, That this 79th General Convention urge the Presiding Bishop and President of the House of Deputies to appoint a task force for the next Triennium of twelve people, consisting of theologians, constitutional law experts, litigators, legislative procedure experts, leaders and representatives from civil rights organizations, returning citizens, and criminal justice scholars knowledgeable of the history, content and lingering effects of Transatlantic slavery; and be it further

Resolved, That the task force develop strategies to remove the loophole language of Amendment XIII to the U.S. Constitution authorizing legal slavery past 1865; that reads, “Neither slavery nor indentured servitude, except as a punishment for crime whereof the party shall have been duly convicted, shall exist within the United States, or any place subject to their jurisdiction...”; and be it further

Resolved, That the task force work with the Episcopal Church Office of Government Relations to collaborate with the Episcopal ecumenical/interfaith partners to support efforts in offering new constitutional language ending slavery ‘without exception‘; 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 Deputies in HB Message #254)
Environmental Stewardship and Care of Creation

The House of Bishops Committee on Environmental Stewardship and Care of Creation presented its Report #18 on Resolution D053 (Stewardship of Creation with Church-Owned Land) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:

(D053)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention recommends that all dioceses, parishes and missions create partnerships enabling the use of church-owned land for regenerative agriculture and biodiversity conservation projects in order to mitigate climate change; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention requests that the Church Pension Group make available to the Advisory Council on the Stewardship of Creation and to each Diocese an inventory of all church-owned properties insured by the Church Insurance Company that contain unimproved land of one half acre or more which may be suitable for such projects; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention requests that each Diocese consider the potential for utilization of church-owned land for new ministries integrating the stewardship of Creation, particularly in situations where properties are no longer regularly utilized by a parish congregation; and be it further

Resolved, That the Advisory Council for the Stewardship of Creation is directed to develop model processes by which dioceses and parishes may collaborate with partner agencies to sequester carbon through regenerative agriculture and to conserve species through habitat restoration and development.

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention recommends that all dioceses, parishes and missions, faith communities and institutions create partnerships enabling the use of church-owned land for regenerative agriculture and biodiversity conservation projects in order to sequester carbon and to mitigate climate change; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention requests that direct the Executive Council to appoint a body to gather information from the Church Pension Group, dioceses and other sources make available to the Advisory Council on the Stewardship of Creation and to each Diocese in order to create an inventory of all church-owned properties insured by the Church Insurance Company that contain unimproved land of one half acre or more which may be suitable for such projects; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention requests that each Diocese consider the potential for utilization of church-owned property land for new ministries integrating the stewardship care of Creation, particularly in situations where properties are no longer regularly utilized by a parish congregation; and be it further

Resolved, That the Advisory Council for the Stewardship of Creation is directed to body appointed by Executive Council develop model processes by which dioceses, faith communities and institutions and parishes may collaborate with partner agencies to care for creation and sequester carbon through regenerative agriculture, biodiversity conservation, green burial, and habitat restoration to sequester carbon through regenerative agriculture and to conserve species through habitat restoration and development; and be it further

Resolved, That the appointed body report back to the 80th General Convention.

Motion carried

Resolution adopted with amendment

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #255)
Social Justice and United States Policy

The House of Bishops Committee on Social Justice and United States Policy presented its Report #27 on Resolution D077 (Reduce Death Penalty Sentence) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:

(D077)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church reaffirms the longstanding principle espoused by The Episcopal Church that the Death Penalty in the United States of America should be repealed; and be it further

Resolved, That all persons who have been sentenced to Death in the United States of America have their Death Sentences reduced to a lesser Sentence or, if innocent, granted exoneration; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of this 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church transmit, forward or send this Resolution to the Governors in all States where the Death Penalty is legal and to the President of the United States of America, encouraging them to reduce the Death Sentence to a lesser Sentence for all persons who are on Death Row in each of their jurisdictions and to submit and support legislation to repeal and abolish the Death Penalty; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of this 79th Convention of The Episcopal Church transmit, forward or send this Resolution to all Bishops in States and Federal Jurisdictions where the Death Penalty is legal, encouraging them to appoint task forces of clergy and lay persons within each of their jurisdictions to develop a plan to repeal the Death Penalty, to be witnesses in the name of Jesus Christ, and to request that these Bishops report on their actions to the Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church annually prior to the 80th General Convention, on or before June 30, 2019, June 30, 2020, and June 30, 2021, all of which reports shall be available to lay communicants and clergy of The Episcopal Church.

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church reaffirms the longstanding principle espoused by The Episcopal Church that the Death Penalty in the United States of America should be repealed; and be it further

Resolved, That all persons who have been sentenced to Death in the United States of America have their Death Sentences reduced to a lesser Sentence or, if innocent, granted exoneration; and be it further

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Resolved, That the Secretary of this 79th Convention of The Episcopal Church transmit, forward or send this Resolution to all Bishops in States and Federal Jurisdictions where the Death Penalty is legal, encouraging them to appoint task forces of clergy and lay persons within each of their jurisdictions to develop a plan to repeal the Death Penalty, to be witnesses in the name of Jesus Christ, and to request that these Bishops report on their actions to the Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church annually prior to the 80th General Convention, on or before June 30, 2019, June 30, 2020, and June 30, 2021, all of
which reports shall be available to lay communicants and clergy of The Episcopal Church; and be it further

Resolved, That The 79th General Convention urge Dioceses, congregations, and Episcopalians to advocate for passage of legislation in state legislatures that would abolish the Death Penalty and commend those Governors who have suspended the Death Penalty in their states.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #256)

Constitution and Canons

The House of Bishops Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #27 on Resolution Do80 (Recommendation for Ecumenical Agreements) and moved to take no further action.

Motion carried
The House took no further action
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #257)

Social Justice and United States Policy

The House of Bishops Committee on Social Justice and United States Policy presented its Report #26 on Resolution Do89 (Supporting Non-Discrimination and Civil Rights) and moved adoption.

Original Text of Resolution:

(Do89)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention decries the use of expressions of explicit racial malice and racially coded language with discriminatory intent on the part of political leaders; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention express its dismay at the statements expressing animosity and fear toward Muslims that have pervaded political discourse in the United States in recent years; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention recognize legitimate national security concerns, but reject national security as a pretext for discrimination and transgressing civil rights; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention express regret at historical and current U.S. Supreme Court decisions that uphold governmental discriminatory policies and practices including Korematsu v. United States and Trump v. Hawaii; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention direct The Episcopal Church’s Office of Government Relations to urge the U.S. government to enact and implement legislation, policies, and initiatives that are not discriminatory in intent or in practice, and that remedies be sought to address the wrongs committed through discrimination, government policies, and political rhetoric that cause injury to communities that have been discriminated against.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #258)
House of Bishops Committee on Social Justice and United States Policy presented its Report #28 on Resolution D090 (Engaging the Church in Advocacy for Disability Rights) and moved adoption with amendment.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(D090)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That The Episcopal Church reaffirm its commitment to preserve and advance the civil and human rights of all Deaf people and people with disabilities; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention recognize that despite significant progress in this regard over the past several decades, many Deaf persons and people with disabilities still face significant barriers to full integration in community and society, including but not limited to lack of communication access, unnecessary institutionalization, lack of access to appropriate services and supports, barriers to education and gainful, meaningful employment; and widespread discrimination in everyday life; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention direct the Office of Government Relations and Episcopal Public Policy Network to partner with Deaf- and disability-led organizations to support national and international legislation and advocacy consistent with the Church’s commitment, and engage Episcopalians in supporting those efforts.

**Committee Amendment:**

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That The Episcopal Church reaffirm its commitment to preserve and advance the civil and human rights of all Deaf people and people with disabilities; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention recognize that despite significant progress in this regard over the past several decades, many Deaf persons and people with disabilities still face significant barriers to full integration in community and society, including but not limited to lack of communication access, unnecessary institutionalization, lack of access to health care, lack of access to appropriate services and supports, barriers to education and gainful, meaningful employment; and widespread discrimination in everyday life; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention direct the Office of Government Relations and Episcopal Public Policy Network to partner with Deaf- and disability-led organizations to support national and international legislation and advocacy consistent with the Church’s commitment, and engage Episcopalians in supporting those efforts.

*Motion carried*

*Resolution adopted with amendment*

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #259)

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**World Mission**

The House of Bishops Committee on World Mission presented its Report #12 on Resolution D098 (Increase Focus and Engagement in Latin America and the Caribbean) and moved adoption with amendment.
Original Text of Resolution:

(D098)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church rejoice in the shared ministry and fellowship of the dioceses in Latin America and the Caribbean as well as our sister churches throughout Latin America and the Caribbean; and be it further

Resolved, That concerned that the Church’s international policy and social justice work shows disproportionate focus on the Holy Land and larger Middle East region, the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church instruct the Executive Council and through the Council other such commissions, offices, and agencies of The Episcopal Church, particularly those that represent the church at the United Nations, to seek ways to build on the Church’s official status at the United Nations to engage the Organization of American States, a regional sub-group of the United Nations and one of the oldest extant multi-lateral organizations, and its specialized organs such as the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights and Pan American Health Organization and to find opportunities for partnership to advance mutual goals and mission; and be it further

Resolved, That a report on such engagement be included in the appropriate report(s) regarding The Episcopal Church’s activities at the United Nations; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention commend the work and generosity of all Episcopalians and Episcopal organizations supporting, ministering with, and empowering our brothers and sisters in Christ in Latin American and the Caribbean.

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church rejoice in the shared ministry and fellowship of our the dioceses of The Episcopal Church and our Anglican Communion partners in Latin America and the Caribbean as well as our sister churches throughout Latin America and the Caribbean; and be it further

Resolved, That concerned that the Church’s international policy and social justice work shows disproportionate focus on the Holy Land and larger Middle East region, the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church instruct direct the Office of Government Relations and the Office of Global Partnerships to employ the Church’s relationships with the United States government and the Executive Council and through the Council other such commissions, offices, and agencies of The Episcopal Church, particularly those that represent the church at the United Nations, to seek ways to build on the Church’s official status at the United Nations to engage with member states, regional groups of states, and international organizations such as the Organization of American States, a regional sub-group of the United Nations and one of the oldest extant multi-lateral organizations, and its specialized organs such as the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights and Pan American Health Organization and to find opportunities for partnership to advance mutual goals and mission; and be it further

Resolved, That a report on such engagement be included in the appropriate report(s) regarding The Episcopal Church’s activities at the United Nations; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention commend the work and generosity of all Episcopalians and Episcopal organizations supporting, ministering with, and empowering our brothers and sisters family in Christ in Latin American and the Caribbean.

Motion carried

Resolution adopted with amendment

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #260)
Racial Justice and Reconciliation

The House of Bishops Committee on Racial Justice and Reconciliation presented its Report #5 on Resolution A015 (Anti-Racism/Diversity/Bias Awareness Training for Interim Bodies) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A015)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention affirm that the “mission of the Church is to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ” (BCP 855, Catechism). And that the work of The Jesus Movement is articulated in the pursuit of the reconciliation of humanity in the pursuit of Racial Reconciliation; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention acknowledge the work of the Church happening in Interim Bodies is done by groups of Episcopal neighbors, initially strangers to one another, under time and budget constraints and that, as Interim Bodies work, opportunities abound for conscious and unconscious bias to manifest itself and can take the form of oppression and aggression counter to the work of the Body and the Gospel; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention require the constituted Interim Bodies of the 2019-2021 triennium to undergo Anti-Racism/Diversity/Bias Awareness Training at their initial meetings and that the cost of such trainings be folded into the budget for each Interim Body.

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention affirm that the “mission of the Church is to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ” (BCP 855, Catechism). And that the work of The Jesus Movement is articulated in the pursuit of the reconciliation of humanity in the pursuit of Racial Reconciliation; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention acknowledge the work of the Church happening in Interim Bodies is done by groups of Episcopal neighbors, initially strangers to one another, under time and budget constraints and that, as Interim Bodies work, opportunities abound for conscious and unconscious bias to manifest itself and can take the form of oppression and aggression counter to the work of the Body and the Gospel; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention require the constituted Interim Bodies of the 2019-2021 triennium to undergo include an Anti-Racism/Diversity/Bias Awareness Training component at their initial meetings and that the cost of such trainings be folded into the budget for each Interim Body.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #261)

The House of Bishops Committee on Racial Justice and Reconciliation presented its Report #8 on Resolution A042 (Proposed Name Change for EC Committee on Anti-Racism) and moved to refer the resolution to the Executive Council Committee on Anti-Racism.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A042)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the Presiding Officers have boldly pushed the Church toward The Jesus Movement as a moment of reconciliation to God; and be it further
Resolved, That name of the Executive Council Committee on Anti-Racism” be changed to the “Executive Council Committee on Anti-Racism & Reconciliation”

Motion carried
Resolution referred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #262)

The House of Bishops Committee on Racial Justice and Reconciliation presented its Report #6 on Resolution A229 (Condemnation of Racial Discrimination and Encouragement to Confront Racism) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:

(A229) Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That while we recognize the many dedicated police officers who put their lives on the line to serve and protect, we also acknowledge the numerous inexcusable deaths of unarmed men and youth of color at the hands of law enforcement personnel such as those seen in Rapid City, South Dakota; Falcon Heights, Minnesota; North Charleston, South Carolina; Ferguson, Missouri; and Baltimore, Maryland, are having a detrimental effect on our communities; and be it further

Resolved, That we acknowledge the blackballing of clergy who speak up on matters of race as a roadblock to the Church being a leader in racial healing, justice and reconciliation carrying forward the Jesus Movement; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church hereby does condemn the improper actions of authorities against people of color or any actions that make clergy and laity feel they should not speak out or take nonviolent action to eliminate the sin of racism.

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That while we recognize the work of the many dedicated police officers who put their lives on the line to serve and protect, we also acknowledge the numerous inexcusable deaths and intimidation of unarmed men and youth of color at the hands of law enforcement personnel such as those seen in communities all over the United States, including but not limited to Standing Rock; New York City; Rapid City, South Dakota; Falcon Heights, Minnesota; North Charleston, South Carolina; Ferguson, Missouri; and Baltimore, Maryland, are having a detrimental effect on our communities; and be it further

Resolved, That we acknowledge the blackballing of clergy who speak up on matters of race as a roadblock to the Church being a leader in racial healing, justice and reconciliation carrying forward the Jesus Movement; these and events like them are an unconscionable affront to the Gospel commandment to uphold the dignity of every human being and require a prophetic response by clergy and laity. We therefore deplore any and all efforts that have occurred and may occur to silence these voices; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church hereby does condemn the improper actions of authorities against people of color or any actions that make clergy and laity feel they should not speak out or take nonviolent action to eliminate the sin of racism.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #263)
The House of Bishops Committee on Racial Justice and Reconciliation presented its Report #4 on Resolution B004 (Eliminate Usage of Term Anti-Racism) and moved adoption of a substitute.

Original Text of Resolution:

(B004)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That this 79th General Convention request that all task forces, commissions, committees, parishes, centers and individuals in The Episcopal Church involved in the work of dismantling racism and seeking to foster racial healing and reconciliation refrain from the use of the term anti-racism to designate or describe any portion of that work; and be it further

Resolved, That the terms to be utilized to describe such work shall be Racial Healing, Justice and Reconciliation.

Committee Substitute:

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That this 79th General Convention affirms that we condemn racism in all its forms, institutional, systemic, and personal, and we encourage all task forces, commissions, committees, parishes, centers and individuals in The Episcopal Church involved in the work of dismantling racism and seeking to foster racial healing, justice, and reconciliation to expand the language used to designate or describe that work; and be it further

Resolved, That there continues to be important work needed to confront institutional and systemic racism in many settings and communities before there can be further work in healing, justice and reconciliation, and be it further

Resolved, That there is also important work being done to begin such healing, justice, and reconciliation, and be it further

Resolved, That we recognize and affirm that the language around such work is critical to our ability to communicate our purposes with others engaging in this work within the Church and across other organizations, therefore be it further

Resolved, That the terms to be utilized to describe such work should include Dismantling Racism and Racial Healing, Justice and Reconciliation.

Motion carried
Substitute resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #264)

End of Consent Calendar

Consent Calendar

The House of Bishops Committee on Dispatch of Business moved adoption of the Consent Calendar for the 7th Legislative Day.

Motion carried

Consent Calendar

The Secretary announced the Consent Calendar for the 8th 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 #203: E020 (Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop (Lay Province I) ) Elected
HD Message #204: X022 (Special Order of Debate for the General Convention Budget) Adopted with Amendment
HD Message #205: A217 (Consultation of Common Revised Common Lectionary Daily Readings) Concurred
HD Message #206: A238 (Admit Episcopal Diocese of Cuba as a Diocese of The Episcopal Church) Concurred
HD Message #207: D010 (Create Position of Indigenous Theological Education Coordinator) Concurred
HD Message #208: A022 (Create a Formation Networking Team) Adopted with Substitute
HD Message #209: B024 (Police Killings and Mental Illness) Adopted with Amendment
HD Message #210: D009 (Christian Principles for Responding to Human Migration) Adopted with Amendment
HD Message #211: D096 (Support for Good Governance) Adopted with Amendment
HD Message #212: A035 (Commend "The Church Towards A Common Vision") Concurred
HD Message #213: A111 (Amend Article V of the Constitution (Second Reading)) Adopted
HD Message #214: A037 (Encourage Interreligious Engagement) Concurred
HD Message #215: A057 (Strengthen Staff Resources for Networking) Concurred
HD Message #216: A061 (Create a Task Force on Theology of Money) Adopted with Amendment
HD Message #217: A078 (Amend Canon I.9.2-13) Referred to an Interim Body
HD Message #218: B002 (Anti-Corruption) Concurred
HD Message #219: B005 (Gun Violence as a Public Health Issue) Concurred
HD Message #220: B028 (Continue Commitment to Growing Financial Generosity Within the Church) Adopted with Amendment
HD Message #221: C012 (Add Origen of Alexandria to the Church Calendar) Concurred with Referral to an Interim Body
HD Message #222: C022 (Supporting Transgender Access) Concurred
HD Message #223: C059 (Dialogue between The Episcopal Church and the Lutheran Church in Bavaria) Concurred
HD Message #224: C060 (Breaking the Episcopal Stained Glass Ceiling) Concurred
HD Message #225: D017 (Reducing Sexual Harassment, Assault and Exploitation in the Workplace) Concurred
HD Message #226: D029 (Condemning Prolonged Solitary Confinement as a Form of Torture) Concurred
HD Message #227: D087 (Parents Nursing or Bottle-Feeding Children) Adopted with Amendment
HD Message #228: D042 (Amend Canon I.4.1) Referred to an Interim Body
HD Message #229: D068 (Criteria and Procedures for Deciding to Engage with or Establish a No Buy List of Companies) Adopted with Amendment
HD Message #230: A200 (Congratulations to The Widows Corporations) Adopted
HD Message #231: C011 (The Widows Corporation Anniversary) Took No Further Action
HD Message #232: C010 (Anniversary of The Corporation for the Relief of Widows and Children of Clergy) Took No Further Action
HD Message #233: C016 (The Widows Corporation Anniversary) Took No Further Action
HD Message #234: A199 (Give Thanks to the Staff, Legislative Leadership, and Ministers of Hospitality and Organization) Adopted
HD Message #235: C008 (Advocacy for Creation Care) Concurred
HD Message #236: C020 (Carbon Tax) Concurred
HD Message #237: D021 (Revise OTM Information) Concurred
HD Message #238: A018 (Episcopalians Participating in Paris Climate Agreement) Concurred
HD Message #239: A036 (Affirm Ongoing Work and Dialogue with Ecumenical Partners) Concurred
HD Message #240: A120 (Amend IV.19.30 to Create Discipline Database, Amend III.12.7(c) and IV.13.11) Adopted with Amendment
HD Message #241: A175 (Amend Article II.7 - Second Reading) Concurred
HD Message #242: A162 (Amend Canons III.11.9(c)(1) and III.9(c)(4)) Adopted with Amendment
HD Message #243: D047 (Compassionate Care of Victims of Sexual Abuse by Clergy) Adopted with Amendment
HD Message #244: D011 (Doctrine of Discovery Training) Concurred
HD Message #245: D095 (HBCU Direct Giving Pilot Program) Rejected
HD Message #246: A227 (Communion Across Difference) Adopted with Amendment
HD Message #247: C021 (Climate Change and additional support for EC Committee on Corporate Social Responsibility) Adopted with Amendment
HD Message #248: A020 (Fossil Fuel Divestment) Adopted with Amendment
HD Message #249: B031 (Commend Global Episcopal Mission Network) Concurred
HD Message #250: C042 (Climate Change: Corporate Governance) Took No Further Action
HD Message #251: D023 (Amend Canons III.6.5(g)(4), III.8.5(h)(4), and III.10.1.(c)(4) and Establish Task Force) Adopted with Amendment
HD Message #252: D074 (Amend Canon IV.6.4) Adopted
HD Message #253: A119 (Amend Canon IV.15) Adopted with Amendment
HD Message #254: D079 (Clarify Orders and Sentences in Title III, Title IV, and Title V) Referred to an Interim Body
HD Message #255: A102 (Create a Task Force on Budget Process) Adopted with Substitute
HD Message #256: A179 (Amend Canon I.1.2(o) - Creating Task Forces) Adopted with Amendment
HD Message #257: D093 (Representative Planning Teams) Adopted with Amendment
HD Message #258: D067 (Bias-Free and Expansive Language for God and Humanity) Adopted with Amendment
HD Message #259: D094 (Fellowship for Non-domestic Diocese) Referred to an Interim Body
HD Message #260: A132 (Amend Canon IV.14 Notice of Accords) Referred to an Interim Body

The House of Bishops Committee to Receive the Report of Resolution A169
The House of Bishops Committee to Receive the Report of Resolution A169 presented its Report #3 on HD message #111 on Resolution B012 (Marriage Rites for the Whole Church) and moved adoption with amendment.

Text as amended on the floor of House of Deputies
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention authorize for continued trial use, in accordance with Article X of the Constitution and Canon II.3.6, “The Witnessing and Blessing of a Marriage” and “The Celebration and Blessing of a Marriage 2” (as appended to the report of the Task Force for the Study of Marriage to the 79th General Convention from “Liturgical Resources I: I Will Bless You and You Will Be a Blessing, Revised and Expanded 2015”), and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention authorize for trial use, in accordance with Article X of the Constitution and Canon II.3.6, “The Blessing of a Civil Marriage 2” and “An Order for Marriage 2” (as appended to the report of the Task Force for the Study of Marriage to the 79th General Convention), beginning the first Sunday of Advent 2018, and be it further

Resolved, That the period of trial use for these liturgies shall extend until the completion of the next comprehensive revision of the Book of Common Prayer without limit of time; and be it further

Resolved, That the SCLM monitor the use of these rites as part of their work of revising the Book of Common Prayer; and be it further
Resolved, That the material prepared by the TFSM with regard to paragraph one of “Concerning the Service” of Marriage, the proper prefaces for Marriage and the Catechism be referred to the SCLM for serious consideration as they engage in the process of revision of the Book of Common Prayer; and be it further

Resolved, That “The Blessing of a Civil Marriage 2” and “An Order for Marriage 2” be published in a revised and expanded 2018 version of “Liturgical Resources 1: I Will Bless You and You Will Be a Blessing,” and all of this material be authorized for publication as part of Liturgical Resources 2 (as appended to the report of the TFSM) and be made available electronically in English, Spanish, and French, and Haitian Creole at no cost by the first Sunday of Advent 2018, and be it further

Resolved, That all congregations and worshipping communities of this Church who desire that understand themselves called to incorporate these liturgies into their common life, are authorized to do so by the rector or priest-in-charge of the Rector or Member of the Clergy in charge (Canon III.9.6), and where are permitted to do so by civil law, shall have access to these liturgies allowing all couples to be married in their home church; under the direction of the bishop exercising ecclesiastical authority and be it further

Resolved, That under the canonical direction of the Rector or Member of the Clergy in charge and where permitted to do so by civil law, provision will be made for all couples desiring to use these marriage liturgies in their local congregation or worshipping community; and be it further

Resolved, That in dioceses where the bishop exercising ecclesiastical authority (or, where applicable, ecclesiastical supervision) holds a theological position that does not embrace marriage for same-sex couples, and there is a desire to use such rites by same-sex couples in a congregation or worshipping community, the bishop exercising ecclesiastical authority (or ecclesiastical supervision) shall invite, as necessary, another bishop of this Church to provide pastoral support to the couple, the Member of the Clergy involved and the congregation or worshipping community in order to fulfill the intention of this resolution that all couples have convenient and reasonable local congregational access to these rites; and be it further

Resolved, That the provision of Canon I.18.7 applies by extension to these liturgies, namely, “It shall be within the discretion of any Member of the Clergy of this Church to decline to solemnize or bless any marriage”; and be it further

Resolved, That the provisions of Canon I.19.3 regarding marriage after divorce apply equally to these liturgies; and be it further

Resolved, That bishops exercising ecclesiastical authority, or where appropriate ecclesiastical supervision, who hold a theological position that does not embrace marriage for same sex couples, shall in the case of remarriage after divorce, invite another bishop of this Church to oversee the consent process and to receive any report of such Marriages, as provided in Canon I.19.3(c); and be it further

Resolved, That where diocesan canons or bishops exercising ecclesiastical authority do not authorize the use of these liturgies for persons of the same sex, congregations may request, and when requesting shall receive delegated episcopal pastoral oversight (DEPO) by a bishop of this Church who shall provide access to these liturgies, as permitted by civil law; and be it further

Resolved, That bishops continue the work of leading the Church in comprehensive engagement with these materials and continue to provide generous pastoral response to meet the needs of members of this Church; and be it further

Resolved, That the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music study and monitor the ongoing trial use of these rites, and report and make recommendations to the 80th General Convention on any modifications or additions that may be judged advisable, and be it further
Resolved, That the provision of Canon I.18.7 applies by extension to these liturgies, namely, “It shall be within the discretion of any Member of the Clergy of this Church to decline to solemnize or bless any marriage”; and be it further

Resolved, That the provisions of Canon I.19.3 regarding marriage after divorce apply equally to these liturgies, in accordance with guidelines established by each diocese or bishop exercising delegated oversight; and be it further

Resolved, That this Church continue to honor theological diversity in regard to matters of human sexuality; and that no lay person, bishop, priest, or deacon should be coerced or penalized in any manner, nor suffer any canonical disabilities, as a result of his or her theological support for or objection to the 79th General Convention’s action pertaining to this resolution; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th 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; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention direct the Secretary of General Convention and the Custodian of the Standard Book of Common Prayer, in consultation with the outgoing Chair of the Task Force on the Study of Marriage and the Chairs of the Legislative Committees to whom this legislation is referred, to finalize and arrange with Church Publishing for the publication (in English, Spanish, French, and Haitian Creole) of the material contained in “Liturgical Resources 2” as approved by the 79th General Convention; the General Convention Office to make these materials available electronically at no cost no later than the first Sunday of Advent 2018.

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention direct the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies to appoint jointly a Task Force on Communion across Difference, consisting of not more than 14 people, who represent the diversity in this Church with respect to cultural background, age, race, gender, and sexual orientation, including members from countries other than the United States, half of whom hold that marriage is a “covenant between a man and a woman” (BCP, 422), half of whom hold that marriage is a “covenant between two people” in the presence of God (Resolution 2018-A085), and all of whom seek a pathway toward mutual flourishing in The Episcopal Church; and be it further

Resolved, That the Task Force seek a lasting path forward for mutual flourishing consistent with this Church’s polity and the 2015 “Communion across Difference” statement of the House of Bishops, affirming (1) the clear decision of General Convention that Christian marriage is a covenant open to two people of the same sex or of the opposite sex, (2) its firm commitment to make provision for all couples asking to be married in this Church to have access to authorized liturgies; and also affirming (3) the indispensable place that the minority who hold to this Church’s historic teaching on marriage have in our common life, whose witness our Church needs; and be it further

Resolved, That the Task Force consult widely with members of this Church who represent its diversity of cultural background, age, race, gender, and sexual orientation, particularly its members in countries other than the United States; and also with representatives from the Anglican Communion, our full-communion ecumenical partners, and those churches with whom we carry on ecumenical dialogues; and be it further

Resolved, That the Task Force report and make recommendations to the 80th General Convention, ending its term at that time except by further action of 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 $90,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention authorize for continued trial use, in accordance with Article X of the Constitution and Canon II.3.6, “The Witnessing and Blessing
of a Marriage” and “The Celebration and Blessing of a Marriage 2” (as appended to the report of the Task Force for the Study of Marriage to the 79th General Convention); and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention authorize for trial use, in accordance with Article X of the Constitution and Canon II.3.6, “The Blessing of a Civil Marriage 2” and “An Order for Marriage 2” (as appended to the report of the Task Force for the Study of Marriage to the 79th General Convention), beginning the first Sunday of Advent, 2018; and be it further

Resolved, That the period of trial use for these liturgies shall extend until the completion of the next comprehensive revision of the Book of Common Prayer; and be it further

Resolved, That the SCLM monitor the use of these rites as part of their work of revising the Book of Common Prayer; and be it further

Resolved, That the material prepared by the TFSM with regard to paragraph one of “Concerning the Service” of Marriage, the proper prefaces for Marriage and the Catechism be referred to the SCLM for serious consideration as they engage in the process of revision of the Book of Common Prayer; and be it further

Resolved, That all of this material be authorized for publication as part of Liturgical Resources 2 (as appended to the report of the TFSM) and be made available electronically in English, Spanish, French, and Haitian Creole at no cost by the first Sunday of Advent, 2018; and be it further

Resolved, That under the canonical direction of the Rector or Member of the Clergy in charge and where permitted to do so by civil law, provision will be made for all couples desiring to use these marriage liturgies in their local congregation or worshiping community, provided that nothing in this Resolve narrows the authority of the Rector or Priest-in-Charge (Canon III.9.6(a)); and be it further

Resolved, That in dioceses where the bishop exercising ecclesiastical authority (or, where applicable, ecclesiastical supervision) holds a theological position that does not embrace marriage for same-sex couples, and there is a desire to use such rites by same-sex couples in a congregation or worshipping community, the bishop exercising ecclesiastical authority (or ecclesiastical supervision) shall invite, as necessary, another bishop of this Church to provide pastoral support to the couple, the Member of the Clergy involved and the congregation or worshipping community in order to fulfill the intention of this resolution that all couples have convenient and reasonable local congregational access to these rites; and be it further

Resolved, That the provision of Canon I.18.7 applies by extension to these liturgies, namely, “It shall be within the discretion of any Member of the Clergy of this Church to decline to solemnize or bless any marriage”; and be it further

Resolved, That the provisions of Canon I.19.3 regarding marriage after divorce apply equally to these liturgies; and be it further

Resolved, That bishops exercising ecclesiastical authority, or where appropriate ecclesiastical supervision, who hold a theological position that does not embrace marriage for same sex couples, shall in the case of remarriage after divorce, invite another bishop of this Church to oversee the consent process and to receive any report of such Marriages, as provided in Canon I.19.3(c); and be it further

Resolved, That bishops continue the work of leading the Church in comprehensive engagement with these materials and continue to provide generous pastoral response to meet the needs of members of this Church; and be it further

Resolved, That this Church continue to honor theological diversity in regard to matters of human sexuality; and be it further
Resolved, That the 79th 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; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention direct the Secretary of General Convention and the Custodian of the Standard Book of Common Prayer, in consultation with the outgoing Chair of the Task Force on the Study of Marriage and the Chairs of the Legislative Committees to whom this legislation is referred, to finalize and arrange with Church Publishing for the publication (in English, Spanish, French, and Haitian Creole) of the material contained in “Liturgical Resources 2” as approved by the 79th General Convention; the General Convention Office to make these materials available electronically at no cost no later than the first Sunday of Advent 2018.

Motion for a Committee of the Whole
The Chair moved the question of whether to have a Committee of the Whole.

Motion defeated

Point of Order
The Chair noted the end of the allocated time for debate.

Motion to Extend Debate
The Rt. Rev. Mark Hollingsworth, Bishop of Ohio, made a motion to extend debate.

Motion carried
Debate continued.
A vote was taken on resolution B012.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #267)

The House of Bishops Committee to Receive the Report of Resolution A169 presented its Report #2 on HD Message #112 on Resolution A063 (Amend Article X of the Constitution of the Episcopal Church (First Reading) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #265)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A063)
Resolved, That the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church amend Article X of the Constitution of the Episcopal Church as follows

ARTICLE X
The Book of Common Prayer, as now established or hereafter amended by the authority of this Church, shall be in use in all the Dioceses of this Church. No alteration thereof or addition thereto shall be made unless the same shall be first proposed in one regular meeting of the General Convention and by a resolve thereof be sent within six months to the Secretary of the Convention of every Diocese, to be made known to the Diocesan
Convention at its next meeting, and be adopted by the General Convention at its next succeeding regular meeting by a majority of all Bishops, excluding retired Bishops not present, of the whole number of Bishops entitled to vote in the House of Bishops, and by a vote by orders in the House of Deputies in accordance with Article I, Sec. 5, except that concurrence by the orders shall require the affirmative vote in each order by a majority of the Dioceses entitled to representation in the House of Deputies.

But notwithstanding anything herein above contained, the General Convention may at any one meeting, by a majority of the whole number of the Bishops entitled to vote in the House of Bishops, and by a majority of the Clerical and Lay Deputies of all the Dioceses entitled to representation in the House of Deputies, voting by orders as previously set forth in this Article:

(a) Amend the Table of Lessons and all Tables and Rubrics relating to the Psalms.

(b) Authorize for trial use throughout this Church, as an alternative at any time or times to the established Book of Common Prayer or to any section or Office thereof, a proposed revision of the whole Book or of any portion thereof, duly undertaken by the General Convention.

(c) Authorize for use throughout this Church, as provided by Canon, alternative and additional liturgies to supplement those provided in the Book of Common Prayer.

And provided that nothing in this Article shall be construed as restricting the authority of the Bishops of this Church to take such order as may be permitted by the Rubrics of the Book of Common Prayer or by the Canons of the General Convention for the use of special forms of worship.

The House of Bishops Committee to Receive the Report of Resolution A169 presented its Report #4 on HD Message #99 on Resolution C024 (Translations of Book of Common Prayer) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #273)

Final Text of Resolution:

(C024)
Resolved, That the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music be directed to consider and propose to the 80th General Convention a process for translating Enriching Our Worship, Book of Occasional Services, and other authorized liturgical resources into the primary languages currently in use in this church.

The House of Bishops Committee to Receive the Report of Resolution A169 presented its Report #6 on HD Message #59 on Resolution A070 (Translation of the Book of Common Prayer) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #274)
Final Text of Resolution:

(A070)

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention authorize the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to create new translations of the Book of Common Prayer 1979 into Spanish, French, and Haitian Creole, following the Guidelines for the Translation of Liturgical Materials adopted by the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music. In addition, the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music will develop additional liturgical resources which are borne out of the above linguistic communities; and be it further

Resolved, That in this process the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music establish, within its auspices, an SCLM Task Force for Translations; and be it further

Resolved, That the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music’s Task Force for Translations will: create three subcommittees of three persons each, two of whom shall be native speakers of Spanish, French, and Haitian Creole; identify and hire translators in each language to draft translations in consultation with the subcommittee; send the translators’ drafts to: a) congregations chosen for experimental use of the draft to give feedback, b) professional, preferably published writers and poets to comment on the literary quality of the translators’ drafts and make suggestions, c) professional liturgical theologians to comment on the theology of the draft; direct the subcommittees to review feedback, and working with the translator, issue a final draft for approval by the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music and certification; and report monthly on progress to the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music; and be it further

Resolved, That the sum of $201,000 be budgeted to the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to carry out this work.

Church Pension Fund

The Rt. Rev. Whayne Houghland, Bishop of Western Michigan and Chair of the House of Bishops Committee on Church Pension Fund reported that HB Legislative Committee #17 was organized and ready for business.

The House of Bishops Committee on Church Pension Fund presented its Report #4 on HD Message #152 on Resolution A223 (Family Leave Policies) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #274)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A223)

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention acknowledges the need for a well-defined, comprehensive family leave policy, paid and/or unpaid; and be it further

Resolved, That the appropriate joint standing committee of the Executive Council be directed to study and distribute model policies for paid and unpaid family leave for dioceses and their congregations and institutions to consider, with such models to be distributed to the dioceses by June 30, 2019; and be it further

Resolved, That General Convention urge every diocese to review such model policies and to implement comprehensive policies on family leave that fit their respective needs; and be it further
Resolved, That in view of the time required for study and actions by diocesan conventions, dioceses report their specific policies to the Office of General Convention no later than December 31, 2020.

The House of Bishops Committee on Church Pension Fund presented its Report #6 on HD message #167 on Resolution D045 (Pension Equity for Lay Employees) and moved adoption with amendment.

Text of Resolution as amended by the House of Deputies (D045)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention recognizes that the pension plans for lay employees provided for by the 76th General Convention in Resolution 2009-A138 do not provide equity in retirement benefits when compared to the pension plan for clergy provided by the Church Pension Fund pursuant to Canon I.8.1; and be it further

Resolved, That this the 79th General Convention affirms that in the interests of justice the pension plans for clergy and lay employees should be as equitable as possible; and be it further

Resolved, That to move towards equity between the pension plans for lay employees and clergy the following changes shall be made to the principles for providing pensions to lay employees as set forth in Resolution 2009-A138 such that principle 1 of that Resolution will now read:

1. The lay employee pension system shall provide benefits that shall include defined benefit plan(s) and defined contribution plan(s). Every eligible lay employee shall be offered a choice between participation in either a defined benefit plan or a defined contribution plan.

Principle 2 of Resolution 2009-A138 will now read:

2. If a defined benefit plan is selected by the employee, the employer assessment and/or contribution shall be not less than nine (9) percent of the employee’s compensation through 2019. The employer assessment and/or contribution shall increase by one (1) percent of the employee’s compensation in 2020 and for each year thereafter until the employer assessment and/or contribution reaches eighteen (18) percent. If a defined contribution plan is selected by the employee, the employer shall contribute not less than five (5) percent of the employee’s compensation through 2019. The employer’s contribution shall increase by one (1) percent of the employee’s compensation in 2020 and for each year thereafter until the employer assessment reaches eighteen (18) percent. The employer shall match at least four (4) percent of the employee’s contribution in 2019 and the employer’s match of the employee’s contribution shall increase by one (1) percent per year until the total contribution of the employer, both by contribution and match, totals eighteen (18) percent.

Resolved, that this General Convention urge parishes, dioceses, and other institutions that participate in the Church Pension Fund to take specific steps to reach parity in the pension contributions for lay and ordained church workers while taking into consideration contributions toward other potential sources for retirement income (e.g. Social Security or other retirement plans); and be it further

Resolved, that the Church Pension Fund be asked to study the steps necessary to provide equity in the pension plans for lay and ordained church workers, when equity is defined as equal projected financial benefits for lay and ordained church workers given equivalent compensation, and compare the resulting possible plans with the pension benefits offered in comparable, non-church organizations and report the results of that study to Executive Council by July 1, 2020, for communication to the wider church, including but not limited to the 80th General Convention.
Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention affirms that in the interests of justice the pension plans for clergy and lay employees should be as equitable as possible; and be it further

Resolved, that the General Convention urge parishes, dioceses, and other institutions that participate in the Church Pension Fund to take specific steps to reach parity in the pension contributions for lay and ordained church workers while taking into consideration contributions toward other potential sources for retirement income (e.g., Social Security or other retirement plans); and be it further

Resolved, That the Church Pension Fund be asked to study the steps necessary to provide equity in the pension plans for lay and ordained church workers, when equity is defined as equal projected financial benefits for lay and ordained church workers given equivalent compensation, and compare the resulting possible plans with the pension benefits offered in comparable, non-church organizations and report the results of that study to Executive Council by July 1, 2020, for communication to the wider church, including but not limited to the 80th General Convention.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #277)

Recess

Following announcements by the Secretary and the Rt. Rev. Nedi Rivera, Bishop Resigned, Dispatch announced the House of Deputies concurred Resolution A068. The Chair declared that the House of Bishops would stand in recess until 7:30 p.m. on the 7th Legislative Day.

The House recessed at 4:47 p.m.
EVENING SESSION

Opening Prayers
The Presiding Bishop led the House of Bishops in opening prayer.

Reconvene
The House of Bishops reconvened at 7:37 p.m. with the Presiding Bishop in the chair.

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

*HD Message #261: E021 (Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop (Clergy) Province I) Elected*
*HD Message #262: E022 (Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop (Lay) Province II) Elected*
*HD Message #263: E023 (Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop (Clergy) Province II) Elected*
*HD Message #264: E024 (Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop (Lay) Province III) Elected*
*HD Message #265: E025 (Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop (Clergy) Province III) Elected*
*HD Message #266: E026 (Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop (Lay) Province IV) Elected*
*HD Message #267: E027 (Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop (Clergy) Province IV) Elected*
*HD Message #268: E029 (Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop (Clergy) Province V) Elected*
*HD Message #269: E030 (Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop (Lay) Province VI) Elected*
*HD Message #270: E031 (Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop (Clergy) Province VI) Elected*
*HD Message #271: E032 (Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop (Lay) Province VII) Elected*
*HD Message #272: E033 (Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop (Clergy) Province VII) Elected*
*HD Message #273: E034 (Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop (Lay) Province VIII) Elected*
*HD Message #274: E035 (Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop (Clergy) Province VIII) Elected*
*HD Message #275: E036 (Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop (Lay) Province IX) Elected*
*HD Message #276: X022 (Special Order of Debate for the General Convention Budget) Adopted with Amendment*
*HD Message #277: E037 (Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop (Clergy) Province IX) Elected*
*HD Message #278: A068 (Plan for the Revision of the Book of Common Prayer) Concurred*
HD Message #279: E028 (Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop (Lay) Province V) Elected
HD Message #280: D002 (Funding the Work of The Beloved Community) Concurred
HD Message #281: C041 (Repair America’s Safety Net) Concurred
HD Message #282: A097 (Amend Canons III.7.11(a)(3) and III.12.8(a)(3) regarding Return of Clergy After Release and Removal) Concurred
HD Message #283: A027 (New Funding for Clergy Formation) Concurred
HD Message #284: A207 (Encouraging Mission as Part of the Beloved Community) Concurred
HD Message #285: D007 (Disaster Resilience Policy) Concurred
HD Message #286: D014 (Addressing Maternal Mortality) Concurred
HD Message #287: D032 (Equal Access to Health Care Regardless of Gender) Concurred
HD Message #288: A103 (Amend Joint Rules, Section VII) Adopted with Substitute

Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music
The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #27 on Resolution A218 (The Proposed Book of Occasional Services 2018) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A218)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention approve the following services from the Proposed Book of Occasional Services 2018 for use by worshiping communities in The Episcopal Church:

- Seasonal Blessings;
- Concerning the Advent Wreath;
- Advent Festival of Lessons and Song;
- Blessing of a Crèche;
- Christmas Festival of Lessons and Song;
- Service for New Year’s Eve;
- Candlemas Procession;
- Blessings over Food at Easter;
- Rogation Procession;
- St. Francis Day/Blessing of Animals;
- Service for All Hallows’ Eve;
- Rite for Receiving or Claiming a New Name;
- Preparation of Adults for Holy Baptism:
  - The Catechumenate;
  - Preparation of Parents and Sponsors of Infants and Young Children to be Baptized;
- Preparation for Confirmation,
- Reception or other Reaffirmations of the Baptismal Covenant;
Recognition of Ministries in the Church and the World;
Celebration for a Home and A Shorter Blessing of a Home;
Anniversary of a Marriage;
A Public Service of Healing;
Welcoming after Traumatic Absence;
Concerning Exorcism;
Concerning Oil;
Concerning Water;
Dedication of Church Furnishings and Ornaments;
The Founding of a Church;
Ground Breaking;
Laying a Cornerstone;
A Litany for the Mission of the Church;
A Variety of Church Planting Liturgies;
Restoring of Things Profaned;
Distribution of Holy Communion by Lay Eucharistic Ministers to Persons Who are Ill or Infirm;
Guidelines for Use on the Occasion of a Retirement or Work Transition;
Liturgical Materials Honoring God in Creation;
Consecration of Chrism Apart from Baptism;
A Proper for the Consecration of Chrism;
A Service for the Ending of a Pastoral Relationship and Leave-taking from a Congregation;
Recognition and Investiture of a Diocesan Bishop;
Welcoming and Seating of a Bishop in the Cathedral;
Setting Apart for a Special Vocation;

And be it further
Resolved, That The Blessing of a Pregnant Woman be restored; and be it further
Resolved, That these services be made available as a digital resource; and be it further
Resolved, That the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music seek and receive feedback on their use.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, that the 79th General Convention approve the following services from the Proposed Book of Occasional Services 2018, as found on the General Convention website in English and Spanish. The following services shall be made available on The Episcopal Church website digitally for use by worshiping communities in The Episcopal Church;
Seasonal Blessings (p. 11 as presented) Bendiciones estacionales (p. 11 como presentado)

Concerning the Advent Wreath (p. 22 with amendment only to the following) Lo concerniente a la corona de Adviento (p. 18 con enmienda solo a lo siguiente)

The Advent Wreath is a visual symbol marking the progress of the season of Advent. The Advent wreath originated as a domestic devotion, as an opportunity for family prayer, with no roots in public worship. Instead, it functioned as a simple countdown-timer for the passage of Advent; the attribution of allegorical meaning or names to particular candles is a very recent innovation that distracts from the purpose of the symbol. Overall, it is disruptive to the liturgy to turn a minor symbol into a major focus of the attention. Therefore, when it is used in the church, no special prayers or ceremonial elaboration beyond what is described on page 143 of the Prayer Book (in the Order of Worship for Evening) is desirable. At morning services the appropriate number of candles is lighted before the service begins, and no special prayers or ceremonies should be added.

When used in private homes, the Advent Wreath provides a convenient focus for devotions at the time of the evening meal. The short form of An Order of Worship for the Evening, Prayer Book pages 109-112, is recommended.

In place of the Short Lesson of Scripture provided in the Order, one of the readings from the Daily Office Lectionary may be used, in whole or in part. Alternatively, the following may be used:

The Advent Wreath is a visual symbol marking the progress of the season of Advent, originating as a domestic devotion and an opportunity for family prayer. It functions as a simple countdown-timer for the passage of Advent. Attaching symbolic meaning to particular candles is a more recent innovation. It is important to place the wreath in such a way so that it maintains the centrality of the essential symbols for the assembly: Font, Word, and Table.

When the Advent Wreath is used in the worshipping community at morning services, the appropriate number of candles on the wreath are lighted, without prayer or ceremony, with the other candles. In evening worship, the candle lighting in An Order of Worship for the Evening, described on page 143 of The Book of Common Prayer, is appropriate.

When used in private homes, the Advent Wreath provides a focus for devotions at the time of the evening meal. There are many resources for devotions produced to include the reading of scriptures suitable for the Advent season. The short form of An Order of Worship for the Evening, Prayer Book pages 109-112, is also recommended. In place of the Short Lesson of Scripture provided in the Order, one of the readings from the Daily Office Lectionary may be used, in whole or in part. Alternatively, the following may be used:

Advent Festival of Lessons and Song Carols (p. 24 with the amendment only to the following) Festival de lecturas y cánticos de Adviento (p. 20 con enmienda solo a lo siguiente)

Because the primary act of worship on the Lord’s Day and other major Feasts is the Holy Eucharist, the Festival of Lessons and Carols will typically normally be an additional observance in most worshipping communities. If it is used as the liturgy of the Word in Holy Eucharist, a sermon is to be included.

This service does is not intended to replace the Word of God within the Holy Eucharist.

The following bidding and lessons may be used at a festival held in Advent. A sermon is not a part of this service;

Blessing of a Crèche (p. 37 as presented) Bendición de un pesebre (p. 36 como presentado);
Christmas Festival of Lessons and Carols (p. 38 with the amendment only to the following) Festival de lecturas y cánticos de Navidad (p. 37 con emienda solo a lo siguiente)

Because the primary act of worship on the Lord's Day and other major Feasts is the Holy Eucharist, the Festival of Lessons and Carols will typically normally be an additional observance in most worshipping communities. If it is used as the liturgy of the Word in Holy Eucharist, a sermon is to be included.

This service does not intend to replace the Word of God within the Holy Eucharist.

The following bidding and lessons may be used at a festival held in Advent. A sermon is not a part of this service.

Service for New Year's Eve (p. 43 as presented) Oficio para la víspera de Año Nuevo (p. 42 como presentado);

Candlemas Procession (p. 50 with amendment to insert a collect on p. 52) Procesión de la Candelaria (p. 46 con emienda para insertar una colecta en p. 48)

The Procession

Deacon Let us go forth in peace.

People In the name of Christ. Amen.

During the procession, all carry lighted candles; appropriate hymns, psalms, or anthems are sung.

In a suitable place, the procession may halt while the following or some other appropriate Collect is said

Let us pray.

O God, you have made this day holy by the presentation of your Son in the Temple, and by the purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary: Mercifully grant that we, who delight in her humble readiness to be the birth-giver of the Only-begotten, may rejoice for ever in our adoption as his sisters and brothers; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessings over Food at Easter (p. 98 as presented) Bendiciones de los alimentos en la comida de Pascua (p. 91 como presentada);

Rogation Procession. (p. 101 as amended on p. 112) Procesión de rogativas (p. 93 como emendada p. 104);

The Presider and People then say

Holy One: Bless and protect this garden and all who keep it. Strengthen and uphold them in their labor, that these plants may bear good fruit and our care for the earth may witness to your love and justice; in the name of the Creator, Word, and Holy Spirit Holy and Undivided Trinity. Amen.

St. Francis Day/Blessing of Animals (p. 113 as presented) Letanía por toda la creación y bendición de los animales por el Día de San Francisco de Asís (p. 105 como presentada);

Service for All Hallows' Eve (p 125 as presented) Oficio para la víspera de Todos los Santos (p. 118 como presentada);

Welcoming New People to a Congregation (p. 132 as amended) Acogida a nuevas personas en una congregación (p. 124 como emendada)
Welcoming New People to a Congregation

If it is desired to welcome new people to the congregation publicly, it is suitable that they be introduced in the following manner.

Immediately before the Peace, the persons are asked to come forward, and are introduced briefly, preferably by a member of the congregation.

The Presider then begins the exchange of the Peace, in the course of which those who have been introduced are greeted personally by the Presider and members of the congregation as convenient.

When welcoming new people to the congregation publicly, they may be introduced in the following manner immediately before the Peace:

Presider Dear Friends in Christ, in companionship with each other as we journey in faith, we welcome new members into this community of Deputies. We welcome them to join us as we seek to love the Lord our God with heart and soul, mind and strength, and to love our neighbors as ourselves. We welcome and cherish their unique gifts and experiences as together we follow the Holy Spirit in transforming this community for the work and mission of Jesus Christ.

The new members of the community are presented.

A member of the vestry or other leader makes the presentation.

Presenter

I present N.N. to be welcomed as members of this community (parish, cathedral, etc.)

Presider Do you desire to continue your journey into Christ as a member of ?

New Member: I do.

Presider Will you commit yourself to seek and serve Christ in this community of faith and pledge to work, pray, and give to build up our common life?

New Member: I will, with God’s help.

Presider Will you who witness these promises, do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People We will.

Presider Let us pray.

Presider and People

Loving God, we give thanks that you have brought N.N. to join us in ministry. Knit us together, one to another, so that in unity we may know you and serve you in Jesus’ name. Amen.

The Liturgy continues with the exchange of the peace;

A Service of Renaming (p. 134 as presented) Rito para cambiar de nombre (p. 126 como presentada);

The Preparation for Baptism, or Catechumenate (p. 140 as presented) Preparación para el Bautismo o catecumenado (p. 131 como presentada);

Preparation of Adults for Holy Baptism: The Catechumenate (p. 142 as presented) Preparación de adultos para el Santo Bautismo: el catecumenado (p. 134 como presentada);
Preparation of Parents and Sponsors of Infants and Young Children to be Baptized (p. 153 as presented) Preparación de padres y padrinos para el bautismo de infantes y niños pequeños (p. 146 como presentada);

Preparation for Confirmation, Reception or other Reaffirmations of the Baptismal Covenant (p. 158 as presented) Preparación para la Confirmación, la Recepción u otras reafirmaciones del Pacto Bautismal (p. 152 como presentada);

Recognition of Ministries in the Church and the World (p. 163 as presented) Reconocimiento de ministerios en la Iglesia y en el mundo (p. 158 como presentada);


In a Terrace or Garden

Antiphon
As the earth puts forth its blossom, or bushes in a garden burst into flower, so shall the Lord God make righteousness and praise blossom before all the nations.

V. My boundaries enclose a pleasant land:
R. Indeed, I have a goodly heritage.

Let us pray. (Silence)

Jesus, our good Companion, on many occasions you withdrew with your friends for quiet and refreshment: Be present with your servants in this place, to which they come for fellowship and recreation; and make of it, we pray, a place of serenity and peace; in your Name we ask it. Amen.

Or, one of the following prayers may be used:

Holy One, bless and protect this garden and all who keep it. Strengthen and uphold them in their labor, that these plants may bear good fruit and our care for the earth may witness to your love and justice, in the name of the Holy and Undivided Trinity. Amen.

Almighty God, Lord of heaven and earth: We humbly pray that your gracious providence may give and preserve to our use the harvests of the land and of the seas, and may prosper all who labor to gather them, that we, who are constantly receiving good things from your hand, may always give you thanks through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

A Shorter Blessing of a Home (p. 176 as presented) Bendición abreviada de un hogar (p. 169 como presentada);

Anniversary of a Marriage (p.179 as amended) Aniversario de bodas (p. 172 como emendada)

Anniversary of a Marriage

This form is intended for use in the context of a celebration of the Holy Eucharist. When the form is used at a principal service on a Sunday or Major Holy Day, the Proper of the Day is used. When it is used at other times, the Psalm and Lessons are selected from those recommended for use at the Celebration and Blessing of a Marriage, and one of the following Collects is used for the Collect of the Day.

O gracious and everliving God, look mercifully on N. and N., who come to renew the promises they have made to each other. Grant them your blessing, and assist them with
your grace, that with true fidelity and steadfast love they may honor and keep their promises and vows; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

or this

O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Send your blessing upon N. and N., who come to renew their promises to each other, and grant them your grace, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their lives together may be a witness to your love and forgiveness, and that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

or this

Grant, O God, in your compassion, that N. and N., having taken each other in marriage, and affirming again the covenant which they have made, may grow in forgiveness, loyalty, and love; and come at last to the eternal joys which you have promised through Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Immediately after the Sermon (and the Creed if appointed), the Husband and Wife Couple present themselves before the Presider, who stands facing the people.

All stand, and the Presider addresses the congregation with these or similar words

Friends in Christ, we are gathered together with N. and N., who have come today to give thanks to God for his blessing upon their marriage, and to reaffirm their marriage covenant.

The Presider then asks the Man each spouse:

N., do you here, in the presence of God and of this congregation, renew the promises you made when you bound yourself to N. in holy matrimony?

The Man Spouse answers

I do.

The Presider then asks the woman

N., do you here, in the presence of God and of this congregation, renew the promises you made when you bound yourself to N. in holy matrimony?

The Woman answers

I do.

The Husband and Wife The Couple kneeling or standing, say together

We thank you, most gracious God, for consecrating our marriage in Christ’s Name and presence. Lead us further in companionship with each other and with you. Give us grace to live together in love and fidelity, with care for one another. Strengthen us all our days, and bring us to that holy table where, with those we love, we will feast for ever in our heavenly home; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Presider then blesses them, saying

May God the Father, who at creation ordained that man and woman become one flesh it is good for two people to live in the covenant of marriage, keep you one. Amen.
May God the Son, who adorned this manner of life by his first miracle, at the wedding in Cana of Galilee, be present with you always. Amen.

May God the Holy Spirit, who has given you the will to persevere in your love and in your covenant with each other, strengthen your bond. Amen.

And may God the Holy Trinity, the source of all unity, bless you this day and for ever. Amen.

The service continues with the Peace, or, at a principal service, with the Prayers of the People.

The husband and wife couple may present the bread and wine at the Offertory.

If there is not to be a Communion, the service concludes with the Lord’s Prayer and the Peace.

When this form is used as an act of reconciliation, the Presider may adapt it in consultation with the parties;

A Public Service of Healing. (P. 182 as presented) Oficio público de sanación (p. 175 como presentada);

A Rite of Welcoming after Traumatic Absence (p. 194 as amended to change the title of the rite) Rito de bienvenida después de una ausencia traumática (p. 187 como emendada en el cambio del título del rito);

Concerning Exorcism (p. 195 as presented) Lo concerniente al Exorcismo (p. 189 como presentada);

Burial of One who does Not Profess the Christian Faith (p.197 as presented) Entierro de alguien que no profesaba la fe cristiana (p. 190 como presentada);

Concerning the Blessing of Water (p. 201 as presented) Lo concerniente a la bendición del agua (p. 194 como presentada);

Concerning Holy Oils (p. 202 as presented) Lo concerniente a los santos óleos (p. 196 como presentada);

Dedication of Church Furnishings and Ornaments (p. 204 as presented) Dedicación de los muebles y ornamentos de una iglesia (p. 197 como presentada);

The Founding of a Church (p. 222 as presented) Fundación de una iglesia (p. 214 como presentada);

Setting Apart Secular Space for Sacred Use (p. 251 as presented) Reserva de un espacio secular para uso sagrado (p. 241 como presentada);

A Litany for the Mission of the Church (p. 252 as presented) Letanía por la misión de la Iglesia (p. 242 como presentada);

A Variety of Church Planting Collects, Blessings, and other Prayers (p. 255 as presented) Variedad de colectas, bendiciones y otras oraciones para la fundación de iglesias (p. 245 como presentada);

Restoring of Things Profaned (p. 324 as presented) Restauración de cosas profanadas (p. 249 como presentada);

Secularizing a Consecrated Building (p. 326 as presented) Secularización de un edificio consagrado (p. 251 como presentada);
Concerning the Rite (p. 330 as amended) Lo concerniente al rito (p. 254 como emendada)

The Book of Common Prayer affirms the place of the Holy Eucharist as “the principal act of Christian worship on the Lord's Day and other major Feasts,” and thus the foundation of corporate prayer of the Church. As an act of the whole community of faith, the Eucharist is a summons to all the baptized to share in the table of the Lord. This form for the distribution of Holy Communion by licensed lay persons is intended to foster a corporate sense of the Eucharist among those who, by reason of illness or infirmity, are unable to be present in their church’s assembly on Sunday or some other principal feast.

This service is to be conducted by a duly licensed person immediately following such parish celebrations of the Holy Eucharist. The General Convention (1985) has specified that “The Lay Eucharistic Minister shall be limited to the following:

1. Administering the Elements at any Celebration of Holy Eucharist if there is an insufficient number of Priests or Deacons present;
2. Directly following a Celebration of the Holy Eucharist on Sunday or other principle Celebrations, if so authorized by the Member of the Clergy in charge of the Congregation and especially licensed thereto by the Bishop, taking the Sacrament consecrated at the Celebration to those members of the congregation, who, by reason of illness or infirmity, were unable to be present at the Celebration.”

This service is to be conducted by a Visitor, a lay person authorized to take the Consecrated Elements in a timely manner following a Celebration of Holy Eucharist to members of the congregation who, by reason of illness or infirmity, were unable to be present at the Celebration. A Eucharistic Visitor should normally act under the direction of the Member of the Clergy, Deacon, or other leader exercising oversight of the congregation of other community of faith (Canon III.4 Sec.7).

It is recommended that the person to be ministered to be prayed for specifically in the Prayers of the People by the congregation on that day.

The administration of the Sacrament to the persons visited should take place immediately after the service in the church. Following the communion of the people, the Eucharistic Visitors come forward and are commended for this ministry with the following or similar words:

In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whose you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood. We who are many are one body, because we all share one break, one cup.

A suitable container in which to carry the two vessels for the bread and wine, corporals, and purificators is to be supplied. The container is to be returned immediately to the parish along with any unconsumed elements.

The people to whom Holy Communion is to be administered are to be notified in advance and the time of the appointment clearly set.

It is desirable that other parishioners, relatives, and friends also be present to communicate with the person visited. Those so ministered to should also be visited regularly by the clergy of the congregation. In this way, those who are unable to participate regularly in the worship of the eucharistic assembly may nevertheless experience their relations to the community and also join their personal faith and witness to that of their community. It is
appropriate that the person be invited to join in commenting on the Scripture and in offering suitable prayers during the rite.

Distribution of Holy Communion by Lay Eucharistic Ministers to Persons Who are Ill or Infirm (p. 331 as amended) Distribución de la Santa Comunión por ministros laicos de la Eucaristía a personas enfermas o impedidas (p. 255 como emendada)

Distribution of Holy Communion
by Lay Eucharistic Ministers Visitors

to persons who are ill or infirm

The Lay Eucharistic Ministers Visitors should be accompanied by other persons from the congregation.

The Lay Eucharistic Minister Visitor greets the people

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
Response And also with you.

Collect of the Day

Gospel of the Day, or some other passage of Scripture appropriate to the occasion.

Comments Reflections may be made offered from about the sermon of that day.

Suitable prayers may be offered.

A Confession of Sin may be said

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Minister May Almighty God in mercy receive our confession of sorrow and of faith, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

The Lord’s Prayer

Administration of the Holy Communion
Closing Prayer

O gracious God, whose Christ stretched out arms of love upon the hard wood of the cross to embrace all the peoples of the earth: We give you thanks for feeding N. our sister with the Sacrament of that precious Body and Blood, which is the sign and instrument of our common life, and also for enriching our parish family by her sharing with us the food of our pilgrimage, the foretaste of that heavenly banquet of which we shall partake with all your saints; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen

Minister Let us bless the Lord

Response Thanks be to God;

Lay Eucharistic Ministers specially licensed to take the Sacrament to those who are ill or infirm

Suggested Guidelines

1. Lay Eucharistic Ministers must be adult confirmed communicants in good standing, be carefully chosen and trained, and be specially licensed. a candidate is to be recommended by the cleric in charge of the congregation to the Bishop of the diocese to be licensed. “Such special license shall be given only at the request, and upon the recommendation of, the Member of the Clergy in charge of the Congregation in which the Lay Eucharistic Minister will be serving. The license shall be issued for a period of time not to exceed three years and shall be revocable at any time by the Bishop, or by the Member of the clergy at whose request it was granted.” (Title III, Canon 3, Sec. 2)

2. Where a Deacon serves in a congregation, that minister should supervise the work of the Lay Eucharistic Ministers.

3. It is recommended that the person to be ministered to be prayed for specifically in the Prayers of the People by the congregation on that day.

4. The administration of the Sacrament to the persons visited should take place immediately after the service in the church. Following the communion of the people, the Lay Eucharistic Ministers come forward and are commended for this ministry with the following or similar words:

In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whose you go may share with us in the communion of Christ’s body and blood. We who are many are one body, because we all share one break, one cup.

1. A suitable container in which to carry the two vessels for the bread and wine, corporals, and purificators is to be supplied. The container is to be returned immediately to the parish along with any unconsumed elements.

2. The people to whom Holy Communion is to be administered are to be notified in advance and the time of the appointment clearly set.

3. Only the order of the rite entitled, “Distribution of Holy Communion by Lay Eucharistic Ministers” is to be used.

Guidelines for Use on the Occasion of a Retirement or Work Transition (p. 335 as presented)

Pautas al uso en ocasión de una jubilación o de una transición laboral (p. 259 como presentada);

Prayers of the People Honoring Celebrating God in Creation Form 1

Prayers of the People Honoring Celebrating God in Creation Form 2

Prayers of the People Honoring Celebrating God in Creation Form 3 (on the theme of water)

Consecration of Chrism Apart from Baptism (p. 356 as presented) Consagración del crisma al margen del Bautismo (p. 281 como presentada);

A Proper for the Consecration of Chrism (p. 357 as presented);

A Service for the Ending of a Pastoral Relationship and Leave-taking from a Congregation (p. 365 as amended on p. 370), Oficio para la conclusión de una relación pastoral y despedida de una congregación (p. 288 como emendada p. 293)

A Service for the Ending of a Pastoral Relationship and Leave-taking from a Congregation

At the Service of the Word

A hymn, psalm, or anthem may be sung. The people standing, the Presider says,

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

In place of the above, for Easter Day through the Day of Pentecost

Presider Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

In Lent and on other penitential occasions

Presider

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;

People His mercy endures for ever.

The Presider then continues

There is one Body and one Spirit;

People There is one hope in God’s call to us;

One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People One God and Father of all.

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

At the principal service on a Sunday or other feast, the collect and lessons are properly those of the day. At other times, one of the following collects may be used.

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole
body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers, which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings with thy most gracious favor, and further us with thy continual help; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in thee, we may glorify thy holy Name, and finally, by thy mercy, obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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 any thing 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. Amen.

Almighty Father, whose blessed Son before his passion prayed for his disciples that they might be one, as you and he are one: Grant that your Church, being bound together in love and obedience to you, may be united in one body by the one Spirit, that the world may believe in him whom you have sent, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

or this collect

Lord, you have apportioned to your people the manifold gifts of the Spirit: Grant amid the changes of the world that your Church may abide, and be strengthened in ministry through continuous outpouring of your gifts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Ministry of the Word

Old Testament

Genesis 31:44-46,48-49,50b (The Lord watch between you and me when we are absent one from another.)

Genesis 12:1-9 (Abraham’s departure from Haran and God’s promise to bless him.)

Deuteronomy 18:15-18 (God will raise up a prophet like Moses.) Deuteronomy 32:1-9 (The farewell of Moses.)

Joshua 24:1,14-25 (Joshua’s farewell to his people.)

Ecclesiastes 3:1-7;7:8,10,13-14 (A time for everything; better the end than the beginning.)

Sirach 50:1,11-24 (The service of the faithful priest.)

Psalm 119:89-96, or Nunc Dimittis

Epistle
1 Corinthians 3:4-11 (Paul planted, Apollos watered, God gave growth.)
Acts 16:9-10 (Paul’s call from Macedonia.)
Acts 20:17-22, 25-28, 32, 36-38b (Paul’s apologia for his ministry at Ephesus.)
II Thessalonians 2:13—3:5 (Paul gives thanks for the success of the Gospel.)
I Thessalonians 5:12-25 (Paul encourages the ministry among the Thessalonians.)
Philippians 4:1-10, 23 (Rejoice in the Lord always.)

Alleluia Verse: Alleluia. “I will instruct you in the way that you should go; I will guide you with my eye says the Lord.” Alleluia. (Psalm 32:9 or Psalm 25:9) Tract; Psalm 18:33-37; Psalm 43:3-6; Psalm 78:1-8; Psalm 133.

Gospel
Matthew 9:35-38 (The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few.)
Matthew 25:31-40 (As you did it to the least of these, you did it to me.)
Luke 12:35-38 (The faithful servant.)
Luke 17:7-10 (We are unworthy servants; we have only done our duty.) John 10:14-18 (The ministry of the good shepherd.)
John 21:15-19 (Feed my sheep.)

Sermon
It may be appropriate for the Bishop or the Bishop’s Deputy to preach the sermon, in the course of which a charge should be given to the congregation regarding the nature of ministry.

The service continues with the Nicene Creed.

The Ending of a Pastoral Relationship

Just before the Peace, the Minister addresses the Bishop (or the Bishop’s Deputy) and the congregation with these or similar words

On the _ day of __, 19____, I was inducted by Bishop N. as rector of _______. I have, with God’s help and to the best of my abilities, exercised this trust, accepting its privileges and responsibilities.

After prayer and careful consideration, it now seems to me that I should leave this charge, and I publicly state that my tenure as rector of _______ ends this day.

(The Minister may, if desired, briefly state his/her plans for the future.) The Bishop or the Deputy says

Do you, the people of _______, recognize and accept the conclusion of this pastoral relationship?

People We do.

If the Bishop or Bishop’s Deputy is not present, the Minister may address a similar question to the congregation.

Then the Minister may express thanksgiving for the time of the tenure, with its joys and sorrows, and state hopes for the future of the congregation.

The Minister may present to the warden(s) a letter of resignation, the keys of the parish, the parish altar service book, the parish register, or other symbols fitting to the occasion.
The Minister may also express his/her thanks to the representatives of parish organizations and offices, and indicate that those organizations will continue to function.

The Minister may then be joined by members of his/her family, who may express what life with the congregation has meant to them. One or more representatives of the congregation may briefly respond to the Minister and family, and bid them goodspeed. If it is appropriate, representatives of diocesan and community organizations in which the Minister or members of his family have been active may also speak.

The bishop or the bishop’s deputy may then indicate what provision has been made for the continuation of the ministries of the parish. He/she may declare the name of the locum tenens, senior warden, or other person the name of the person to have ecclesiastical responsibility, and may request, if it seems appropriate, other leaders in the parish to continue their leadership until a new incumbent is installed. He/she may express his/her feelings about the ministry now coming to its end.

The departing Minister and the congregation then say together the following prayer

O God, you have bound us together for a time as pastor and people to work for the advancement of your kingdom in this place: We give you humble and hearty thanks for the ministry which we have shared in these years now past.

Silence

We thank you for your patience with us despite our blindness and slowness of heart. We thank you for your forgiveness and mercy in the face of our many failures.

Silence

Especially we thank you for your never-failing presence with us through these years, and for the deeper knowledge of you and of each other which we have attained.

Silence

We thank you for those who have been joined to this part of Christ’s family through baptism. We thank you for opening our hearts and minds again and again to your Word, and for feeding us abundantly with the Sacrament of the Body and Blood of your Son.

Silence

Now, we pray, be with those who leave and with us who stay; and grant that all of us, by drawing ever nearer to you, may always be close to each other in the communion of your saints. All this we ask for the sake of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.

The departing Minister, or the Bishop, or the Bishop’s Deputy then says

The peace of the Lord be always with you

People And also with you.

If the Eucharist is to follow, the service continues with the offertory.

Except on major feasts, the Preface may be that for Apostles and Ordinations.

After the Communion

Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the holy food of the Body and Blood of your Son, and for uniting us through him in the fellowship of your Holy Spirit. We thank you for raising up among us faithful servants of your Word and Sacraments. We thank you
especially for the work of N. among us, and the presence of his /her family here. Grant that both he /she and we may serve you in the days ahead, and always rejoice in your glory, and come at length into your heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

This blessing may be pronounced either by the minister, or by the bishop, or by the Bishop’s Deputy.

May God, who has led us in the paths of justice and truth, lead us still, and keep us his ways. Amen.

May God, whose Son has loved us and given himself for us, love us still, and establish us in peace. Amen.

May God, whose Spirit unites us and fills our hearts with joy, illumine us still, and strengthen us for the years to come. Amen.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. Amen.;

Recognition and Investiture of a Diocesan Bishop (p. 375 as amended), Reconocimiento e investidura de un obispo diocesano (p. 297 como emendada)

Recognition and Investiture of a Diocesan Bishop

The Recognition

When the ministers and people have assembled in the Cathedral Church, the principal doors having been closed, the Presiding Bishop is escorted from the sacristy to a chair placed at the entrance to the chancel, facing the people.

A welcoming procession is formed, and moves through the congregation to the principal door.

The new Bishop, attended by two deacons, standing outside the door, knocks upon it three times.

The Warden opens the door. As the door is opened, the Bishop’s voice is heard, saying

Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them and give thanks to the Lord.

Warden The Lord prosper you;
we wish you well in the Name of the Lord.

A psalm or anthem is sung, during which the bishop is escorted by the welcoming procession to a place before the Presiding Bishop. Psalm 23 is appropriate, with the following antiphon

I will give you a shepherd after my own heart, who will feed you with knowledge and understanding.

The new Bishop petitions as follows

I, N.N., whom God has ordained to be a shepherd and servant, and who now have been chosen as Bishop of this Diocese, come to you, desiring to be recognized, and invested, [and seated in the chair which is the symbol of that office].

The Presiding Bishop replies

Before I can accede to your petition, we must be assured by the appointed representative of the Diocese that you will be received as their duly elected Bishop.
The Warden then says

We are ready and willing to do so. As President of the Standing Committee, I certify that
N.N. was duly elected Bishop of the Diocese of ________ by the clergy and people in
Diocesan Convention assembled on the ______ day of, _______, and that consents to the
election have been received from (a majority of the Bishops of the Church having jurisdiction
and of the Standing Committees of the Dioceses) (the two houses of the General
Convention). We therefore present to you the Right Reverend N.N. to be invested for the
exercise of the office to which he/she has been chosen.

The Presiding Bishop then says

Let the will of the people here present be made known. Do you recognize and receive N. as
your Bishop?
People We do.

Presiding Bishop
Will you uphold N. in this ministry?
People We will.

The Presiding Bishop stands and calls the people to prayer, in these or similar words
Let us now offer our prayers for N., for this Diocese, and for all God's people.
All kneel, and the Person appointed leads the Litany for Ordinations, or some other approved
litany. At the end of the litany, after the Kyries (which may be sung by the congregation or
choir in threefold, sixfold, or ninefold form), the Presiding Bishop stands and says
The Lord be with you
People And also with you.

Presiding Bishop Let us pray.

The Presiding Bishop then says the Collect of the Day or the Collect for Ordination.
All sit, and the Liturgy of the Word continues in the usual manner.

After the Sermon (and Creed), the following renewal of the commitments of ordination
may take place.

The Presiding Bishop addresses the new Bishop in these or similar words

My sister/ brother, it has pleased God to call you to be the shepherd and chief pastor of this
Diocese. I am sure that long before now you have laid to heart the high trust and weighty
obligations of this office. But, in order that this congregation may know your commitment
to fulfill this trust, I call upon you to reaffirm the promises you made when you were ordained
and consecrated a bishop.

Presiding Bishop Will you exercise your ministry in obedience to Christ?
Answer I will obey Christ, and will serve in his name.

Presiding Bishop Will you be faithful in prayers, and in the study of Holy Scripture, that you
may have the mind of Christ?
Answer I will, for he is my help.
Presiding Bishop Will you boldly proclaim and interpret the Gospel of Christ, enlightening the minds and stirring up the conscience of your people?
Answer I will, in the power of the Spirit.

Presiding Bishop As chief first and pastor, will you encourage and support all the baptized will you encourage and support all baptized people in their gifts and ministries, nourish them from the riches of God’s grace, pray for them without ceasing, and celebrate with them the sacraments of our redemption?
Answer I will, in the name of Christ, the Shepherd and Bishop of our souls.

Presiding Bishop Will you guard the faith, unity, and discipline of the Church?
Answer I will, for the love of God.

Presiding Bishop Will you share the with your fellow bishops in the government of the whole Church; will you sustain your fellow presbyters and take counsel with them; will you guide and strengthen the deacons and all others who minister in the Church?
Answer I will, by the grace given me.

Presiding Bishop Will you be merciful to all, show compassion to the poor and strangers, and defend those who have no helper?
Answer I will, for the sake of Jesus Christ.

Presiding Bishop May the Lord who has given you the will to do these things, give you the grace and power to perform them.
Answer Amen.

The Investiture

The Presiding Bishop now stands and says

My sister/brother, you have been recognized as a bishop of the Church and as bishop of this Diocese. Now I, N.N., by the authority committed to me, and with the consent of those who have chosen you, do invest you, N.N., as Bishop of __________, with all the temporal and spiritual rights and responsibilities that pertain to that office; in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

If a pastoral staff is to be given, it is presented by the former Bishop of the Diocese, or it is brought from the Altar and presented by the Warden. The one who delivers the staff says

On behalf of the people and clergy of the Diocese of __________, I give into your hands this pastoral staff. May Christ the good Shepherd uphold you and sustain you as you carry it in his name. Amen.

A Bible is brought from the Altar and held before the Bishop, who, laying a hand upon it, takes the oath, as follows

I, N.N., Bishop in the Church of God, now duly invested and acknowledged as Bishop of this Diocese [receive this pastoral staff at your hands as a token of my jurisdiction and of your recognition, and] do solemnly promise that I will observe, and to the utmost of my power fulfill, the responsibilities and obligations of this office, striving in all things to be a faithful shepherd to the flock of Christ. So help me God. Amen.

The Seating
The Presiding Bishop and the Warden now escort the bishop to the chair designated for the Bishop of the Diocese. Meanwhile, instrumental music may be played.

The Dean of the Cathedral Church, meeting the Bishop at the Cathedra, says

In the name of the Chapter of this Cathedral Church, and on behalf of the people of this Diocese, I install you, N., in the chair appointed to your office. May the Lord stir up in you the flame of holy charity, and the power of faith that overcomes the world. Amen.

The Bishop sits, and the People offer their acclamations and applause. Bells may be rung and trumpets sounded or festive music may be played or sung.

Afterwards, the Bishop stands and says

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The Presiding Bishop and other Ministers greet the Bishop.

The People greet one another.

The Bishop greets other members of the clergy, family members, and members of the congregation as may be convenient.

The Liturgy continues with the Offertory. Deacons prepare the Table.

The Bishop goes to the Lord’s Table as chief Presider and, joined by other bishops and representative presbyters of the diocese, proceeds with the celebration of the Eucharist.

In place of the usual postcommunion prayer, a Bishop or Presbyter leads the people in the following

Almighty Father, we thank you for feeding us with the holy food of the Body and Blood of your Son, and for uniting us through him in the fellowship of your Holy Spirit. We thank you for raising up among us faithful servants for the ministry of your Word and Sacraments. We pray that N. may be to us an effective example in word and action, in love and patience, and in holiness of life. Grant that we, with her/him, may serve you now, and always rejoice in your glory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The new Bishop blesses the people, first saying

Bishop Our help is in the name of the Lord;

People The maker of heaven and earth.

Bishop Blessed be the name of the Lord;

People From this time forth for evermore.

Bishop The blessing, mercy, and grace of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you forever. Amen.

A Deacon dismisses the People.

Welcoming and Seating of a Bishop in the Cathedral (p 385 as amended), Bienvenida y entronización de un obispo en la catedral (p. 306 como emendada)

The ministers and people assemble in the Cathedral Church.
The principal door being closed, the Dean, the Cathedral clergy (the Cathedral Chapter), and other representative persons as convenient, go in procession through the congregation to the principal door. The people stand.

The new bishop, attended by two deacons, standing outside, knocks three times on the door.

The Warden opens the door, and the Bishop enters and greets the congregation, saying Grace and peace be with you, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

People
And also with you.

A psalm or anthem is sung, during which the Bishop is escorted by the welcoming procession to a place in full sight of the people.

The Dean, or other person appointed, welcomes the bishop in these or similar words

N.N., Bishop in the Church of God, and our Bishop, we welcome you to your Cathedral Church, the symbol and center of your pastoral, liturgical, and teaching ministry in this Diocese.

The Bishop responds, saying

I, N.N., your Bishop, thank you for your welcome. I promise, God helping me, to be a faithful shepherd and servant among you. I pray that the ministry which we will share may be pleasing to God, and that it may strengthen the life of this diocese, and the whole Church of God. I now ask to be seated in the chair that is the symbol of my office.

The bishop is escorted to the Cathedra. Meanwhile, instrumental music may be played.

The Dean, standing near the Cathedra, says

In the name of the Chapter of this Cathedral Church, and on behalf of the people of this diocese, I install you, N., to be seated, appointed in the chair which is a symbol of your office. May the Lord stir up in you the flame of holy charity, and the power of faith that overcomes the world. Amen.

The Bishop sits, and the People offer their acclamations and applause. Bells may be rung and trumpets sounded or festive music may be played or sung.

The Bishop stands, and the Te Deum, the Gloria in excelsis, or other song of praise is sung.

The Bishop then says to the people

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Bishop Let us pray.

The Bishop says the Collect of the Day.

The Liturgy continues in the usual way, with the appointed Lessons and Psalm.

At the Great Thanksgiving, the Bishop, as the principal Presider, is joined at the Altar by the presbyters of the Cathedral, and other priests as desired.

In place of the usual post communion prayer, the Dean leads the people in the following
Almighty Father, we thank you for feeding us with the holy food of the Body and Blood of your Son, and for uniting us through him in the fellowship of your Holy Spirit. We thank you for raising up among us faithful servants for the ministry of your Word and Sacraments. We pray that N. may be to us an effective example in word and action, in love and patience, and in holiness of life. Grant that we, with her/him may serve you now, and always rejoice in your glory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Bishop blesses the people, first saying

Our help is in the Name of the Lord.

People The maker of heaven and earth.

Bishop Blessed be the Name of the Lord.

People From this time forth for evermore.

Bishop The blessing, mercy, and grace of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. Amen

A Deacon dismisses the people;

Setting Apart for a Religious Special Vocation. (P. 388 with title amended) Para dedicarse a una vocación especial religiosa (p. 309 como emendada en el cambio del título);

And be it further

Resolved, that The Blessing of a Pregnant Woman from The Book of Occasional Services 2003 be restored; and be it further

Resolved, that the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music seek and receive feedback on their use.

Reflection

The Chair gave ten minutes for reading and translation.

A vote was taken on resolution A218.

Motion carried

Resolution adopted with amendment

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #191)

Governance and Structure

The House of Bishops Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #20 on HD Message #213 on Resolution A111 (Amend Article V of the Constitution) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried

The House concurred

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #284)
Final Text of Resolution:

(A111)

Resolved, That Article V of the Constitution be amended as follows:

Sec. 1. A new Diocese may be formed, with the consent of the General Convention and under such conditions as the General Convention shall prescribe by General Canon or Canons, (1) by the division of an existing Diocese; (2) by the junction of two (2) or more Dioceses or of parts of two (2) or more Dioceses; or (3) by the erection into a Diocese of an unorganized area evangelized as provided in Article VI. The proceedings shall originate in a Convocation of the Clergy and Laity of the unorganized area called by the Bishop Ecclesiastical Authority for that purpose; or, with the approval of the Bishop Ecclesiastical Authority, in the Convention of the Diocese to be divided; or (when it is proposed to form a new Diocese by the junction of two or more existing Dioceses or of parts of two or more Dioceses) by mutual agreement of the Conventions of the Dioceses concerned, with the approval of the Bishop Ecclesiastical Authority of each Diocese. In case the Episcopate of a Diocese be vacant, no proceedings toward its division shall be taken until the vacancy is filled. After consent of the General Convention, when a certified copy of the duly adopted Constitution of the new Diocese, including an unqualified accession to the Constitution and Canons of this Church, shall have been filed with the Secretary of the General Convention and approved by the Executive Council of this Church, such new Diocese shall thereupon be in union with the General Convention.

Ministry

The House of Bishops Committee on Ministry presented its Report #34 on Resolution D083 (Amend Canon III.10.2) and moved the resolution, recommending rejection.

Point of Order

The Rt. Rev. Ian Douglas, Bishop of Connecticut, noted conflict between Resolution D083 and Resolution A180 on the HD Consent Calendar of the 8th Legislative Day.

Motion carried
Consideration postponed

[Ed. Note: Resolution D083 was considered by the House of Bishops on July 12, 2018 (Day 8).]

Church Pension Fund

The House of Bishops Committee on Church Pension Fund presented its Report #3 on HD Message #74 on Resolution C023 (Medical Trust Provider Option) and moved to not concur.

Motion defeated
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #278)
Final Text of Resolution:

(C023)

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention requests that the Church Pension Group strive to make available at least two health insurance providers in each diocese; and be it further

Resolved, That if a diocese has only one health insurance provider available under the Church Pension Group Denominational Health Plan, and if the availability of only one provider would have a material negative impact on the diocese’s employees, congregations, new recruitment, or overall well-being, that diocese will be permitted to seek other insurance options outside of the Denominational Health Plan.

Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations

The House of Bishops Committee on Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations presented its Report #16 on Resolution D055 (Create an Ecumenical and Interreligious Working Group) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:

(D055)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention, pursuant to Canon I.1.2(n) (1)(v), create an Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations Working Group of the Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons (SCSGCC); and be it further

Resolved, That the Working Group will address matters of ecumenical and interreligious significance including but not limited to: responding to ecumenical and interreligious issues that may arise between meetings of General Convention; have primary responsibility for developing responses to ecumenical interreligious documents; assisting the Presiding Bishop, appropriate DFMS staff and the Executive Council with formulating and implementing ecumenical and interreligious policy; and providing such other assistance and counsel to the SCSGCC with respect to matters that come before the SCSGCC that have ecumenical or interreligious significance, in collaboration with the Deputy for Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations (or such other officer(s) that may be appropriate in the future); and be it further

Resolved, That the Ecumenical and Interreligious Working Group serve for as long as the SCSGCC determines that it needs the assistance and counsel of the Working Group; and be it further

Resolved, That the membership of the Ecumenical and Interreligious Working Group include up to three Bishops appointed by the Presiding Bishop for three-year terms and up to three Priests and/or Deacons and up to three lay persons appointed by the President of the House of Deputies for three-year terms, and members of the SCSGCC appointed by the SCSGCC; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Commission on Program, Budget and Finance add $25,000 to the budget of the Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons for the triennium for the Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations Working Group.

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention, pursuant to Canon I.1.2(n) (1)(v), create a task force with membership appointed by the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies to report annually to the Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons (SCSGCC) its work in addressing ; and be it further
Resolved, That the Working Group will address matters of ecumenical and interreligious significance, including but not limited to: responding to ecumenical and interreligious issues that may arise between meetings of General Convention; have primary responsibility for developing responses to ecumenical and interreligious documents; assisting the Presiding Bishop, appropriate DFMS staff, and the Executive Council with formulating and implementing ecumenical and interreligious policy; and providing such other assistance and counsel to the SCSGCC with respect to matters that come before the SCSGCC that have ecumenical or interreligious significance, in collaboration with the Deputy for Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations and Episcopal Diocesan Ecumenical and Interreligious Officers (or such other officer(s) that may be appropriate in the future); and be it further

Resolved, That the task force shall begin on January 1, 2019, and end at the end of the 81st General Convention, unless its mandate is extended by that Convention; and be it further

Resolved, That the task force shall provide an interim report to the 80th General Convention; and be it further

Resolved, That the membership of the Ecumenical and Interreligious Working Group this task force include up to three Bishops appointed by the Presiding Bishop for three six-year terms; and up to three Priests and/or Deacons and up to three lay persons appointed by the President of the House of Deputies for three six-year terms; and up to three members of the SCSGCC appointed by the SCSGCC; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $25,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

Resolves, That the Ecumenical and Interreligious Working Group serve for as long as the SCSGCC determines that it needs the assistance and counsel of the Working Group; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Commission on Program, Budget and Finance add $25,000 to the budget of the Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons for the triennium for the Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations Working Group.

The Rt. Rev. Rob Wright, Bishop of Atlanta, moved the previous question.

Motion carried

Motion carried

Resolution adopted with amendment

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #280)

The House of Bishops Committee to Receive the Report of Resolution A169

The House of Bishops Committee to Receive the Report of Resolution A169 presented its Report #7 on HD Message #246 on Resolution A227 (Communion Across Difference) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried

The House concurred

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #279)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A227)

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention direct the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies to appoint jointly a Task Force on Communion across Difference, consisting of not more than 14 people, who represent the diversity in this Church including members from countries other than the United States; and be it further
Resolved, That half of the members appointed hold that marriage is a “covenant between a man and a woman” (BCP, 422), half of whom hold that marriage is a “covenant between two people” (Resolution 2018-A085), in the presence of God, and that all of those appointed seek a pathway toward mutual flourishing in The Episcopal Church; and be it further

Resolved, That the Task Force seek a lasting path forward for mutual flourishing consistent with this Church’s polity and the 2015 “Communion across Difference” statement of the House of Bishops affirming (1) the clear decision of General Convention that Christian marriage is a covenant between two people, of the same sex or of the opposite sex, (2) General Convention’s firm commitment to make provision for all couples asking to be married in this Church to have access to authorized liturgies; and also affirming (3) the indispensable place that the minority who hold to this Church’s historic teaching on marriage have in our common life, whose witness the Church needs; and be it further

Resolved, That the Task Force consult widely with members of this Church who represent its diversity of cultural background, age, race, gender, gender identity, and sexual orientation, particularly its members in countries other than the United States, and also with representatives reflecting the diversity of views and voices of the Anglican Communion, our full-communion ecumenical partners, and those churches with whom we carry on ecumenical dialogues; and be it further

Resolved, That the Task Force report and make recommendations to the 80th General Convention, ending its term at that time except by further action of 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.

[Ed. Note: The text of the "Communion across Difference" statement of the House of Bishops from the 78th General Convention can be found in resolution 2015-X022 of the 78th General Convention, which is available in the Journal of the 78th General Convention, or in the Acts of Convention online database of the Archives of The Episcopal Church.]

Compline
Chaplains the Rev. Miguelina Howell and Dent Davidson led the House of Bishops in Compline.

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 8th Legislative Day.

Motion carried
The House recessed at 8:39 p.m.
Eighth Day

Thursday
July 12, 2018

MORNING SESSION

Reconvene
The House of Bishops reconvened at 9:07 a.m. with the Presiding Bishop in the chair.

Opening Prayers
Opening prayers were led by Chaplains Dent Davidson and Brother Randy Greve.

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 Secretary announced the Consent Calendar for the 9th Legislative Day. The Secretary added that Resolution B011 has been lifted from the Consent Calendar of the 8th Legislative Day and added to the day's Legislation Calendar.

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

HD Message #289: A195 (Establishing a Staff Person for Liturgy and Music on the Staff of the Presiding Bishop) Concurred
HD Message #290: A100 (Clarify Secretary of Convention versus Secretary of House of Deputies) Referred to Committee
HD Message #291: D097 (Establish an Advisory Council on Disability and Deaf Access) Adopted with Substitute
HD Message #292: D024 (Support for the Episcopal Church of South Sudan and Sudan and Their Efforts to Foster Peace) Concurred
HD Message #293: D062 (Companionship with Sudanese Christians) Concurred
HD Message #294: A014 [Ed. Note: Replaced with HD msg #295.]
HD Message #295: A014 (The Use of Carbon Offsets) Adopted with Amendment
Christian Formation and Discipleship

The House of Bishops Committee on Christian Formation and Discipleship presented its Report #10 on HD Message #168 on Resolution B011 (Inclusive Language Policies for Episcopal Seminaries and Formation Programs) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #287)

Final Text of Resolution:
(B011)
Resolved, That all theological seminaries affiliated with the Episcopal Church and all training programs and schools of formation sponsored or operated by one or more dioceses for the education and formation of persons for ordination be encouraged to provide opportunities to explore the theological foundations for the use of bias-free and inclusive language for God and humanity.

Dispatch of Business

The House of Bishops Committee on Dispatch of Business presented its Report #8 on Resolution X023 (Solidarity with the Gwich'in People) and moved adoption.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #289)

Final Text of Resolution:
(X023)
Resolved, That the House of Bishops meeting at the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church receive with open and broken hearts the witness of Bernadette Demientieff to the struggle and plight of the Gwich’in People whose lives have been imperiled by the threat of drilling in the “Sacred Place Where Life Begins,” the coastal plain area of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church reaffirm its historic solidarity with the Gwich’in People in opposing any drilling in the “Sacred Place Where Life Begins”; and be it further

Resolved, That Episcopalians use prayer, advocacy, public witness and legal means to prevent the desecration of “The Sacred Place Where Life Begins” and the resultant destabilization and destruction of the Porcupine Caribou Herd and the Gwich’in People, whose lives have been interconnected for millennia; and be it further

Resolved, That Episcopalians, respecting the wisdom and authority of the elders and leaders of the Gwich’in People be led by them in our solidarity efforts.
Constitution and Canons

The Parliamentarian asked for a motion to reconsider Resolution A176.

The Parliamentarian explained a duplication regarding Resolution A176 and the need to reconsider it.

Motion carried
Resolution reconsidered
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #290)

Proposed Amendment


Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That Article V, Section 1 is amended as follows:

Sec. 1 A new Diocese may be formed, with the consent of the General Convention and under such conditions as the General Convention shall prescribe by General Canon or Canons, (1) by the division of an existing Diocese; (2) by the junction of two or more Dioceses or of parts of two or more Dioceses; or (3) by the erection into a Diocese of an unorganized area evangelized as provided in Article VI. The proceedings shall originate in a Convocation of the Clergy and Laity of the unorganized area called by the Bishop Ecclesiastical Authority for that purpose; or, with the approval of the Bishop Ecclesiastical Authority, in the Convention of the Diocese to be divided; or (when it is proposed to form a new Diocese by the junction of two or more existing Dioceses or of parts of two or more Dioceses) by mutual agreement of the Conventions of the Dioceses concerned, with the approval of the Bishop Ecclesiastical Authority of each Diocese. In case the Episcopate of a Diocese be vacant, no proceedings toward its division shall be taken until the vacancy is filled. After consent of the General Convention, when a certified copy of the duly adopted Constitution of the new Diocese, including an unqualified accession to the Constitution and Canons of this Church, shall have been filed with the Secretary of the General Convention and approved by the Executive Council of this Church, such new Diocese shall thereupon be in union with the General Convention.

A vote was taken on the amendment.

Motion carried
Amendment adopted

A vote was taken on Resolution A176.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #291)

Appointment to the Board of Archives

The Presiding Bishop appointed the Rt. Rev. Samuel Rodman, Bishop of North Carolina, to the Board of Archives.
Social Justice and United States Policy

The House of Bishops Committee on Social Justice and United States Policy presented its Report #35 on Resolution D071 (Establish State Policy Networks) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:

(D071)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention to be faithful in living into the Jesus Movement establish State Episcopal Public Policy Networks to create, equip and mobilize networks of Episcopalians in states to address the issues of social justice including but not limited to civil rights, racial reconciliation, environmental stewardship, alleviation of hunger and poverty; and be it further

Resolved, That the work of these state networks be formed and managed through the Office of Government Relations of The Episcopal Church; and be it further

Resolved, That the advocacy of these state networks be consistent with resolutions of the General Convention or Executive Council of The Episcopal Church and with the support of the diocesan bishop or bishops in the states they operate; and be it further

Resolved, That the development office of The Episcopal Church be authorized to raise funds for the work of advocacy by State Episcopal Public Policy Networks and the Episcopal Public Policy Network; 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 $1,000,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention to be faithful in living into the Jesus Movement encourage the continued growth and development of grassroots advocacy capacity, with the intention of State Episcopal Public Policy Networks to creating, equipping and mobilizing networks of Episcopalians to address the issues of social justice including but not limited to civil rights, racial reconciliation, environmental stewardship, alleviation of hunger and poverty; and be it further

Resolved, That the work of these state networks be formed and managed through the Office of Government Relations of The Episcopal Church continue outreach to build awareness and membership of the Episcopal Public Policy Network throughout The Episcopal Church; and be it further

Resolved, That as resources allow, the Office of Government Relations support dioceses in developing or expanding state advocacy networks the advocacy of these state networks be consistent with resolutions of the General Convention or Executive Council of The Episcopal Church and with the support of the diocesan bishop or bishops in the states they operate; and be it further

Resolved, That the development office of The Episcopal Church be authorized to raise funds for the work of advocacy by State Episcopal Public Policy Networks and the Episcopal Public Policy Network; 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 $1,000,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

Motion carried Resolution adopted with amendment

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #285)
Ministry

Continuation of consideration of resolution Do83

The House of Bishops Committee on Ministry presented its Report #34 on Resolution Do83 (Amend Canon III.10.2) and moved the resolution, recommending rejection.

Original Text of Resolution:

(Do83)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church amend Canon III.10.2 by adding a new subsection (d) to read as follows:

(d) Bishops of Anglican Communion Dioceses Admitted into Union with the General Convention

(1) Upon the admission of a Diocese of the Anglican Communion into union with the General Convention, any existing Bishops of the Diocese may be received into The Episcopal Church pursuant to the provisions of this subsection. The Standing Committee of the Diocese shall by its President, or by some other person or persons specially appointed, immediately send to the Presiding Bishop and to the Standing Committees of the several Dioceses a certificate as to each such Bishop by the Secretary of Convention of the Diocese bearing a certificate of receipt of:

(i) evidence of the Bishop’s having been duly ordered Deacon, Priest, and Bishop, and of the election or appointment to office of Bishop Diocesan or other episcopal office;

(ii) evidence of moral and godly character and of having met theological requirements of the Diocese;

(iii) the written declaration required by Article VIII of the Constitution of the Episcopal Church; and

(iv) certificates from a licensed medical doctor, and licensed psychologist and substance abuse professional, authorized by the Presiding Bishop, that they have thoroughly examined the Bishop as to that person’s medical, psychological and psychiatric condition and for substance, chemical and alcohol use and abuse and have not discovered any reason why the person would not be fit to undertake the work for which the person has been chosen. Forms and procedures agreed to by the Presiding Bishop and The Church Pension Fund shall be used for this purpose.

(2) The Presiding Bishop, without delay, shall notify every Bishop of this Church exercising jurisdiction of the Presiding Bishop’s receipt of the certificate described in Canon III.10(d)(1) and request a statement of consent or withholding of consent. Each Standing Committee, within sixty days after the sending of such certificate, shall respond by sending the Standing Committee of the Diocese for which reception of the Bishop is requested either the
testimonial of consent in the form set out in Canon III.10(d)(3) or written notice of its refusal to give consent. If a majority of the Standing Committees of all the Dioceses consents to the reception of the Bishop, the Standing Committee of the Diocese of the Bishop seeking reception shall then forward the evidence of the consents to the Presiding Bishop. If the Presiding Bishop receives sufficient statements to indicate that a majority of those Bishops and a majority of the Standing Committees consent to the reception, the Presiding Bishop shall, without delay, notify the Standing Committee of the Diocese for the Bishop seeking reception and such Bishop of the consent, and

(3) 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 Deputies, and having been duly convened at 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 Right Reverend A.B. ought not to be received into The Episcopal Church. In witness whereof, we have hereunto set our hands this day of Deputies in the year of our Lord Deputies.

(Signed) 

(4) In case a majority of all the Standing Committees of the Dioceses do not consent to the reception of the Bishop within sixty days from the date of the notification by the Standing Committee of the Diocese for which the Bishop seeks reception, or in case a majority of all the Bishops exercising jurisdiction do not consent within sixty days from the date of notification to them by the Presiding Bishop, the Presiding Bishop shall give notice to the Standing Committee of the Diocese for the Bishop seeking reception and such Bishop. The Convention of the Diocese may then proceed to a new election.

(5) Following reception and continuing for three years following reception, newly received Bishops shall pursue the process of formation authorized by the House of Bishops. This process of formation shall provide a mentor for each newly received Bishop.

(6) The provisions of Canon III.10.2(a) & (c) shall not apply to Bishops.

Motion defeated
Resolution rejected
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #286)

Personal Privilege

The Rt. Rev. Jose McLoughlin, Bishop of Western North Carolina spoke to the edits he made to his testimony advocating for the Diocese of Cuba to join The Episcopal Church.

[Ed. Note: The remarks of Bishop McLoughlin can be found in appendix E of the House of Bishops minutes.]
Ecumenical and Interreligious Guests
The Presiding Bishop welcomed the Rev. David Burrows from the Anglican Church of Canada.

Program, Budget and Finance
The Rt. Rev. Stephen Lane, Bishop of Maine and Chair of The House of Bishops Committee on Ministry reported that HB legislative committee #15 was organized and ready for business.

The House of Bishops Committee on Program, Budget and Finance presented its Report #1 on HD Message #296 on Resolution A295 (Adopt the Budget for The Episcopal Church) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #288)

Final Text of Resolution
(A295)

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention adopt the 2019-2021 budget for the Episcopal Church, as presented by the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance.

The Budget for the Episcopal Church for the period January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2021, which shall be a unified budget for Program (mission), Governance and Administration, is adopted at a total of $133,859,718.

The Mission Program portion, providing for support for the mission and ministry (restricted and unrestricted) of the Church, is adopted at a total of $74,792,465.

The Mission Governance portion, providing for the contingent expenses of the General Convention, Executive Council, Interim Bodies, the expenses of the President of the House of Deputies, and Archives is adopted at a total of $18,775,648.

The Mission Finance, Legal and Operations, providing for administrative support of the Domestic & Foreign Missionary Society offices, is adopted at a total of $40,291,471.

The funding policy for the period January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2021 is adopted based on a single Asking of the dioceses. After a $140,000 exemption from total income, a single Asking shall be applied at a flat rate of 15%, in each year 2019, 2020 and 2021 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., 2019 Askings are to be based on 2017 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.
We rejoice with dioceses that have moved toward, and those that have given at and above the adopted rates during 2016-2018. Such giving creates a strong financial basis for vital mission and witness of the Episcopal Church. We encourage all our dioceses to adopt the Asking to the mission priorities which we have embraced in this 79th General Convention.

For the budgetary period net income from diocesan commitments, totaling $83,405,850 is anticipated.

For the budgetary period 2019-2021, payment by the dioceses of the Askings shall be made in twelve equal monthly payments.

All additional income, other than from the Askings of the dioceses, totaling $50,453,868 is projected.

A General Ordination fee is hereby authorized, which fees are expected to cover the expenses and administration of examinations for Holy Orders. 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.

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 2021 General Convention, and for no other purpose.

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:

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.

The fiscal year shall begin January 1.

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.

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.

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.

Each interim body proposing to the General Convention any resolution with funding implications shall present to the 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, by no later than six months before the opening day of the General Convention.
An annual report of the actual income and expenditures of the DFMS, relating the expenditures to the Church’s priorities, shall be posted on the DFMS website when it is released.

An annual report of the trust fund balances with accompanying narratives shall be posted on the DFMS website when it is released.

Executive Session
The Rt. Rev. A. Robert Hirschfield, Bishop of New Hampshire moved the House of Bishops go into Executive Session.

The House of Bishops exited from Executive Session at 12:00 p.m.

Noonday Prayer
Noonday prayer was led by Chaplains Dent Davidson and the Very Rev. Miguelina Howell.

Recess
The Chair declared the House stand in recess until 2:15 p.m. on the 8th Legislative Day.

The House recessed at 12:18 p.m.
AFTERNOON SESSION

Reconvene
The House of Bishops reconvened at 2:28 p.m. with prayer and with the Presiding Bishop in the chair.

Communications from the Presiding Bishop
The Presiding Bishop reported that the Executive Session of the House just completed was a time of personal sharing and mutual prayer for one another.

Consent Calendar
The House of Bishops Committee on Dispatch of Business moved adoption of the Consent Calendar for the 8th Legislative Day.

Motion carried

Consent Calendar

Racial Justice and Reconciliation
The House of Bishops Committee on Racial Justice and Reconciliation presented its Report #9 on Resolution A043 (Clarify and Update Mandate) and moved adoption of a substitute.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A043)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the mandate for the Executive Council Committee on Anti-Racism be amended, clarify its charge and to update terminology to include the term “Reconciliation” and hereby read as follows:

“This Committee is charged with guiding and monitoring the Church’s work in response to General Convention resolutions directed at eliminating the sin of racism from the life of the Church by:

Recognizing and developing its anti-racism and racial reconciliation work as a fundamental and requisite part of Christian formation; monitoring and evaluating anti-racism and anti-racism-related ministries and activities of national Church staff and, when feasible, contributing to the oversight and coordination of said ministries and programming; recommending best practices for eliminating racism and promoting racial reconciliation; collecting data on provincial anti-racism and racial reconciliation activities to be submitted to Executive Council on an annual basis; developing criteria for the credentialing of certified anti-racism trainers ordained and lay people as having completed “anti-racism/racial reconciliation training in fulfilment of the Canons and General Convention Resolution 2000-B049; and monitoring compliance of anti-racism/racial reconciliation legislation passed by General Convention.”
Committee Substitute:

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the mandate for the Executive Council Committee on Anti-Racism be amended, and hereby read as follows:

“This Committee is charged with supporting and monitoring the Church’s work in response to General Convention resolutions directed at eliminating the sin of racism from the life of the Church by:

Recognizing and developing its work of racial healing, justice, and reconciliation as a fundamental and requisite part of Christian formation; supporting the work of Becoming Beloved Community: The Episcopal Church’s Long-Term Commitment to Racial Healing, Justice, and Reconciliation; recommending best practices for dismantling racism training; collecting information from dioceses and provinces about their successes and challenges in complying with the canonical requirements and with General Convention Resolution 2000-B049 for providing anti-racism training; and sharing their findings with Executive Council on an annual basis.”

Motion carried
Substitute resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #292)

Churchwide Leadership

The House of Bishops Committee on Churchwide Leadership presented its Report #11 on HD Message #122 on Resolution A155 (Amend Canon III.5.1(c)) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #318)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A155)

Resolved, That Canon III.5.1(c) is hereby amended to read as follows:

(c) In case of a vacancy in the episcopate in a Diocese, as defined in Canon III.12.4(d), the Ecclesiastical Authority may authorize and request the President of the House of Bishops of the Province to take order for an ordination.

Social Justice and International Policy

The House of Bishops Committee on Social Justice and International Policy presented its Report #7 on HD Message #140 on Resolution A222 (Against Caste-and Descent-Based Discrimination) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #302)
Final Text of Resolution:

(A222)

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church commend the Dioceses of New York and Rochester in taking the lead in addressing the human rights violation of discrimination associated with caste and descent; and be it further

Resolved, That this General Convention condemn the human rights violation of discrimination based on caste and descent wherever it occurs and support its elimination particularly as it occurs within the United States and other countries both within and outside the Church; and be it further

Resolved, That this General Convention call on congregations throughout the Church to acknowledge the fundamental injustice of caste-and descent-based discrimination, a clear human rights violation; and be it further

Resolved, That this General Convention encourage all Episcopalian to engage in legislative advocacy and education at national, regional, and local levels to raise awareness of the pervasive nature of this human rights violation; and be it further

Resolved, That this General Convention encourage all Episcopalian become familiar with the India Network and other organizations addressing caste-and descent-based discrimination in their local areas.

Social Justice and United States Policy

The House of Bishops Committee on Social Justice and United States Policy presented its Report #33 on Resolution D004 (Addressing Mass Incarceration) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:

(D004)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That this 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church (TEC) urges Congress to enact comprehensive federal sentencing reform legislation which would reduce some mandatory minimum sentences for drug offenses, particularly those that have a discriminatory impact on minorities in penalties for crack and powder cocaine offences; and be it further

Resolved, That this 79th General Convention of TEC calls upon State legislatures to repeal all existing laws or the portions of such laws that either allow for or mandate a sentence of life without parole (LWOP) for a nonviolent offense and/or offenses committed by children under 18 years of age; and be it further

Resolved, That this 79th General Convention Of TEC urges Congress to initiate studies to examine racial disparities in sentencing, including racial disparities in prosecutors’ exercise of discretion in seeking sentencing enhancements under three-strikes, Section 851 federal drug enhancements, and other habitual offender laws and disparate racial effects of drug policies such as mandatory minimum sentences and school zone drug enhancements.

Committee Amendment:

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That this 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church (TEC) urges Congress to enact comprehensive federal sentencing reform legislation which would reduce some mandatory minimum sentences for drug offenses, particularly those that have a discriminatory impact on minorities in penalties for crack and powder cocaine offences; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention of TEC calls upon State legislatures to repeal all existing laws or the portions of such laws that either allow for or mandate a sentence of life without parole (LWOP) for
a nonviolent offense and/or offenses committed by children under 18 years of age that after their time has been served, that their record is expunged; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention Of TEC urges Congress to initiate studies to examine racial and gender disparities in sentencing, including racial and gender disparities in prosecutors’ exercise of discretion in seeking sentencing enhancements under three-strikes, Section 851 federal drug enhancements, and other habitual offender laws and disparate racial and gender effects of drug policies such as mandatory minimum sentences and school zone drug enhancements; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention urges state and federal governments to adopt legislation whereby all arrests and/or convictions for non-violent summary or misdemeanor offenses committed more than ten years ago are automatically sealed from access by prospective employers, landlords, and all others except law enforcement, noting that the young and people of color are disproportionately affected by this form of discrimination.

Motion carried  
Resolution adopted with amendment  
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #293)

Social Justice and International Policy

The House of Bishops Committee on Social Justice and International Policy presented its Report #8 on HD Message #134 on Resolution D018 (Negotiating the Israeli/Palestinian Conflict) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried  
The House concurred  
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #319)

Final Text of Resolution:  
(D018)

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church recognize the right of both Israelis and Palestinians to self-determination and to live as sovereign peoples in their homeland, with full human and civil rights and with democratic rule of one person, one vote; and be it further

Resolved, That the Episcopal Church reaffirm our commitment to a negotiated solution between the two parties guided by international law and supported by the international community; and be it further

Resolved, That the Episcopal Church acknowledge that such a peace agreement, agreed upon by both parties, may include a two-state solution as envisioned in the Oslo Accords, leading to a viable, sovereign state for Palestinians, comprising the West Bank, East Jerusalem, and the Gaza Strip, alongside a secure and universally recognized State of Israel, or may encompass other solutions such as one binational state or confederation, recognizing that these possibilities are being raised as the material conditions for a two-state solution have deteriorated due to accelerated settlement expansion in East Jerusalem and the West Bank since the Oslo Accords were signed; and be it further

Resolved, That no people’s right to self-determination should be exercised at the expense of another people’s right to self-determination, and that any negotiated solution be founded upon mutual recognition of the humanity and past and present sufferings of all parties and provide guarantees for the human and civil rights of ethnic and religious minorities within any state, federation, or national boundaries that may be created, and that this right to self-determination has been robustly supported by the testimony of Palestinian Christians, Palestinian Muslims, American Jews and Israeli Jews at this Convention.
Evangelism and Church Planting

The House of Bishops Committee on Evangelism and Church Planting presented its Report #7 on HD Message #57 on Resolution A005 (Continue a Church-wide Network for Planting Churches) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #303)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A005)

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention and the Episcopal Church celebrate and strategically support emerging communities through the good work initiated by GC2015 – D005 and A012 to develop a church-wide network for planting congregations, training and recruiting planters and mission developers; and establishing new congregations or mission enterprise zones each triennium that are especially committed to mission and evangelism that engages under-represented groups, including youth and young adults, differently abled persons, people identifying as members of LGBTQIA+ communities, people of color, poor and working-class people, people with a high-school diploma or less, and/or people with little or no church background or involvement; and be it further

Resolved, That the Church honors the holy experiments emerging throughout the Church – experiments that build partnerships within and beyond the church, expand the language of ministry, create new ways to engage the people of God, harvest and share learnings, and lend courage to those leading new ministries and lower the cost of failure through a network supporting mission development; and be it further

Resolved, That the budget for sustaining this church planting network will be $5,800,000.00 for 2019-2021 to be allocated as follows:

- $200,000 to identify and support existing programs to produce training in planting congregations for clergy and lay leaders
- $600,000 to provide resources for planters of congregations
- $1,000,000 for the development and implementation of a program to train bilingual/bicultural lay and ordained leaders in church planting for various cultural contexts
- $500,000 to support a staff person to oversee the planting network
- $3,000,000 for grants to support congregations with the grant depending on the context and need of the congregation; and be it further
- $500,000 in matching funds for the support of leadership development programs for the next generation of church planters and ministry developers;

And be it further

Resolved, That the Convention urges The Episcopal Church Development Office to prioritize raising $6 million per triennium to plant new congregations, so that a network of interested donors will be developed; and be it further

Resolved, That Dioceses receiving money for planting new congregations under this program will contribute significant, resource appropriate, and local funding to support the costs of any new plants; and be it further
Resolved, That the bishop or a diocesan advocate representing any diocese receiving funds shall take part in a cohort of church planting dioceses to share best practices and methods of supporting mission developers, as we all are learning how to nurture new ministries that challenge our assumptions about how to share the gospel with new cultures and generations, and that dioceses not receiving grant funds are also invited to participate in the diocesan cohort; and be it further

Resolved, the Presiding Bishop and President of the House of Deputies continue the advisory group of not more than twelve (12) people, consisting of those with experience in planting congregations, diocesan oversight of such work, working with evangelism and mission, to carry out provisions of this resolution, including making recommendations to Executive Council about grants to be awarded, helping to identify potential planters, and continuing to develop a network of coaches, and working with staff on training church planters; and be it further

Resolved, That the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance consider a budget allocation of $5,800,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations

The House of Bishops Committee on Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations presented its Report #13 on Resolution A012 (On the Importance of Ecumenical and Interfaith Relationships for the Stewardship of Creation) and moved to take no further action.

Motion carried
The House took no further action
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #294)

Evangelism and Church Planting

The House of Bishops Committee on Evangelism and Church Planting presented its Report #5 on HD Message #169 on Resolution A029 (Commend the Evangelism Charter for the Church to All Episcopalians) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #305)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A029)

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention adopt the Evangelism Charter for the Episcopal Church as a framework for joining with our Presiding Bishop Michael Curry in expanding the loving, liberating, and life-giving Good News of Jesus through evangelism of the church, by the church, and for the church; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention urges dioceses and congregations to read and study its principles and integrate them into their life of faith as part of living into The Way of Love.
The House of Bishops Committee on Evangelism and Church Planting presented its Report #4 on HD Message #17 on Resolution A030 (Small Evangelism Grants) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #306)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A030)

Resolved, That the General Convention directs the Executive Council to implement small grants program to encourage local worshiping community and diocesan evangelism efforts; and be it further

Resolved, That the sum of $100,000 shall be allocated for this grant program.

The House of Bishops Committee on Evangelism and Church Planting presented its Report #6 on HD Message #58 on Resolution A081 (An Episcopal Theology of Evangelism) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #307)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A081)

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention commend to Provincial and Diocesan leadership the White Paper, “A Practical Theology of Episcopal Evangelism: Face-to-Face and in Cyberspace” written by the General Convention Task Force for Leveraging Social Media for Evangelism.

[Ed. Note: The White Paper referenced in resolution A081 is a supplemental document of the Report to the 79th General Convention (Blue Book report) of the Task Force on Leveraging Social Media for Evangelism.]

The House of Bishops Committee on Evangelism and Church Planting presented its Report #3 on HD Message #18 on Resolution A082 (Training for [Digital] Evangelists) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #308)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A082)

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention convey to the Office of the Presiding Bishop's Canon for Evangelism and Racial Reconciliation the desire that the curriculum started by the General Convention Task Force for Leveraging Social Media for Evangelism be brought to its completion in this coming triennium; and be it further

Resolved, That said curriculum be utilized as part of The Episcopal Church’s ongoing work of training evangelists, both face-to-face and digital evangelists, in preparation for Revivals and most especially in those places where a Revival may not be possible due to size, logistics, and other considerations so that digital evangelists are trained to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with traditionally underserved populations; and be it further
Resolved, That the Office of the Presiding Bishop’s Canon for Evangelism and Racial Reconciliation explore the mutual benefit of developing relationships with para-Church organizations such as Forma, the Episcopal Evangelism Society, and Episcopal Communicators to provide such training to other trainers whose reach might allow for the expansion of Episcopal Evangelists throughout the Church, with the goal of having at least one licensed evangelist trained in digital techniques in every Diocese by the end of the Triennium; and be it further

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

Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations

The House of Bishops Committee on Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations presented its Report #15 on Resolution A174 (Create Advisory Committee on Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations) and moved to take no further action.

Motion carried
The House took no further action
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #295)

Stewardship and Socially Responsible Investing

The House of Bishops Committee on Stewardship and Socially Responsible Investing presented its Report #3 on HD Message #165 on Resolution B007 (Ethical Investing in Gun Manufacturers) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #309)

Final Text of Resolution:

(B007)

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention direct the Executive Council Committee on Corporate Social Responsibility to develop and implement a shareholder engagement plan by which dioceses, church organizations, and individual Episcopalians investing in the publicly traded stock of gun manufacturers and retailers could act to effect change in these companies through the practices of shareholder advocacy to do everything in their power to minimize lethal and criminal uses of their products, and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention commend to the church the Mosbacher-Bennett Principles for Investors in the Gun Industry developed by Do Not Stand Idly By.

The House of Bishops Committee on Stewardship and Socially Responsible Investing presented its Report #2 on HD Message #146 on Resolution B026 (Embracing the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #310)
Final Text of Resolution:

(B026)

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention of the Episcopal Church embrace the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals as the successor to the Millennium Development Goals; and be it further

Resolved, That the Sustainable Development Goals become the basis of development policy and action of the Episcopal Church in its institutions, dioceses, and congregations; and be it further

Resolved, That 0.7% of the budget for the Episcopal Church adopted at the 79th General Convention be devoted to development projects shaped by the lens of the Sustainable Development Goals, during the triennium 2019 – 2021.

Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations

The House of Bishops Committee on Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations presented its Report #14 on Resolution C057 (Amend Canon I.1.2(n)) and moved to take no further action.

Motion carried
The House took no further action
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #296)

Churchwide Leadership

The House of Bishops Committee on Churchwide Leadership presented its Report #14 on HD Message #150 on Resolution A160 (Amend Canon III.11.9(a)) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #324)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A160)

Resolved, That Canon III.11.9(a) is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 9. Other Bishops
(a) Bishops Coadjutor

(1) If a Diocese discerns a need for another Bishop in order to provide for orderly transition, the Diocese may elect a Bishop Coadjutor who shall have the right of succession. The consent of a majority of the Bishops exercising jurisdiction and of the several Standing Committees must be obtained. The election will be held in accordance with Canon III.11.1 and this Canon III.11.9(a).

[Ed. Note: A typo in resolution A160 incorrectly referenced Canon III.1.1 for Bishop Elections. This was corrected to III.11.1 in the final edit of the Canons and here in the journal.]
The House of Bishops Committee on Churchwide Leadership presented its Report #13 on HD Message #151 on Resolution A161 (Amend Canon III.9(b)) and moved concurrence.

**Motion carried**
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #329)

**Final Text of Resolution:**

(A161)

*Resolved*, That Canon III.11.9(b) is hereby amended to read as follows:

(b) Bishops Suffragan

(1) If a Diocese discerns a need for another Bishop due to the extent of diocesan work, the Diocese may elect a Bishop Suffragan in accordance with Canon III.11.1 and this Canon III.11.9(b).

(2) Before the election of a Bishop Suffragan in a Diocese, the consent of a majority of the Bishops exercising jurisdiction and of the several Standing Committees must be obtained.

(3) (2)

(i) A Bishop Suffragan shall act as an assistant to and under the direction of the Bishop Diocesan.

(ii) Before the election of a Bishop Suffragan in a Diocese, the Bishop Diocesan shall submit a consent with a description of the role and the duties of the Bishop Suffragan to the Convention of the Diocese.

(4) (3) The tenure of office of a Bishop Suffragan shall not be determined by the tenure of office of the Bishop Diocesan.

(5) (4) No Bishop Suffragan, while acting as such, shall be Rector, but may serve as Member of the Clergy in charge of a Congregation.

**Governance and Structure**

The House of Bishops Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #10 on HD Message #155 on Resolution A077 (Amend Canon I.7.1(a)) and moved concurrence with referral to and Interim Body.

**Motion carried**
The House concurred
Resolution referred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #330)
Safeguarding and Title IV

The House of Bishops Committee on Safeguarding and Title IV presented its Report #16 on HD Message #133 on Resolution A116 (Amend Canon I.1.2(n) regarding Title IV Training) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #331)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A116)

Resolved, That Canon I.1.2(n)(1) be amended to add the following subsection (vii) to read in full as follows:

(vii) Conduct a continuing and comprehensive review and update of the Title IV training materials, including drafting such changes as are necessitated by changes to these Constitution and Canons, or as may be deemed appropriate to maintain such training materials in a current and effective status.

And be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention request the Joint Standing Commission on Program, Budget, and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $60,000 for the ongoing maintenance and updating of the Title IV training materials and website.

The House of Bishops Committee on Safeguarding and Title IV presented its Report #15 on HD Message #132 on Resolution A135 (Examine Cultural Homogeneity of the Canons) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #312)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A135)

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention charges the Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons, in consultation with appropriate Episcopal Church staff members and the Office of Pastoral Development, to examine the cultural homogeneity of the Canons, especially concerning the propriety and applicability of the Title IV in non-domestic jurisdictions where Canon Law is not consistent with Civil and Criminal Law, and make recommendations to a future meeting of the General Convention concerning the same.
Governance and Structure

The House of Bishops Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #12 on HD Message #154 on Resolution A076 (Amend Canon I.1.14(c)) and moved concurrence with referral to and Interim Body.

Motion carried  
The House concurred  
Resolution referred  
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #327)

The House of Bishops Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #11 on HD Message #156 on Resolution A079 (Amend Canon I.11.3(c)) and moved concurrence with referral to an Interim Body.

Motion carried  
The House concurred  
Resolution referred  
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #328)

The House of Bishops Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #13 on HD Message #159 on Resolution A226 (Site of 81st General Convention (2024)) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried  
The House concurred  
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #313)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A226)

Resolved, That the following sites be considered for the 81st General Convention (2024): Anaheim, California (Diocese of Los Angeles), Detroit, Michigan (Diocese of Michigan), Louisville, Kentucky (Diocese of Kentucky), St. Louis, Missouri (Diocese of Missouri) and San Juan, Puerto Rico (Diocese of Puerto Rico).

The House of Bishops Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #14 on HD Message #160 on Resolution A237 (Investigation of Pension Parity Resolution) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried  
The House concurred  
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #314)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A237)

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention urge the Church Pension Fund to report on the current state of parity between the pensions of lay and ordained Church employees, domestic and non-domestic Church employees and Church employees of disparate incomes, with a particular focus on how those income disparities are manifested across gender and racial or ethnic lines, understanding that lower compensation directly affects pension benefits; and be it further
Resolved, That the Church Pension Fund consider supplemental models for the pension system that would benefit lay and clergy employees while the Church works toward true parity in wages and employment practices; and be it further

Resolved, That the Church Pension Fund is invited to present its findings to the 80th General Convention.

Ministry
The House of Bishops Committee on Ministry presented its Report #31 on Resolution C036 (Create Task Force to Implement Title III, Canon 1) and moved to take no further action.

Motion carried
The House took no further action
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #297)

The House of Bishops Committee on Ministry presented its Report #30 on Resolution C044 (Create Task Force to Implement Title III, Canon 1) and moved to take no further action.

Motion carried
The House took no further action
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #298)

Racial Justice and Reconciliation
The House of Bishops Committee on Racial Justice and Reconciliation presented its Report #11 on Resolution A044 (Establishing an Anti-Racism/Racial Reconciliation Certification Framework for Becoming Beloved Community) and moved adoption of a substitute.

Original Text of Resolution:
(A044)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention recognizes that widely different criteria have been used across the Church to determine if the completion of anti-racism training defined by Canon Article III.6.5(g) Training and General Convention Resolution has been satisfied; and be it further

Resolved: That The Episcopal Church (TEC) recognizes that in order to maintain a common theological framework and pastorally congruent response regarding our commitment to dismantle the sin of racism, specific components must be included in any Anti-racism or Racial Reconciliation training designed to fulfill the canonical requirement for all persons seeking ordination and all persons specified in General Convention Resolution 2000-B049; and be it further

Resolved, That the specific components that must be included in any Anti-racism or Racial Reconciliation training are as follows: 1) an Historical Component - to include Canonical Requirements, Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society’s Historical Commitment found in General Convention resolutions, “The Church’s Contemporary Response to Racism”, and “Becoming Beloved Community”, 2) an Information OR Didactic Component - to include The Baptismal Covenant, Power, Class, The Doctrine of Discovery, Race, Racism, Internalized Racial Privilege, Internalized Racial Oppression, Becoming Co-conspirators, Recognizing Racial Reconciliation, and 3) ACTIVITIES - to include Prayer, Respectful Communication Guidelines, and other activities as indicated to accomplish learning objectives for historical and informational components; and be it further
Resolved, That Executive Council’s Committee on Anti-racism will create an Anti-racism Certification Framework to more completely define the above components; and be it further

Resolved, That TEC staff shall work with the Executive Committee on Anti-Racism (ECCAR) to implement a certification process which would allow for on-line testing of clergy, laity, and trainers to ensure the consistent fulfillment of the spirit of the requirement for anti-racism training across the Church according to the Anti-racism Certification Framework defined by the Executive Council Committee on Anti-Racism; and be it further

Resolved, That TEC staff will provide an annual report to ECCAR on the status of use and effectiveness of the certification process.

Committee Substitute:

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, that the 79th General Convention recognizes that widely different criteria have been used across the Church to determine if the completion of anti-racism training required in Title III and resolution 2000-B049 has been satisfied; and be it further

Resolved, that The Episcopal Church recognizes that in order to maintain a common theological framework in our commitment to dismantle the sin of racism that these specific components are essential to include in any Episcopal Anti-racism or Racial Reconciliation training:

1) Liturgy, preferably a celebration of Eucharist when possible or other corporate worship, grounding the work in scripture and spiritual formation
   (Proclaiming the Dream of Beloved Community)

2) an Historical Component—including but not limited to (and, as appropriate to the context where the training is offered): The Episcopal Church’s role in slavery, its history with segregation and discrimination of people of color, the Doctrine of Discovery, The Episcopal Church’s role in taking indigenous children from their families through our participation in the boarding school system, and the Church’s responses to racism through the years.
   (Telling the Truth about the Church and Race)

3) an Information or Didactic Component—including, but not limited to: the Baptismal Covenant, power, class, race, racism, internalized racial privilege, internalized racial oppression, implicit racial bias, intercultural awareness and communication, becoming co-conspirators in dismantling racism, and envisioning racial reconciliation.
   (Repairing the Breach)

4) Engagement—including, but not limited to: establishing respectful communication guidelines, discussion, Bible Study, and other activities as indicated to accomplish learning objectives for these components.
   (Practicing the Way of Love); and be it further

Resolved, that the Executive Council Committee on Anti-Racism continue to collect and develop, in collaboration with the staff, Christian Formation professionals, and The Absalom Jones Episcopal Center for Racial Healing, resources and best practices for dismantling racism that can be shared online to aide in the consistent fulfillment of the requirement for anti-racism training for lay and ordained leaders across the Church.

Motion carried
Substitute resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #299)
The House of Bishops Committee on Racial Justice and Reconciliation presented its Report #10 on Resolution A045 (Revision and Reminder of Anti-Racism Training Requirement) and moved adoption of a substitute.

**Original Text of Resolution:**

(A045)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That we acknowledge that all diocese have not followed the spirit of the Episcopal Church Canon Article III.6.5(g) Training regarding Anti-racism training or General Convention Resolution 2000-B49 regarding training of all ordained persons and lay leadership; and be it further

Resolved, That the Presiding officers remind dioceses that ordained persons and lay leaders, are required to become certified based on having completed anti-racism training; and be it further

Resolved, That the definition of “anti-racism training” include attaining a certification, which adheres to the rubric and process recommended by the Executive Council Committee on Anti-Racism examination and TEC staff; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention Resolution 2000-B049 be amended to clarify the training requirement and read as follows:

“Resolved, That beginning on September 1, 2000 the lay and ordained leadership of the Episcopal Church, including all ordained persons, professional staff, and those elected or appointed to positions of leadership on committees, commissions, agencies, and boards be required to take anti-racism training meeting the Competency Level defined by the Executive Council Committee on Anti-Racism and receive certification of such training; and be it further

Resolved, That the Executive Council and TEC staff select and maintain an authorized list of appropriate trainers who meet the Mastery Level defined by the Executive Council Committee on Anti-Racism and training programs that could will be used at the national level for anti-racism training; that each province select and authorize appropriate programs trainers from this list that will be used at the provincial level; and that each dioce select and authorize appropriate programs trainers from this list that will be used at the diocesan and parochial levels, each province and dioce to determine those lay and clergy leaders who are to take the training; and be it further

Resolved, That the Standing Commission on National Concerns continues to develop a list of such appropriate resources; and be it further

Resolved, That each national committee, commission, agency, and board, and each province and diocese maintain a register of those who are trainers and those who have been trained, and forward this information to the Executive Council by January 1, 2003, and every two years thereafter to a TEC staff member identified on the Church website and/or other ubically visible location for this purpose, and that the Council report on this information to the 74th and 75th General Conventions and future General Conventions until such time as the Executive Council on Anti-Racism or its succeeding body determines it is no longer necessary. ”

**Committee Substitute:**

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, that we acknowledge that not all dioceses have followed the spirit of the anti-racism training required in Title III or General Convention Resolution 2000-B049 regarding training of all ordained persons and lay leadership; and be it further
Resolved, that we acknowledge that the work of dismantling racism is an essential part of spiritual formation; and be it further

Resolved, that the 79th General Convention re-affirms the necessity and importance of anti-racism training for the lay and ordained leadership of The Episcopal Church, including all ordained persons, professional staff, and those elected or appointed to committees, commissions, agencies, task forces, and boards; and be it further

Resolved, that the Executive Council Committee on Anti-Racism and The Episcopal Church staff, The Absalom Jones Episcopal Center for Racial Healing and Christian Formation professionals be encouraged to work together to continue to expand the resources available for trainings that can be adapted to different contexts and that address the multiplicity and intersectionality of oppressions that exist in society, and maintain online a recommended list of curricula and programs as they are developed, that could be used for anti-racism training and for training facilitators; and be it further

Resolved, that the lay and ordained leadership of The Episcopal Church are also expected to engage in ongoing spiritual formation and education focused on racial healing, justice, and reconciliation as part of our Church’s commitment to Becoming Beloved Community; and be it further

Resolved, that each committee, commission, agency, task force, and board, and each province and diocese maintain a register of those who have participated in training, and annually report to the Executive Council through the Executive Council Committee on Anti-Racism by January 1 each year, how many people have participated in training and what other Becoming Beloved Community formation opportunities have been offered and that the Council report on this information to future General Conventions until such time as the Executive Council Committee on Anti-Racism or its succeeding body determines it is no longer necessary.

Motion carried
Substitute resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #300)

Governance and Structure

The House of Bishops Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #15 on HD Message #170 on Resolution A088 (Proposed Guidelines for Amending Church Records) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #315)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A088)

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention appreciates the contribution of the TransEpiscopal community in articulating the need to change church records in keeping with an individual’s gender identity; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention direct the Archives of The Episcopal Church to develop guidelines regarding the amending of names and gender in church records, such guidelines to be reviewed by the Executive Council and promulgated across the Church by the Archives of The Episcopal Church by the end of 2019; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention urge dioceses and other agencies and institutions of the church, including but not limited to, general church offices, the Recorder of Ordinations, and seminaries to utilize such guidelines.

The House of Bishops Committee to Receive the Report of Resolution A169

The House of Bishops Committee to Receive the Report of Resolution A169 presented its Report #5 on HD Message #98 on Resolution B010 (Concerning the Service of the Church) and moved concurrence with referral to an Interim Body.

Motion carried
The House concurred
Resolution referred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #316)

Social Justice and United States Policy

The House of Bishops Committee on Social Justice and United States Policy presented its Report #34 on Resolution D003 (Addressing the issue of Voter Suppression) and moved adoption of a substitute.

Original Text of Resolution:
(D003)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That this 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church hereby directs and encourages the adoption, on a state-by-state basis, of the following package of reforms that would expand voter registration, increase voter eligibility, and make voting processes more accessible by: implementing automatic voter registration; enabling same-day voter registration; preparing for natural disasters; allowing online registration; expanding the circle of people who are eligible to vote; making it easier to vote by mail; enabling no-excuse absentee voting; creating long-term mailing lists for absentee voters; making it easier for people to vote early, in person; enabling weekend voting and extended hours; and, guaranteeing an adequate number of voting locations.

Committee Substitute:
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, that this 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church hereby calls on all states to cease and desist efforts to suppress the voting rights of American Citizens; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church calls on governments on all levels to create policies to enhance voter participation by, among other strategies, seeking to implement policies that will increase early voting, extend registration periods, guarantee an adequate number of voting locations, allow absentee balloting without the necessity of having an excuse, and prohibit forms of identification that restrict voter participation; and be it further

Resolved, That, in accordance with Executive Council Resolution AN033 adopted October 25, 2017, the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church reaffirms that one person one vote means that the votes of all citizens of all races and ethnicities are fairly represented, counted and accounted for; that we oppose any form of partisan gerrymandering which has the same effect of racial gerrymandering; and be it further
Resolved, That the 79th General Convention call upon the National Conference of State Legislators to address gerrymandering as a major focus in developing a fair, not gerrymandered electoral process.

   Motion carried
   Substitute resolution adopted
   (Communicated to the House of Bishops in HD Message #301)

Social Justice and International Policy

The House of Bishops Committee on Social Justice and International Policy presented its Report #10 on HD Message #209 on Resolution B024 (Police Killings and Mental Illness) and moved concurrence.

   Motion carried
   The House concurred
   (Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #317)

Final Text of Resolution:

(B024)

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention of the Episcopal Church, as followers of Jesus Christ, recognize the increase in the number of law enforcement encounters with our brothers, sisters, and siblings suffering from mental illness; and be it further

Resolved, That abiding in His call to serve Him through the care and service of the least among us (Mt. 25:40). As His followers we

1. Strongly encourage state and local law enforcement departments to seek and utilize alternatives to deadly force when dealing with unarmed citizens, especially those in mental health crisis and distress; and
2. Urge elected officials, governmental agencies and other relevant law enforcement entities to train and educate law enforcement officers and to implement reforms which mandate that law enforcement departments provide mandatory mental health crisis intervention and de-escalation training for all officers who may be called to respond to such situations; and
3. Urge all Episcopalians to advocate for mental health crisis intervention training and utilization for all law enforcement officials in local communities.

The House of Bishops Committee on Social Justice and International Policy presented its Report #11 on HD Message #210 on Resolution D009 (Christian Principles for Responding to Human Migration) and moved concurrence.

   Motion carried
   The House concurred
   (Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #320)

Final Text of Resolution:

(D009)

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church recognize that human migration has always been part of the human condition, and that human migration will continue in future, and will likely increase due to any number of variables including the effects of climate change on human habitat, economic instability, or ongoing war and conflict, and remembering the call in both Hebrew and
Christian Scriptures to welcome the stranger, building stronger and more diverse community: “You shall also love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt” (Deuteronomy 10:19) and “I was a stranger, and you welcomed me; …. Truly I tell you, just as you did it to the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me” (Matthew 25: 35, 40); and be it further

Resolved, That this General Convention set forth these principles to guide our church’s response to human migration, including internal migration, in the future:

1. We recognize the fundamental human rights of all people as expressed in our Baptismal Covenant and we reaffirm that the Universal Declaration of Human Rights applies to all refugees and both regular and irregular migrants;
2. We remember that Mary, Joseph, and Jesus were refugees, as they were forced to flee into a foreign land to escape violence;
3. We call on all governments to keep their commitments and legal obligations to respect the rights and dignity of all people, including access to justice and social services, while recognizing the complexity of developing just immigration policies in any country, and the legitimate need to protect borders and address security threats to sovereign nations;
4. We commit the church to learning and engaging migration issues as part of the Jesus Movement, sacredly holding the voices and leadership of migrants themselves and honoring their leadership in this process;
5. We will endeavor to learn and address root causes of migration and advocate for just solutions with Anglican/Episcopal, ecumenical, and interfaith partners;
6. We acknowledge the connection between U.S. policies, and the policies of other states, and the root drivers of migration, including climate change, armed conflict, and disruption of local economies through global trade policies;
7. We stress the importance of demonstrating hospitality and welcome as Christian values at the local level, preaching hospitality and positive storytelling to overcome xenophobia;
8. We insist that the United States of America and other powerful, wealthy nations, and all nations to the best of their ability, contribute to resettlement, establish and maintain safe and orderly humanitarian protection for refugees, internally displaced persons, and other migrants seeking long-term solutions and safety;
9. We call on all nations to maintain family unity and safety during migration;
10. We insist that economic and foreign relationships among governments should not increase the need of migration due to economic hardships, persecution, and violence;
11. We insist that governments strive to maintain conditions which are conducive to internal stability and employment opportunity;
12. In the event that people are forced to migrate, we insist that our governments address the drivers holistically, without racial, ethnic, socioeconomic status, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical or mental ability, health status, or religious prejudice;
13. We insist that our governments adhere to the internationally accepted principle known as non-refoulement, that stipulates that countries should not return migrants and refugees to unsafe conditions in their home countries or other countries;
14. We recognize the links between migrants in vulnerable transit situations and human trafficking and other dangers, and will seek to establish and maintain robust, safe, and orderly routes for refugees;
15. We urge governments to expand refugee resettlement as a humanitarian response that offers individuals safety and opportunity;
16. We recognize that displacement due to climate change already happens and will increase, and we insist that our governments and the international community must commit to development of long-term protection solutions for persons displaced by climate change; and be it further
Resolved, That this General Convention recognize the process underway at the United Nations to establish a Global Compact on Refugees[,] and a Global Compact on Migration, processes that have included advocacy by The Episcopal Church Representative to the UN and by the Office of Government Relations Refugee and Immigration Policy Advisor; and be it further

Resolved, That this General Convention urge the Office of the Presiding Bishop to ensure continued representation of The Episcopal Church at the United Nations and other multinational consultations with faith communities on refugee and migrant issues, alongside the Anglican Communion Office, Lutheran World Federation, and other ecumenical and interfaith partners in responding to the global refugee crisis; and be it further

Resolved, That this General Convention encourage all congregations and dioceses to learn about the intricacies of migration, including root causes through the resources provided by Episcopal Migration Ministries and its Partners in Welcome network and engage in aiding migrants to the best of their ability.

[Ed. Note: The committee also left this note for resolution D009: "See the UNHCR website for information on the 2016 New York Declaration for Refugees and Migrants, the Global Compact on Refugees and the Global Compact on Migration: http://www.unhcr.org/." The site referenced is the United Nations Refugee Agency website.]

The House of Bishops Committee on Social Justice and International Policy presented its Report #9 on HD Message #211 on Resolution D096 (Support for Good Governance) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #321)

Final Text of Resolution:
(D096)

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention be concerned about a worldwide surge in autocratic governments; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention affirm that governments function best when they are responsive, participatory, and transparent, and ensure adequate protection for minorities; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention encourage the Office of Government Relations to partner with Anglicans and Anglican provinces globally to support one another in advocating for good governance and free and fair participation of its citizens in civic processes; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention encourage individual Episcopalians, parishes and dioceses in all provinces of The Episcopal Church to engage their own governments and civic institutions to be responsive, transparent, and participatory, and urge their governments to promote these principles of good governance globally.
Stewardship and Socially Responsible Investing

The House of Bishops Committee on Stewardship and Socially Responsible Investing presented its Report #6 on HD Message #216 on Resolution A061 (Create a Task Force on Theology of Money) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #322)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A061)

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention direct the Presiding Bishop and President of the House of Deputies of The Episcopal Church to appoint a Task Force on the Church’s Theology of Money, consisting of four (4) bishops, five (5) presbyters or deacons, and six (6) lay persons, who represent the cultural and economic diversity of the Church; and be it further

Resolved, That the Task Force be directed to use scripture, approved liturgical resources, other theological texts, and previous actions of General Convention to summarize the ways in which The Episcopal Church understands the theology of money and financial resources in the way we give, invest, and spend; and be it further

Resolved, With regards to investment beliefs, that the Task Force should examine the following elements of responsible investing consistent with the Church’s faith and mission as practiced today by many institutional investors across the Church: applying ethical guidelines in investment selection and management, shareholder activism, and investing for responsible social and environmental outcomes as well as financial return; and be it further

Resolved, That the Task Force be directed to present its findings and recommendations to the 80th General Convention; and be it further

Resolved, That the Task Force be directed to make available its findings and recommendations as a resource to guide and inform policy on giving, spending, and investing across 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 $30,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

The House of Bishops Committee on Stewardship and Socially Responsible Investing presented its Report #5 on HD Message #220 on Resolution B028 (Continue Commitment to Growing Financial Generosity Within the Church) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #323)

Final Text of Resolution:
(B028)

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention and The Episcopal Church celebrate and strategically support enhanced transformational giving among its members through a commitment to proportional giving to church ministry; and be it further
Resolved, That the Church continue to embrace the biblical tithe of 10% as a standard for faithful generosity; and be it further

Resolved, That the Church continue its support of The Episcopal Network for Stewardship (TENS) and request that the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance consider a budget allocation of $150,000 for the years 2019-2021.

Church Pension Fund

The House of Bishops Committee on Church Pension Fund presented its Report #5 on HD Message #149 on Resolution D037 (Amend Canon I.8) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #325)

Final Text of Resolution:
(D037)
Resolved, That the 79th General Convention, recognizes ongoing disparities of compensation and the need for greater insight into data and trends across the church; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention direct the Church Pension Group, drawing upon the report of the House of Deputies Special Committee on Sexual Harassment and Exploitation to the 79th General Convention and other relevant resources, expand its Clergy Compensation Report to include greater specificity as it relates to gender identity, bringing together in a single report as much detailed information as possible, up to the limits of applicable privacy standards and laws; and be it further

Resolved, That any necessary supplemental data be gathered by the Office of Research at the Episcopal Church Center through surveys or other forms of research; and be it further

Resolved, That the Church Pension Group will report on changes to the Clergy Compensation Report at the Spring 2019 meeting of Executive Council.

Stewardship and Socially Responsible Investing

The House of Bishops Committee on Stewardship and Socially Responsible Investing presented its Report #4 on HD Message #229 on Resolution D068 (Criteria and Procedures for Deciding to Engage with or Establish a No Buy List of Companies) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #326)

Final Text of Resolution:
(D068)
Resolved, That the 79th General Convention requests Executive Council to ask its Committee on Corporate Social Responsibility (CCSR), in consultation with, among others, those in the Church engaged with concerns for human rights and with concerns for the care of creation, to develop and propose to Executive Council for its review and adoption:
(a) criteria by which the Church may assess the Church’s investments in companies that the Church finds to be inconsistent with the Church’s faith and mission or questionable under the Church’s ethical teaching, and criteria by which the Church may evaluate the effectiveness of efforts to engage with such companies and the effectiveness of divestment through creation of a No Buy list from such companies, and

(b) procedures for the Church to follow in making a decision to engage companies or to establish a No Buy list, and

(c) to accomplish this work, CCSR is encouraged to look for partner organizations outside of The Episcopal Church in which to participate in Collective Action;

And be it further

Resolved, That this work be completed by CCSR by March of 2020 for consideration and action by Executive Council in that year.

End of 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 #296: A295 (Adopt the Budget for The Episcopal Church) Adopted with Amendment
HD Message #297: B016 (Adopt ELCA Action on Israel/Palestine) Adopted with Amendment
HD Message #298: B019 (Impact Investing for Palestine) Took No Further Action
HD Message #299: D039 (Regarding Occupation and Apartheid) Adopted with Amendment
HD Message #300: C038 (Safeguard the Rights of Palestinian Children) Adopted with Substitute
HD Message #301: D027 (Pursuing Justice in Gaza) Adopted with Amendment
HD Message #302: D038 (Civil Rights and Equality for All in Israel) Adopted with Amendment
HD Message #303: D028 (Freedom of Speech and the Right to Boycott) Rejected
HD Message #304: C047 (Support of One Person, One Vote) Concurred
HD Message #305: A216 (Calendar Reformation) Not Concurred
HD Message #306: A041 (Episcopal Church-United Methodist Dialogue) Concurred
HD Message #307: A156 (Amend Canon III.11.1) Adopted with Amendment

Social Justice and International Policy

The House of Bishops Committee on Social Justice and International Policy presented its Report #15 on HD Message #301 on Resolution D027 (Pursuing Justice in Gaza) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #333)

Final Text of Resolution:

(D027)

Resolved, That in light of Israel's escalating indifference to international law and the rights of civilians under the Geneva Convention and other treaties, the General Convention call on the Congress and President of the United States to cooperate with calls by the United Nations for independent,
transparent investigations into the use of lethal force against unarmed civilians by the Israeli Defense Force, as well as by Palestinian forces; and be it further

Resolved, That if information of human rights violations by military forces is corroborated, the General Convention stress the obligation of the US government to enforce the Leahy Amendment, which prohibits the USA from providing funds to foreign military units when human rights violations have been credibly identified; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention urge both Israeli and Palestinian governments to engage in non-violent methods of conflict resolution, using justice-seeking non-governmental groups in Israel-Palestine and beyond.

[Ed. Note: For clarity, the term "Convention" has been changed to "the General Convention" when referring to the General Convention rather than the Geneva Convention in resolution D027.]

Stewardship and Socially Responsible Investing

The Rt. Rev. Douglas Fisher, Bishop of Western Massachusetts and Chair of The House of Bishops Committee on Stewardship and Socially Responsible Investing reported that HB Legislative Committee #16 was ready for business.

The House of Bishops Committee on Stewardship and Socially Responsible Investing presented its Report #9 on HD Message #297 on Resolution B016 (Adopt ELCA Action on Israel/Palestine) and moved concurrence.

Point of Order

The Rt. Rev. W. Nicholas Knisely, Bishop of Rhode Island, questioned whether the House of Bishops could agree to a document for which the House of Bishops doesn’t have a copy.

The Chair confirmed the Bishop of Rhode Island is correct and they will postpone voting.

The Rt. Rev. Mark Beckwith, Bishop of Newark, offered remarks.

The Parliamentarian read the ruling regarding the point of order.

Motion carried
Consideration postponed

[Ed. Note: The House of Bishops considered resolution B016 on July 13, 2018 (Day 9).]

Churchwide Leadership

The House of Bishops Committee on Churchwide Leadership presented its Report #16 on HD Message #307 on Resolution A156 (Amend Canon III.11.1) and moved concurrence.

The Chair announced that voting on Resolution A156 would be postponed.

Motion carried
Consideration postponed

[Ed. Note: The House of Bishops considered resolution A156 on July 13, 2018 (Day 9).]
Announcements
The Secretary announced that Resolution Do88 would be removed from tomorrow's Consent Calendar and discussed today.

Special Order of Business: Passing the Torch
The Bishops of the Diocese of Texas "passed the torch" of hosting General Convention 2021 to the Bishops of Maryland.

The Rt. Rev. Jeff Fisher, Suffragan Bishop, gave volunteer shirts to The Presiding Bishop, The Vice-Chair, The Parliamentarian platform party and the other Bishops of Texas.

Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations
The House of Bishops Committee on Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations presented its Report #17 on Resolution Do88 (Dialogue with South Sudanese Anglican Diaspora) and moved adoption with amendment.

Original Text of Resolution:
(Do88)
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention call upon the Presiding Bishop to appoint a task force of two bishops, two clergy and two lay persons to establish an official dialogue with the the South Sudanese American Anglican diaspora living in this country and the Episcopal Church; and be it further
Resolved, That this task force report to the Executive Council at least once each year during the coming 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 $15,000.00 for the implementation of this resolution.

Committee Amendment:
Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention call upon the Presiding Bishop to appoint a task force of two bishops, two clergy, and two lay persons to establish an official dialogue conversation for the purpose of developing a statement of understanding of the relationship with the South Sudanese American Anglican diaspora living in this country and The Episcopal Church; and be it further
Resolved, That this task force report to the Executive Council at least once each year during the coming triennium; and be it further
Resolved, That this task force conclude its work and expire no later than adjournment sine die of the 80th 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 $15,000.00 for the implementation of this resolution.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #304)
**Introduction of Elected Bishops**


**The House of Bishops Committee to Receive the Report of Resolution A169**

The House of Bishops Committee to Receive the Report of Resolution A169 presented its Report #9 on HD Message #336 on Resolution D078 (Authorize Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Expansive Language) for Trial Use) and moved concurrence.

The Rt. Rev. John Bauerschmidt, Bishop of Tennessee motioned to refer Resolution D078 to an interim body.

**Motion defeated**

**Proposed Amendment:**

The Rt. Rev. Daniel Martins, Bishop of Springfield, proposed an amendment to the first resolve, adjusting the following phrase: "That the 79th General Convention authorize The Holy Eucharist: Rite II, including Eucharistic Prayers A, B, and D, (Expansive Language) for trial use throughout this church subject to the authority of the Eclesiastical Authority ".

The voted on the proposed amendment.

**Motion defeated**

**Amendment defeated**

A vote was taken on Resolution D078.

**Motion carried**

**The House concurred**

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #332)

**Final Text of Resolution:**

(D078)

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention authorize The Holy Eucharist: Rite II, including Eucharistic Prayers A, B, and D, (Expansive Language) for trial use throughout this church as a proposed revision within pages 355-382 of the Book of Common Prayer pursuant to Article X(b) of the Constitution; and be it further

Resolved, That the period of trial use for these liturgies shall extend until the completion of the next comprehensive revision of the Book of Common Prayer; and be it further

Resolved, That The Holy Eucharist: Rite II, Eucharistic Prayer C, be referred to the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music for possible revision for trial use; and be it further

Resolved, That The Holy Eucharist: Rite II, including Eucharistic Prayers A, B, and D, (Expansive Language) be provided to the church at no cost via electronic distribution; and be it further

Resolved, That the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music be directed to engage a dynamic equivalence translation of The Holy Eucharist: Rite II, including Eucharistic Prayers A, B, and D, (Expansive Language) into the Spanish, French, and Haitian Creole languages; 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 $12,500 for the implementation of this resolution; and be it further.

Resolved, That the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music be directed to develop a process for evaluation of the ongoing use of The Holy Eucharist: Rite II, including Eucharistic Prayers A, B, and D, (Expansive Language) among the dioceses and congregations of this church.

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two
(Expansive Language)

The Word of God
A hymn, psalm, or anthem may be sung.
The people standing, the Celebrant says
Blessed be God: most holy, glorious, and undivided Trinity.
or Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People And blessed be God’s reign, now and for ever. Amen.
In place of the above, from Easter Day through the Day of Pentecost
Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.
In Lent and on other penitential occasions
Blessed be God who forgives all our sins.
People God’s mercy endures for ever.
The Celebrant may say Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.
The rubrics of the Prayer Book (p. 356) provide that when appointed, the Gloria in excelsis or “some other song of praise” may be used. Supplemental canticles (Enriching our Worship 1, pp. 25-41) or canticles from the Book of Common Prayer (pp. 85-96) are among the appropriate alternatives.
On other occasions the following is used
Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy
or this
Kyrie eleison.
Christe eleison.
Kyrie eleison.
or this
Holy God, 
Holy and Mighty, 
Holy Immortal One, 
Have mercy upon us.

The Collect of the Day
The Celebrant says to the people
God be with you. or The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Let us pray.
The Celebrant says the Collect.
People Amen.

The Lessons
The people sit. One or two Lessons, as appointed, are read, the Reader first saying
A Reading (Lesson) from ________.
A citation giving chapter and verse may be added.
After each Reading, the Reader may say
The Word of the Lord.
or
Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.
or
Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.
People Thanks be to God.
or the Reader may say Here ends the Reading (Epistle).
Silence may follow.
A psalm, hymn, or anthem may follow each Reading.
Then, all standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying
The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to ________.
People Glory to you, Lord Christ.
After the Gospel, the Reader says
The Gospel of our Savior.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon
On Sundays and other Major Feasts there follows, all standing
The Nicene Creed
We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God, begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People  
Prayer is offered with intercession for
The Universal Church, its members, and its mission
The Nation and all in authority
The welfare of the world
The concerns of the local community
Those who suffer and those in any trouble
The departed (with commemoration of a saint when appropriate)

See the forms beginning on Book of Common Prayer, page 383, and the additional rubrics concerning the Prayers of the People found in Enriching Our Worship 1, pages 54-55. If there is no celebration of the Communion, or if a priest is not available, the service is concluded as indicated in the Additional Directions of the Book of Common Prayer.

Confession of Sin
A Confession of Sin is said here if it has not been said earlier. On occasion, the Confession may be omitted.

One of the sentences from the Penitential Order or Enriching Our Worship 1 may be said.
The Deacon or Celebrant says
Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
Silence may be kept.
Minister and People
Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.
The Bishop when present, or the Priest, stands and says
Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.
The Peace

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people
The peace of Christ be always with you.
People And also with you.

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of Jesus Christ.

The Holy Communion

The Celebrant may begin the Offertory with one of the sentences provided, or with some other sentence of Scripture.

During the Offertory, a hymn, psalm, or anthem may be sung.

Representatives of the congregation bring the people’s offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, to the deacon or celebrant. The people stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.

The Great Thanksgiving

Alternative forms will be found on page 10 and following.

Eucharistic Prayer A

The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says

Celebrant The Lord be with you. or God be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People We lift them to the Lord.
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.

Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

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 the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.
The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues
Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and maker of all.

Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

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 handed over to suffering and death, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ’s death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Christ. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.AMEN.

And now, as our Savior As our Savior Christ

Christ has taught us, has taught us,

we are bold to say, we now pray,

People and Celebrant

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy Name,

thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.
Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.
The Breaking of the Bread
The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.
A period of silence is kept.
Then may be sung or said
[Alleluia.] Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. [Alleluia.]
In Lent, Alleluia is omitted, and may be omitted at other times except during Easter Season.
In place of, or in addition to, the preceding, some other suitable anthem may be used.
Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation or similar words.
The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*and may add* Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words

The Body (Blood) of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. [Amen.]

or with these words The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [Amen.]

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [Amen.]

During the ministration of Communion, hymns, psalms, or anthems may be sung.

When necessary, the Celebrant consecrates additional bread and wine, using the provided form in the Additional Directions of the Book of Common Prayer.

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Eternal God,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Savior. Amen.

or the following

Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Christ,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Savior.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.
The Bishop when present, or the Priest, may bless the people. The Deacon, or the
Celebrant, dismisses them with these words
Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People Thanks be to God.
or this
Deacon Go in peace to love and serve Jesus Christ our Savior.
People Thanks be to God.
or this
Deacon Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
People Thanks be to God.
or this
Deacon Let us bless the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.
From the Easter Vigil through the Day of Pentecost “Alleluia, alleluia” is added to any of
the dismissals.

Alternative Forms of the Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B
The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and
sings or says
Celebrant The Lord be with you. or God be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People We lift them to the Lord.
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People It is right to give our thanks and praise.
Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.
Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.
Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the
company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:
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 the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

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 before he died for us, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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.”

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember Christ’s death,

We proclaim Christ’s resurrection,

We await Christ’s coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [_____________and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. AMEN.

Continue with the Lord’s Prayer on page. 

Eucharistic Prayer D
The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings:

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. or God be with you.
People: And also with you.
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them to the Lord.
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds:

It is truly right to glorify you, Holy One, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing (say),

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 the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues:

We acclaim you, holy God, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Holy God, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, Jesus lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose Jesus gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for Christ who died and rose for us, you sent the Holy Spirit, your own first gift for those who believe, to complete your work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

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.
When the hour had come for Jesus to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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.”

Almighty God, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ’s death and descent among the dead, proclaiming Christ’s resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting Christ’s coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Celebrant and People

We praise you, we bless you,
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.

The Celebrant continues

God our Creator, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

[Remember (NN. and) all who minister in your Church.] [Remember all your people, and those who seek your truth.]

[Remember _________.]

[Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.]

And grant that we may find our inheritance with [the Blessed Virgin Mary, with matriarchs, patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, (with ______________) and] all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. AMEN.

Continue with the Lord’s Prayer on page ____.

Proper Prefaces
Preface of the Lord's Day
To be used on Sundays as appointed, but not on the succeeding weekdays

1. Of God the Father
For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.
or this

2. Of God the Son
Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
or the following

3. Of God the Holy Spirit
For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

Prefaces for Seasons
To be used on Sundays and weekdays alike, except as otherwise appointed for Holy Days and Various Occasions

Advent
Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs of everlasting life; that when Christ shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

Incarnation
Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfectly human of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

Epiphany
Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Savior.

Lent
Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.
or this

You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you.
Holy Week Through Jesus Christ our Lord. For our sins he was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; and, by his suffering and death, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him.

Easter
But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By Christ's death he has destroyed death, and by Christ's rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

Ascension
Through your dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord. After his glorious resurrection he openly appeared to the apostles, and in their sight ascended into heaven, to prepare a place for us; that where he is, there we might also be, and reign with him in glory.

Pentecost
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. In fulfillment of Christ's true promise, the Holy Spirit came down [on this day] from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to your Church the power to serve you as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations.

Prefaces for Other Occasions
Trinity Sunday
For with your co-eternal Son and Holy Spirit, you are one God, one Lord, in Trinity of Persons and in Unity of Being; and we celebrate the one and equal glory of you, O Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All Saints
For in the multitude of your saints, you have surrounded us with a great cloud of witnesses, that we might rejoice in their fellowship, and run with endurance the race that is set before us; and, together with them, receive the crown of glory that never fades away.

A Saint
For the wonderful grace and virtue declared in all your saints, who have been the chosen vessels of your grace, and the lights of the world in their generations.

or this
Because in the obedience of your saints you have given us an example of righteousness, and in their eternal joy a glorious pledge of the hope of our calling.

or this
Because you are greatly glorified in the assembly of your saints. All your creatures praise you, and your faithful servants bless you, confessing before the rulers of this world the great Name of your only begotten.

Apostles and Ordinations
Through the great shepherd of your flock, Jesus Christ our Lord; who after the resurrection sent forth the apostles to preach the Gospel and to teach all nations; and promised to be with them always, even to the end of the ages.

_Dedication of a Church_

Through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, in whom we are built up as living stones of a holy temple, that we might offer before you a sacrifice of praise and prayer which is holy and pleasing in your sight.

_Baptism_

Because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your beloved children, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth.

_Marriage_

Because in the giving of two people to each other in faithful love you reveal the joy and abundant life you share with your Son Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit.

_Commemoration of the Dead_

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who rose victorious from the dead, and comforts us with the blessed hope of everlasting life. For to your faithful people, O Lord, life is changed, not ended; and when our mortal body lies in death, there is prepared for us a dwelling place eternal in the heavens.

[Ed. Note: The word "your" was inadvertently omitted from line 239 of resolution D078 in the phrase "that we are living members of the Body of your Christ," after floor amendments in the House of Deputies. This was added back in to the final text per the ruling of the Secretary of Convention.]

_Message from Dispatch_

Dispatch informed the Chair that there was no more legislation.

_Recess_

Following announcements by the Secretary, the Rt. Rev. C. Andrew Doyle, Bishop of Texas, the Rt. Rev. Gladstone Adams, Bishop Provisional of The Episcopal Church in South Carolina, and the Chair, prayers were led by Chaplains Brother Randy Greve and Dent Davidson.

The Chair declared that the House of Bishops would stand in recess until 8:00 a.m. on the 9th Legislative Day.

The House recessed at 4:55 p.m.
The House of Bishops reconvened at 8:03 a.m. with the Presiding Bishop in the chair.

Morning prayer was led by the Very Rev. Miguelina Howell, Dent Davidson, and Brother Randy Greve, Chaplains for the House of Bishops.

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

The House of Bishops Committee on Dispatch of Business moved acceptance of the previous day's minutes.

The Rt. Rev. Shannon Johnston, Bishop of Virginia, spoke to removing the Resolutions concerning Title IV from the Consent Calendar and moving them to the Legislative Calendar.

The Secretary announced the Consent Calendar for the 9th Legislative Day, noting the following resolutions would be removed from the Consent Calendar and added to the Legislative Calendar for the 9th Day:

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The House of Bishops Committee on Dispatch of Business moved adoption of the Consent Calendar for the 9th Legislative Day.

Motion carried

Consent Calendar

Governance and Structure

The House of Bishops Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #16 on HD Message #228 on Resolution D042 (Amend Canon I.4.1) and moved concurrence with referral to an Interim Body.

Motion carried
The House concurred
Resolution referred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #334)

The House of Bishops Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #19 on HD Message #217 on Resolution A078 (Amend Canon I.9.2-13) and moved concurrence with referral to an interim body.

Motion carried
The House concurred
Resolution referred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #335)
The House of Bishops Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #17 on HD Message #255 on Resolution A102 (Create a Task Force on Budget Process) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #368)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A102)

Resolved, That transparency throughout The Episcopal Church’s budget process, and timely participation in that process by the wider Church, are critical to the whole Church’s engagement in and support for the budget adopted by the General Convention; and be it further

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the General Convention, the Executive Council, the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance, and the Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons work cooperatively to examine the triennial budget process to (a) identify ways to enhance transparency throughout the process, (b) foster timely participation by the wider Church, (c) clarify the respective roles of the General Convention and the Executive Council in developing the triennial budget and its funding priorities and choices, and (d) promote effective and collaborative budgeting and management between and among all involved leadership and staff; and be it further

Resolved, That this examination conclude with a jointly prepared report published by December 31, 2019, with recommendations to the Executive Council and the 80th General Convention, including proposals for any needed revisions to the governing documents of the Church, the Executive Council and the General Convention so that the governing documents are consistent in all material respects; in preparing the report, resort to assistance from those knowledgeable about the Joint Rules of Order of the General Convention is encouraged.

Governance and Structure

The House of Bishops Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #21 on HD Message #256 on Resolution A179 (Amend Canon I.1.2(o) - Creating Task Forces) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #407)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A179)

Resolved, That Canon I.1.2(o) of the Canons of The Episcopal Church, be amended to read as follows:

CANON I.1.2

(o) At the first meeting of the Executive Council following the adjournment of a General Convention, and subject to budgeted funds available for the purpose, the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies, having reviewed the
resolutions adopted by the General Convention that provide for any study or further action, shall thereupon recommend to the Executive Council, the creation of such study committees and task forces as may be necessary to complete that work. Any Executive Council resolution creating a task force or study committee shall specify the size and composition, the clear and express duties assigned, the time for completion of the work assigned, to whom the body's report is to be made, and the amount and source of the funding for the body. The members of each such body shall be jointly appointed by the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies, and the composition of such committees and task forces shall reflect the diverse voices of the Church and a balance of the Church's orders consistent with the historic polity of the Church. Those committees and task forces so appointed shall expire at the beginning of the next General Convention following, unless reappointed by the Presiding Bishop and President of the House of Deputies and reauthorized by the Executive Council.

Stewardship and Socially Responsible Investing

The House of Bishops Committee on Stewardship and Socially Responsible Investing presented its Report #7 on HD Message #247 on Resolution C021 (Climate Change and additional support for EC Committee on Corporate Social Responsibility) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #402)

Final Text of Resolution:

(C021)

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church call upon the Executive Council Committee on Corporate Social Responsibility (CCSR), in conjunction with the Church Pension Fund, to identify 10 companies within our portfolio that significantly impact the environment, and initiate shareholder engagement to advocate for the inclusion of an expert in sustainability on their boards; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention make this a priority for the triennium as the Stewardship of Creation pillar of the Jesus Movement by authorizing an expense of $15,000 to be treated as investment management expenses.

Safeguarding and Title IV

The House of Bishops Committee on Safeguarding and Title IV presented its Report #21 on HD Message #243 on Resolution D047 (Compassionate Care of Victims of Sexual Abuse by Clergy) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #408)
Final Text of Resolution:

(D047)

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church calls upon all members of dioceses, congregations, institutions, and all affiliated organizations, individually and in community, to acknowledge that:

• reporting clergy misconduct is a courageous and sacrificial act, demonstrating love for and trust in the church;
• such reporting is an act of service to the church;
• a victim has a right to expect our faith communities to respond with the love and compassion of Christ.

Resolved, That persons who have been subjected to clergy misconduct often suffer significant psychological, spiritual and emotional injuries, as well as injuries to relationships of family and community. The Church’s response to these persons should include a range of resources and assistance from highly qualified professional providers; and be it further

Resolved, That guided by current resources of The Episcopal Church and in consultation with local professional providers, each diocese is encouraged to assemble an array of service providers with appropriate skills for meaningful responses to the needs of the reporters of clergy misconduct and those affected by clergy misconduct, which resources shall include trauma-informed approaches; and be it further

Resolved, That Canon IV.8.1 be amended to read as follows:

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. If the report involves an allegation of Sexual Misconduct, the Bishop Diocesan is encouraged to provide for a pastoral response that will include the provision of assistance by a mental health professional with appropriate skills for meaningful response to affected persons.

Governance and Structure

The House of Bishops Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #22 on HD Message #258 on Resolution D067 (Bias-Free and Expansive Language for God and Humanity) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #403)
Final Text of Resolution:

(D067)

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention acknowledges as has the Society of Biblical Literature Book of Style, that “bias-free language respects all cultures, peoples, and religions” and encourages the use of inclusive and expansive language for both God and humanity; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention in the spirit of effective evangelism and proclamation of the Gospel affirm the use of “bias-free language” defined by the principles below:

• Eliminate the perception of conscious or unconscious bias by the distracting use of biased language when not central to the meaning of the text.
• Avoid the generic use of masculine nouns and pronouns which is increasingly unacceptable in current English usage.
• Avoid the use of language that perpetuates stereotypes based on characteristics such as race, ethnicity, disability, sexual orientation, and gender identity or expression.
• Avoid the assignment of gender to God, except when required by the text.
• Respect all cultures, peoples, and religions by sensitivity to the uncritical use of biblical characterizations such as “the Jews” or “the Pharisees” that can perpetuate religious and ethnic stereotypes.
• Structure sentences to communicate clearly while using gender-neutral language, for example:
  • Omit the pronoun.
  • Repeat the noun.
  • Use a plural antecedent.
  • Use an article instead of a pronoun.
  • Use the neutral singular pronoun “one.”
  • Use the relative pronoun “who.”
  • Use the imperative mood;

And be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention urges that the Executive Council, the Office of General Convention and the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society give priority to using these guidelines in all published communications; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention exhort dioceses, congregations, institutions, and organizations affiliated with the Church to follow these guidelines in all published communications.

Governance and Structure

The House of Bishops Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #23 on HD Message #257 on Resolution D093 (Representative Planning Teams) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #404)
Final Text of Resolution:
(D093)

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention direct The Episcopal Church that all liturgical and worship planning teams for church-wide programs, events and meetings, including but not limited to General Convention, be representative in membership and that worship and worship leadership reflect the racial and ethnic diversity of The Episcopal Church; and be it further

Resolved, That dioceses be encouraged to ensure that all liturgical and worship planning teams, worship, and worship leadership for diocese-wide events be representative of the racial and ethnic diversity of the diocese.

The House of Bishops Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #18 on HD Message #259 on Resolution D094 (Fellowship for Non-domestic Diocese) and moved concurrence with referral to an interim body.

Motion carried
The House concurred
Resolution referred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #339)

Stewardship and Socially Responsible Investing

The House of Bishops Committee on Stewardship and Socially Responsible Investing presented its Report #8 on HD Message #248 on Resolution A020 (Fossil Fuel Divestment) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #405)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A020)

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention call upon the Investment Committee of the Executive Council to report to Executive Council all steps taken in the past triennium to divest from fossil fuel companies and reinvest in clean renewable energy in a fiscally responsible manner in accordance with General Convention resolution 2015-C045; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention reaffirm the language of resolution GC2015-C045 urging all institutions, dioceses, and congregations of the Episcopal Church to engage the topic of divestment from fossil fuels and reinvestment in clean energy and encourage them to share progress toward this goal with the Executive Council and the Advisory Council on the Stewardship of Creation; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention commend the Church Pension Fund for its passion in responding to climate change and for its statement “This does not mean that we would never divest; to do so, however, we would have to believe that divesting would not negatively impact the financial performance of our portfolio” (CPF Report to the House of Deputies, November 2, 2017, page 6); and be it further
Resolved, That in light of this statement, that the General Convention urge CPF to be mindful of the Church’s desire to become increasingly invested in renewable and clean energy; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request that the Church Pension Fund provide a report that includes a sustainability plan to the 80th General Convention.

Privilege and Courtesy

The House of Bishops Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #6 on Resolution A271 (The 25th Presiding Bishop and Mrs. Grisworld) and moved adoption.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #372)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A271)

Resolved, That the House of Bishops meeting at the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church, gathered in Austin, Texas, sends our greetings, love, and the assurance of our prayers to the Right Reverend Frank Griswold, 25th Presiding Bishop and Primate, and Mrs. Phoebe Griswold, giving thanks for his ministry and rejoicing in their ongoing life and work in our Church.

The House of Bishops Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #9 on Resolution A273 (The 24th Presiding Bishop) and moved adoption.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #373)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A273)

Resolved, That the House of Bishops meeting at the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church, gathered in Austin, Texas, gives thanks to Almighty God for the life, ministry, and witness of the late Right Reverend Edmond Lee Browning, 24th Presiding Bishop and Primate, who died during the last triennium on July 11th, 2016, sends our greetings, love, and the assurance of our prayers to Mrs. Patti Browning and to their family.

The House of Bishops Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #11 on Resolution A275 (The Ecumenical and Interfaith Guests of Convention) and moved adoption.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #374)
Final Text of Resolution:

(A275)

Resolved, That the House of Bishops meeting at the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church, gathered in Austin, Texas, expresses our deep gratitude to our Ecumenical and Interfaith Guests, thanking them for their presence and participation in this Convention, and assuring them of our ongoing commitment to dialogue and work together for the sake of closer relationships between our communities of faith and the well-being of all the peoples of our nations.

The House of Bishops Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #15 on Resolution A277 (The Anglican Communion Guests of Convention) and moved adoption.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #375)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A277)

Resolved, That the House of Bishops meeting at the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church, gathered in Austin, Texas, expresses our deep gratitude to our Guests from our beloved Anglican Communion, thanking them for their presence and participation in this Convention, and assuring them of our ongoing commitment to the strengthening of our bonds of affection and our unity in diversity for the sake of the mission of the Gospel in our world.

The House of Bishops Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #19 on Resolution A279 (The Schentrup Family and Ms. Abigail Zimmerman) and moved adoption.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #376)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A279)

Resolved, That the House of Bishops meeting at the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church, gathered in Austin, Texas, expresses our deep gratitude to Philip and April Schentrup and their children, Evelyn and Robert, faithful members of Saint Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church, Coral Springs, FL, and to Abigail Zimmerman, faithful member of Saint Alban’s Episcopal Church in Waco, TX, for their presence and witness among us; and be it further

Resolved, That this 79th General Convention commends to the keeping of Almighty God Carmen Schentrup, the leader of her youth group ministry at Saint Mary Magdalene, Coral Springs, who was killed in the shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School on Ash Wednesday, 2018, along with the 16 other victims of that shooting, as well as all other victims of gun violence in our countries; and be it further
Resolved, That this 79th General Convention commends supports the young people of this Church and their fellow students who have been striving to turn a moment into a movement for lasting chance in the culture of violence that infects our countries at every level of our societies.

The House of Bishops Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #23 on Resolution A285 (George H. W. Bush and the late Mrs. Barbara Bush) and moved adoption.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #378)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A285)

Resolved, That the House of Bishops meeting at the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church, gathered in Austin, Texas, sends our greetings and the assurance of our prayers to the Honorable George H. W. Bush, 41st President of the United States, in gratitude for his long life of public service, his commitment to the common good, and most especially his encouragement to the people of the United States to the sacrificial service of volunteerism and the flourishing of all our peoples, thus summoning us to the best and noblest ideals of our national aspirations; and be it further

Resolved, That this Convention assures President Bush and his family of our prayers for his late wife, Barbara, who stood by him faithfully for 73 years, and who, with him, was a faithful member of this Church.

The House of Bishops Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #22 on Resolution A302 (Bienvenida) and moved adoption.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #338)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A302)

Se resuelve, Que la reunión de la Cámara de Obispos en esta 79ª Convención General de la Iglesia Episcopal, reunida en Austin, Texas, regocijándose por la votación unánime de esta Cámara el 10 de julio de 2018 para reconocer a la Iglesia Episcopal de Cuba como una diócesis miembro de la Iglesia Episcopal, revirtiendo así una prolongada injusticia infligida a la Iglesia de Cuba por nuestros predecesores en esta Cámara el 27 de octubre de 1966, da gracias a Dios Todopoderoso por la fidelidad de la Iglesia Episcopal de Cuba desde ese día.

Y además reconoce el ministerio del Consejo Metropolitano de Cuba, compuesto por el Primado de la Iglesia Anglicana del Canadá, el Primado de la Provincia de los West Indies y el Obispo Primado de esta Iglesia, en su supervisión pastoral de la Iglesia Episcopal de Cuba.
Y además expresar nuestra profunda gratitud a la Iglesia Anglicana del Canadá por el fiel apoyo que ha proporcionado de atención y ayuda a la Iglesia Episcopal de Cuba durante estos años en que la Iglesia Episcopal de Cuba ha luchado para mantener la fe viva en su país, y ha prevalecido.

Y además darle la bienvenida con júbilo a la Rvdma. Griselda Delgado del Carpio, obispa de la Iglesia Episcopal de Cuba, a su legítimo asiento en esta Cámara.

Resolved, That the House of Bishops meeting at the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church, gathered in Austin, Texas, rejoicing in the unanimous vote of this House on July 10, 2018, to recognize la Iglesia Episcopal de Cuba as a member diocese of The Episcopal Church, thereby reversing a long injustice inflicted on the Church in Cuba by our predecessors in this House on October 27, 1966, gives thanks to Almighty God for the faithfulness of La Iglesia Episcopal de Cuba since that day;

And further acknowledges the ministry of the Metropolitan Council of Cuba, composed of the Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada, the Primate of the Church of the Province of the West Indies, and the Presiding Bishop of this Church, in their pastoral oversight of La Iglesia Episcopal de Cuba;

And further expresses our profound gratitude to the Anglican Church of Canada for the faithful support that they have provided for the care and assistance to La Iglesia Episcopal de Cuba during these years in which La Iglesia Episcopal de Cuba has struggled to keep the faith alive in their country, and prevailed;

And further welcomes with jubilation the Right Reverend Griselda Delgado del Carpio, the Bishop of La Iglesia Episcopal de Cuba, to her rightful seat in this House.

The House of Bishops Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #16 on Resolution B015 (Giving Thanks for the Ministry of George McGonigle) and moved adoption.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #340)

Final Text of Resolution:

(B015)

Resolved, That the House of Bishops of the 79th General Convention recognize George McGonigle who served General Convention and the Diocese of Texas, our host diocese, well and faithfully as a deputy at eight Conventions; and be it further

Resolved, That we give thanks for his work as chair of the Committee on Ministry of General Convention and his leadership during difficult times; and be it further

Resolved, That we express our appreciation for this ministry of George McGonigle and pray for our Lord Jesus Christ to continue to pour his blessings upon our brother in Christ.
The House of Bishops Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #14 on Resolution B032 (Remembering Robert Ayres, Jr.) and moved adoption.

**Motion carried**  
**Resolution adopted**  
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #342)

**Final Text of Resolution:**

(B032)

Resolved, That the House of Bishops of the 79th General Convention give thanks for the life and witness of Robert Moss Ayres, Jr., who died on June 19, 2018, at his home in Austin, Texas; and be it further

Resolved, That we remember and give thanks to God for his many decades of faithful service to The Episcopal Church, including as Senior Warden of Christ Church, San Antonio; member of the Executive Board of the Diocese of West Texas; member of the Executive Council of The Episcopal Church; member of the Board of Episcopal Relief and Development; and member and leader of Bible studies for much of his adult life; and be it further

Resolved, That we express gratitude for Bob Ayres' love of philanthropic giving and his service to the University of the South as Vice-Chancellor from 1977-1988, during which time the University's endowment more than tripled; and be it further

Resolved, That we extend our condolences to his wife Patricia and to his family, as we commend our brother Bob to Christ's never-failing care and love, and into the glorious company of the saints in light.

The House of Bishops Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #2 on Resolution A241 (The Most Reverend Josiah Idowu-Fearon and the ACO) and moved adoption.

**Motion carried**  
**Resolution adopted**  
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #377)

**Final Text of Resolution:**

(A241)

Resolved, That the House of Bishops of the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church, gathered in Austin, Texas, sends our greetings and the assurance of our prayers to the Most Reverend Josiah Idowu-Fearon, the Secretary-General of the Anglican Communion Office, and to his staff, in thanksgiving for the work of the Anglican Communion Office in supporting the witness and unity of our worldwide Anglican Communion.

The House of Bishops Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #4 on Resolution A243 (The Most Reverend Bernard Ntahoturi and the Anglican Centre in Rome) and moved adoption.

**Motion carried**  
**Resolution adopted**  
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #379)
Final Text of Resolution:

(A243)

Resolved, That the House of Bishops meeting at the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church, gathered in Austin, Texas, sends our greetings and the assurance of our prayers to the Most Reverend Bernard Ntahoturi, and gives thanks for his appointment in March 2017 as the Director of the Anglican Centre in Rome; and be it further

Resolved, That this 79th General Convention expresses our gratitude to him and to his staff for the work of the Centre in maintaining and deepening the relationship of the Anglican Communion with the Holy See.

The House of Bishops Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #5 on Resolution A245 (The Presiding Bishop of the ELCA and the Lutheran Church) and moved adoption.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #381)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A245)

Resolved, That the House of Bishops meeting at the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church, gathered in Austin, Texas, sends our greetings and the assurance of our prayers to Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, Presiding Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America, rejoicing in the full communion that exists between our two Churches, and reaffirming our commitment to living more deeply into our Concordat Called to Common Mission as a visible expression of the vocation of the Church to the ministry of reconciliation and to the unity of all in Christ.

The House of Bishops Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #7 on Resolution A247 (The Archbishop of Utrecht and the Old Catholic Church) and moved adoption.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #383)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A247)

Resolved, That the House of Bishops meeting at the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church, gathered in Austin, Texas, sends our greetings and the assurance of our prayers to the Most Reverend Joris Vercammen, Archbishop of Utrecht, rejoicing in the full communion that has existed between our Churches since the Bonn Agreement of 1931, and reaffirming our commitment to living faithfully in this relationship as a visible expression of the vocation of the Church to the ministry of reconciliation and to the unity of all in Christ.
The House of Bishops Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #8 on Resolution A249 (The Metropolitan of the Mar Thoma Church and the MTC) and moved adoption.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #384)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A249)

Resolved, That the House of Bishops meeting at the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church, gathered in Austin, Texas, sends our greetings and the assurance of our prayers to the Most Reverend Dr. Joseph Mar Thoma Metropolitan, Metropolitan of the Mar Thoma Malankara Syrian Church, rejoicing in the full communion that exists between our Churches, and expressing our condolences after the death in April of the Right Reverend Geeverghese Mar Athanasius, beloved Suffragan Metropolitan of the Mar Thoma Church; and be it further

Resolved, That the House of Bishops meeting at the 79th General Convention reaffirms our commitment to living faithfully in this relationship as a visible expression of the vocation of the Church to the ministry of reconciliation and to the unity of all in Christ.

The House of Bishops Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #10 on Resolution A251 (The Prime Bishop of the Philippine Independent Church and the PIC) and moved adoption.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #385)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A251)

Resolved, That the House of Bishops meeting at the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church, gathered in Austin, Texas, sends our greetings and the assurance of our prayers to the Most Reverend Rhee Timbang, Obispo Maximo of the Iglesia Filipina Independiente, rejoicing in the full communion that has existed between our two Churches since 1960, and reaffirming our commitment to living faithfully in this relationship as a visible expression of the vocation of the Church to the ministry of reconciliation and to the unity of all in Christ.

The House of Bishops Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #12 on Resolution A253 (The Leadership of the Moravian Church USA, Northern and Southern Provinces) and moved adoption.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #386)
Final Text of Resolution:

(A253)
Resolved, That the House of Bishops meeting at the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church, gathered in Austin, Texas, sends our greetings and the assurance of our prayers to the Reverend Elizabeth Miller, President of the Provincial Elders Conference of the Northern Province of the Moravian Church, and to the Reverend David Guthrie, President of the Provincial Elders Conference of the Southern Province of the Moravian Church, rejoicing in the full communion that exists between our two Churches, and reaffirming our commitment to living faithfully in this relationship as a visible expression of the vocation of the Church to the ministry of reconciliation and to the unity of all in Christ; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention expresses our congratulations to the Reverend David Guthrie on his election last May for a third term as President of the PEC of the Southern Province.

The House of Bishops Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #13 on Resolution A255 (The Secretary-General of the World Council of Churches) and moved adoption.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #387)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A255)
Resolved, That the House of Bishops meeting at the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church, gathered in Austin, Texas, sends our greetings and the assurance of our prayers to the Reverend Dr. Olav Fyske Tveit, the General Secretary of the World Council, and affirms our ongoing commitment to this worldwide fellowship of churches seeking unity, a common witness, and Christian service.

The House of Bishops Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #17 on Resolution A257 (The Secretary-General of the National Council of Churches) and moved adoption.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #388)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A257)
Resolved, That the House of Bishops meeting at the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church, gathered in Austin, Texas, sends our greetings and the assurance of our prayers to Mr. Jim Winkler, General Secretary and President of the National Council of the Churches of Christ, and affirms its ongoing commitment to the covenant community of the National Council of Churches in offering a common witness to Jesus Christ and to the ministry of reconciliation in his Name.
The House of Bishops Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #20 on Resolution A259 (The President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and Episcopal-Roman Catholic Dialogue) and moved adoption.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #392)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A259)

Resolved, That the House of Bishops meeting at the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church, gathered in Austin, Texas, rejoicing in the special relationship that has existed between our two Churches since the inception of dialogue under the leadership of Blessed Pope Paul VI and the late Archbishop Michael Ramsey of Canterbury, sends our greetings and the assurance of our prayers to His Eminence Daniel Caridnal DiNardo, the Archbishop of Galveston-Houston and the President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, and celebrates the work of the Anglican-Roman Catholic Dialogue-USA; and be it further

Resolved, That this 79th General Convention affirms our ongoing commitment to the deepening of relations between The Episcopal Church and the Roman Catholic Church as a visible expression of the vocation of the Church to the ministry of reconciliation and to the unity of all in Christ.

The House of Bishops Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #21 on Resolution A261 (Episcopal-United Methodist Dialogue) and moved adoption.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #394)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A261)

Resolved, That the House of Bishops meeting at the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church, gathered in Austin, Texas, recognizing the unique historical relationship that exists between our two Churches, celebrates the ongoing work of the official dialogue between us as a visible expression of the vocation of the Church to the ministry of reconciliation and to the unity of all in Christ, praying and working earnestly for the restoration of full communion.

The House of Bishops Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #25 on Resolution A263 (Episcopal-Presbyterian Dialogue) and moved adoption.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #395)
Final Text of Resolution:

(A263)

Resolved, That the House of Bishops meeting at the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church, gathered in Austin, Texas, committed to our shared experience of the Reformations of the British Isles and Europe, and encouraged by our common work in so many of our congregations, celebrates the ongoing work of the official dialogue between us as a visible expression of the vocation of the Church to the ministry of reconciliation and to the unity of all in Christ.

The House of Bishops Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #24 on Resolution A265 (The Chairman of the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops) and moved adoption.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #396)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A265)

Resolved, That the House of Bishops meeting at the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church, gathered in Austin, Texas, sends our greetings and the assurance of our prayers to His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios, Geron of America, Primate of the Greek Orthodox Church in America and President of the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops, rejoicing in the long and significant relationship that has existed between the Orthodox Church and the Anglican Communion, and looking forward to a renewed and deepening relationship between our Churches as a visible expression of the vocation of the Church to the ministry of reconciliation and to the unity of all in Christ;

and be it further

The House of Bishops Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #18 on Resolution A267 (The Delegates of the Standing Conference of Oriental Orthodox Bishops) and moved adoption.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #397)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A267)

Resolved, That the House of Bishops meeting at the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church, gathered in Austin, Texas, sends our greetings and the assurance of our prayers to the Delegates of the Standing Conference of Oriental Orthodox Bishops, rejoicing in the long and significant relationship that has existed between the Oriental Orthodox Churches and the Anglican Communion, and looking forward to a renewed and deepening relationship between our Churches as a visible expression of the vocation of the Church to the ministry of reconciliation and to the unity of all in Christ; and be it further
Resolved, That the House of Bishops meeting at the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church, sends our commitment in solidarity to our Christian sisters and brothers of your Churches wherever they face persecution, violence, and displacement.

The House of Bishops Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #3 on Resolution A269 (The 26th Presiding Bishop and Dr. Richard Schori) and moved adoption.

Motion carried  
Resolution adopted  
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #399)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A269)

Resolved, That the House of Bishops meeting at the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church, gathered in Austin, Texas, sends our greetings, love, and the assurance of our prayers to the Right Reverend Katharine Jefferts Schori, 26th Presiding Bishop and Primate, and Dr. Richard Schori, giving thanks for her ministry and rejoicing in their ongoing presence in our midst.

Christian Formation and Discipleship

The House of Bishops Committee on Christian Formation and Discipleship presented its Report #11 on HD Message #208 on Resolution A022 (Create a Formation Networking Team) and moved concurrence

Motion carried  
The House concurred  
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #406)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A022)

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention authorize a Theological Education Networking Task Force with membership appointed by Presiding Officers consisting of four lay persons, one priest, one deacon, and one bishop who represent the cultural and theological diversity in the Church, be established to serve as a networking and informational referral hub for the discernment, development, and dissemination of theological education and formation resources for lay and clergy leaders in small congregations; and be it further

Resolved, That the Theological Education Networking Task Force collect, assemble, evaluate, and publicize to dioceses and congregations the resources currently offered across The Episcopal Church for the training of commissions on ministry and discernment committees to focus on the education, training, and formation of leaders who serve in small congregations with a special emphasis on alternative theological education pathways; and be it further

Resolved, That the Theological Education Networking Task Force work with the House of Bishops, through agencies such as the College for Bishops, and with the Presiding Bishop’s office and dioceses in collecting, disseminating, and encouraging the use of resources and best practices for identifying, educating, and forming clergy and lay leaders of small congregations; and be it further
Resolved, That the Theological Education Networking Task Force submit to the Executive Council Joint Standing Committee on Local Ministry and Mission a quarterly written report of its activities and complete its work by the 80th 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 $60,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

Governance and Structure
The House of Bishops Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #24 on HD Message #288 on Resolution A103 (Amend Joint Rules, Section VII) and moved concurrence

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #441)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A103)

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention amend the Joint Rules of Order of the House of Bishops and House of Deputies, Section VII, as follows:

Insert:

21. (a) The Joint Standing Committee on Nominations, through the Office of the Secretary of General Convention, will secure background checks on its and any other nominees for Secretary of the General Convention, Treasurer of the General Convention, President of the House of Deputies, Vice President of the House of Deputies, Executive Council, and Trustee of The Church Pension Fund. These background checks will cover criminal records checks and sexual offender registry checks in any state where a proposed nominee has resided during the prior seven (7) years, any appropriate professional licensing bodies with jurisdiction over a nominee’s professional status and any violations of state or federal securities or banking laws. The records checks of proposed nominees from outside the United States will cover the same information from comparable authorities in the place of principal residence of the proposed nominee.

(b) The required background check will be done prior to accepting a proposed nomination.

(c) Background check results will be reviewed by the Office of the Secretary of General Convention. If that Office, after consultation with the Chief Legal Officer, determines that the results should preclude a person from holding the office sought, the Office shall share the determination with the proposed nominee and remit that determination, but not the background check results, to the nominating authority. Background check information shall not be shared beyond the Office of the Secretary of General Convention, the Chief Legal Officer, and proposed nominees who request their own information. The cost of background checks under this rule shall be covered by the General Convention budget.

22. Any person desiring to be nominated for any of the offices of the Secretary of the General Convention, Treasurer of the General Convention, President of the House of
Deputies, Vice President of the House of Deputies, Executive Council, and Trustee of The Church Pension Fund shall, at a time determined by the Joint Standing Committee on Nominations, but no later than four (4) months prior to the start of General Convention, submit the person’s application to the Joint Standing Committee on Nominations for the purpose of submitting to a background check.

Constitution and Canons

The House of Bishops Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #32 on Resolution D072 (Amend Title II Canon IV) and moved to refer to an Interim Body.

Original Text of Resolution:

(D072)

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That a new section 2 be added to Title II, Canon 4 of the Constitution and Canons of The Episcopal Church, to read as follows:

Sec. 1 In any Congregation, worshipping in other than the English language, which shall have placed itself under the oversight of a Bishop of this Church, it shall be lawful to use a form of service in such language; provided that such form of service shall have previously been approved by the Bishop of the Diocese, until such time as an authorized edition of the Book of Common Prayer in such language shall be set forth by the authority of the General Convention; and provided further, that no Bishop shall license any such form of service until first satisfied that the same is in accordance with the Doctrine and Worship of this Church; nor in any case shall such form of service be used for the ordination or consecration of Bishops, Priests, or Deacons.

Sec. 2. Use of Worship Materials from Ecumenical Partners. With the permission of the Bishop Diocesan, any worship materials authorized by an ecumenical partner in full communion with the Episcopal Church May be used in congregations and ministries within that diocese.

Motion carried
Resolution referred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #343)

The House of Bishops Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #30 on Resolution D052 (Amend Canon I.18.7) and moved to take no further action

Motion carried
The House took no further action
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #344)
Governance and Structure

The House of Bishops Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #25 on HD Message #291 on Resolution D097 (Establish an Advisory Council on Disability and Deaf Access) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #409)

Final Text of Resolution:

(D097)

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention reaffirm and renew its previous commitments to Resolutions 2003-D051 and 2015-D043, which require the Church to provide persons with disabilities and Deaf people with full independent accessibility to all official and ancillary events of the Church, including worship; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention establish a Task Force to review progress made toward full compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and any other relevant statutes; consult with Church staff to ensure that materials, policies, and procedures for accessibility and reasonable accommodations are developed and implemented for each General Convention and ancillary Church events; and develop a means of reconciliation with people who have been excluded from Church events due to lack of accessibility or failure to provide reasonable accommodations; and be it further

Resolved, That the Task Force shall consist of between five and nine members, to be appointed jointly by the President of the House of Deputies and the Presiding Bishop, and a majority of the members shall be people with disabilities and deaf people; and be it further

Resolved, That the Task Force include such progress in their report to the 80th General Convention on their work; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request that the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance consider a budget allocation of $5,000 to allow for the work of this Task Force.

Environmental Stewardship and Care of Creation

The House of Bishops Committee on Environmental Stewardship and Care of Creation presented its Report #19 on HD Message #295 on Resolution A014 (The Use of Carbon Offsets) and moved concurrence

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #412)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A014)

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention recognizes the reality of human-caused climate change through continued reliance on fossil fuel-based transportation; and be it further
Resolved, That because travel done on behalf of The Jesus Movement contributes to this problem, we recognize the need to develop a comprehensive strategy to reduce, and ultimately eliminate this carbon footprint; and be it further

Resolved, That, as a first step in the process, by offsetting the impact of the travel done on behalf of The Jesus Movement, the Church witnesses to its care for God's creation; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention direct the Executive Council to draft a policy in 2018 requiring the use of socially responsible Carbon Offsets with particular attention to the social, political, economic, and ecological implications of carbon-credit generating programs by the Episcopal Church Center, and that such a program be tested and piloted as during the triennium for the work of The Episcopal Church including the travel of its staff, standing commissions and interim bodies; and be it further

Resolved, That a plan for a broader offset program for all church travel be presented for consideration at the 80th General Convention; and be it further

Resolved, That $25,000 be allocated for the pilot carbon offset program.

Churchwide Leadership

The House of Bishops Committee on Churchwide Leadership presented its Report #15 on HD Message #242 on Resolution A162 (Amend Canons III.11.9(c)(1) and III.9(c)(4)) and moved concurrence

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #423)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A162)

Resolved, That Canons III.11.9(c)(1) and III.11.9(c)(4) are hereby amended to read as follows:

(c) Missionary Bishops

(1) The election of a person to be a Bishop in a Missionary Diocese shall be held in accordance with the procedures set forth in the Constitution and Canons of this Church. Canon III.11 Sections 1-8, this Canon III.11. 9(c) and Canon III.12.6.

(4) When a Diocese, entitled to the choice of a Bishop, shall elect a Missionary Bishop as its Bishop Diocesan, or as its Bishop Coadjutor, or as a Bishop Suffragan-a Missionary Bishop of this Church, the Standing Committee of the Diocese electing shall give duly certified evidence of the election to every Bishop of this Church having jurisdiction, and to the Standing Committee of every Diocese. On receiving notice of the concurrence of a majority of such Bishops and of the Standing Committees in the election, and their express consent thereto, the Standing Committee of the Diocese electing shall transmit notice thereof to the Ecclesiastical Authority of every Diocese within the United States. This notice shall state what Bishops and which Standing Committees have consented to the election. On receiving this notice the Presiding Bishop shall certify to the Secretary of the House of Bishops the altered status and style of the Bishop so elected. The Standing Committee of such Diocese shall transmit
to every Congregation thereof, to be publicly read therein, a notice of the election thus completed, and also cause public notice thereof to be given in such other way as they may think proper.

Christian Formation and Discipleship
The House of Bishops Committee on Christian Formation and Discipleship presented its Report #12 on HD Message #251 on Resolution D023 (Amend Canons III.6.5(g)(4), III.8.5(h)(4), and III.10.1(c)(4) and Establish Task Force) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #424)

Final Text of Resolution:
(D023)
Resolved, That the 79th General Convention establish an Anti-Sexism Task Force to research and develop a training program for the purpose of addressing the systemic sexism within the church and the larger society with the goals of raising awareness of bias, eliminating sexist hiring practices within the church, and identifying intersectionalities of discrimination across multiple cultural identities; and be it further
Resolved, That the Task Force be appointed consisting of 2 bishops, 2 priests, 2 deacons, and 6 lay persons, with the Presiding Bishop appointing the bishop members, and the President of the House of Deputies appointing the priests, deacons, and lay members. At least one half will be women with at least one woman appointed for each of the orders; and be it further
Resolved, That the Task Force complete development of the training program by December 31, 2019; and be it further
Resolved, That the Task Force shall submit the training program to Executive Council for its approval by December 31, 2019; and be it further
Resolved, That the training, once developed and approved for use, be required for all bishops, priests and deacons, and all lay persons elected or appointed to leadership in The Episcopal Church including, but not limited to, Executive Council, diocesan Standing Committees, diocesan Councils, diocesan Boards of Trustee, and similar bodies by whatever name, diocesan search committees for the election of bishops and all congregational search committees; and be it further
Resolved, That the General Convention request that the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance consider a budget allocation of $60,000 for the implementation of this resolution; and be it further
Resolved, That this Task Force shall report to Executive Council yearly, and to the 80th General Convention on the status of the training implementation with recommendations for continued development and improvement.
Safeguarding and Title IV

The House of Bishops Committee on Safeguarding and Title IV presented its Report #28 on HD Message #311 on Resolution A182 (Discipline of Priests and Deacons at the Provincial or Church Wide Level) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #417)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A182)
Resolved, That the Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons be directed to study, consider, and propose amendments to the Canons to provide for the discipline of Priests and Deacons on the provincial, church wide or other basis besides by each and every diocese and report its recommendations to the 80th General Convention; and be it further

Resolved, That any proposed amendments shall provide for the Bishop Diocesan of the Diocese in which the Presbyter or Deacon who is or may be a Respondent under Title IV is canonically resident to have the same role that the Bishop Diocesan of the Diocese conducting the proceedings under Title IV currently has; and be it further

Resolved, That any and all Disciplinary Boards for Presbyters and Deacons be composed solely of Presbyters, Deacons and lay persons; and be it further

Resolved, That any proposed amendments consider providing for provincial or church wide for Intake Officers, Church Attorneys, Advisors, Conciliators, Investigators, and Disciplinary Board; and be it further

Resolved, That any proposed amendments consider including provisions requiring the Disciplinary Board to have one or more persons in the role of lay assessor, however titled in the amendments, to provide canonical and legal advice to Disciplinary Boards and Panels, including the Reference Panel; and be it further

Resolved, That consideration be given to how costs for proceedings might be shared between the General Convention budget, provincial budgets, and the diocese of canonical residence of the Presbyter or Deacon who is or may be a Respondent.

The House of Bishops Committee on Safeguarding and Title IV presented its Report #24 on HD Message #312 on Resolution A183 (Amend Article IX - First Reading) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #425)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A183)
Resolved, That the Constitution Article IX be amended to read as follows:
Article IX

The General Convention may, by Canon, establish one or more Courts for the Trial of Bishops.

Presbyters and Deacons canonically resident in a Diocese shall be tried by a Court instituted by the General Convention by Canon thereof; Presbyters and Deacons canonically resident in a Missionary Diocese shall be tried according to Canons adopted by the Bishop and Convocation thereof, with the approval of the House of Bishops; provided that the General Convention in each case may prescribe by Canon for a change of venue.

The General Convention, in like manner, may establish or may provide for the establishment of Courts of Review of the determination of diocesan or other trial Courts.

The Court for the review of the determination of the trial Court, on the trial of a Bishop, shall be composed of Bishops only.

The General Convention, in like manner, may establish an ultimate Court of Appeal, solely for the review of the determination of any Court of Review on questions of Doctrine, Faith, or Worship.

None but a Bishop shall pronounce sentence of suspension, or removal, or deposition from the Ministry, on any Bishop, Presbyter, or Deacon; and none but a Bishop shall admonish any Bishop, Presbyter, or Deacon.

A sentence of suspension shall specify on what terms or conditions and at what time the suspension shall cease. A sentence of suspension may be remitted in such manner as may be provided by Canon.

Governance and Structure

The House of Bishops Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #26 on HD Message #325 on Resolution C045 (Amend Article I Section 4 - first reading) and moved concurrence with referral to an Interim Body.

Motion carried
The House concurred
Resolution referred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #346)

The House of Bishops Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #28 on HD Message #350 on Resolution A105 (Amend Canon I.8.2 - Provide Background Checks for Nominees) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #427)
Final Text of Resolution:

(A105)

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention amend Canon I.8.2 as follows:

Sec. 2. The General Convention at each regular meeting shall elect, on the nomination of a Joint Committee thereof, twelve persons to serve as Trustees of The Church Pension Fund for a term of six years and until their successors shall have been elected and have qualified, and shall also fill such vacancies as may exist on the Board of Trustees. Effective January 1, 1989, a person who has been elected as a Trustee by General Convention for twelve or more consecutive years shall not be eligible for reelection until the next regular General Convention following the one in which that person was not eligible for reelection to the Board of Trustees. Any vacancy which occurs at a time when the General Convention is not in session may be filled by the Board of Trustees by appointment, ad interim, of a Trustee who shall serve until the next session of the General Convention thereafter shall have elected a Trustee to serve for the remainder of the unexpired term pertaining to such vacancy.

The House of Bishops Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #29 on HD Message #353 on Resolution A114 (Amend I.10 Regarding the Union of Dioceses) and moved concurrence

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #426)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A114)

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention amend Canon I.10 as follows:

Sec. 1. Whenever a new Diocese shall be proposed to be formed within the limits of any Diocese, or by the junction of two (2) or more Dioceses, or parts of Dioceses, and such action shall have been ratified by the General Convention, the Bishop of the Diocese within the limits of which a Diocese is formed, or in case of the junction of two or more Dioceses, or parts of Dioceses, the senior Bishop by consecration, shall thereupon call the Primary Convention of the new Diocese, for the purpose of enabling it to organize, and shall fix the time and place of holding the same, such place being within the territorial limits of the new Diocese. the Ecclesiastical Authorities and the Standing Committees of the Dioceses involved in the proposed new diocese shall submit for approval to the Conventions of each Diocese involved a joint agreement of union setting forth their agreements, including the manner of determining the Bishop Diocesan and other Bishops (if any), the provisions of the Constitution and Canons of the new Diocese, and such other matters as may be necessary or proper. Upon approval by the Conventions of each of the involved Dioceses, the joint agreement of union shall be submitted for ratification by the General Convention no less than ninety (90) days prior to the first legislative day of the next meeting of the General Convention.
Sec. 2. Promptly after ratification by the General Convention, the Ecclesiastical Authority of the new Diocese, as set forth in the joint agreement of union, shall call the Primary Convention of the new Diocese, for the purpose of enabling it to organize, and shall fix the time and place of holding the same, such place being within the territorial limits of the new Diocese. In case there should be no Bishop who can call such Primary Convention, pursuant to the foregoing provision, then the duty of calling such Convention for the purpose of organizing and of fixing the time and place of its meeting, shall be vested in the Standing Committee of the Diocese within the limits of which the new one is erected, or in the Standing Committee of the oldest of the Dioceses by the junction of which, or of parts of which, the new Diocese may be formed. And such Standing Committee shall make the call immediately after ratification of the General Convention.

Sec. 3. Whenever one Diocese is about to be divided into two Dioceses, the Convention of such Diocese shall declare which portion thereof is to be in the new Diocese, and shall make the same known to the General Convention before the ratification of such division.

Sec. 4. Whenever a new Diocese shall have organized in Primary Convention in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution and Canons in such case made and provided, and in the manner prescribed in the previous Sections of this Canon, and shall have chosen a name and acceded to the Constitution of the General Convention in accordance with Article V, Section 1 of the Constitution, and shall have laid before the Executive Council certified copies of the Constitution adopted at its Primary Convention, and the proceedings preparatory to the formation of the proposed new Diocese, such new Diocese shall thereupon be admitted into union with the General Convention.

Sec. 5. In the event of the erection of an Area Mission into a Diocese of this Church, as provided in Article V, Sec. Section 1, the Convocation of the said Area Mission shall be entitled to elect Deputies to the succeeding General Convention, and also to elect a Bishop. The jurisdiction previously assigned to the Bishop in the Area Mission shall be terminated upon the admission of the new Diocese.

Sec. 6 (a) When a Diocese, and another Diocese one or more other Dioceses which has been that were formed either by division therefrom or by erection into a Diocese or a Missionary Diocese formed by division therefrom, shall desire to be reunited into one Diocese, the proposed reunion must be initiated by the approval of the Conventions of the involved Dioceses of a joint agreement of union setting forth their agreements, including the manner of determining the Bishop Diocesan and other Bishops (if any), provisions of the Constitution and Canons of the new Diocese, and such other matters as may be necessary or proper. a mutual agreement between the Conventions of the two Dioceses, consented to by the Ecclesiastical Authority of each Diocese. If the said agreement of the Dioceses is made and the consents of their Conventions are given more than three months before the next meeting of the General Convention, the fact of the agreement and consents shall be certified by the Ecclesiastical Authority and the Secretary of the Convention of each involved Diocese to all the Bishops of the Church having jurisdiction and to the Standing Committees of all the Dioceses; and when the consents of a majority of such Bishops and of a majority of the Standing Committees
to the proposed reunion shall have been received, the facts shall be similarly certified to the Secretary of the House of Deputies of the General Convention, and thereupon the reunion shall be considered complete. But if the agreement is made and the consents given within three months of the next meeting of the General Convention, the facts shall be certified instead to the Secretary of the House of Deputies, who shall lay them before the two Houses; and the reunion shall be deemed to be complete when it shall have been sanctioned approved by a majority vote in the House of Bishops, and in the House of Deputies voting by orders.

(b) The Bishop of the parent Diocese shall be the Bishop, and the Bishop of the junior Diocese shall be the Bishop Coadjutor, of the reunited Diocese; but if there be a vacancy in the Episcopate of either Diocese, the Bishop of the other Diocese shall be the Bishop, and the Bishop Coadjutor if there be one shall be the Bishop Coadjutor, of the reunited Diocese.

(e) Sec. 7 When the union of two (2) or more Dioceses or portions of Dioceses or the reunion of the two (2) or more Dioceses shall have been completed, the facts shall be certified to the Presiding Bishop and to the Secretary of the House of Deputies. Thereupon the Presiding Bishop shall notify the Secretary of the House of Bishops of any alteration in the status or style of the Bishop or Bishops concerned, and the Secretary of the House of Deputies shall strike the name of the junior any Diocese that will cease to exist or is being renamed from the roll of Dioceses in union with the General Convention. and, if appropriate, amend the name of the newly united Diocese on the roll of Dioceses in union with the General Convention.

Churchwide Leadership

The House of Bishops Committee on Churchwide Leadership presented its Report #19 on HD Message #346 on Resolution A145 (Urging Adoption of Local Canons Relating to Episcopal Elections) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #428)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A145)

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention urges each diocese and jurisdiction of The Episcopal Church, prior to the call for the election of its next bishop, to adopt policies and procedures that are consistent with the principles and values presented in the Diversity Section (Section III) of the Task Force on the Episcopacy’s Blue Book Report to the 79th General Convention, to foster diversity across the Church’s leadership, including its bishops; and be it further

Resolved, That the policies, procedures and best practices address the following subjects:

• An outline of the procedure to be followed by the diocese in its search and election process beginning with the initial call for an election and ending with the ordination of the new bishop;
• Identify specific actions to be taken to
• Encourage a diverse applicant pool and follow a search and election process that reduces the likelihood of discrimination based on the criteria contained in Canon III.1.2
• Ensure that the process is transparent throughout the entire search and election process;
• Provide accountability for all involved in the search and election process;
• Require, prior to nomination, the collection of pertinent data on candidates being considered for nomination using the most current means available for background checks, financial information, and interviews of all bishops and transition officers having knowledge of a person being considered for nomination;

And be it further

Resolved, That the Office of Pastoral Development, assisted by the Task Force to Assist the Office of Pastoral Development, develop and provide to the dioceses examples of policies, procedures, and best practices that are consistent with fostering diversity.

The House of Bishops Committee on Churchwide Leadership presented its Report #17 on HD Message #308 on Resolution A146 (Revisions to The Raising Up of Episcopal Leadership - A Manual for Dioceses in Transition) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #429)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A146)

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention urges that The Raising Up of Episcopal Leadership - A Manual for Dioceses in Transition (the “Manual”) be revised and updated to reflect best practices and protocols for the entire transition process:

*Resources that provide flexibility for use by both large and small dioceses

*Alternatives to minimize costs of transition process

*Ways to establish a transparent transition process with accountability

*Training for elected diocesan leaders/committee members involved in the transition process

*Suggestions for use of technology including secure internal communications among diocesan committees, secure communications with potential nominees, and secure sharing of reference and background check information

*Means for electronic and other background checks

*Suggestions for use of social media and websites for communicating search profile, status update, and election information

*Expanded reference check resources

*Most current medical and psychological testing

* The evaluation of substance, chemical, and alcohol use and misuse, and assessments of other forms of addiction

*Expanded background check resources including legal, financial, criminal, vehicular and civil information
*Interviews with current and former bishops with oversight of potential nominees

*Interviews with current and former diocesan Transition Ministers in ministry with potential nominees

*Encourage election procedures that allow time for adequate screening (e.g., discourage nominations from the floor)

*Transition Consultant services

*Discussion of election options/alternatives available to dioceses per canons

The House of Bishops Committee on Churchwide Leadership presented its Report #21 on HD Message #345 on Resolution A138 (Transmission of Demographic Data from Episcopal Elections) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #430)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A138)

Resolved, That within 60 days after the election of a Bishop Diocesan, Bishop Coadjutor, or Bishop Suffragan the electing Diocese shall transmit to the Office of Pastoral Development, for each nominee to the electing convention, the information set forth in Canon III.1.2 and the number of years since ordination, diocese of canonical residence and such other demographic data or other information as the Office of Pastoral Development may reasonably request, as well as, when there was an election, a brief description of the voting procedures (such as requiring a supermajority of votes, dropping off candidates receiving votes below a certain threshold, or other similar procedures) and the results of each round of voting; and be it further

Resolved, That the Office of Pastoral Development, assisted by the Task Force to Assist the Office of Pastoral Development, engage one or more experts in data analysis to analyze the demographic and other data received from the electing dioceses, and when a sufficient number of electing dioceses have reported, but at least triennially, report the results of the analysis, in such form as the Office of Pastoral Development shall deem appropriate, to the Executive Council and triennially to the General Convention, the reports to be made public promptly after review by the Executive Council; and be it further

Resolved, That Section III (Diversity) of the Blue Book Report of the Task Force on the Episcopacy be provided to dioceses at the beginning of their search process along with such other information with respect to diversity as the Office of Pastoral Development, assisted by the Task Force to Assist the Office of Pastoral Development, may deem appropriate, all such information to be updated at least triennially; and be it further

Resolved, That electing dioceses are urged to engage Transition Consultants who have been thoroughly trained in programs developed or recommended by the Office of Pastoral Development, assisted by the Task Force to Assist the Office of Pastoral Development, including training in practices that have been demonstrated to improve diversity.
Governance and Structure

The House of Bishops Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #30 on HD Message #341 on Resolution A281 (Interpretation and Translation Services) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #431)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A281)

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention affirm the necessity of translation, interpretation, communication access, and related services to allow for the full inclusion of all participants; that it commend the work of the General Convention Office in providing for these needs; and, at the same time, that it express its regret for the inadequacy of these services and resources in certain circumstances during this Convention, resulting in the exclusion and hurt of some of its members; and be it further

Resolved, That it is the intention of The Episcopal Church to continue our becoming ‘The Beloved Community;” a charism of which is a multi-cultural church that functions with integrity, equity and care for the whole body; and be it further

Resolved, That the Joint Standing Commission on Planning and Arrangements and The General Convention Office reaffirm their commitments to provide professional interpretation and translation services for members of the General Convention as needed for all meetings and documents of the Convention as well as throughout the triennium; that at General Convention hearings and floor sessions every reasonable effort be made for simultaneous interpretation and translation as needed; and that the orientation process for the General Convention communicate clearly the procedures for arranging interpretation and translation services; and be it further

Resolved, That the Joint Standing Commission take into account the varying language, hearing, and sight needs of those participating in General Convention; and that it invite members with diverse communication needs into its planning process in order to allow for the full inclusion and substantive participation of all; and be it further

Resolved, That funding for this work be among the usual and customary administrative expenses of The General Convention, and that regular evaluation of translation and interpretation resources include the primary users of these services.

The House of Bishops Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #31 on HD Message #348 on Resolution B030 (Review of Nominations for Trustees of the Church Pension Fund) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #432)
Final Text of Resolution:

(B030)

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons to review the process for the nomination of candidates to serve as Trustees of The Church Pension Fund contained in Canon I.8, the Joint Rules of Order of the House of Bishops and the House of Deputies and any other relevant Canons or rules, and propose amendments to address any inconsistencies.

Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations

The House of Bishops Committee on Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations presented its Report #18 on HD Message #317 on Resolution Do43 (Welcoming the Church of South India) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #442)

Final Text of Resolution:

(D043)

Resolved, That the Secretary of the General Convention send warm greetings to the Moderator of the Church of South India (CSI), an Anglican communion partner United Church, and all CSI congregations within the geographical bounds of The Episcopal Church; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention welcome with affection and seek fellowship with congregations of the Church of South India within the geographical bounds of The Episcopal Church; and be it further

Resolved, That all Dioceses, Parishes, and other Episcopal communities be encouraged to seek fellowship with CSI communities within their geographical area of ministry.

Governance and Structure

The House of Bishops Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #32 on HD Message #347 on Resolution Do86 (Inclusive Practices for Diverse Representation) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #433)

Final Text of Resolution:

(D086)

Resolved, That all interim bodies of General Convention and institutions of the Church be urged to develop a scheduling system to be more inclusive of individuals, primarily laity, who are in school or employed in positions where time off from work is limited or costly, people with travel / geographic constraints, and for families who face childcare challenges.

End of 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 #308:** A146 (Revisions to The Raising Up of Episcopal Leadership - A Manual for Dioceses in Transition) Adopted with Amendment

**HD Message #309:** D066 (Discerning a Call to the Episcopate) Adopted with Amendment

**HD Message #310:** A129 (Amend Canon IV.19.30(a)(1) - Retention of Records) Adopted

**HD Message #311:** A182 (Discipline of Priests and Deacons at the Provincial or Church Wide Level) Adopted

**HD Message #312:** A183 (Amend Article IX - First reading) Adopted

**HD Message #313:** D033 ( Amend Canons IV.2 and IV.6 - Churchwide InTook Officer) Referred to an Interim Body

**HD Message #314:** D064 (Amend Canon IV.14.12(a) and IV.14.12(b)) Adopted with Amendment

**HD Message #315:** A189 (Create Task Force to Develop Process for Substance Abuse Screening) Concurred

**HD Message #316:** A225 (On the Importance of Ecumenism for Becoming Beloved Community) Concurred

**HD Message #317:** D043 (Welcoming the Church of South India) Adopted with Amendment

**HD Message #318:** D056 (Amend Canons I.20 and III.10.2(a)(3) - Full Communion Relationships) Concurred

**HD Message #319:** A032 (Congregational Redevelopment) Concurred

**HD Message #320:** A208 (Establish a Standing Commission on World Mission) Concurred

**HD Message #321:** A215 (Solidarity with the People of Venezuela) Concurred

**HD Message #322:** X021 (Confirmation of the Trustees of GTS (Bishops) ) Adopted

**HD Message #323:** X020 (Confirmation for the General Board of Examining Chaplains) Adopted

**HD Message #324:** A001 (Site of 81st General Convention (2024)) Took No Further Action

**HD Message #325:** C045 (Amend Article I Section 4 - first reading) Referred to an Interim Body

**HD Message #326:** A062 (Amend Canon II.3.6-9) Adopted with Amendment

**HD Message #327:** D065 (Use of Alternative Psalters in Public Worship) Concurred with Referral to an Interim Body

**HD Message #328:** D073 (Amend Canon III.7.4 and Canon III.9.3) Concurred with Referral to an Interim Body

**HD Message #329:** A124 (Amend Canon IV.2 Terminology of Sexual Misconduct) Adopted with Amendment

**HD Message #330:** A296 (Resources for Responsible Investing) Adopted

**HD Message #331:** A133 (Amend Canon IV.6 -Timing of Reference Panel Meetings) Adopted with Amendment

**HD Message #332:** D075 (Amending Title IV to Prevent Retaliation ) Took No Further Action

**HD Message #333:** D100 (Amend Title IV.1, IV.3, and IV.6) Referred to an Interim Body

**HD Message #334:** C005 (Appoint Task Force to Study Implementation of Canon III.1) Adopted with Amendment

**HD Message #335:** A086 (Authorize Rites to Bless Relationships) Adopted with Amendment

**HD Message #336:** D078 (Authorize Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Expansive Language) for Trial Use) Adopted with Amendment

**HD Message #337:** A104 (Amend Title I.1.1(b)) Rejected

**HD Message #338:** A180 (Amend Article V, Section 1 - Admission of a diocese First reading) Rejected
HD Message #339: A178 (Halt the Intensification and Implementation of Immigration Policies and Practices that are Harmful to Migrant Women, Parents and Children) Concorred
HD Message #340: A220 (Translations and Interpretations) Took No Further Action
HD Message #341: A281 (Interpretation and Translation Services) Adopted with Substitute
HD Message #342: A230 (Deploring the Sin of Scapegoating in Politics) Concorred
HD Message #343: Do82 (Create Task Force on Title IV Revisions) Adopted with Amendment
HD Message #344: Do76 (Amend Canons IV.3.1 and IV.6.10 to Provide Whistleblower Protection and Prohibit Retaliation) Adopted with Substitute
HD Message #345: A138 (Transmission of Demographic Data from Episcopal Elections) Adopted with Substitute
HD Message #346: A145 (Urging Adoption of Local Canons Relating to Episcopal Elections) Adopted with Substitute
HD Message #347: Do86 (Inclusive Practices for Diverse Representation) Adopted with Amendment
HD Message #348: B030 (Review of Nominations for Trustees of The Church Pension Fund) Adopted with Amendment
HD Message #349: A052 (Matters Pertaining to The Episcopal Church in Cuba) Took No Further Action
HD Message #350: A105 (Amend Canon I.8.2 - Provide Background Checks for Nominees) Adopted with Amendment
HD Message #351: C009 (Becoming A Sanctuary Church) Concorred
HD Message #352: A106 (Amend Joint Rules Related to a Joint Session) Adopted with Amendment
HD Message #353: A114 (Amend I.10 Regarding the Union of Dioceses) Adopted with Amendment
HD Message #354: A209 (Reunification with La Iglesia Episcopal de Cuba) Took No Further Action
HD Message #355: A214 (Preparing for Admission of La Iglesia Episcopal de Cuba) Took No Further Action
HD Message #356: Do60 (Establish a Covenant with the Diocese of Cuba) Took No Further Action
HD Message #357: A167 (Amend Canon III.12.5) Adopted with Amendment
HD Message #358: C033 (Respecting the Dignity of Immigrants) Concorred
HD Message #359: A065 (Authorize Lesser Feasts and Fasts 2018) Adopted with Amendment
HD Message #360: A151 (Constitution: Amend Article II.4-8 of the Constitution) Adopted with Amendment
HD Message #361: A126 (Amend Canon IV.19 - Recommend Repeal of IV.19.31) Adopted with Substitute
HD Message #362: D034 (Amend Canon IV.19.4 - Suspending Statute of Limitations) Adopted with Amendment
HD Message #363: A123 (Amend Canon IV.3.1 - Addressing misrepresentation in Ordination process) Adopted
HD Message #364: A092 (Amend Canons - Reception of Clergy from Churches in Apostolic Succession) Concorred
HD Message #365: D046 (Expansive-Language Liturgical Resources) Concorred

Legislation
Dispatch announced the House of Bishops would begin with two items from Legislative Calendar of the 8th Day.
Stewardship and Socially Responsible Investing

The House of Bishops Committee on Stewardship and Socially Responsible Investing presented its Report #9 on HD Message #297 on Resolution B016 (Adopt ELCA Action on Israel/Palestine) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #336)

Final Text of Resolution:

(B016)

Resolved, That the General Convention join with the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America’s action, CA 16.06.31, “Justice for the Holy Land Through Responsible Investment,” and direct our Executive Council’s Committee on Corporate Social Responsibility to develop criteria for Israel and Palestine based on a human rights’ investment screen and the actions of General Convention and Executive Council over the past seventy years; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention continue to encourage members, congregations, dioceses, and institutions of the Episcopal Church to increase positive investment in Palestine and other under-resourced areas where human rights abuses materially impact the well-being of all people; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention continue to encourage CCSR to engage in shareholder advocacy in support of human rights in Israel and the Occupied Territories, exercising the right of a shareholder to submit resolutions at a corporation’s annual meeting.

Churchwide Leadership

The House of Bishops Committee on Churchwide Leadership presented its report #16 on HD Message #307 on Resolution A156 (Amend Canon III.11.1) and moved concurrence.

Motion to Postpone Indefinitely

The Rt. Rev. Gretchen Rehberg, Bishop of Spokane, moved to postpone consideration of Resolution A156 indefinitely.

Debate ensued.

The Rt. Rev. John Smylie, Bishop of Wyoming, moved the question.

Motion defeated

The Rt. Rev. Wayne Smith, Bishop of Missouri, moved the previous question.

Motion defeated
Resolution rejected
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #401)
Constitution and Canons

The House of Bishops Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #33 on HD Message #360 on Resolution A151 (Amend Article I.4-8 of the Constitution) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #350)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A151)

Resolved, That Article II.4-8 of the Constitution is hereby amended to read as follows:

ARTICLE II

Sec. 4. It shall be lawful for a Diocese, at the request of the Bishop of that Diocese, to elect not more than two Suffragan Bishops Suffragan, without right of succession, and with seat and vote in the House of Bishops. A Suffragan Bishop Suffragan shall be consecrated and hold office under such conditions and limitations other than those provided in this Article as may be provided by Canons of the General Convention. A Suffragan Bishop Suffragan shall be eligible for election as Bishop Diocesan or Bishop Coadjutor of a Diocese, or as a Bishop Suffragan in another Diocese.

Sec. 5. It shall be lawful for a Diocese to prescribe by the Constitution and Canons of such Diocese that upon the death, removal or deposition of the Bishop or if the Bishop resigns, a Suffragan Bishop Suffragan of that Diocese may be placed in charge of such Diocese and become temporarily the Ecclesiastical Authority thereof until such time as a new Bishop shall be chosen and consecrated; or that during the disability or absence of the Bishop, a Bishop Suffragan of that Diocese may be placed in charge of such diocese and become temporarily the Ecclesiastical Authority thereof.

Sec. 6. A Bishop may not resign jurisdiction without the consent of the House of Bishops.

Sec. 7. It shall be lawful for the House of Bishops to elect a Suffragan Bishop Suffragan who, under the direction of the Presiding Bishop, shall be in charge of the work of those chaplains in the Armed Forces of the United States, Veterans’ Administration Medical Centers, and Federal Correctional Institutions who are ordained Ministers of this Church. The Suffragan Bishop Suffragan so elected shall be consecrated and hold office under such conditions and limitations other than those provided in this Article as may be provided by Canons of the General Convention. The Suffragan Bishop Suffragan shall be eligible for election as Bishop Diocesan, or Bishop Coadjutor or Suffragan Bishop Suffragan of a Diocese.

Sec. 8. A Bishop Diocesan or Coadjutor who has for at least five years next preceding exercised jurisdiction as the Ordinary, served as the Bishop Diocesan or as the Bishop Coadjutor, of a Diocese for any period of time, may be elected as Bishop Diocesan, Bishop Coadjutor, or Suffragan Bishop Suffragan of another Diocese only if five or more years have passed since the Bishop first served as Bishop Diocesan or Bishop Coadjutor of the Diocese in which the Bishop is currently or last served as Bishop Diocesan or Bishop
Coadjutor. Before acceptance of such election a resignation of jurisdiction in the Diocese in which the Bishop is then serving, conditioned on the required consents of the Bishops and Standing Committees of the Church to such election, shall be submitted to the House of Bishops, and also, if the Bishop be a Bishop Coadjutor, a renunciation of the right of succession. Such resignation, and renunciation of the right of succession in the case of a Bishop Coadjutor, shall require the consent of the House of Bishops.

The House of Bishops Committee on Constitution and Canons presented its Report #34 on HD Message #326 on Resolution A062 (Amend Canon II.3.6-9) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #352)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A062)

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church amend Canon II.3.6 as follows:

Sec. 6
(a) Whenever the General Convention, pursuant to Article X(b) of the Constitution, shall authorize for trial use a proposed revision of the Book of Common Prayer, or of a portion or portions thereof, the enabling Resolution shall specify the period of such trial use, the precise text thereof, and any special terms or conditions under which such trial use shall be carried out including translation.

(b) It shall be the duty of the Custodian of the Standard Book of Common Prayer:

(1) To arrange for the publication of such proposed revision;

(2) To protect, by copyright, the authorized text of such revision, on behalf of the General Convention; which copyright shall be relinquished when such proposed revision or revisions shall have been adopted by the General Convention as an alteration of, or addition to, the Book of Common Prayer;

(3) To certify that printed copies of such revision or revisions have been duly authorized by the General Convention, and that the printed text conforms to that approved by the General Convention.

(c) During the said period of trial use and under the modifying conditions specified, only the material so authorized, and in the exact form in which it has been so authorized, shall be available as an alternative for the said Book of Common Prayer or the said portion or portions thereof; provided, however, that it shall be competent for the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies, jointly, on recommendation by a resolution duly adopted at a meeting of the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music communicated to the said presiding officers in writing, to authorize variations and adjustments to, or substitutions for, or alterations
in, any portion of the texts under trial, which seem desirable as a result of such trial use, and which do not change the substance of a rite.

(d) In the event of the authorization of such variations, adjustments, substitutions, or alternatives, as aforesaid, it shall be the duty of the Custodian of the Standard Book of Common Prayer to notify the Ecclesiastical Authority of every Diocese, and the Convocation of the American Episcopal Churches in Europe, of such action, and to give notice thereof through the media of public information.

Governance and Structure

The House of Bishops Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #27 on HD Message #352 on Resolution A106 (Amend Joint Rules Related to a Joint Session) and moved concurrence.

Motion defeated
Resolution rejected
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #355)

Social Justice and International Policy

The House of Bishops Committee on Social Justice and International Policy presented its Report #12 on HD Message #300 on Resolution C038 (Safeguard the Rights of Palestinian Children) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #365)

Final Text of Resolution:

(C038)

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention call upon the Office of Government Relations to request assurances from Israeli Prime Minister and Palestinian Authority President that their governments have policies in place to accord all people under the age of 18 living within their jurisdictions the full range of rights and protections called for under international agreements to which their governments have subscribed; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church call on the State of Israel to guarantee basic rights and exercise a prohibition against torture and ill-treatment of detained children (defined as persons under 18 years old), noting that among the practices in Israel’s military detention system that require change are, including but not limited to, the use of nighttime arrests in the child’s home, physical and verbal abuse, blindfolds and restraints, strip searches, solitary confinement, coerced confessions and confessions written in Hebrew, as well as the separation of detained children from their parents and legal counselors (including the transfer of Palestinian children to prisons within the State of Israel that their parents are not permitted to visit); and be it further
Resolved, That the 79th General Convention request the Secretary of this Convention and the Office of Government Relations to communicate this call to the Prime Minister of Israel and the Israeli Ambassador to the United States; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention call on the Secretary of State of the United States to certify annually that no funds obligated or expended in the previous year by the United States for assistance to Israel have been used to support the military detention, interrogation, abuse, or ill-treatment of Palestinian children in violation of international humanitarian law; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention requests the Office of Government Relations to communicate this call to the Secretary of State of the United States as well as the President, Vice President, and the United States Senate.

The House of Bishops Committee on Social Justice and International Policy presented its Report #13 on HD Message #299 on Resolution Do39 (Regarding Occupation and Apartheid) and moved concurrence.

*Motion defeated*
*Resolution rejected*
*(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #380)*

The House of Bishops Committee on Social Justice and International Policy presented its Report #14 on HD Message #302 on Resolution Do38 (Civil Rights and Equality for All in Israel) and moved concurrence.

*Motion defeated*
*Resolution rejected*
*(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #382)*

**Break**

The House of Bishops Committee on Dispatch of Business moved for a break at 9:35 a.m.

**Announcement**

The Secretary announced the additional legislation for the 9th day could be found at the bottom of the calendar.

**Call to Order**

The House of Bishops was called to order at 9:52 a.m. with the Presiding Bishop in the Chair.
Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music
The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #32 on HD Message #359 on Resolution A065 (Authorize Lesser Feasts and Fasts 2018) and moved adoption with amendment.

Committee Amendment:
1 Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, that the 79th General Convention authorize for trial use throughout this Church pursuant to Article X(b) of the Constitution the calendar in the proposed Lesser Feasts and Fasts 2018 as published in the report to this convention of the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music, and be it further

2 Resolved, That the General Convention authorize, for trial use until the 2021 General Convention, the commemorations proposed by this Convention, with the propers found in Lesser Feasts and Fasts 2018 as published in the report, and be it further

3 Resolved, That General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to appoint a person or persons to solicit and collect broad feedback from the Church with respect to this volume, and to utilize that feedback to bring any suggested revisions before the 80th General convention in 2021.

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, that the 79th General Convention authorize the continued use of Lesser Feasts and Fasts 2006 and Great Cloud of Witnesses 2015 for the 2018-2021 triennium; and be it further

Resolved, that the new commemorations recommended by the SCLM in the Proposed Lesser Feasts and Fasts 2018 (first reading); be included in the calendar for the 2018-2021 triennium; and be it further

Resolved, that the SCLM provide the 80th General Convention with a clear and unambiguous plan for a singular calendar of Lesser Feasts and Fasts.

Proposed Amendment PFA0167
The Rt. Rev. J. Neil Alexander, Resigned, moved to amend the resolution with floor amendment 0167.

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, that the 79th General Convention authorize the continued use of Lesser Feasts and Fasts 2006 and Great Cloud of Witnesses 2015 for the 2018-2021 triennium; and be it further

Resolved, that the new commemorations recommended by the SCLM in the Proposed Lesser Feasts and Fasts 2018 (first reading); be included in the calendar for the 2018-2021 triennium; and be it further

Resolved that the SCLM provide the 80th General Convention with a clear and unambiguous plan for a singular calendar of lesser feasts and fasts.

Motion carried
Amendment adopted

A vote was taken on Resolution A065 as amended.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted with amendment
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #398)

[Ed. Note: Resolution A065 was reconsidered later on July 13, 2018 (Day 9).]
The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #33 on HD Message #368 on Resolution A283 (Multicultural Liturgies for Occasional Services) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #451)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A283)

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention approve the following services from the Proposed Book of Occasional Services 2018 for use by worshiping communities:

Las Posadas

Christians in parts of Mexico and those who have migrated to other countries celebrate Las Posadas nightly beginning December 16 and ending December 24. Las Posadas is a liturgy of hospitality and commemorates the journey of Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem, searching for lodging for the birth of the Christ Child.

Las Posadas begins as an outdoor procession. Traditionally, two people dress as los peregrinos (the pilgrims), Mary and Joseph, or images of Mary and Joseph are carried in the procession. Along the procession route, certain houses serve as “lodgings.” At each house, those inside sing to those outside, denying them entry. At the final stop, the los peregrinos are recognized and invited into the home.

Communities who observe Las Posadas should consider the following:

1. Since the tradition of Las Posadas comes from a particular culture and language, those who plan an observance should engage in dialogue with those for whom these devotions are culturally indigenous, and seek to learn from their experience.

2. An Order of Service for the Evening may serve as a liturgy before the procession, with appropriate lessons and prayers for Advent included, either in the church or in a home.

3. Participants may carry lights in procession.

4. The hymn, Canto Para Pedir Posada is traditionally sung in this rite.

5. At the final stop, the procession is welcomed for closing devotions. Such devotions may include personal testimony, the singing of hymns, the Lord's Prayer, other prayers and collects.

6. Following the closing devotions, refreshments or a meal may be served.

Concerning the Service

The Feast of La Virgen de Guadalupe is celebrated on December 12 throughout Mexico and increasingly in The Episcopal Church.
According to tradition, an indigenous man named Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin saw la Virgen on two separate occasions, on December 9 and December 12, 1531. In his vision, she told Juan Diego to ask the archbishop to build a church on El Tepeyac, located in today's Mexico City. Unconvinced by an uneducated indigenous person, the bishop asked for proof of La Virgen's appearance. When Juan Diego returned to El Tepeyac, he found roses growing. He gathered the roses in his tilma (cloak) and took them to show to the bishop. Roses spilled out when he unfolded the tilma, and it revealed an image of La Virgen, a dark-skinned indigenous woman, head bowed in prayer. The bishop, convinced by the miracle, built a church.

The image of La Virgen de Guadelupe permeates Latino cultures. She serves as a rallying point for people's hopes of liberation and justice revealed in Jesus Christ. The popularity of the feast continues to grow and is attached to many cultural observances. On the day of the feast, people process through towns and cities, offering their songs of love and joy. The procession is followed by a celebration of the Holy Eucharist that may feature dancers, drummers, banners, and mariachis.

Additional materials for use on December 12 are found on page ____.

Celebration of the Feast of La Virgen de Guadalupe

When circumstances permit, the congregation may gather at a place apart from the church, so that all may go into the church in procession. Flowers, preferably roses, to be carried in the procession may be distributed to the people before the service, or after the opening collect.

Presider A great sign appeared in the sky, a woman clothed with the sun,
People With the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars.

Presider Let us pray.

Be present with us, God our Deliverer, as you were present with La Virgen de Guadalupe (the Virgin of Guadalupe) who called Juan Diego her beloved son. May her example of tender care for the poor and oppressed guide us in the way of justice and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Deacon Let us go forth in peace.
People In the Name of Christ. Amen.

During the procession, the people may carry flowers, and appropriate hymns, psalms, or anthems are sung, such as the hymn “La Guadalupana.”

Upon arrival in the sanctuary, the Eucharist begins with the Collect of the Day.

The people standing, the Presider says The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

O God of love, you blessed your people at El Tepeyac with the presence of La Virgen de Guadalupe: grant that her example of love to the poor and forsaken may stir our faith to recognize all people as members of one family. Teach us to follow in the way you have prepared for us, that we may honor one another in word and action, sharing with
her your commonwealth of peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns

The Eucharist continues in the usual manner, using the following Psalm and Lessons

The First Reading Zechariah 2:10-13

or A Selection from The Nican Mopohua, the reading then concludes, “Here ends the
reading.”

Psalm 131 or 116

The Second Reading Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a


A Homily

The Prayers of the People

As we honor La Virgen de Guadelupe, may we strive for unity among all people; we
pray to you, God of mercy. Hear our prayer.

May the vision of Juan Diego inspire our community to stand against prejudice,
discrimination, hatred and violence; we pray to you, God of mercy. Hear our prayer.

May our care for youth and children, the elderly and sick, the weak, helpless and poor
(especially ________), reflect the love of La Virgen, revealed at Tepeyac; we pray to
you, God of mercy. Hear our prayer.

May the vision of La Virgen strengthen us to stand with all immigrants and refugees in
their struggle in every nation and people, (especially the people of ________); we pray
to you, God of mercy. Hear our prayer.

May those who have died (especially ________) rest in your peace, and those who
mourn (especially ________) find comfort in fellowship with La Virgen de Guadelupe and
all the saints; we pray to you, God of mercy. Hear our prayer.

Intercessions may be offered by the people.

The Presider adds this concluding Collect.

O God of power and mercy, who gives us roses in a season of darkness; fill us with your
unexpected truth and vision of peace among all people. By the example of La Virgen de
Guadelupe may we seek the justice which unites all people everywhere; through Jesus
Christ our Lord. Amen.

At the Eucharist the liturgy continues with the Peace and the Offertory.

Proper Preface

Because in revealing the La Virgen de Guadelupe at El Tepeyac, you have shown us your
way of justice and peace, lifted up the small and lowly, and assured us of your great
love for the poor and weak.

In place of the usual postcommunion prayer, the following is said

Presider and People
We give you thanks, O God, for gathering your children together in the Sacrament of Christ’s Body and Blood. We rejoice that you have remembered us; for we were scattered and have now been drawn together from the four corners of the earth. May we who celebrate La Virgen de Guadalupe ever strive for peace, and serve you as witnesses of Jesus Christ, until the Lord dawns in glory. Amen.

Following the postcommunion prayer, the People may place flowers at the image of La Virgen de Guadalupe. Appropriate hymns, anthems, instrumental music, or songs, such as “Buenos Días Paloma Blanca” may accompany this action.

The Bishop, when present, or the Priest, may bless the people.

The Deacon, or the Presider, dismisses the people.

Songs, hymns, and readings traditionally used on the Feast of La Virgen de Guadalupe include the following.

Songs and Hymns:
La Guadalupana
Buenos Días Paloma Blanca
Mi Virgen Ranchera
Oh Virgen la más Hermosa

From Hymnal 1982
277 Sing of Mary, Pure and Lowly (Raquel)
78 Sing We of the Blessed Mother (Rustington)

Del Himnario
483 Mi Alma Glorifica al Señor mi Dios (Cántico de María)
62 Como Estrella en Claro Cielo (Raquel)

A Reading from The Nican Mopohua:
Juan Diego returned and right to the top of the mountain he saw the Lady from heaven, at the spot where he saw her the first time. Seeing her, he fell down before her and said, "Lady, the smallest of my daughters, my Child, I went where you sent me to fulfill your mandate; though with difficulty, from where is the seat of the bishop, I saw him and exposed your message; he received me graciously and I listened attentively; but I understood by his response that he believes that it is I who makes the request of building your temple, and that perhaps is not your command. I strongly beg, Lady, my Child that you send instead of me someone who is known, respected and esteemed. If we entrust your message to someone like that he is sure to be believed. The Bishop does not believe me because I am a lesser man, I'm small, I'm a no one, and you, my Child, the least of my daughters, Lady, you send me to a place where I do not belong. Forgive me if I cause you great sorrow." Our Lady replied: “Listen, my son, I understand but need you to know that that I have many servants and messengers whom I can send to do my bidding yet I choose you. You are the one that I strictly command, to go again tomorrow to see the Bishop. Tell him once more who sends you
and that it is my will for a temple to be built in my honor. Tell him, that the ever-Blessed Virgin Mary, mother of God, is the one that sends you” Juan Diego replied: “My Lady, my Child, I will do what you ask. I’ll do your will; but perhaps I will not be heard with pleasure. I know that it will be difficult for them to believe me.

**El Día de los Muertos (Day of the Dead)**

Christians in parts of Mexico and Central America keep All Saints’ Day (November 1) and All Souls’ Day (November 2) with special devotions to honor the dead and pray for them. These devotions have spread beyond their geographical origins in Mexico into other languages and cultures. For those who are observing this tradition for the first time, adapt it to your own needs and consider engaging in conversation with communities or individuals that have experience with this tradition.

Communities who observe El Día de los Muertos should consider the following principles:

1. Practices for keeping the Day include adornment of an altar or a sacred space to offer reverence for the dead, which may be placed in a home, church, or cemetery. Photographs of those being remembered are traditionally displayed. A place for prayer may be provided nearby.

2. Devotions may include prayers and thanksgivings for the dead. Resources for prayers may be found in the burial rites or the propers for All Saints’ Day and All Souls’ Day.

And be it further

**Resolved,** That the 79th General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to work in collaboration with the Department of Ethnic Ministries at the beginning of the process to provide liturgies for additional pastoral rites, including but not limited to Quinceañera and Presentación, to be authorized for use in The Episcopal Church; and be it further

**Resolved,** That the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music seek and receive feedback on their use.

**Resolved,** That the SCLM consider the resource, “Changes: Prayers and Services Honoring Rites of Passage” as it begins its work.

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**The House of Bishops Committee to Receive the Report of Resolution A169**

The House of Bishops Committee to Receive the Report of Resolution A169 presented its Report #10 on HD Message #335 on Resolution A086 (Authorize Rites to Bless Relationships) and moved concurrence.

**Motion carried**

The House concurred

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #390)
Final Text of Resolution:

(A086)

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention authorize “The Witnessing and Blessing of a Lifelong Covenant” (as appended to the report of the Task Force on the Study of Marriage), authorized for use by the 78th General Convention, to be added to the “Enriching Our Worship” series, for use in jurisdictions of the Episcopal Church in which 1) the couple desiring marriage are of the same sex; and 2) the civil jurisdiction in which the marriage would occur does not allow marriage of same-sex persons; and be it further

Resolved, That this rite is to be used under the direction of a bishop exercising ecclesiastical authority (or ecclesiastical supervision); and be it further

Resolved, That it shall be within the discretion of any Member of the Clergy of this Church to decline to officiate at any rite of blessing defined herein; and be it further

Resolved, That no member of the Clergy shall officiate at any rite of blessing defined herein for a couple in which one or both seeking the blessing have been previously married, except as provided under Canon I.19; and be it further

Resolved, That under the canonical direction of the Rector or Member of the Clergy in charge and where permitted to do so by civil law, provision will be made for all couples desiring to use this liturgy in their local congregation or worshipping community, provided that nothing in this Resolve narrows the authority of the Rector or Priest-in-Charge (Canon III.9.6(a)); and be it further

Resolved, That in dioceses where the bishop exercising ecclesiastical authority (or, where applicable, ecclesiastical supervision) holds a theological position that does not embrace the blessing of the relationship of same-sex couples, and there is a desire to use such rites by same-sex couples in a congregation or worshipping community, the bishop exercising ecclesiastical authority (or ecclesiastical supervision) shall invite, as necessary, another bishop of this Church to provide pastoral support to the couple, the Member of the Clergy involved and the congregation or worshipping community in order to fulfill the intention of this resolution that all couples have convenient and reasonable local congregational access to this rite; and be it further

Resolved, That bishops exercising ecclesiastical authority, or where appropriate ecclesiastical supervision, who hold a theological position that does not embrace the blessing of the relationship of same-sex couples, shall in the case of blessing after divorce, invite another bishop of this Church to oversee the consent process and to receive any report of such Blessings, as provided in Canon I.19.3(c); and be it further

Resolved, That this Church continue to honor the theological diversity of this Church in regard to matters of human sexuality, and that no bishop, priest, deacon or lay person shall be coerced or penalized in any manner as a result of his or her conscientious objection to or support for this rite; and be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention direct the Secretary of General Convention and the Custodian of the Standard Book of Common Prayer, in consultation with the outgoing Chair of the Task Force on the Study of Marriage and the Chairs of the Legislative Committees to whom this legislation is referred, to finalize and arrange with Church Publishing for the publication (in English, Spanish, French, and Haitian Creole of the material contained in “Enriching Our Worship” as approved by the 79th General Convention; the General Convention Office to make these materials available electronically at no cost no later than the first Sunday of Advent 2018; and be it further
Resolved, That the 79th General Convention refer “The Blessing of a Lifelong Relationship” (as appended to the report of the Task Force on the Study of Marriage) to the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music and the Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons for further review and recommendations including a comprehensive study of the legal implications and other ecclesial options.

Ministry

The House of Bishops Committee on Ministry presented its Report #35 on HD Message #334 on Resolution C005 (Appoint Task Force to Study Implementation of Canon III.1) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #434)

Final Text of Resolution:
(C005)

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention direct the President of the House of Deputies and the Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church to appoint a Task Force on Formation and Ministry of the Baptized including members experienced in Christian formation and education, and consisting of a minimum of two bishops, five (5) priests and/or deacons and five (5) lay persons, who represent the diversity of the Church; and be it further

Resolved, That this task force identify or develop curricula, practices, and strategies that can be used by dioceses and congregations to encourage and engage all the baptized in the work of building up the church by identifying their gifts for ministry, employing their gifts for ministry, and focusing on full engagement of their ministries in daily life, work, and leisure; and be it further

Resolved, That this task force report to the 80th General Convention with recommended strategies for the affirmation, development, and exercise of ministry by all baptized persons in the areas of gifts discernment, education and training for ministry, and leadership 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 $60,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

Churchwide Leadership

The House of Bishops Committee on Churchwide Leadership presented its Report #18 on HD Message #357 on Resolution A167 (Amend Canon III.12.5) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #435)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A167)

Resolved, That Canon III.12.5 is hereby amended to read as follows:
Sec. 5. Assistant Bishops

(a) When a Diocese, in the opinion of its Bishop Diocesan, requires additional episcopal services, the Bishop Diocesan may, with the consent of the Standing Committee of the Diocese, ask the Convention of the Diocese to approve the creation of the position of Assistant Bishop and to authorize the Bishop Diocesan to appoint a Bishop for the position. If the Convention approves the creation of the position, the Bishop Diocesan may proceed to appoint a Bishop meeting the qualifications set forth in a Letter of Agreement approved by with the consent of the Standing Committee of the Diocese, and under such conditions as the Bishop may determine. A Diocese shall not have more than three Assistant Bishops serving the Diocese.

(b) An Assistant Bishop may be appointed from among the following:

(1) Bishops Diocesan, Bishops Coadjutor, or Bishops Suffragan, who under the Constitution and Canons of this Church would be eligible for election in that Diocese; provided that at the time of accepting any such appointment a Bishop Diocesan, Bishop Coadjutor or Bishop Suffragan shall resign that office;

(2) Bishops of this Church whose tenure as an Assistant Bishop of a Diocese has ended or who, having resigned their previous responsibilities, are qualified to perform episcopal acts in this Church; and

(3) Persons who are Bishops of a Church in communion with this Church, in good standing therein, of Churches that are members of the Anglican Communion by action of the Anglican Consultative Council, if they:

   (i) have previously resigned their former responsibilities;
   (ii) have received approval, by a competent authority within the Church of their ordination or their appointment to the position of Assistant Bishop as a Bishop of that Church;
   (iii) have exhibited satisfactory evidence of moral and godly character and having met theological requirements;
   (iv) have promised in a writing submitted to the Bishop Diocesan making the appointment, and witnessed by two other Bishops of this Church, to submit in all things to the Doctrine, Discipline and Worship of this Church;
   (v) have submitted to and satisfactorily passed a thorough examination covering the medical, psychological, and psychiatric and other conditions described in Canon III.11.1, pursuant to the requirements of and procedures set forth in Canon III.11.1, by recognized and licensed professionals appointed by the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese.
with the approval of the Presiding Bishop. The forms for medical, psychological and psychiatric reports prepared by The Church Pension Fund shall be used for these purposes.

(vi) have undergone background screening and, if feasible, background checks as provided in Canon III.11.1.

(vii) have been examined by the Bishop Diocesan and at least two other Bishops of this Church as to knowledge of this Church, its worship and governance:

1. Church History: the history of the Anglican Communion and the Episcopal Church.
2. Doctrine: the Church's teaching as set forth in the Creeds and in An Outline of the Faith, commonly called the Catechism.
4. Practical Theology:
   i. The office and work of a Deacon and Priest in this Church.
   ii. The conduct of public worship.
   iii. The Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church and of the Diocese in which the applicant is resident.
   iv. The use of voice in reading and speaking.
5. The points of Doctrine, Discipline, Polity, and Worship in which the Church from which the applicant has come differ from this Church. This portion of the examinations shall be conducted, in part at least, by written questions and answers, and the replies kept on file with the Office of Pastoral Development for at least three years.

(viii) have received the following training:
(1) prevention of sexual misconduct.
(2) civil requirements for reporting and pastoral opportunities for responding to evidence of abuse.
(3) the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church, particularly Title IV thereof.
(4) training regarding the Church’s teaching on racism.

(ix) have served in The Episcopal Church for a period of two years, have received the consent of a majority of the Bishops exercising jurisdiction and a majority of the Standing Committees, and been received into The Episcopal Church as a Bishop. A Bishop of another Province or jurisdiction of the Anglican Communion does not become a Bishop of this Church solely by virtue of being appointed an Assistant Bishop of a Diocese.

(4) Before the appointment of a Bishop who is not otherwise a member of the House of Bishops as an Assistant Bishop under the provisions of Secs. 5(b)(2) or 5(b)(3) of this Canon, the consent of the House of Bishops or, if the appointment is to be made more than three months prior to a meeting of the House of Bishops, the consent of a majority of Bishops exercising jurisdiction must be obtained.

(c) Before an Assistant Bishop so appointed begins service in this position, the Bishop of the Diocese making the appointment shall give certified evidence of the appointment to the Secretary of the House of Bishops and shall transmit notice of the appointment to the Presiding Bishop and to the Ecclesiastical Authority of every Diocese.

(d) An Assistant Bishop shall serve at the discretion, and under the control and direction of, the Bishop Diocesan.

(e) No person may serve as an Assistant Bishop of a Diocese beyond the termination of the jurisdiction of the appointing Bishop Diocesan of the Diocese or after attaining the age of seventy-two years.

The House of Bishops Committee on Churchwide Leadership presented its Report #20 on HD Message #309 on Resolution D066 (Discerning a Call to the Episcopate) and moved concurrence.

Motion defeated
Resolution rejected

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #436)
Stewardship and Socially Responsible Investing

The House of Bishops Committee on Stewardship and Socially Responsible Investing presented its Report #10 on HD Message #330 on Resolution A296 (Resources for Responsible Investing) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #437)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A296)

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention direct the Executive Council to maintain an independent membership in the Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention direct the Executive Council to treat expenses associated with this membership, as well as on-going socially responsible investment consulting fees, as investment management expenses, rather than program expenses.

Privilege and Courtesy

The Rt. Rev. Peter Eaton, Bishop of Southeaster Florida and Chair of The House of Bishops Committee on Privilege and Courtesy, reported that HB legislative committee #24 is organized and ready for business.

The House of Bishops Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #21 on Resolution A261 (Episcopal-United Methodist Dialogue) and moved adoption.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #394)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A261)

Resolved, That the House of Bishops meeting at the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church, gathered in Austin, Texas, recognizing the unique historical relationship that exists between our two Churches, celebrates the ongoing work of the official dialogue between us as a visible expression of the vocation of the Church to the ministry of reconciliation and to the unity of all in Christ, praying and working earnestly for the restoration of full communion.
The House of Bishops Committee on Safeguarding and Title IV presented its Report #17 on HD Message #240 on Resolution A120 (Amend IV.19.30 to Create Discipline Database, Amend III.12.7(c) and IV.13.11) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #438)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A120)

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention hereby amends Canon IV.19.30 to read as follows by the addition of the following subsection:

(d) The Archives of the Episcopal Church (the “Administrator”) shall create, administer and maintain a limited access secure central database registry to track data pertinent to proceedings under this Title (the “Database”) for the purpose of providing data and statistical information to assist in the furtherance of policymaking, education, ministry, and other governance objectives of the Church (collectively the “Database Purposes”).

(1) The Database shall only include disciplinary matters under this Title that are referred to the Reference Panel pursuant to Canon IV.6.6 or IV.6.7.

(2) The Diocese, Disciplinary Board, Church Attorney and Respondent (or Respondent’s Advisor) as applicable shall complete and submit forms to the best of their knowledge, including questionnaires as prescribed and created by the Standing Commission on Structure Governance Constitution and Canons or its successor standing commission in consultation with the Administrator, Chief Legal Officer, and Office of Pastoral Development.

(3) The Database shall not contain: (i) the personal identifying information of the Respondents, Complainants, Injured Persons, or witnesses; (ii) Privileged Communications; or (iii) other information that would be otherwise prohibited from disclosure under this Title or other applicable law.

(4) The Administrator shall make reports from the Database accessible to the Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons, Chief Legal Officer, Office of Pastoral Development, and Executive Council. The Administrator will also make reports from the Database accessible to other Church governance bodies or other Church officials provided that such bodies and officials are seeking to use reports from the Database in furtherance of the Database Purposes and have received the approval of the Executive Council and the Chief Legal Officer of the Church. From time to time the Executive Council or the Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons may publish statistical information and other reports derived from the Database provided that such publication is consistent with this canon.

And be it further

Resolved, That Canon III.12.7(c) is hereby amended as follows:
(c) In the case of the release and removal of a Bishop from the ordained Ministry of the Church as provided in this Canon, a declaration of removal and release shall be pronounced by the Presiding Bishop in the presence of two (2) or more Bishops, and shall be entered in the official records of the House of Bishops and of the Diocese in which the Bishop being removed and released is canonically resident. The Presiding Bishop shall give notice thereof in writing to the Secretary of the Convention and the Ecclesiastical Authority and the Standing Committee of the Diocese in which the Bishop was canonically resident, to all Bishops of this Church, the Ecclesiastical Authority of each Diocese of this Church, the Recorder, the Secretary of the House of Bishops, the Secretary of the General Convention, The Archives of the Episcopal Church, The Church Pension Fund, and the Board for Transition Ministry.

And be it further

Resolved, That Canon IV.13.11 be amended as follows:

Sec. 11. 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, and a record copy of the Order shall be kept by transmitting a copy to The Archives of the Episcopal Church.

And be it further

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention request the Joint Standing Commission on Program, Budget, and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $25,000 to provide for the creation of the database.

Safeguarding and Title IV

The House of Bishops Committee on Safeguarding and Title IV presented its Report #18 on HD Message #253 on Resolution A119 (Amend Canon IV.15) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #439)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A119)

Resolved, That Canon IV.15 is hereby amended by adding new Sections 13 and 14 to read as follows and renumbering all subsequent Sections:

Sec. 13. As soon as possible, The Provincial Court of Review shall make documents available to members of the Church and the Church media as set forth in this Section. The documents shall be disseminated in such a way as to make them broadly known to members of the Church and the Church media. For a matter in which a Priest or Deacon is
the Respondent, dissemination shall include, at a minimum, posting the documents on the diocesan website of the diocese that conducted the Hearing Panel proceeding. For a matter in which a Bishop is the Respondent, dissemination shall include, at a minimum, posting the documents on the websites of The Episcopal Church and of the General Convention.

(a) The documents covered by this Section are all documents filed with or issued by the Provincial Court of Review or by any party or person including but not limited to motions, briefs, affidavits, opinions, objections, decisions, notices, challenges, and Orders, including documents in a proceeding pursuant to Section 1 of this Canon.

(b) The notice under Sec. 2 shall be made available no later than ten (10) business days after the notice is received by the President of the Hearing Panel.

(c) Notwithstanding the above, the Provincial Court of Review, at its discretion and for good cause to protect any Injured Person or allegedly Injured Person, may require the redaction of documents provided for in Sec. 13(a), after consultation with the Church Attorney, the Respondent’s counsel, the Respondent’s Advisor the Complainant’s Advisor or Complainant’s counsel, if any, and, where appropriate, the Bishop Diocesan.

Sec. 14. If at any time after a matter has been appealed to a Provincial Court of Review or is before a Provincial Court of Review pursuant to Sec. 1, an Accord is reached that ends the proceedings before the Provincial Court of Review issues an Order or issues its decision, the Bishop Diocesan shall make the Notice of Accord available to the Church and Church media as provided in Sec. 13 as well as to the Provincial Court of Review and the Hearing Panel from which the appeal was taken or about whom a request was filed pursuant to Sec. 1.

[Ed. Note: When updating the Canons the term "Provincial" was removed from the name "Provincial Court of Review" as listed in resolution A119, to conform to the requirements of resolution A110.]

The House of Bishops Committee on Safeguarding and Title IV presented its Report #19 on HD Message #252 on Resolution D074 (Amend Canon IV.6.4) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #440)

Final Text of Resolution:

(D074)

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention amend Canon IV.6.4 as follows:
Sec. 4. Upon receipt of such information, the Intake Officer may make such preliminary investigation undertake such initial inquiry 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.

And be it further

Resolved, That the descriptive caption adjacent to Canon IV.6.4 shall be amended as follows:

Investigation: Initial Inquiry.

The House of Bishops Committee on Safeguarding and Title IV presented its Report #20 on HD Message #260 on Resolution A132 (Amend Canon IV.14 Notice of Accords) and moved concurrence with referral to an interim body.

Motion carried
The House concurred
Resolution referred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #337)

The House of Bishops Committee on Safeguarding and Title IV presented its Report #22 on HD Message #254 on Resolution D079 (Clarify Orders and Sentences in Title III, Title IV, and Title V) and moved concurrence with referral to an interim body.

Motion carried
The House concurred
Resolution referred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #341)

The House of Bishops Committee on Safeguarding and Title IV presented its Report #23 on HD message #310 on Resolution A129 (Amend Canon IV.19.30(a)(1) - Retention of Records) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #444)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A129)

Resolved, That Canon IV.19.30(a)(1) be amended to read as follows:

Canon IV.19.30(a) Records of Proceedings shall be preserved as follows:

(1) Each Hearing Panel and Provincial Court of Review and Court of Review for Bishops 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.

[Ed. Note: The committee authorized to resolve issues with Constitution and Canon resolutions
removed reference to "Provincial" Court of review in resolution A129, in accordance with resolution
A110.]

The House of Bishops Committee on Safeguarding and Title IV presented its Report #25 on HD
Message #313 on Resolution D033 (Amend Canons IV.2 and IV.6 - Churchwide Intake Officer) and
moved concurrence with referral to an interim body.

Motion carried
The House concurred
Resolution referred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #345)

The House of Bishops Committee on Safeguarding and Title IV presented its Report #26 on HD
Message #329 on Resolution A124 (Amend Canon IV.2 Terminology of Sexual Misconduct) and moved
concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #446)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A124)

Resolved, That Canon IV.2 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**CANON 2: Of Terminology Used in This Title**

Sexual Misconduct shall mean (a) Sexual Abuse, or (b) Sexual Behavior engaged in by
the Member of the Clergy with a person for whom the Sexual Behavior is unwelcome or
who does not consent to the Sexual Behavior, or by force, intimidation, coercion or
manipulation, or (c) 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.

And be it further

Resolved, That the Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons is
directed to study Canon IV.2 to determine whether any amendment is necessary in order to clarify
when a Pastoral Relationship exists or ends for purposes of a charge of Sexual Misconduct.
The House of Bishops Committee on Safeguarding and Title IV presented its Report #27 on HD Message #314 on Resolution D064 (Amend Canon IV.14.12(a) and IV.14.12(b)) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #447)

Final Text of Resolution:
(D064)

Resolved, That Canon IV.14.12(a) is hereby amended to read 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 President of the House of Deputies; to the Recorder of Ordinations; to the Office of Transition Ministry; the Archives; and to the Secretary of the House of Bishops and the Secretary of the House of Deputies. ; and to the Office of Transition Ministry, which shall insert a copy of the notice of Accord or Order, on the Respondent’s OTM Portfolio.

And be it further

Resolved, That Canon IV.14.12(b) is hereby amended to read as follows:

(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 Office of Transition Ministry, 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 this Church, and to the Office of Transition Ministry, which shall insert a copy of the notice of Order or Accord on the Respondent’s OTM Portfolio.

The House of Bishops Committee on Safeguarding and Title IV presented its Report #29 on HD Message #331 on Resolution A133 (Amend Canon IV.6 -Timing of Reference Panel Meetings) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #391)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A133)

Resolved, That Canon IV.6 be amended by amending Sec. 8, adding a new Sec. 9 and renumbering all subsequent Sections:
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; (d) to the Conference Panel pursuant to Canon IV.12; or (e) 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. The Reference Panel shall establish a schedule for each approved option and the President of the Disciplinary Board shall be responsible for monitoring each such schedule.

Sec. 9. The Reference Panel shall monitor the progress of each referral on a monthly basis to ensure that the matter is progressing in a timely fashion. Until such time as the matter is referred to a Hearing Panel, if the Reference Panel determines that the matter has reached an impasse or is not progressing in a timely fashion, it may re-refer the matter. Once a matter is referred to a Hearing Panel, Canon IV.15.1 shall govern any issue regarding the progress of the matter. The Intake Officer shall report at least monthly to the Respondent, the Respondent’s Advisor, the Respondent’s counsel, if any, the Complainant, the Complainant’s Advisor and the Complainant’s counsel, if any, on the progress in the matter.

The House of Bishops Committee on Safeguarding and Title IV presented its Report #30 on HD Message #333 on Resolution D100 (Amend Title IV.1, IV.3, and IV.6) and moved concurrence with referral to an interim body.

Motion carried
The House concurred
Resolution referred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #347)

The House of Bishops Committee on Safeguarding and Title IV presented its Report #31 on HD Message #344 on Resolution D076 (Amend Canon IV.6, add Section 4 to Provide Whistleblower Protection) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #393)

Final Text of Resolution:

(D076)

Resolved, That Canon IV.3.1 be amended to read as follows:

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; or

(d) discharging, demoting, or otherwise retaliating against any person because the person has opposed any practices forbidden under this Title or because the person has reported information concerning an Offense, testified, or assisted in any proceeding under this Title.

And be it further

Resolved, That Canon IV.6.10 hereby be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 10. All communications and deliberations during the intake and referral stages (including the identities of any Complainants, Injured Persons, or other persons who report information concerning an Offense) shall be confidential except as the Bishop Diocesan deems to be pastorally appropriate or as required by law.

The House of Bishops Committee on Safeguarding and Title IV presented its Report #32 on HD Message #343 on Resolution Do82 (Create Task Force on Title IV Revisions) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #443)

Final Text of Resolution:

(Do82)

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention of the Episcopal Church direct the Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons to: (a) assess diocesan experiences with Title IV proceedings and consider an addition to Title IV based upon human resource best practices. (b) study human resource best practices at institutions with similarities to The Episcopal Church and dioceses; (c) interview dioceses regarding Title IV proceedings; and (d) consider additions to Title IV that add a method of handling some complaints through model practices that are consistent with human resources best practices.

The House of Bishops Committee on Safeguarding and Title IV presented its Report #33 on HD Message #361 on Resolution A126 (Amend Canon IV.19 - Recommend Repeal of IV.19.31) and moved concurrence.
Proposed Amendment:
The Rt. Rev. Franklin Brookhart, Montana, moved to substitute "Bishop Diocesan" for "Intake Officer".

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That Canon IV.19.31 be amended to read as follows in its entirety and that the canons that follow it be renumbered accordingly:

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 Intake Officer 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 Intake Officer to undertake an initial inquiry pursuant to Canon IV.6 and to report the result to the Member of the Clergy.

The question was called.

Motion defeated
Amendment defeated

A vote was taken on Resolution A126.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #452)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A126)
Resolved, That Canon IV.19.31 be amended to read as follows:

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 Intake Officer 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 Intake Officer to undertake an initial inquiry pursuant to Canon IV.6 and to report the result to the Member of the Clergy.

The House of Bishops Committee on Safeguarding and Title IV presented its Report #34 on HD Message #363 on Resolution A123 (Amend Canon IV.3.1 - Addressing Misrepresentation in Ordination Process and Clarify Sexual Misconduct) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #453)
Final Text of Resolution:

(A123)

Resolved, That Canon IV.3.1 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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; or

(d) intentionally misrepresenting or omitting any material fact in applying for admission to Postulancy, for admission to Candidacy, for ordination as a Deacon or Priest, for reception from another Church as a Deacon or Priest, or for nomination or appointment as a Bishop.

The House of Bishops Committee on Safeguarding and Title IV presented its Report #35 on HD Message #362 on Resolution D034 (Amend Canon IV.19.4 - Suspending Statue of Limitations) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #450)

Final Text of Resolution:

(D034)

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention amend Canon IV.19.4 to read as follows:

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) 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) The time limits of Subsection (a) above shall not apply with respect to persons whose acts include sexual misconduct, provided proceedings are initiated under this Title between January 1, 2019 and December 31, 2021.

(d) 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.

(e) 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.

(f) 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.

The House of Bishops Committee on Safeguarding and Title IV presented its Report #36 on HD Message #369 on Resolution D091 (Ending the Silence) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #445)

Final Text of Resolution:

(D091)

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention recognizes the use and presence of nondisclosure agreements, confidentiality provisions, and other contractual agreements between parties as legal and binding resolutions to civil matters within the general Church; and be it further,

Resolved, That this convention acknowledge such legal agreements are useful apparatuses for resolutions of actions, including but not limited to actions initiated through the procedures in Title IV. However, they may also prevent evidence of patterns of predatory behavior from being known by applicable church individuals and bodies, from ensuring that Complainants and Injured Persons have appropriate opportunities for healing, and that unduly burden those harmed by Sexual Misconduct; and be it further,
Resolved, That the Convention directs the Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons to study the use of nondisclosure agreements, confidentiality provisions, and other contractual agreements between parties used to resolve civil matters, including matters begun through Title IV proceedings, to discover the frequency of use of these documents to resolve civil and Title IV matters of Sexual Misconduct in the Church; the general nature of these documents and provisions; the impact of these documents on Complainants, Injured Persons, and victims of Sexual Misconduct as well as the impact on Respondents, especially as these agreements impede or obstruct the process of restoration, healing, and reconciliation, to which we are called as the Body of Christ; and be it further

Resolved, That this report be utilized by the Standing Commission to recommend any appropriate amendments to Title IV to the 80th General Convention and to develop guidelines for dioceses and chancellors for use of nondisclosure agreements, confidentiality provisions, and other contractual agreements between parties documents to be distributed no later than December 31, 2020.

The House of Bishops Committee on Safeguarding and Title IV presented its Report #37 on HD Message #370 on Resolution A118 (Amend Canon IV.13 and Canon IV.14.7) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #449)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A118)

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That Canon IV.13 be amended by adding new Sections 3 and 4 and renumbering all subsequent sections:

Sec. 3. As soon as possible, the Hearing Panel shall make documents available to members of the Church and the Church media as set forth in this Section. The documents shall be disseminated in such a way as to make them broadly known to members of the Church and the Church media. For a matter in which a Priest or Deacon is the Respondent, dissemination shall include, at a minimum, posting to the diocesan website. For a matter in which a Bishop is the Respondent, dissemination shall include, at a minimum, posting the documents on the websites of The Episcopal Church and of the General Convention.

(a) The documents covered by this Section are all documents filed with or issued by the Hearing Panel or by any party or person including but not limited to motions, briefs, affidavits, opinions, objections, decisions, notices, challenges, and Orders.

(b) Notwithstanding the above, the Hearing Panel, at its discretion and for good cause to protect any Injured Person or allegedly Injured Person, may require the redaction of documents provided for in Sec. 3(a), after consultation with the Church Attorney, the Respondent’s counsel, the Respondent’s Advisor, the Complainant’s Advisor or Complainant’s counsel, if any, and, where appropriate, the Bishop Diocesan.
Sec. 4. If at any time after a matter has been referred to a Hearing Panel an Accord is reached that ends the proceedings before the Hearing Panel issues an Order, the Bishop Diocesan shall make the Notice of Accord available to the Church and Church media as provided in Sec. 3 as well as to the Hearing Panel.

And be it further

Resolved, That Canon IV.13.6 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 6. All proceedings before the Hearing Panel except its private deliberations shall be open to the Respondent and to each Complainant, to any Injured Person, and to persons from the public. Each Complainant shall be entitled to be present throughout and observe the Hearing and each may be accompanied at the proceedings by another person of his or her own choosing in addition to his or her Advisor. Notwithstanding the above, the Hearing Panel, at its discretion and for good cause, including to protect the privacy of any person, may close any part of the proceedings to any person or group of persons, after consultation with the Church Attorney, the Respondent’s counsel and, where appropriate, the Bishop Diocesan; provided, however, that no proceedings before the Hearing Panel, except its private deliberations, shall be closed to the Respondent, Respondent’s Advisor, Respondent’s Counsel, the Complainant, the Complainant’s Advisor, Complainant’s Counsel or the Church Attorney. A record of the hearing shall be made by such means as to enable the creation of a verbatim written transcript of the hearing.

And be it further

Resolved, That Canon IV.13.8 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 8. 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.

And be it further

Resolved, That Canon IV.13.9 be hereby amended by adding new subsections (d) and (e) as follows:

(d) The requirements of Sec. 3 of this Canon shall apply to the Disciplinary Board as if it were a Hearing Panel for the purpose of an appeal of sanctions under this Section.

(e) If an Accord is reached that ends the proceedings before the Disciplinary Board issues an Order under this Section, the Bishop Diocesan shall make the Notice of Accord available to the Church and Church media as provided in Sec. 3 as well as to the Disciplinary Board and the Hearing Panel.

And be it further

Resolved, That Canon IV.14.7 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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, the Respondent and the Complainant each with an opportunity to be heard on the proposed terms of the Order.

Governance and Structure

The House of Bishops Committee on Governance and Structure presented its Report #33 on HD Message #373 on Resolution A100 (Clarify Secretary of Convention versus Secretary of House of Deputies) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #448)
Final Text of Resolution

(A100)

Resolved, That the 79th General Convention amend Canon I, Canon 1.1.1 as follows:

Canon I.1.1(a): At the time and place appointed for the meeting of the General Convention, the President of the House of Deputies, or, if absent, the Vice-President of the House, or, if there be neither, a presiding officer pro tempore appointed by the members of the House of Deputies on the Joint Committee of Arrangements for the General Convention, shall call to order the members present. The Secretary of the House of Deputies, or, if absent, a Secretary pro tempore of the House of Deputies appointed by the presiding officer, shall record the names of those whose testimonials, in due form, shall have been presented, which record shall be prima facie evidence that the persons whose names are therein recorded are entitled to seats. In the event that testimonials are presented by or on behalf of persons from jurisdictions which have not previously been represented in a General Convention, then the Secretary of the House of Deputies, or one appointed instead as provided herein, shall proceed as provided in Clause (c). If there be a quorum present, the Secretary of the House of Deputies shall so certify, and the House shall proceed to organize by the election, by ballot, of a Secretary of the House of Deputies, and a majority of the votes cast shall be necessary to such election. Upon such election, the presiding officer shall declare the House organized. If there be a vacancy in the office of President or Vice-President, the vacancy or vacancies shall then be filled by election, by ballot, the term of any officer so elected to continue until the adjournment of the General Convention. As soon as such vacancies are filled, the President shall appoint a committee to wait upon the House of Bishops and inform it of the organization of the House of Deputies, and of its readiness to proceed to business.

Canon I.1.1(c): In order to aid the Secretary of the House of Deputies in preparing the record specified in Clause (a), it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Convention of every Diocese to forward to the Secretary of the House of Deputies, as soon as may be practicable, a copy of the latest Journal of the Diocesan Convention, together with a certified copy of the testimonials of members aforesaid, and a duplicate copy of such testimonials. Where testimonials are received for persons from jurisdictions which have not previously been represented in General Convention, the Secretary of the House of Deputies shall ascertain that the applicable provisions of Article V, Section 1, of the Constitution have been complied with prior to such persons being permitted to take their seats in the House.

Canon I.1.1 (j) At every regular meeting of the General Convention, the Secretary elected by the House of Deputies shall, by concurrent action of the two Houses of the General Convention, also be made the Secretary of the General Convention, who shall have responsibility for assembling and printing of the Journal of the General Convention, and for other matters specifically referred to the Secretary and shall serve until a successor is elected.

and be it further

Resolved, That Canon I.1.13 (b) be amended as follows:
(b) The Executive Office of the General Convention shall include the functions of the Secretary of the General Convention and the Treasurer of the General Convention and those of the Manager of the General Convention and, if the several positions are filled by different persons, such officers shall serve under the general supervision of the General Convention Executive Officer, who shall also coordinate the work of the Committees, Commissions, Boards and Agencies funded by the General Convention Expense Budget.

and be it further

Resolved, That Canon I.4.1(d) be amended as follows:

(d) The Executive Council shall be composed (a) of 20 members elected by the General Convention, of whom four shall be Bishops, four shall be Presbyters or Deacons, and 12 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 18 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 Chief Operating Officer, the Secretary of the General Convention, the Treasurer of the General Convention, the Chief Financial Officer of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, and the Chief Legal Officer of the Executive Council, all of whom 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 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.

and be it further

Resolved, That Canon I.9.11 be amended as follows:

Sec. 11 Within sixty days after each session of the General Convention, the Presidents of the two Houses thereof shall refer to the Provincial Synods, or any of them, such subjects as the General Convention may direct, or as they may deem advisable, for consideration thereof by the Synods, and it shall be the duty of such Synods to consider the subject or subjects so referred to them at the first meeting of the Synod held after the adjournment of the General Convention, and to report their action and judgment in the matter to the Secretary of the General Convention and to the Secretary of the House of Bishops at least six months before the date of the meeting of the next General Convention.

And be it further

Resolved, That the Joint Rules of Order be hereby amended as follows:

Joint Rules of Order II.10(a): There shall be a Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance, consisting of 27 persons being members of the General
Convention (one Bishop, and two members of the House of Deputies, either Lay or Clerical, from each Province), who shall be appointed not later than the fifteenth day of December following each regular Meeting of the General Convention, the Bishops to be appointed by the Presiding Bishop, the Deputies by the President of the House of Deputies. The Secretary of the General Convention and the Treasurer of the General Convention and the Chief Financial Officer of the Executive Council shall be members *ex officio*, without vote. The Joint Standing Committee may appoint advisers, from time to time, as its funds warrant, to assist the Joint Standing Committee with its work.

Joint Rules of Order V.15: The Secretary of the House of Deputies, being the Secretary of the General Convention, shall, with the cooperation of the Secretary of the House of Bishops, and of such Bishops as may be appointed by the Presiding Officer of the House of Bishops, prepare a summary of the actions of the General Convention of particular interest to the Congregations of the Church, and make the same available to the Congregations, through the Ministers-in-charge thereof, and to the Lay Deputies; such summary to be sent to the Clergy along with the Pastoral Letter put forth by the House of Bishops, and to be made available to all Deputies on the last day of the Convention, along with such Pastoral Letter, if feasible to do so, or within thirty days thereafter.

Joint Rules of Order VII.20: Except for the Secretary of the General Convention 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, not to preclude further nominations from the floor in the appropriate House of the General Convention.

[Ed. Note: The phrase "being the Secretary of the General Convention" was in resolution A100's next to last resolve twice, this was corrected.]

The House of Bishops Committee on Dispatch of Business moved adoption on the following Mind of the House resolution.

The Rt. Rev. Don Johnson, Bishop of West Tennessee presented Mind of the House Resolution for an editorial change from the original resolution to strike "French Creole" and substitute "Haitian Creole" and moved adoption.

*Motion carried*  
*Amendment adopted*

**Final Text of Mind of the House Resolution**

The House of Bishops requests that the Presiding Bishop discuss with the Standing Commission on Constitution and Canons a request of the House of Bishops that the Commission undertake a review of the language in the Constitution and Canons to determine where individual words or idiomatic
expressions currently in these texts in their English, Spanish, French or Haitian Creole translations may contain connotations that may potentially detract from their current usefulness by this Church.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted

[Ed. Note: This Mind of the House statement was not submitted to the secretariat to be entered into the system as a General Convention resolution for adoption by one house only. It therefore has no resolution number. It has been entered here the way that resolutions are usually entered in House of Bishops interim meeting minutes.]

Break
The House of Bishops Committee on Dispatch of Business moved for a break.

Call to Order
the House of Bishops was called to order at 11:20 a.m. with the Presiding Bishop in the Chair.

Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music

Motion carried
Resolution reconsidered


Proposed Floor Amendment PFA0168:

Resolved that, the House of Bishops concurring, the 79th General Convention authorize for trial use throughout this Church pursuant to Article X(b) of the Constitution the calendar in the proposed Lesser Feasts and Fasts 2018 as published in the report to this convention of the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music, and be it further

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, that the 79th General Convention authorize the continued use of Lesser Feasts and Fasts 2006 and; and be it further

Resolved, that the 79th General Convention commend the continued availability of Great Cloud of Witnesses 2015 for the 2018-2021 triennium; and be it further

Resolved, that the new commemorations recommended by the SCLM in the Proposed Lesser Feasts and Fasts 2018 (first reading) proposed by the SCLM be authorized for trial use and; be included in the calendar for the 2018-2021 triennium; under Article X(b); and be it further

Resolved that the SCLM provide the 80th General Convention with a clear and unambiguous plan for a singular calendar of Lesser Feasts and Fasts.

[Ed. Note: Floor Amendment 0168 was edited with underlines to show what was amended from the committee amendment of resolution A065 seen earlier in the HB day 9 minutes.]
A vote was taken on the amendment.

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

A vote was taken on Resolution A065.

**Motion carried**
**Resolution adopted with amendment**
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #422)

**Privilege and Courtesy**

The House of Bishops Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #26 on Resolution A305 (The Diocese of Texas) and moved adoption.

**Motion carried**
**Resolution adopted**
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #410)

**Final Text of Resolution:**

(A305)

*Resolved*, That the House of Bishops meeting at the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church, gathered in Austin, Texas, expresses its profound gratitude to the Right Reverend Andy Doyle, Bishop Diocesan of the Diocese of Texas, to the Right Reverend Dena Harrison and the Right Reverend Jeff Fisher, Bishops Suffragan, to the Right Reverend Hector Monterroso, Bishop Assistant, to the Bishop’s Staff, and to all the clergy and faithful of the Diocese, for their welcome to their Diocese and for their hard work in preparing for and hosting this Convention; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the House of Bishops meeting at the 79th General Convention further expresses our appreciation to all those members of the Diocese of Texas and others who have given their time and talent as volunteers in support of the work of this Convention and who have offered genuine and cheerful hospitality to us all.

The House of Bishops Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #27 on Resolution A306 (The Archives of the Episcopal Church) and moved adoption.

**Motion carried**
**Resolution adopted**
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #411)

**Final Text of Resolution:**

(A306)

*Resolved*, That the House of Bishops meeting at the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church, gathered in Austin, Texas, recognizing the important role that the Archives of the Episcopal Church has played, and continues to play, in preserving the historical record of the Church since its formal establishment by action of the 18th General Convention in 1835, and acknowledging the critical research support that the staff of the Archives has given to this Convention, extends to Dr
The House of Bishops Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #28 on Resolution A307 (The General Convention Secretariats, the Presiding Bishop’s Staff, Legislative Leadership, and Support Leaders) and moved adoption.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #413)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A307)

Resolved, That the House of Bishops meeting at the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church, gathered in Austin, Texas, expresses our sincere gratitude to the Reverend Canon Michael Barlowe, Executive Officer of the General Convention, to the staff of the General Convention Office, and to all those who have volunteered in the General Convention Secretariats, for their faithful service in support of the work of this House and of this Convention; and be it further

Resolved, That the House of Bishops meeting at the 79th General Convention further thanks the staff of the Presiding Bishop’s Office for the considerable support that they have given to this House and this Convention both before and during our meeting; and be it further

Resolved, That the House of Bishops meeting at the 79th General Convention further thanks the Legislative Committee Chairs, Co-Chairs, Secretaries, Aides, Liaisons, Technicians, Translators, and ASL Interpreters.

The House of Bishops Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #29 on Resolution A308 (The Translators) and moved adoption.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted

(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #414)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A308)

Resolved, That the House of Bishops meeting at the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church, gathered in Austin, Texas, express our particular debt to the team of translators who have worked diligently, tirelessly, and cheerfully at this Convention to create an environment of welcome and inclusion for those whose first language is not English; and be it further

Resolved, That the House of Bishops meeting at the 79th General Convention further commends Ms. Dinorah Padro for her vital and highly visible ministry with our Presiding Bishop, acknowledging her remarkable ability to match an extraordinarily dynamic and energetic preacher’s expressiveness, grace, and humor with her own, thanking her for skillfully communicating his words and message about our loving, liberating, life-giving God to a variety of listeners in so many parts of the world; and be it further
Resolved, That the House of Bishops meeting at the 79th General Convention further extends our immense gratitude and appreciation to all off-site translators, under the direction of Rosalie Wells, whose round-the-clock ministry, essential to our participation and witness as members of the Jesus Movement, we have valued highly.

The House of Bishops Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #30 on Resolution A309 (The Leadership of the Bishops’ Spouses and Partners Community) and moved adoption.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #415)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A309)

Resolved, That the House of Bishops meeting at the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church, gathered in Austin, Texas, give thanks to Almighty God for the gift to us of our spouses, partners, families, and communities, and expresses our gratitude to the Planning Group for their work in providing hospitality and a program for the Spouses and Partners community during this Convention.

The House of Bishops Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #31 on Resolution A310 (The City and People of Austin) and moved adoption.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #416)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A310)

Resolved, That the House of Bishops meeting at the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church, gathered in Austin, Texas, acknowledging that the vibrant spaces, food, music, and culture of this city have sustained us in our work and inspired us for service, express our gratitude to the City of Austin and the Honorable Steve Adler, Mayor, for their gracious hospitality and welcome; and be it further

Resolved, That the House of Bishops meeting at the 79th General Convention further extends our appreciation to the staff of the local businesses that have provided hospitality to those in attendance at General Convention, especially to the many staff members of the Austin Convention Center and our hotels who have kept our facilities for meeting, working, and living clean, comfortable, and ready for us.
The House of Bishops Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #32 on Resolution A311 (The Presiding Bishop and Mrs. Curry) and moved adoption.  

Motion carried  
Resolution adopted  
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #418)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A311)

Resolved, That the House of Bishops meeting at the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church, gathered in Austin, Texas, celebrates the ministry of our Presiding Bishop and Primate, giving thanks to Almighty God for the gifts that he brings to the life and witness of our Church, and assures him and his spouse, Sharon, and their family of our daily prayers and our support.

The House of Bishops Committee on Privilege andCourtesy presented its Report #33 on Resolution A312 (The President of the House of Deputies) and moved adoption.  

Motion carried  
Resolution adopted  
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #419)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A312)

Resolved, That the House of Bishops meeting at the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church, gathered in Austin, Texas, celebrates the ministry of the President of the House of Deputies, The Reverend Gay Clark Jennings, and rejoices in her election to a third term in this office, giving thanks to Almighty God for her leadership, and assures her and her spouse, Albert, and their family of our daily prayers and our support.

The House of Bishops Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #34 on Resolution A313 (The Reverend Canon Michael Hunn) and moved adoption.  

Motion carried  
Resolution adopted  
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #420)

Final Text of Resolution:

(A313)

Resolved, That the House of Bishops meeting at the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church, gathered in Austin, Texas, expresses our gratitude to the Reverend Canon Michael Hunn for his faithful service as Canon to the Presiding Bishop for Ministry within the Episcopal Church during this last Triennium, looks forward his episcopal ordination on November 3, 2018, and to welcoming him back to this House as the Bishop of the Rio Grande when next we are gathered for our spring meeting at Kanuga.
The House of Bishops Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #35 on Resolution A314 (The Chaplains to the House of Bishops) and moved adoption.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #421)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A314)
Resolved, That the House of Bishops, meeting at the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church, gathered in Austin, Texas, gives thanks to Almighty God for the gentle and generous ministry among us of our chaplains, Dent Davidson, Br. Randy Greve, OHC, and the Very Reverend Miguelina Howell, especially during this Convention.

The House of Bishops Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #1 on Resolution A239 (The Archbishop of Canterbury and Mrs. Welby) and moved adoption.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #400)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A239)
Resolved, That the House of Bishops meeting at the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church, gathered in Austin, Texas, sends our greetings and the assurance of our prayers to the Most Reverend and Right Honorable Justin Welby PC DD, Archbishop of Canterbury, and to Mrs. Welby, in deep gratitude for their life and ministry to our worldwide Anglican Communion.

Noonday Prayers
Noonday prayers were led by Chaplains Brother Randy Greve and Dent Davidson.

Recess
Following announcements by the Secretary, the Chair declared the House to stand in recess until 2:30 p.m. on the 9th Legislative Day.
The House recessed at 11:55 a.m.
AFTERNOON SESSION

Reconvene

the House of Bishop was called to order at 2:30pm

Messages from the House of Deputies

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

**HD Message #366:** A289 (Express Appreciation for the President of the House of Deputies) Adopted

**HD Message #367:** A301 (Gratitude for Special Guests) Adopted

**HD Message #368:** A283 (Multicultural Liturgies for Occasional Services) Adopted with Amendment

**HD Message #369:** D091 (Ending the Silence) Adopted with Amendment

**HD Message #370:** A118 (Amend Canon IV.13 and Canon IV.14.7) Adopted with Amendment

**HD Message #371:** A148 (Amend Canons III.11.1, III.11.3 and III.11.9(c)) Adopted with Amendment

**HD Message #372:** B012 (Marriage Rites for the Whole Church) Concurred

**HD Message #373:** A100 (Clarify Secretary of Convention versus Secretary of House of Deputies) Adopted with Amendment

**HD Message #374:** D070 (Amend Canon I.2.(n)) Rejected

**HD Message #375:** A043 (Clarify and Update Mandate) Concurred

**HD Message #376:** A044 (Establishing an Anti-Racism/Racial Reconciliation Certification Framework: Building Capacity for Becoming Beloved Community) Concurred

**HD Message #377:** A218 (The Proposed Book of Occasional Services 2018) Concurred

**HD Message #378:** A045 (Revision and Reminder of Anti-Racism Training Requirement) Concurred

**HD Message #379:** B004 (Encouraging the Language of Dismantling Racism and Racial Healing, Justice, and Reconciliation) Concurred

**HD Message #380:** X025 (Recorder of Ordinations) Adopted

**HD Message #381:** X026 (Nominations for Custodian of the Book of Common Prayer & Historiographer) Adopted

**HD Message #382:** D088 (Dialogue with South Sudanese Anglican Diaspora) Concurred

**HD Message #383:** A176 [Ed. Note: replaced with HD Message #384.]

**HD Message #384:** A176 (Amend Article V - second reading) Concurred

**HD Message #385:** D003 (Addressing the issue of Voter Suppression) Concurred

**HD Message #386:** D004 (Addressing Mass Incarceration) Concurred

**HD Message #387:** A284 (Amend Canon I.17.5 and Canon III.1.2) Concurred

**HD Message #388:** D069 (Gather Annual Deployment and Compensation Data for LGBT and Gender Nonbinary Clergy) Concurred

**HD Message #389:** A143 (Study Career Development of Female and Minority Clergy) Concurred

**HD Message #390:** D005 (Gather Racial/Ethnic Statistics About Episcopal Elections and Clergy Compensation) Concurred

**HD Message #391:** B027 (Gender Inclusivity in Climate Change Action) Concurred

**HD Message #392:** [Ed. Note: Replaced by HD Message #478.]

**HD Message #393:** D045 (Pension Equity for Lay Employees) Concurred

**HD Message #394:** A229 (Condemnation of Racial Discrimination and Encouragement to Confront Racism) Concurred

**HD Message #396:** A291 (Express Gratitude for the House of Deputies Chaplain) Adopted
HD Message #397: A299 (Celebrate the Vice-President of the House of Deputies) Adopted
HD Message #398: A300 (Gratitude for the Parliamentarian of the House of Deputies) Adopted
HD Message #399: A292 (Commend the Secretary of the House of Deputies) Adopted
HD Message #400: A198 (Express Gratitude for the Royal Wedding Sermon) Adopted
HD Message #401: A303 (Rejoice at the Reunion of La Iglesia Episcopal de Cuba With The Episcopal Church) Adopted
HD Message #402: A293 (Express Gratitude to the Voting Secretary) Adopted
HD Message #403: A065 (Authorize Lesser Feasts and Fasts 2018) Concurred
HD Message #405: A290 (Express Gratitude to Ecumenical Visitors) Adopted
HD Message #406: A206 (Extend Greetings to the United Methodist Church) Adopted
HD Message #407: A231 (Celebrate Episcopal Church Women and United Thank Offering) Adopted
HD Message #408: A235 (Send Greetings to Ms. Virginia Collins) Adopted
HD Message #409: A233 (Honor the Right Reverend Mary Adelia McLeod) Adopted
HD Message #410: A236 (Express Gratitude to Canon Dr. Bonnie Anderson) Adopted
HD Message #411: A234 (Express Gratitude to the Very Rev. George L. W. Werner) Adopted
HD Message #412: A232 (Gratitude for the Young Adult Festival) Adopted
HD Message #413: A288 (Gratitude for the Children's Program) Adopted
HD Message #414: A210 (Gratitude for Bishops' Witness Against Gun Violence) Adopted
HD Message #415: A212 (Thanking Episcopalians for the Response to 2017 Disasters) Adopted
HD Message #416: A298 (Gratitude for the TEConversations) Adopted
HD Message #417: A190 (Church Pension Fund) Adopted
HD Message #418: A197 (Expressing Gratitude to the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Royal Family) Adopted
HD Message #419: A294 (Commend Dinorah Padro, Spanish Language Interpreter) Adopted
HD Message #422: A304 (Express Gratitude to Off-site Translators) Adopted
HD Message #424: C019 (Church-Wide Paid Family Leave Policy) Concurred
HD Message #425: B006 (Amend Canon I.17) Concurred
HD Message #426: D022 (Reinstate Women's Desk) Took No Further Action
HD Message #427: D025 (Amend Canons III.6.5(g), III.7.5, III.8.5(b), III.9.1, III.10.1(c), III.12.1, III.12.2) Concurred
HD Message #428: C014 (Suicide Prevention Advocacy and Clergy Training) Concurred
HD Message #429: D092 (Amend Canon III.1.2 - Non-Discrimination in Access to Discernment Process) Concurred
HD Message #430: A221 (Collaboration and Networking) Concurred
HD Message #431: A282 (Amend Canon III.11.3(b)) Concurred
HD Message #432: C063 (Advocate for Ocean Health) Concurred
HD Message #433: A169 (Amend Canon III.12.9(l) and Canon III.12.9(m)) Concurred
HD Message #434: C064 (Support of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Opposing Enbridge Line #3) Concurred
HD Message #435: C049 (Support Producers of Locally Grown Food) Concurred
HD Message #436: D071 (Establish State Policy Networks) Concurred
HD Message #437: D053 (Stewardship of Creation with Church-Owned Land) Concurred
HD Message #439: D081 (Helping Communities Affected by Change in Energy Use) Concurred
HD Message #440: B025 (Water as a Human Right) Concurred
HD Message #441: A213 (Promoting Energy and Water Efficiency Across The Church) Concurred
HD Message #442: A015 (Anti-Racism/Diversity/Bias Awareness Training for Interim Bodies) Concluded
HD Message #443: [Ed. Note: Replaced with HD Message #475.]
HD Message #444: D055 (Coordination of Ecumenical and Interreligious Work) Concluded
HD Message #445: A286 (Keeping Faith With U.S. Military Recruits) Concluded
HD Message #446: D036 (BCP Revision: Inclusive & Expansive Language) Took No Further Action
HD Message #447: C062 (On the Gendered Language of God) Took No Further Action
HD Message #448: C032 (Against Human Trafficking) Concluded
HD Message #449: C031 (Minimize Gendered Language in the BCP) Took No Further Action
HD Message #450: C030 (Proposed Baptismal Covenant Language) Referred to an Interim Body
HD Message #451: A085 (Trial Use of Marriage Liturgies) Took No Further Action
HD Message #452: A069 (Engagement with the Book of Common Prayer) Took No Further Action
HD Message #453: C037 (Call to Respond to Opioid Epidemic) Concluded
HD Message #454: D077 (Reduce Death Penalty Sentence) Concluded
HD Message #455: A017 (Creation Liturgies in Prayer Book Revision) Referred to an Interim Body
HD Message #456: D089 (Supporting Non-Discrimination and Civil Rights) Concluded
HD Message #457: A016 (Trial Use of Creation Care Language in the Baptismal Covenant) Referred to an Interim Body
HD Message #458: A042 (Proposed Name Change for EC Committee on Anti-Racism) Concluded with Referral to an Interim Body
HD Message #459: B029 (Reaffirmation of Jubilee Ministries) Concluded
HD Message #460: C065 (Resolution Include The Reverend John Edwin Culmer in Feast/Fast Calendar) Concluded with Referral to an Interim Body
HD Message #461: C046 (Commemorating Appleton Deaconesses) Concluded with Referral to an Interim Body
HD Message #462: C028 (Amend Canon II.4) Concluded with Referral to an Interim Body
HD Message #463: D006 (Just Transition: Automation and New Technology) Concluded
HD Message #464: A067 (Propose Additional Optional Fast Days for Lesser Feasts and Fasts) Concluded with Referral to an Interim Body
HD Message #465: D013 (Eliminate the Provision for Legal Slavery in the U.S. Constitution) Concluded
HD Message #466: D098 (Increase Focus and Engagement in Latin America and the Caribbean) Concluded
HD Message #467: D085 (Communion Relationship with Church of Sweden) Concluded
HD Message #468: D090 (Engaging the Church in Advocacy for Disability Rights) Concluded
HD Message #469: A228 (Beloved Community Summit: Igniting the Church to be Bold Agents for Racial Healing, Justice, and Reconciliation) Concluded
HD Message #470: A287 (Amend Canon III.13 (Formerly Resolution A171)) Concluded with Referral to an Interim Body
HD Message #471: X024 (Confirmation of Executive Council (Bishops)) Adopted
HD Message #472: A224 (Gratitude for the Seminary of the Southwest) Adopted
HD Message #473: A211 (Celebrate Diocesan Anniversaries) Adopted
HD Message #474: D072 (Amend Title II Canon IV) Concluded with Referral to an Interim Body
HD Message #475: [Ed. Note: Replaced with HD Message #476.]
HD Message #476: [Ed. Note: Replaced with HD Message #477.]
HD Message #477: A019 (Create a Task Force To Study and Report on the Intersection of Evangelism, Church Planting and Care of Creation) Concluded
HD Message #478: [Ed. Note: Replaced by HD Message #481.]
HD Message #479: C003 (Way of Light Liturgy) Concluded with Referral to an Interim Body

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HD Message #480  C027 (The Celebration of the life and work of Dorothy Day, Christian Activist)  
Concurred with Referral to an Interim Body

HD Message #481  B023 (Armenian Rite for Holy Cross Day)  Referred to an Interim Body

Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music
The House of Bishops Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music presented its Report #34 on HD Message #404 on Resolution A066 (Add Thurgood Marshall, Pauli Murray, and Florence Li Tim-Oi to Lesser Feasts and Fasts, 2018) and moved concurrence.

Motion carried
The House concurred
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #454)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A066)
Resolved, That the 79th General Convention include Thurgood Marshall, Pauli Murray, and Florence Li Tim-Oi in Lesser Feasts and Fasts 2018.

Privilege and Courtesy
The House of Bishops Committee on Privilege and Courtesy presented its Report #36 on Resolution A316 and moved adoption.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
(Communicated to the House of Deputies in HB Message #455)

Final Text of Resolution:
(A316)
Resolved, That the House of Bishops meeting at the 79th General Convention honors the 25th anniversary of the election of the Right Reverend Mary Adelia McLeod to serve as the Ninth Bishop of the Diocese of Vermont; and be it further

Resolved, That we acknowledge the silver jubilee of this pioneer’s consecration on All Saints Day 1993, when she became the first woman to serve as a diocesan bishop in The Episcopal Church, fulfilling her responsibilities with grace and dignity.

Dispatch of Business
The House of Bishops Committee on Dispatch of Business moved that the sermon from the Rt. Rev. Jennifer Baskerville-Burrows be entered into the minutes as a commission of the Church "to go."

Motion carried

[Ed. Note: The sermon of Bishop Baskerville-Burrows can be found in appendix F of the House of Bishops minutes.]
**Conclusion of the Legislative Agenda**

The House of Bishops Committee on Dispatch of Business announced the end of the legislative calendar.

**Announcements**

The Secretary made announcements.

**Election of the Vice President**

The Chair nominated The Rt. Rev. Mary Gray-Reeves, Bishop of El Camino Real, to be Vice President of the House of Bishops.

The Chair moved to close nominations

Motion carried

Nominations closed

The Chair moved to elect The Rt. Rev. Mary Gray-Reeves, Bishop of El Camino Real, to be Vice President of the House of Bishops.

Motion carried

Vice President of the House of Bishops elected

**Election of the Secretary**

The Chair nominated the Rt. Rev. Diane Jardine Bruce, Bishop Suffragan of Los Angeles, as Secretary of the House of Bishops.

The Chair motioned to close nominations.

Motion carried

Nominations closed

The Chair motioned to elect the Rt. Rev. Diane Jardine Bruce, Bishop Suffragan of Los Angeles, as Secretary of the House of Bishops.

Motion carried

Secretary of the House of Bishops elected

**Appointment of Assistant Secretary**

The Secretary moved to appoint the Rt. Rev. Alan Shin, Bishop of New York, as Assistant Secretary of the House of Bishops.

Motion carried

Assistant Secretary of the House of Bishops appointed
Dispatch of Business
The House of Bishops Committee on Dispatch of Business moved that any legislation not addressed in this General Convention be referred to an interim body.

Motion carried

Personal Privilege of the Presiding Bishop
The Presiding Bishop thanked The House of Bishops Committee on Dispatch of Business and told the House of Bishops he is proud and blessed to serve Jesus with this body.

Prayers
The Chaplains the Very Rev. Miguelina Howe, Brother Gary Reeve, and Dent Davidson led the House of Bishops in closing prayers.

Blessing
The Presiding Bishop offered blessings to the House.

Adjourn
The Presiding Bishop announced adjournment of the House sine die.

The House adjourned at 2:49 p.m.
### House of Bishops Appendix A

#### Make-Up of the House of Bishops

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Note: A quorum is defined by Article 1, Section 2 of the Constitution: "A majority of all Bishops entitled to vote, exclusive of Bishops who have resigned their jurisdictions or positions, shall be necessary to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business." Out of 285 total bishops 278 were entitled to vote. Of those entitled to vote, 157 were resigned, thus the present quorum is 61.
### House of Bishops Legislative Committees

#### House of Bishops Appendix B

### House of Bishops Legislative Committees

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Gutiérrez, Daniel (Pennsylvania, III)
Ihoff, Robert (Maryland, III)
Jefferts Schori, Katharine (San Diego, VIII)

08 **Social Justice and U.S. Policy**
Hodges-Copple, Anne, *Chair* (North Carolina, IV)
Johnston, Shannon, *Vice Chair* (Virginia, III)
Bailey, David, *Secretary* (Navajoland Area Mission, VIII)
Love, William (Albany, II)
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09 **Racial Justice and Reconciliation**
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10 **Congregational and Diocesan Vitality**
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Benhase, Scott, *Vice Chair* (Georgia, IV)
Kendrick, J. Russell, *Secretary* (Central Gulf Coast, IV)
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11 **Evangelism and Church Planting**
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Adams, III, Gladstone (South Carolina, IV)
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Brewer, Gregory O. (Central Florida, IV)
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13 Committee to Receive Report on Resolution A169
Lee, Jeffrey, Chair (Chicago, V)
Thom, Brian, Secretary (Idaho, VIII)
Ely, Thomas (Vermont, I)
McConnell, Dorsey (Pittsburgh, III)
Smith, George Wayne (Missouri, V)

14 Christian Formation and Discipleship
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Scarfe, Alan, Secretary (Iowa, VI)
Allen, Lloyd (Honduras, IX)
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Benfield, Larry (Arkansas, VII)
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Rowe, Sean, Secretary (Northwestern Pennsylvania, III)
Klusement, William (West Virginia, III)
O'Neill, Robert (Colorado, VI)
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17 Church Pension Fund
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Brown, Kevin (Delaware, III)
Glasspool, Mary (New York, II)
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Edwards, Dan T., Secretary (Nevada, VIII)
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Hanley, Michael J. (Oregon, VIII)
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Bauerschmidt, John C. (Tennessee, IV)
Breidenthal, Thomas E. (Southern Ohio, V)
Brookhart, C. Franklin (Montana, VI)
Franklin, R. William (Western New York, II)
Sparks, Douglas E. (Northern Indiana, V)
Waynick, Catherine M. (Indianapolis, V)

Environmental Stewardship and Care of Creation
Rice, David, Chair (San Joaquin, VIII)
Lattime, Mark, Secretary (Alaska, VIII)
Andrus, Marc (California, VIII)
Harris, Gayle (Massachusetts, I)

Joint Standing Committee On Program, Budget and Finance
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Beckwith, Mark M. (Newark, II)
Bourlakas, Mark A. (Southwestern Virginia, III)
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Privilege and Courtesy
Eaton, Peter, Chair (Southeast Florida, IV)
Vono, Michael (Rio Grande, VII)
I pray for the silence and the words they wish to speak// Allow their words to pop speakers and
move us to new heights// / I pray for those of us that have thunderstorms in our hearts and
tornadoes in our minds and earthquakes in our soles// For the weather cannot stop us and we
have so much more to do

Please be seated

I can probably count on one hand the number of times I’ve picked up the phone and actually spoken to
someone outside my family or close friends. I can however, count many, many, many, times that I have
missed calls. And received voicemails. And left said voicemails unchecked. And left them in my box for a
while. So when I got a text from Michael Hunn that he had left me a message, I checked my voicemail, full
of birthday messages and blood donation calls, and there it was. Michael Hunn from the Presiding Bishop's
office had called me and I missed it. In all honesty, I knew I had met Michael before, but I didn't really know
who he was or what his position was. So I asked my parents, “Hey so Michael Hunn from the PB's office
called”, and the rest is history. When Michael offered me this opportunity I was honored and completely
floored but I'd like to take this chance to extend my thanks to Presiding Bishop Curry, The Reverend Canon
Michael Hunn, The Reverend Canon Anthony Guillen, and Director for Formation Bronwyn Clark Skov. These
people have placed me here in front of all of you today, and I could not be more honored to have this
opportunity.

In reading the prayers and readings for today, seven words stuck out to me. Seven. Seven words that may
just have summarized my view of what the Episcopal Church should be, what I think it can be. In today’s
collect we hear the words, “united to one another in pure affection”. The last two were especially powerful
for me, those words “pure affection”. These words bring so many memories and thoughts to my mind, the
foremost being stories of my experiences within the church. This morning I will share with you three of
those about these words.

For those of you who have had the opportunity to visit Kanuga Conference Center, you know the beauty
and spirituality of the place. You know the morning chill and the views of the lake, the sounds of birds and
the rustle of leaves. I’ve been to Kanuga twice, once when I was 10, I went with my family to attend Nuevo
Amanecer, a church-wide Latino ministry conference. But it was the most recent time that I’ve visited that
made the most impact in my life. In February of 2017, at 16 years old I stepped foot on Kangua
’s campus for the first time in almost 7 years, this time as part of EYE Planning Team. While I was there I was
reminded of the peace and the power of nature to calm and to enhance my experiences. On the way there
I placed the finishing touches on what would become the Closing Eucharistic Prayer used at EYE 17 in
Oklahoma City. At the chapel at Kanuga, I and the Liturgy and Music team tested out our Closing Eucharistic
Prayer with the rest of the team. For preaching, the four youth of the Liturgy and Music team took turns
telling the group what the Path to Peace was to us. I think my answer has changed since then, but the
sentiment is rather the same. Back then, my path to peace was a journey I had to go on to contentment
with myself and with my actions and interactions with the world. I think now that has changed. I think
rather than my interactions with the world, I've changed course to focus and appreciate those relationships
I make with people, their stories, their mannerisms, the poetry in their emotion, and the wholesomeness
of connection.
But it’s not my message from that night that I want to talk about at this time. I want to talk about how that message was received by my peers in that chapel. I want to talk about the pure affection I saw the group give us after we had shared with them our creation and our legacy for EYE. I remember saying the peace with every youth and adult on the team and the pride I felt and the love I received because of what I had to say. I remember Valerie Harris pointing at the altar and telling me I belong there, telling me she saw something more in me that I wasn’t aware of yet. Now I don’t agree, but in that instant I felt that I was loved in this church and in this community.

What I forgot to mention about my time at Kanuga, is that that was the first time I performed my spoken word poem, Alabanza. Actually, the first two sentences I said at the beginning of this sermon were pulled from that poem. That poem is the culmination of my year with the EYE planning team - from the first trip to the Oklahoma City Bombing memorial to the instant I was on stage at the University of Central Oklahoma, telling EYE this story I had made. It was humbling and powerful to hear people clap and cheer as I spoke, but more than anything I remember what happened right after I got off the stage, after I had said Alabanza one last time. I remember my sister, the reason I even applied for the planning team. I remember how she held me as I cried tears of happiness, exhaustion, and pride. I remember how my EYE family came up to me as I wiped my tears and shed new ones. I remember the delegation from Hawaii coming up to me to gift me a prayer book written in Hawaiian and a lei that I still have hanging on my wall back home. I remember when I heard my words inspire others after we had all left Oklahoma as I heard my words repeated in Minnesota. It was a raw and very real manifestation of pure affection, one that was shown to me when I needed it most.

When I hear the word affection, I think of children, and now that the dog Zach is here, I think of dogs, too. I think of kids and their ability to love everything and everyone they come in contact with. I think of the love between parent and child. Today, that love makes me think of how families that look like me go through the checks and balances of a legal system built for their fear and oppression. How brown kids are detained in modern internment camps because of their nationality, because they’re Latinidad and complexion. People see the actions of our new leadership and stare appalled and stunned, they say things like un-American to describe it. I beg to differ. If we are to rectify these actions, Americans must come to terms with the reality of our history, a history celebrated by fireworks only days ago. How our agriculture was cultivated and how cities were built by black bodies, how our first president, that revolutionary, owned black men and women. How the president credited with freeing the enslaved also had 38 Dakotas executed for protecting their ancestral lands. How the government has separated Latino and Indigenous children from their families through boarding schools and Mexican Repatriation. How the home of the free and the brave is the home of the incarcerated and the colonizers. How we have denied people of color their humanity for the sake of white fear. This new manifestation of white fear is only the most recent episode of a long history of American racism and violence. We deny our advertised freedom to Latinos who cross artificial borders, for what? Because they had different colonizers? Because their indigenous roots and branches cannot be removed from the culture? Right now, our church leadership is visiting Hutto Immigration Detainment Facility 40 minutes from us. I applaud them for this and I hope the right minds are changed and the right people are energized to make a change. A good man once told me the best work comes from a place of anger. So I say, may our anger bring justice and may it bring peace to those Latino families who must see their children held by ICE agents in cages. May our anger wipe brown faces of tears and may it begin a process to dismantle the xenophobic institutions that continue to thrive. May our anger inspire and may it create something new.

My father has told me stories of his father. My grandfather was a man brave enough to come to this country from Mexico City. He told us stories of his father living in fear of la migra and in fear of poverty back at home. My grandmother, my Nana, crossed that same desert to follow her husband. She did it for their three children so that they could have a better life than any she could offer back in Mexico. As a Chicano, I am thankful for my father and grandparents for their bravery to cross this border to attain
opportunity, economic opportunity, educational opportunity, and social opportunity for me and my sister. And as a Chicano, seeing these families suffer at the hands of ICE and nativist fear infuriates me, because I know where I come from.

I am a product of unity via oppression, alcoholics and aliens
I am a child of revolution and adventurers who braved deserts and deployments
I am millions of steps taken from poverty to a broken promise of opportunity
I am an astronaut longing to free kids from their cages and take them to adventure among the stars our ancestors told stories by, to show them where la tierra bends and the sky and sea curve into each other like the moon and her stars.
I am and so are they. And we’re are Here to Stay

And maybe you don’t like what I have to say. Maybe you see me as just another angry brown kid who has no place to speak to the church like this. But if you read the scripture for today, if you listen to those texts, you’ll see that this is our calling. Ezekiel says “Whether they hear or refuse to hear...they shall know that there has been a prophet among them”. Listen, I don't think I’m a prophet, but I have been given this amazing opportunity to speak to this church, to speak as a young Chicano, as a person of color, who sees this church and sees what it can be. We must be willing to change ourselves and our institutions if we are to make change in our world.

In its bad times, this church has given me stress and disappointment, and in the past year I have been challenged to reconsider how I view religion, spirituality, and the intersection of the two. That being said, I do not stay in the church because I love or fear God. I do not stay in the church because I want to please God. I do not stay in the church because I think it’s a ticket to heaven or any promise of salvation. I do not stay in the church because I think I need to bow down to God. I stay in the church because of the relationships made and curated by pure affection. I stay in the church for men like Randy Callendar, Frank Sierra, Luis González, Anthony Guillen, Jesse Villegas, and Broderick Greer. I stay in the church for women like Grace Ahern, Nancy Fraustro, Ariana González-Bonillas, Luisa Bonillas, Bronwyn Clark Skov, Valerie Harris, and Christi Cunningham. I stay in the church for the scent of Standing Rock and the chill of Harte Lawn on prayer night. I stay in the church for the way the stars look from Kanuga rocking chairs. I stay in the church for Hawaiian prayer books and Sandra Montes y su musica. I stay in the church for resolutions that support freedom from state-sanctioned oppression. I stay in the church for the story Anthony told me the first night I was here, how Latino Ministries went from a two page publication to the gold standard for group ministry. I stay in the church because la lucha is not over. I stay in the church because we have a platform to make real change and to speak for the silenced. We have a powerful voice, a poetic loving voice that sees the problems of this world and is willing to wrestle with them. So let’s use that prophetic voice. Amen
Giving thanks to God, and listening deeply to the recent outcry expressing pain and brokenness in our church, we recognize the urgent need for change. The church as both community of faith and workplace is not immune to abuse, harassment and exploitation of people of varying gender, racial and cultural identities. As pastoral and prophetic leaders of the church, we bear the responsibility to continue the healing and transformational work that has yet to be fully realized. Together, we commit ourselves in our local contexts to strive daily, transforming the culture of our church into a more just, safe, caring and prophetic place for all. We are grateful for the substantial and insightful memorial offered at General Convention, 2018 by Gathering the Next Generation, 2016. We seek to shift our institutional life from one which benefits a few at the expense of others, and more determinedly live our baptismal vows following the way of Jesus.

Leading with greater awareness of God's dream, deeper courage and integrity, we plan to engage our diocesan cultures and structures in the following ways:

- Recognize and respect the official as well as unofficial power given to us by our office, exercising it with humble care and in loving service with all God's people;
- Participate in regular self-examination and seek amendment of life in our personal and systemic use of authorized, relational and positional power;
- Increase our awareness of, listen to, and take to heart the stories that reflect the biases deeply embedded in our structure;
- Create a culture of empowerment, giving space for leadership based on equity, not tokenism;
- Make room for varying cultural and gender-based leadership practices, nurturing an ethos of cooperation and collaboration, exploring and supporting a broad range of leadership models;
- Eliminate pay and benefit inequities among all persons by creating and enforcing standardized diocesan compensation guidelines;
- Create and enforce equitable parental leave policies;
- Utilize formational opportunities for congregational search committees to examine bias and make responsible choices regarding their selection and call of clergy into ministry with them.

The Beloved Community Page: www.episcopalchurch.org/Beloved-Community, with further materials on implicit bias found at: https://episcopalchurch.org/resources-racial-reconciliation-and-justice


Remarks of The Rt. Rev. José A. McLoughlin, Bishop of Western North Carolina, in support of Resolution 2018-A238 (Admit Episcopal Diocese of Cuba as a Diocese of The Episcopal Church)

In 1966, as you have already heard, the House of Bishops terminated the 65-year-old Missionary District status of the Diocese of Cuba and it became an Extra-Provincial Diocese of the Anglican Communion. Today The Episcopal Church of Cuba asks to be readmitted as a Diocese of The Episcopal Church.

A preliminary question is whether the General Convention has the authority to take this action. Article V of the Constitution authorizes the creation of "new Dioceses" from the division of an existing Diocese, the union of two Dioceses, or the conversion of a Mission Diocese or District. It is silent on question of admitting to the Church an Extra-Provincial Diocese of the Anglican Communion.

One view holds that because the Constitution addresses the subject of creating new Dioceses in other circumstances, but is silent on the specific question of admitting an Extra-Provincial Diocese of the Anglican Communion, the General Convention lacks authority to take that latter action.

The Convention itself, however, has on two prior occasions admitted other Anglican Communion dioceses to the Church — the Dioceses of Puerto Rico (2003) and Venezuela (2006) — despite the fact that those actions were not expressly authorized by Article V. These actions evidence the reality that the General Convention has the authority to act where such action is expressly forbidden by its Constitution. Unsurprisingly, White and Dykman's Annotated Constitution and Canons (pp. 99-100) has opined that General Convention from its birth "has the power to legislate on any subject unless expressly forbidden to do so by the Constitution . . . all power is in the General Convention which the Constitution itself does not limit."

Proposed Resolution A180 (amending Article V to add “Anglican Communion dioceses”) would not expand the authority of General Convention, but would merely recognize that it is "in the interests of good order and predictability to have such explicit authority."

Just as the General Convention in 2003 and 2006 construed the Constitution to allow the admission of the Dioceses of Puerto Rico Venezuela, it also constructed the Constitution in 1976, to read the word “he” to include “she,” thus allowing the ordination of women as priests

The General Convention is the ultimate authority on what its governing documents mean.

As the son of a Cuban refugee who still has family living in Cuba, I know first hand how the people of Cuba have suffered since 1959. Yet, despite the conditions of the country, it was the Church that provided for the people of Cuba and my family. They have suffered enough. We have heard our Presiding Bishop and seen throughout this convention the call to reconciliation. We must reconcile.

La Iglesia Episcopal de Cuba has expressed a clear desire to reunify with The Episcopal Church. Today, it is the right thing for a community of love to do.
House of Bishops Appendix F

July 12 Sermon by Bishop Jennifer Baskerville-Burrows, Episcopal Diocese of Indianapolis, at the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church

Good evening Saints! It is an honor to stand in this place and bring a word as we begin to close out our time at this 79th General Convention. We are at that point in the convention that is most like a road race, you can almost see the finish line and folks on the side are cheering—“you’re almost there”!

This has been quite a convention. I don’t know about you, but I’ve never been more hopeful for the Episcopal Church. There is something different in the air—and God knows we need it. This has been a time of stretching, experiencing new ways of being together, witnessing boldly as we’ve stood with the hurting and vulnerable, worshiping in many languages, and diving more deeply into our call to be the Episcopal branch of the Jesus Movement. We know that being the Episcopal Branch of the Jesus Movement isn’t a cool catch phrase made for bumper stickers and t-shirts—it is a deep dive into a way of being, a way of life—a way of love.

Twelve days ago we gathered from across the world to tend to the business of the domestic and foreign missionary society of the Episcopal Church. With few exceptions we have spent most of our time confined to a couple of square miles of this convention center. I can’t quite put my finger on it but I know this—we are not the same. From the lament, confession, and commitment to amendment of life at the “Me Too” listening session that began our time, to the Spirit-filled Revival, to the public witnesses we have made on the matters of gun violence and immigration, to our reconciliation and reunion with the Diocese of Cuba—we have been living a liturgy these past ten days and God is reshaping us.

But now we shift our attention and I’m wondering if you are ready. Are we ready to go? I know, I know, the hour is late, you’ve been working, packing, doing all the things you need to do to depart from this 79th General Convention of the Episcopal Church, and I want to know if we are ready to go and do this thing?

We are being sent forth, commissioned anew by Jesus to go out to all the world and make what we have done here matter. We are being sent forth to make what we have done here matter not just to us, but to the world. Our Presiding Bishop has been preaching, teaching and encouraging us to Go and I want to know if we are ready! With all due respect to the Saints from Nevada, what has happened in Austin best not STAY in Austin—are you ready to go?

We are not unlike Jesus first disciples who were commissioned by Jesus to go. The eleven met him on the mountain in Galilee and though some doubted, Jesus remained clear and commanded them: Go, therefore and make disciples, students of all nations and baptize them in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The action in the Gospel of Matthew here comes pretty rapidly. It is after Jesus is crucified, died, and buried and that Mary Magdalene and the other Mary find the tomb empty and are met by the risen Jesus. Their first reaction is fear but they get beyond their fears and follow Jesus’ instructions. Now, I would be remiss if I didn’t point out that if Mary Magdalene and the other Mary had stayed in their fear, we would not be here. It is not lost on me that the women are the first to be told to go and tell the brothers to meet Jesus in Galilee. Let the hearer understand that we can believe the women the first time.

And to their credit, the eleven did believe the women, followed directions, and went. And there on that mountain the eleven worshipped the risen Jesus, even the ones still in their doubt showed up, and were commissioned to go out and teach others in the way of Jesus—the loving, liberating, and life-giving ways of Jesus trusting that Jesus would be with them to the end of days.

Beloved, it is time for us to leave this mountain top, and go and tell others what we have done here—what we have learned here about being the church. Sounds crazy, I know, we are talking about General
Convention after all. But what if we left this place and when home to encourage others in the way of love? Encouragement is a vital practice. To encourage is to give hope, determination and guidance. It is a work of the heart. We who are continually encouraged by the sacramental, liturgical, and communal life in Christ are called to encourage a world that remains afraid. Afraid of one another, afraid of difference, afraid of being vulnerable, afraid of disagreeing, afraid of oh so many things. That fear is binding us up and creating a world where unspeakably evil things are being normalized. Our fears will not protect us. Our fears are killing us.

But we who follow Jesus are called to witness that life can be and is different when we get real with one another. We change the relationship when we share and hold the stories that are tender for us. And we can even change our hearts when we look and listen deeply to see how God is already working in and through the other. Like prayer, rest, worship and encouragement, this way of seeing and hearing like Jesus is a practice.

Practicing the way of love in Jesus means it becomes difficult to be witness to a sexist joke and let it go or overhear an unchecked comment that reinforces hateful stereotypes. Or absorb the racist microaggression and let it pass because “they really didn’t mean it” or you are just tired of having to say something. It bears repeating that God’s dream for us isn’t politically correct appeasement—God’s dream for humanity isn’t that small. The erasure of hatred, white supremacy, misogyny, homophobia, and xenophobia from human hearts so that we might turn to love, normalize love because of, not in spite of difference—is the beginning of God’s dream.

We have done things at this General Convention that I never thought I’d see or experience. And I don’t just mean thousands of Episcopalians clapping, mostly on beat, as if they were jamming at an Episcopal Youth Event—though that was awesome! I mean, the ways in which we have been witnessing to our faith in public. Last week the Evangelism and Church Planting Committee 11 was sent out last week two by two to have conversations about faith with people on the streets of Austin. I went out with Deputy Lee Ann Walling of Delaware and we met Keifred. There he sat at noonday drawing in his journal and he reminded me of a gospel truth I needed to hear that day—he said, our God is always on time. Now here me church, we were sent out from the air-conditioned comfort of the JW Marriott to see where God was already at work and we were blessed in the first five minutes by a man sharing the Good News with us.

Witnessing to our love of God in Christ in public is simply about showing up and declaring to the other—I see you. I acknowledge you—you will not be invisible to me. You matter. The stories of our witness at the Hutto Detention center were heart-achingly beautiful. Showing up matters—Showing up was good news to the women waving pieces of paper in the windows of the detention center acknowledging that they were seen—another witness to normalizing love.

Beloved, it is almost as if all of Austin was commissioned to go out and teach US in the loving, liberating, and life-giving ways of Jesus—Imagine that. Because I’m pretty sure that is what this whole convention has been about. And I’m pretty sure that back home we can do the same for one another—disciple one another in the way of love.

It is almost time to go and with the words of the great commission we are being sent forth.

Lest we forget, we are being sent forth by Jesus. Is that too obvious? In our excitement to get back by home let us remember that we are being sent forth by Jesus who lived life on the margins. We are being sent forth by Jesus who chose to cast his lot with the least, the lost, and the lonely. We are being sent forth by Jesus who found himself entangled with the criminal justice system of his day. We are being sent forth by Jesus who loved his friends enough to accept their betrayal and desertion. We are being sent forth by Jesus who hung to die in the heat of the day feeling the abandonment of God and people alike. And we are being sent forth by Jesus who after he was crucified and died, rose victorious over death as he promised and returned to his friends who at first could not, would not believe it. But once they did, they began to set the world on fire with his love.
It is almost time to go. Are you ready? Being the Episcopal Branch of the Jesus Movement means we can’t stay where we are. The Episcopal Church can’t stay as it is. Movements... move. Movements are decisions we make moment by moment to live a particular way and Saints—this is our moment. Meaning, if we were ever called to claim the counter cultural Christian mantle that is about turning the world upside down so that we normalize love instead of hate—it is now. You know the way. You know what to do. You’ve totally got this. Go!
House of Bishops
Minutes
Interim Meetings
2016-2018
Thursday
March 10, 2016

As per House of Bishops Rules of Order
Daily Orders II – Special Meeting of the House

CALL TO ORDER
The Business Meeting was called to order at 2:07 pm by the Presiding Bishop, the Most Rev. Michael Bruce Curry. The Presiding Bishop opened the meeting with prayer.

ROLL CALL
The Secretary asked if it was the desire of the House to have the roll called, or if the registration list could suffice to determine a quorum. Bishop Jon Bruno MOVED, and it was SECONDED and APPROVED that the registration list of this House of Bishops Meeting suffice for the roll call. The Secretary announced that the original attendance consisted of 137 bishops and the number still present more than constituted a quorum. The Secretary then announced that Bishop Peter Lee was the most Senior Bishop present.

CHANGES OF STATUS OF BISHOPS IN THE HOUSE

New consecrations/elections
J. Russell Kendrick Central Gulf Coast, 07/25/2015
Audrey C. Scanlan Central Pennsylvania, 09/12/2015
George R. Sumner, Jr. Dallas, 11/14/2015
P. Moises Quezada-Mota Dominican Republic 2/13/2016
Patrick W. Bell Eastern Oregon, consecration scheduled for 4/16/2016
Douglas E. Sparks Northern Indiana, consecration scheduled for 6/25/2016

Necrology since last meeting
David C. Bowman resigned Bishop of Western New York, 7/10/2015
Milton L. Wood resigned Bishop Suffragan of Atlanta, 7/16/2015
Onell A. Soto resigned Bishop of Venezuela, 8/5/2015
Donald J. Parsons resigned Bishop of Quincy, 1/4/2015
Resignations since last meeting
Phillip Duncan, Bishop of Central Gulf Coast, effective 07/25/2015
Leo Frade, Bishop of Southeast Florida, effective 01/2016
Paul Lambert, Bishop Suffragan of Dallas, effective 8/1/2016

Changes in Status
Peter Eaton, to Bishop Diocesan of Southeast Florida, effective January 2016
Geralyn Wolf, as Assistant Bishop of Long Island, effective February 1, 2016
Mary Glasspool, as Assistant Bishop of New York, effective April 1, 2016

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PRESIDING BISHOP

The Presiding Bishop announced that Bishop Sean Rowe (Parliamentarian) and Bishop Wayne Wright (Chair of the Dispatch of Business) will oversee the election of the Bishop Suffragan for the Armed Forces and Federal Ministries at the September meeting of the House of Bishops.

The Presiding Bishop noted that a survey regarding this year's House of Bishops meeting was distributed electronically to all Bishops at the beginning of this Business Meeting. The Presiding Bishop encouraged the Bishops to complete the survey as soon as possible, noting that the feedback is important for the planning of upcoming meetings of the House.

The Presiding Bishop noted the following appointments:

**HOB Theology Committee**, Bishop Tom Breidenthal, Chair.

**HOB Planning Team**
The Rt. Rev. Todd Ousley, Convener
The Rt. Rev. Susan Goff
The Rt. Rev. Marianne Budde
The Rt. Rev. Scott Barker
The Rt. Rev. Scott Hayashi
The Rt. Rev. Moises Quezada Mota
The Rt. Rev. Brian Prior
The Rt. Rev. Clay Matthews

The Presiding Bishop added that the Planning Group will be comprised of the members appointed by the Presiding Bishop plus additional members with particular expertise who will serve from time-to-time. The work of the Planning Team will be supported by the staff of the Office of Presiding Bishop. The Presiding Bishop also announced that an appointment of
a member from the Spouses/Partners Group is in process with consultation with their
planning committee. The Presiding Bishop went on to share that, when appointed, the
Chaplains or a representative of the Chaplains will serve as an integral part of the Planning
Group

SPECIAL BUSINESS OF THE MEETING

Election to the College for Bishops Board – Bishop Neil Alexander presented and MOVED
the slate for election to a three-year term on the Board:

The Rt. Rev. Dean Wolfe
The Rt. Rev. Nick Knisely
The Rt. Rev. Mark Bourlakas.

The Motion was APPROVED.

Consent of the appointment of the Rt. Rev. Mark Van Koevering as Assistant Bishop of
West Virginia.

Bishop Neil Alexander reported on behalf of the Committee on Resignations that the
committee has reviewed the petition offered by the Bishop and Diocese of West Virginia
with respect to the admission of The Right Reverend Mark Van Koevering as a member of
this House to serve as Assistant Bishop of the Diocese of West Virginia per the letter from
Bishop Klusmeyer dated February 26, 2016 (Appendix A).

Bishop Alexander indicated that the committee does certify that all of the requirements of
the Constitution and Canons of The Episcopal Church and the Rules of Order of the House of
Bishop are fully complied with, and copies duly provided to the Secretary.

Bishop Alexander MOVED the following Resolution:

Resolved, that the House of Bishops pursuant to Canon III.12.5(b)(4) hereby consents to the
appointment of the Rt. Rev. Mark Van Koevering as the Assistant Bishop of the Diocese of West
Virginia, having completed all the canonical requirements, including but not limited to Canon
III.12.5(b)(3).

Bishop Klusmeyer addressed the House regarding this resolution.

The Motion was APPROVED.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted
The Secretary noted that the Rt. Rev. Mark Van Koevering’s number in the succession is 1092a.

Disciplinary Board

Bishop Cate Waynick provided a report by the Disciplinary Board, placing in nomination the name of Bishop Michael Smith who has agreed to serve a one-year term that is vacant. As no other Bishops were nominated from the floor, the election of Bishop Michael Smith was MOVED and APPROVED.

Motion carried
Elected

Resolution regarding the Vice Chairs

The Presiding Bishop relinquished the Chair to Bishop Mary Gray-Reeves.

Bishop Sean Rowe MOVED the following resolution:

Resolved, that for purposes of the House of Bishops Rules of Order and relevant canons, the Rt. Rev. Dean Wolfe, is designated as the Vice-Chair.

The resolution was SECONDED.

The Presiding Bishop then spoke to the resolution. The Motion was APPROVED.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted

Option to Withhold Consent

The Rt. Rev. Wayne Smith presented the following resolution for consideration by the House:

Be it resolved that Bishops with Jurisdiction in The Episcopal Church reserve the option to withhold consent after any Episcopal election without at least two qualified persons of color among the nominees.

And be it further reserved that Bishops with jurisdiction in The Episcopal Church reserve the option to withhold consent after any Episcopal Election without at least two qualified women among the nominees.

Bishop Wayne Smith MOVED the resolution and it was SECONDED.

The motion was put forward for discussion after a vote was taken of the House, with two thirds of the House agreeing take up this resolution per Rule XIX of the House of Bishops Rules of Order.
Bishop Smith spoke to the resolution. A discussion ensued.

Bishop Ed Koenicky MOVED to POSTPONE TO A TIME CERTAIN (SEPTEMBER 2016 BUSINESS MEETING). The Motion was SECONDED. Discussion ensued. The Motion was APPROVED.

Report from the work of the House during this meeting (Appendix B)

The Rt. Rev. Mary Gray Reeves offered the synthesis of the work the House completed over the last few days. The overriding theme was leadership. The focus for the next three years will be: 2016 -- Committed Leadership, 2017 -- Courageous Leadership, 2018 -- Contagious Leadership -- ending with the

Bishop Gray Reeves spoke about the upcoming work of the House based on the input from the House which is captured in the Appendix. The Planning Committee will keep the words of the words in mind as they plan for the House's future meetings.

A discussion ensued. The Rt. Rev. Todd Ousley took notes for the Planning Committee's use based on the discussion.

The HOUSE indicated that this is a direction that they wish to continue during this triennial.

Federal Ministries Election

Tom Ely presented a resolution relating to the upcoming September election.

Resolved: The House of Bishops affirms the faithful work of the Nominating Committee for the election of a Bishop Suffragan for the Armed Services and Federal Ministries and Chaplaincies. Further, we express appreciation to the Nominating Committee for their extension of the nominating process to April 30, 2016. Further, we express our commitment to accept no nominations form the floor, but only those persons fully vetted and presented through the Nominating Committee process, including any petition process presented by the Nominating Committee.

Bishop Ely MOVED the resolution, which was SECONDED.

The motion was put forward for discussion after a vote was taken of the House, with two thirds of the House agreeing take up this resolution per Rule XIX of the House of Bishops Rules of Order.

Bishop Ely spoke to the resolution. Bishop Todd Ousley noted that he has spoken with the Vice Chair of the Nominating committee regarding this situation. Further discussion ensued. The Motion was APPROVED.

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Class of 2013 letter (Appendix C)

Bishop Doug Fisher presented the letter from the class of 2013 (Appendix C).

Bishop Steve Lane moved to consider the letter from the Class of 2013 letter as a Mind of the House document, which was SECONDED.

The motion was put forward for discussion after a vote was taken of the House, with two thirds of the House agreeing take up this resolution per Rule XIX of the House of Bishops Rules of Order.

A discussion ensued.

Bishop Dan Martins offered an amendment, removing COERCIVE in the second paragraph, and the sentence THE CURRENT RHETORIC IS LEADING US TO CONSTRUCT A MODERN FALSE IDOL OUT OF OUR POWER AND PRIVILEGE in the third paragraph, which was seconded. Martins spoke to the amendment.

Bishop Ian Douglas made a motion to amend the amendment to simply strike the world OUR from the sentence in the third paragraph Bishop Martins was requesting be amended. The amendment as amended was SECONDED and APPROVED.

Bishop Ted Gulick MOVED an additional amendment -- second line of the first paragraph -- from EMERGED FROM THE TOMB to WAS RAISED FROM THE DEAD. This amendment was SECONDED and APPROVED.

Further discussion ensued.

The Motion as amended was then APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY by the House.

Motion approved

Report from the Committee on Resignation of Bishops

The Rt. Rev. Neil Alexander reported for the House of Bishops Committee on Resignations that the committee met during this meeting and reviewed the requests for resignations from Bishop Porter Taylor, Ordinary of the Diocese of Western North Carolina, Bishop Ed Little, Ordinary of the Diocese of Northern Indiana, and Bishop Mary Glasspool, Bishop Suffragan of the Diocese of Los Angeles (the committee was aware that Bishop Glasspool will continue full-time ministry as an Assistant Bishop in the Diocese of New York). The committee found all matters with respect to their resignations from the present positions to be in order (Appendix D).

The Committee has determined, further, that in each case, one or more qualifications as set forth in the Constitution of The Episcopal Church and the Rules of Order of the House of Bishops have been met and these members are eligible to retain their seat and voice in this House upon the acceptance of their resignation by this House.
Bishop Alexander on behalf of the committee MOVED that the House accept the resignations of Bishops Porter Taylor, Ed Little, and Mary Glasspool. The Motion was APPROVED.

Motion carried
Resignations Affirmed

OTHER BUSINESS

Point of Personal Privilege
Bishop Julio Holguin asked for a moment of personal privilege, which was granted. Bishop Holguin expressed his gratitude to Bishop Ian Douglas of Connecticut — for the first time in the history of the church a Latin American, a Caribbean woman of color was elected dean of the Cathedral in Connecticut. Bishop Holguin noted that the Dean was educated in the seminary in the Dominican Republic. Bishop Holguin thanked the Presiding Bishop for his presence at their diocesan convention and as primary consecrator at the consecration of the new Diocesan Bishop in the Dominican Republic.

Location of the September HOB meeting
The Presiding Bishop then noted that the location of the September meeting is in process. The venues are being reviewed at the moment. A three-year calendar of locations

READING OF THE MINUTES

It was MOVED and APPROVED that the reading of the minutes of the last meeting be dispensed with.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:32 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
The Rt. Rev. Diane M. Jardine Bruce
Secretary

Attested,
The Rt. Rev. Allen Shin
Assistant Secretary
APPENDIX A

26 February 2016

The Most Reverend Michael B Curry
Presiding Bishop
815 Second Ave
New York, NY 10017

Dear Presiding Bishop:

At Lambeth Conference 2008, I was assigned to a Bible Study with several African bishops, which included the Bishop of Niassa (Northern Mozambique). In talking with Bishop Mark Van Koeveer, I discovered that he was actually born outside of Grand Rapids, Michigan, and served in the Peace Corps in various areas of the world.

He eventually found his way to the Church of Wales, and was ordained to both the diaconate and the presbyterate by the Archbishop of Wales, Rowan Douglas Williams (June 26, 1999, and June 24, 2000, respectively).

He was consecrated Bishop of Niassa on September 14, 2003, by Winston Hugh Njongonkulu Ndugane, Archbishop of Capetown and Metropolitan of the Church of the Province of Southern Africa. Assisting at the consecration were: Geoffrey Davies, Bishop of Umzimvubu and Fungikosi Mbhеле, Bishop Suffragan of Natal.

Having served faithfully in Niassa since that time, and having watched the Diocese double in size, Bishop Mark and his family decided to try to come to the United States. He and I have been in conversation for more than a year about the possibility of coming to work in West Virginia, as the Assistant Bishop. As you know, when things start to move, they usually move swiftly.

Bishop Mark resigned his Episcopal Office, effective October 31, 2015, and has moved to West Virginia.

In the hopes of asking the House of Bishops to receive Mark as the Assistant Bishop of West Virginia, I have asked the Standing Committee of West Virginia for permission to approach the Diocesan Convention. They gave their unanimous consent. So, at the Diocesan Convention, held in Pipestem State Park from October 23 - 25, 2015, a Resolution was offered and passed by ballot to create the position of Assistant Bishop. I then returned to the Standing Committee and asked their consent to appoint The Rt. Rev. Mark Van Koeveer to be the Assistant Bishop of West Virginia. This request was approved unanimously.
I also asked Mark to come to General Convention where he could meet some of the Bishops of The Episcopal Church. He was well received and has gotten to know many of our Bishops.

While I was at the consecration of the Old Catholic Bishop of Austria a couple of weeks ago, several bishops mentioned that they had heard that Mark was moving to West Virginia. Many of them had come to know him through various mission programs.

Pursuant to Canon III.12.5, I am asking This House for their Consent for Mark to become a Member of This House, and to join us in The Episcopal Church and to serve his ministry as the Assistant Bishop of West Virginia.

I do certify that:

- He has resigned his former responsibilities
- The Archbishop of The Province of Southern Africa has certified his ordinations
- He has exhibited satisfactory evidence of moral and godly character, and that he has passed a local canonical theological examination
- He has signed the Oath of Conformity for This Church
- He has passed his medical examination, and the results of his psychiatric and psychological tests have been submitted to the Presiding Bishop’s Office.

While he has been in West Virginia, and serving here in West Virginia, we are aware that the Title of Assistant Bishop, and his membership in the House, does not take effect until and unless the House of Bishops consents and approves such action.

I am asking that this matter be brought to the business session of the House of Bishops in March.

If there is anything else I need to do, or if there are any questions, I am happy to discuss this more.

I pray you have a blessed and Holy Lent.

Faithfully,

The Rt. Rev. W. Michic Kinnmeyer
Bishop of West Virginia

cc: Bishops Exercising Jurisdiction
APPENDIX B

Disarming Love: Following the Way of Jesus and Claiming the Faith of Prophets, Apostles and Martyrs

Three annual themes:

2016 Committed Leadership
“Serving before your day and night in the ministry of reconciliation”

2017 Courageous Leadership
“Enlightening the minds and stirring up the conscience of your people”

2018 Contagious Leadership
Embracing the joy of following Jesus who came, not to be served, but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many

Arc of each gathering:
Friday and Saturday – Reflection – scriptural/theologically based learning
Sunday – Sabbath or activity
Monday – Praxis – what do we take home and how has our learning offered us an opportunity for change in the HOB?
Tuesday – Business

Creating the community, we long for:
Check-in – always a crafted, substantive question designed for faith conversation/sharing and relationship building as the body of Christ.

Worship – to include focused prayer for revival, reconciliation and renewal for creative evangelism in our world today.

The “Wordles” produced from the work of the House (found on the next page) will be kept before the planning committee as planning team does their work.

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APPENDIX C

A Word to the Church:
Holy Week 2016

"We reject the idolatrous notion that we can ensure the safety of some by sacrificing the hopes of others:"

On Good Friday the ruling political forces of the day tortured and executed an innocent man. They sacrificed the weak and the blameless to protect their own status and power. On the third day Jesus was raised from the dead, revealing not only their injustice but also unmasking the lie that might makes right.

In a country still living under the shadow of the lynching tree, we are troubled by the violent, forces being released by this season’s political rhetoric. Americans are turning against their neighbors, particularly those on the margins of society. They seek to secure their own safety and security at the expense of others. There is legitimate reason to fear where this rhetoric and the actions arising from it might take us.

In this moment, we resemble God’s children wandering in the wilderness. We, like they, are struggling to find our way. They turned from following God and worshiped a golden calf constructed from their own wealth. The current rhetoric is leading us to construct a modern false idol out of power and privilege. We reject the idolatrous notion that we can ensure the safety of some by sacrificing the hopes of others. No matter where we fall on the political spectrum, we must respect the dignity of every human being and we must seek the common good above all else.

We call for prayer for our country that a spirit of reconciliation will prevail and we will not betray our true selves.
APPENDIX D

Bishop Porter Taylor: (1) Fulfills a minimum of ten years as a Bishop Diocesan (Western North Carolina); (2) resigns at a minimum of 62 years of age.

Bishop Ed Little: (1) Fulfills a minimum of ten years as a Bishop Diocesan (Northern Indiana); (2) resigns at a minimum of 62 years of age.

Bishop Mary Glasspool: (1) resigns at a minimum of 62 years of age.
APPENDIX E

BISHOPS PRESENT AT THE HOB INTERIM MEETING SPRING 2016

Adams, Gladstone
Adams, James
Ahrens, Laura
Alexander, J. Neil
Allen, Lloyd
Andrus, Marc
Bailey, David
Barker, J. Scott
Bauerschmidt, John
Baxter, Nathan
Beauvoir, Oge
Beckwith, Mark
Beisner, Barry
Benfield, Larry
Benhase, Scott
Bourlakas, Mark
Breidenthal, Thomas
Brewer, Greg
Brookhart, Franklin
Bruce, Diane
Bruno, Jon
Budde, Mariann
Curry, Michael
Dietzsche, Andrew
Douglas, Ian
Doyle, C. Andrew
Duque, Francisco
Duracin, Zache
Eaton, Peter
Edwards, Dan
Ely, Thomas
Field, Martin
Fisher, Jeff
Fisher, Douglas
Fitzpatrick, Robert
Franklin, William
Gallagher, Carol
Garrison, Michael
Gates, Alan
Gibbs, Wendell
Glasspool, Mary
Goff, Susan
Gray, Duncan
Gray-Reeves, Mary
Gulick, Edwin
Gumbs, Ambrose
Gunter, Matthew
Hanley, Michael
Harris, Gayle
Harrison, Dena
Hayashi, Scott
Hirschfeld, A. Robert
Hodges-Copple, Anne
Holguin, Julio
Hollingsworth, Mark
Houglan, Whayne
Howard, John
Howe, Barry
Ihoff, Robert
Johnson, Don
Johnston, Shannon
Kendrick, Russell
Klumleyer, Michie
Knisely, W. Nicholas
Knudsen, Chilton
Koniecny, Edward
Lai, David
Lambert, Jay
Lambert, Paul
Lane, Stephen
Lattime, Mark
Lee, Jeff
Lee, Peter
Lillibridge, Gary
Little, Edward
Love, William
Magness, James
Murray, Santosh
Martins, Daniel
Mathes, James
Matthews, Clayton
Mayer, J. Scott
McConnell, Dorsey
Miller, Steven
Milliken, Michael
Morante, Alfredo
O'Neill, Robert
Ousley, Todd
Owensby, Jacob
Parsley, Henry
Payne, Claude
Prior, Brian
Provenzano, Lawrence
Quezada Mota, Moises
Ray, Rayford
Reed, David M.
Rice, David
Rickel, Gregory
Rivera, Nedi
Rowe, Sean
Scanlan, Audrey
Scantlebury, Victor
Scarfe, Alan
Seage, Brian
Shin, Allen
Singh, Prince
Skilton, Bill
Skirving, Robert
Sloan, John
Smith, Wayne
Smith, Kirk
Smith, Michael
Smith, Dabney
Smylie, John S.
Stokes, William
Sumner, George
Sutton, Eugene
Tarrant, John
Taylor, Porter
Thom, Brian
Thompson, Morris
VanKoevening, Mark

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APPENDIX E (CONTINUED)

BISHOPS PRESENT AT THE HOB INTERIM MEETING SPRING 2016 (CONTINUED)

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vonRosenberg, Charles  White, Terry  Wright, Robert
Waggoner, James  Williams, Arthur  Wright, Wayne
Waldo, W. Andrew  Wimberly, Don  Young, George
Waynick, Catherine  Wolf, Geralyn
CALL TO ORDER

The Business Meeting was called to order at 11:05am by the Presiding Bishop, the Most Rev. Michael Bruce Curry. The Presiding Bishop opened the meeting with prayer.

ROLL CALL

The Secretary called the roll and announced that the original attendance consisted of 126 bishops and the number still present more than constituted a quorum. The Secretary then announced that Bishop James Ottley was the most Senior Bishop present during this business meeting.

CHANGES OF STATUS OF BISHOPS IN THE HOUSE

New consecrations/elections
Patrick W. Bell  Eastern Oregon, 4/16/2016
Douglas E. Sparks  Northern Indiana, 6/25/2016
Daniel Gutierrez  Pennsylvania, 7/16/2016
Jose McLoughlin  Western North Carolina, consecration scheduled for 10/1/2016
Santosh Marray  Easton, installation scheduled for 10/15/2016
DeDe Duncan-Probe  Central New York, consecration scheduled for 12/3/2016

Necrology since last spring meeting
Edward L. Salmon  resigned Bishop of South Carolina, 6/29/2016
Edmond L. Browning  resigned Bishop of Hawaii and XXIV Presiding Bishop and Primate, 7/11/2016
Duncan M. Gray, Jr.  resigned Bishop of Mississippi, 7/15/2016
Earl N. McArthur  resigned Bishop Suffragan of West Texas, 7/17/2016
Resignations since last meeting
Ed Little    Bishop of Northern Indiana for reason of advanced age, effective 6/30/2016
Paul Lambert Bishop of Dallas for reason of advanced age, effective 8/1/2016

Changes in Status
Nedi Rivera to Honorary Bishop Diocesan of the Diocese of Eastern Oregon (March 9, 2016) then to resigned bishop.

Clifton Daniel from Provisional Bishop of Pennsylvania to resigned bishop.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PRESIDING BISHOP

The Presiding Bishop introduced the working group:
Diane Jardine Bruce, Secretary
Sean Rowe, Parliamentarian
Allen Shin, Assistant Secretary
Mary Gray-Reeves, Vice President
Dean Wolfe, Vice President
Jim Mathes, Assistant Parliamentarian

The Presiding Bishop also introduced Wayne Wright as the Head of Dispatch, and announced that with Wayne’s retirement Wendell Gibbs will become Head of Dispatch. Wayne received a standing ovation by the House.

SPECIAL BUSINESS OF THE MEETING

Balloting for the Bishop of the Armed Forces and Federal Ministries was conducted. Interviews of the three nominees was held earlier in the meeting on September 17, 2016.

The results of ballot # 1 is as follows:

115 Ballots cast, 58 votes needed to elect
The Rev. Christopher Garcia 53
The Rev. David McElwain 12
The Rev. Carl Wright 50

A Second ballot was cast.
The results of ballot #2 is as follows:

115 Ballots cast, 58 votes needed to elect.
The Rev. Christopher Garcia 50
The Rev. David McElwain 6
The Rev. Carl Wright 59

A phone call was placed to the nominee by the Presiding Bishop. This call was made on speaker so that all the Bishops in the House could hear. The Rev. Carl Wright accepted the election as the Bishop of the Armed Forces and Federal Ministries. The bishops present signed the testimonials. The Presiding Bishop called the other candidates as the testimonials were being signed.

Motion Carried
Elected

b. Resolution on Option to Withhold Consent (Appendix A) from the March 16, 2016 meeting of the House at Camp Allen, TX.

Wayne Smith and Dan Edwards addressed the convention. Edwards offered a substitution of the original motion (APPENDIX B). It was MOVED to accept the substitution and SECONDED. The substitution was read. The House requested table conversation about this resolution, which the Presiding Bishop granted. Conversation ensued.

Motion Carried
Resolution adopted

Ed Konieczny moved to refer this motion to the Task Force on the Episcopacy. The MOTION was SECONDED. Discussion ensued. Carol Gallagher noted that in some communities our brothers and sisters do not self-select. Dena Harrison spoke in favor of the motion to refer. Greg Rickel noted that we already have the right not to consent.

The Motion to refer PASSED.

Motion Carried
Resolution adopted
c. Diocese of New Jersey resolution (to be received by the House only – Appendix C)

Chip Stokes, the Diocesan of New Jersey, read the resolution passed at the Diocese of New Jersey. He spoke to the resolution, which was to be received only by the HOB. There were thirteen people lost in the attacks of 9/11 in the Diocese of New Jersey. This resolution is to keep us mindful that the impact of the events and aftermath of 9/11.

Motion carried
Resolution adopted

d. Resolution on Compiling Data (Appendix D)

Scott Benhase presented the Resolution on Compiling Data. Benhase read the Resolution. The Motion was SECONDED. Benhase offered background to this resolution, including what could be the supply side of the budget for TEC. The data is being asked for to try to determine fair assessments.

Mike Klusmeyer reminded the House that the there is a Task Force to look precisely at this issue. He noted that the information could be helpful to the Task Force. The Motion PASSED.

Motion Carried
Resolution adopted

The HOUSE went into recess at noon.
At 1:07pm the HOUSE was called back to order by the Presiding Bishop.

e. Mind of the House resolution (Rob Wright et al – Appendix E)

Rob Wright presented the Mind of the House resolution, which will be available in print and in video in both English and Spanish. The Mind of the House resolution was MOVED and PASSED.

Motion Carried
Resolution adopted

f. Resolution on Human mobility with persons who come from South Africa, coming to Brazil or Haiti. (Appendix F).

Victor Scantlebury presented and MOVED this resolution to the House, which was SECONDED.
The motion was put forward for discussion after a vote was taken of the House, with two thirds of the House agreeing take up this resolution per Rule XIX of the House of Bishops Rules of Order.

Discussion ensued. The Motion PASSED.

**Motion Carried**
**Resolution adopted**

**REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES**

**House Of Bishops Committee On Resignations**
The Rt. Rev. Neil Alexander reported for the *House of Bishops Committee on Resignations* that the committee met during this meeting and reviewed the requests for resignations from:

- The Rt. Reverend Gladstone B. "Skip" Adams to resign as Bishop of Central New York, for reason of advanced age effective October 31, 2016
- The Rt. Reverend James B. Magness to resign as Bishop Suffragan of the Armed Forces and Federal Ministries, for reason of advanced age effective February 11, 2016
- The Rt. Reverend Wayne P. Wright to resign as Bishop of Delaware effective, February 28, 2017

The committee found all matters with respect to their resignations from the present positions to be in order.

The Committee has determined, further, that in each case, one or more qualifications as set forth in the Constitution of The Episcopal Church and the Rules of Order of the House of Bishops have been met and these members are eligible to retain their seat and voice in this House upon the acceptance of their resignation by this House.

Bishop Alexander on behalf of the committee MOVED that the House accept the resignations of these bishops. The Motion was APPROVED.

**Motion carried**
**Resignations Affirmed**

**Report From The Working Group Of Communion Across Differences**
Rob Skirving and Greg Brewer addressed the House representing a group which the Presiding Bishop called together to work on fleshing out what it would mean for our church to live in...
"communion across difference." This arose in response to the votes at the last General Convention which resulted in the inclusion of people of the same gender in our understanding of Holy Matrimony, as well as our resolution to support each other given our theological diversity.

While they were tasked with working out guidelines for how we might live "across difference" what quickly developed was a critique of the process which resulted in the passing of the aforementioned resolutions. It should be noted that this critique was shared by most everyone on the task force regardless of where they stood on what rites they would or would not allow in their dioceses. In fact, the subject was not initially brought up by our most conservative members.

That critique included the following observations:

• The whole process felt like it was organized by a group of people who had a predetermined end and had a strategy to carry that out.
• What was presented seemed quite different than what was presented at the last House of Bishops gathering in March.
• The supporting documents lacked both serious Biblical exegesis ("shallow" was the word used, and a lack of engagement from Biblical scholars who held differing points of view) and any serious efforts in pursuing the impact our decisions would have on the wider Anglican Communion.
• The process seemed "stacked" from the start by the lack of in depth theological diversity in the makeup of the Task Force.

While this task force is only beginning its work, it was clear (as one member put it) that "we are pulling on a thread attached to a larger piece of cloth" which is how we craft resolutions (even how we live together) that take seriously the theological and cultural diversity present in an Episcopal Church with a global geography.

OTHER BUSINESS

• Ed Konieczny MOVED to go into EXECUTIVE SESSION. This was SECONDED and APPROVED. The House then went into EXECUTIVE SESSION.
• There was a motion to come OUT of EXECUTIVE SESSION. The Motion was SECONDED and APPROVED.

Motion Carried
MINUTES
It was MOVED and APPROVED that the reading of the minutes of the last meeting be dispensed with.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:35pm.

Respectfully submitted,
The Rt. Rev. Diane M. Jardine Bruce
Secretary

Attested
The Rt. Rev. Allen Shin
Assistant Secretary
APPENDIX A

Option to Withhold Consent – Original Resolution postponed to today:

Be it resolved that Bishops with Jurisdiction in The Episcopal Church reserve the option to withhold consent after any Episcopal election without at least two qualified persons of color among the nominees.

And be it further reserved that Bishops with jurisdiction in The Episcopal Church reserve the option to withhold consent after any Episcopal Election without at least two qualified women among the nominees.

Substitution:
BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Bishops regrets the extent to which we remain predominantly a body of white males, a vestige of privilege at odds with justice and God’s dream for our Church;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we commend the work of the Task Force on Episcopal Elections and those dioceses who have elected to the episcopate women and nominees outside the dominant culture, especially those who have done so in recent months. We also commend all dioceses who have been attentive to the importance of strong women and minorities as nominees in episcopal elections;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the House of Bishops respects the right of each diocese to select its bishop using its own methods of discernment. We do encourage diocesan nominating committees to strive to show in our Church a clearer image of the breadth of God’s love, to manifest more clearly the Christian diversity revealed on the Day of Pentecost, and to equip our Church for God’s mission of evangelism and reconciliation. To that end, we commend to every nominating committee our hope that each slate of nominees will include at least one woman and at least one member of a racial or ethnic minority. We ask the Office of Pastoral Development to review this resolution with each Standing Committee and nominating committee at the beginning of their work in electing a bishop and assist the nominating committees toward the aims stated herein.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the House of Bishops encourages all Bishops with jurisdiction and all diocesan Standing Committees, in the exercise of their authority regarding consent to the consecration of future bishops, to give serious consideration to the inclusivity of the search process and the diversity of the final slate of candidates in making their decision. This Resolution is subject to the pending report of the Task Force on Episcopal Elections.
APPENDIX B

Substitution offered by Dan Edwards to the Option to Withhold Consent Resolution (Appendix A)

BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Bishops regrets the extent to which we remain predominantly a body of white males, a vestige of privilege at odds with justice and God’s dream for our Church;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we commend those dioceses who have elected to the episcopate women and nominees outside the dominate culture, especially those who have done so in recent months. We also commend all dioceses who have been attentive to the importance of strong women and minorities as nominees in episcopal elections;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the House of Bishops respects the right of each diocese to select its bishop using its own methods of discernment. We do encourage diocesan nominating committees to strive to show in our Church a clearer image of the breadth of God’s love, to manifest more clearly the Christian diversity revealed on the Day of Pentecost, and to equip our Church for God’s mission of evangelism and reconciliation. To that end, we commend to every nominating committee our hope that each slate of nominees will include at least one woman and at least one member of a racial or ethnic minority. We ask the Office of Pastoral Development to review this resolution with each Standing Committee and nominating committee at the beginning of their work in electing a bishop and assist the nominating committees toward the aims stated herein.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the House of Bishops encourages all Bishops with jurisdiction and all diocesan Standing Committees, in the exercise of their authority regarding consent to the consecration of future bishops, to give serious consideration to the inclusivity of the search process and the diversity of the final slate of candidates in making their decision.
RESOLUTION 2016–2

Subject: Reaffirmation of Resolution 2004–1 Concerning the WTC Victims in this the 15th Anniversary Year of September 11, 2001

Be it Resolved, That the 232nd Convention of the Diocese of New Jersey reaffirm Resolution 20014–1 passed by the 220th Convention of the Diocese; and be it

Further Resolved, That we continually pray for all those lost on September 11, 2001, all others lost at the hand of terrorism, for those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the days since the attacks, for those who still suffer in body and mind as a result of terrorist attacks, and for all those we call peacemakers; and be it

Further Resolved, That the Secretary of this Convention forward a copy of this Resolution to the Executive Council of The Episcopal Church, to the Joint Standing Committee on Advocacy and Networking for Mission of the Executive Council, and to the House of Bishops of The Episcopal Church.
APPENDIX D

Resolution for the House of Bishop's Meeting September 2016

Be it resolved that the Presiding Bishop direct Church staff that he designates to compile the following data in a spreadsheet and distribute it to the House of Bishops at least one week before our Spring 2017 meeting:

1. name of the diocese;
2. average annual budget over the last three years;
3. total number of congregations (including campus ministries, special worshipping communities);
4. diocesan budget amount per total number of congregations (including campus ministries, communities) over the last three years;
5. average number of baptized members over the last three years;
6. average diocesan budget amount per baptized member over the last three years;
7. average market value of the diocesan endowment over the last three years;
8. average percentage over the last three years of diocesan endowment supporting the diocesan budget;
9. average diocesan amount supporting TEC over the last three years;
10. average diocesan support of TEC as a percentage of annual diocesan budget over the last three years;
11. average amount over the least three years of diocesan budget supporting provincial and companion relationships; and,
12. average amount received by diocese over the previous three years from TEC through grants, etc.

Explanation: The dioceses of TEC have a wide disparity of resources that each individually stewards. The HOB has been discussing what should be an appropriate percentage apportionment from each diocese. That discussion has been largely debated by how much we need to raise to support the triennial expense budget of TEC rather than from discovering what the resources are from each diocese. Learning the above data will help the HOB have a better conversation around how each diocese sacrificially supports the mission of TEC. The data also may help us discern a more fair and just way to fund our common mission.

Submitted by Scott Benhase
APPENDIX E

A Word to the Church for the World

Greetings from Detroit, a city determined to be revived. Greetings also from the city of Flint, where we are reminded that the gift of water has for many of our brothers and sisters become a curse.

Here we have been exhorted to set our sights beyond ourselves and to minister to our nation and the world. We lament the stark joylessness that marks our present time. We decry angry political rhetoric which rages while fissures widen within society along racial, economic, educational, religious, cultural and generational lines. We refuse to look away as poverty, cruelty and war force families to become migrants enduring statelessness and demonization. We renounce the gun violence and drug addiction that steal lives and crush souls while others succumb to fear and cynicism, abandoning any sense of neighborliness.

Yet, in all this, “...we do not despair” (2 Cor. 4:8.) We remember that God in Christ entered our neighborhood during a time of political volatility and economic instability. To this current crisis we bring our faith in Jesus. By God’s grace, we choose to see in this moment an urgent opportunity to follow Jesus into our fractured neighborhoods, the nation and the world.

Every member of the church has been “...called for a time such as this.” (Esther 4:14.) Let prophets tell the truth in love. Let reconcilers move boldly into places of division and disagreement. Let evangelists inspire us to tell the story of Jesus in new and compelling ways. Let leaders lead with courage and joy.

In the hope of the Resurrection let us all pray for God to work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish God’s purposes on earth.

This Word to the Church was delivered in paper and video format.
APPENDIX F

Whereas as the Bishops of the Church we are called to denounce and announce;

Whereas migration and human mobility are now stronger each day, not only in efforts of safeguarding life given the many forms of violence, but also in search of job opportunities and education for social injustices in their countries;
Whereas citizens of countries South of North America have been affected by this situation and seek opportunities in the United States;

Resolves:
1- Our solidarity with men, women and children traveling in search of new opportunities exposing themselves to all sorts of dangers and inhumane situations on the road just to reach the United States.
2- To request the Office of Migration of the Episcopal Church to pay attention to the migration of citizens of our countries to the United States through the border with Mexico; to appeal to the United Nations in order to provide the necessary humanitarian aid in order to safeguard lives.
3- Working with the various dioceses of the Province IX of the Episcopal Church to find strategies to create awareness in all dioceses in the United States of this human reality in fulfillment of our baptismal vows of "Respect for human dignity."

Considerando que los Obispos de la Iglesia estamos llamados a denunciar y anunciar;

Considerando que la migración y movilidad humana se hace todos los días más fuerte en búsqueda, no solo de la salvaguarda de la vida dada las múltiples formas de violencia, sino también en busca de oportunidades de trabajo y educación por las injusticias sociales, en sus países;
Considerando que ciudadanos de países al Sur del continente se han visto afectados por esta situación y buscan oportunidades en los Estados Unidos;

Resuelve:
1- Solidarizarnos con hombres, mujeres y niños que viajan en la búsqueda de nuevas oportunidades exponiéndose a toda clase de peligros y situaciones inhumanas en el camino con tal de llegar a los Estados Unidos.
2- Solicitar a la oficina de asuntos migratorios de la Iglesia Episcopal poner atención a la migración de ciudadanos de nuestros países hacia Los Estados Unidos a través de las fronteras con México; Hacer un llamado a las Naciones Unidas con el propósito de brindarles la ayuda humanitaria necesaria con el fin de salvaguardar vidas.
3- Trabajar con las diferentes diócesis Episcopales de la IX Prov. estrategias para concientizar a todas las diócesis en los Estados Unidos de esta realidad humana en cumplimiento de nuestros votos bautismales de "Respetar la dignidad humana."
### APPENDIX G

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House of Bishops Interim Meeting

Kanuga Conference Center,
Hendersonville, NC,
March 9-14, 2017

Tuesday
March 14, 2017

CALL TO ORDER
The business meeting was called to order at 3:08pm by the Presiding Bishop, the Most Rev. Michael Bruce Curry. The Presiding Bishop opened the meeting with prayer.

ROLL CALL
It was moved that the registration list of the conference suffice for the roll call. The secretary announced that the original attendance consisted of 130 bishops and the number still present more than constituted a quorum. It was announced that the Rt. Rev. Peter Lee was recognized as the Senior Bishop present. The secretary noted that for the first time, two bibles were opened on the dais (one is required per our Rules of Order) -- one in English, one in Spanish.

RECOGNITION OF SENIOR BISHOP
The Presiding Bishop then congratulated the Rt. Rev. Victor Scantlebury on his 26th anniversary of consecration today.

CHANGES OF STATUS OF BISHOPS IN THE HOUSE

New consecrations/elections since the last meeting.

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Necrology since last meeting
Harry Shipps resigned Bishop of Georgia, 11/17/2016

Resignations since last our meeting
Dean Wolfe Bishop of Kansas, effective 01/31/2017
Wayne Wright Bishop of Delaware, effective 02/28/2017
James Waggoner Bishop of Spokane, effective 03/18/2017
Catherine Waynick Bishop of Indianapolis, effective 04/30/2017

Changes in Status
Santosh Marray, from Assistant Bishop of Alabama to Bishop of Easton, 10/15/2016

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PRESIDING BISHOP
There were no special communications from the Presiding Bishop.

SPECIAL BUSINESS OF THE MEETING

Resolution from the September 2016 meeting of the House -- The Rt. Rev. Scott Benhase noted that the information requested at the May meeting to be distributed to this meeting at least one week prior to the start of this meeting did not happen. Bishop Benhase requested the information be available before the September 2017 meeting. The Presiding Bishop explained that the person that could have done this work retired soon after the March meeting and has not been replaced. This resolution will be worked on for the September meeting. The resolution is included (Appendix A) for reference.

Election to the College for Bishops Board -- The Presiding Bishop, the Most Rev. Michael Bruce Curry, presented and MOVED the slate for election, length of term 2017-2020: The Rt. Rev. Larry Benfield (second term), the Rt. Rev. Prince Singh (second term), the Rt. Rev. Colin Johnson (second term), and Mr. Les Callahan (second term).

The Motion was SECONDED and APPROVED.

Motion carried
Elected
REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

HOUSE OF BISHOPS COMMITTEE ON RESIGNATIONS

The Rt. Rev. Neil Alexander reported for the House of Bishops Committee on Resignations that the committee met during this meeting and reviewed the requests for resignations from:

The Rt. Rev. William Douglas Hahn to resign as Bishop of Lexington, effective March 10, 2017

The Rt. Rev. Orlando Guerrero to resign as Bishop of Venezuela, effective March 23, 2017

The Rt. Rev. Gary Lillibridge to resign as Bishop of West Texas, effective June 30, 2017

The Rt. Rev. James Mathes to resign as Bishop of San Diego, effective July 1, 2017

The Rt. Rev. George Young to resign as Bishop of East Tennessee, effective December 2, 2017

The Rt. Rev. Michael Vono to resign as Bishop of the Rio Grande, effective November 2, 2018

The committee found all matters with respect to their resignations from their present positions to be in order.

The Committee has determined, further, that in each case, one or more qualifications as set forth in the Constitution of The Episcopal Church and the Rules of Order of the House of Bishops have been met and these members are eligible to retain their seat and voice in this House upon the acceptance of their resignation by this House.

Bishop Alexander on behalf of the committee MOVED that the House accept the resignations of these bishops. The Motion was APPROVED.

Motion carried
Resignations Affirmed
Bishop Alexander offered two (2) other items for information only for the House

1. The Bishop of Texas is working to secure the appointment of an Assistant Bishop for the Diocese of Texas – the Right Reverend Hector Monterroso, Bishop of Costa Rica. The Bishop of Texas has requested the House know this as there are legalities to this, such as visas to be obtained. There is no action of the House of Bishops required at this time.

2. Bishop Alexander stated that the Committee on Resignations has taken note of the fact that the Constitution of our Church, the relevant sections of Title III which interpret the Constitution, and the Rules of Order for the House of Bishops with respect to membership in this House are not fully in alignment with each other or in appropriate alignment with Title IV. As a result, the Presiding Bishop has asked the Committee on Resignations to study the matter carefully in consultation with our Chancellors and bring to the Alaska meeting some recommendations on what is necessary to bring congruence to these documents that do not presently exist. If that can be achieved by adjustment of the Rules of Order of the House, then that can be managed at the Alaska meeting; if the fix is canonical, then the House can determine if we want to prepare a canonical change to be proposed at the upcoming General Convention. This requires no action at this time, and he noted he is simply informing the House of the work the committee has been assigned by the Presiding Bishop.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Secretary read a letter from the Rt. Rev. Pierre Whalon to the House (Appendix B).

TASK FORCE ON THE EPISCOPACY


Bishop Douglas reported that the task force has met 10 times with 6 more planned. The General Convention Office has been very supportive of this effort. It has been hard work and the task force will hopefully be bringing new possibilities and ideas to the next General Convention.

Bishop Millikan addressed how the episcopacy in the diocese may change with it – a MISSIONAL review of the diocese could be done when a diocese begins a search process, not unlike what is done with parishes.

Bishop Rowe spoke about discernment in the call to the Episcopate. No mechanism exists currently for a discernment process of people feeling called to the Episcopate. The matter of diversity: gender, people of color, age, views is being considered. Working to de-stigmatize running for bishop as well as considering ways to create a more diverse pool of people looking at the Episcopate. Bishop Rowe
noted that we need to create policies and ways to make this happen at an institutional level. Creating a pool of people who have been vetted and through a discernment process for the Episcopacy is being discussed.

Bishop Johnson noted that not only is formation important but that the House has to recognize that it is required to approve the program elements of what we are to do in terms of formation. Training not only during the first three years but with a long-term trajectory of learning, leading from the beginning of ministry all the way through a healthy transition at the end of ministry. What is it that a bishop needs to know, when do they need to know that, and who needs to help them with that? Education must be ongoing. He noted that must continue to evaluate the effectiveness of the formation piece that we have and will offer.

Bishop Rowe in closing noted that we are dealing with an adaptive change. We are charged with technical fixes so that we can serve the adaptive work that the church will need to do on an ongoing basis.

READING OF THE MINUTES

It was MOVED and APPROVED that the reading of the minutes of the last meeting be dispensed with.

Motion carried

It was MOVED and APPROVED that the meeting be adjourned. Meeting was adjourned at 3:38 pm.

Motion carried

Respectfully submitted,
The Rt. Rev. Diane M. Jardine Bruce
Secretary

Attested,
The Rt. Rev. Allen Shin
Assistant Secretary
APPENDIX A

TITLE: Resolution for the House of Bishop’s Meeting March 2017

Resolved; that the Presiding Bishop direct the Church staff that he designates to compile the following data in a spreadsheet and distribute it to the House of Bishops at least one week before our Fall 2017 meeting:

1. name of the diocese;
2. average annual budget over the last three years;
3. total number of congregations (including campus ministries, special worshipping communities);
4. diocesan budget amount per total number of congregations (including campus ministries, communities) over the last three years;
5. average number of baptized members over the last three years;
6. average diocesan budget amount per baptized member over the last three years;
7. average market value of the diocesan endowment over the last three years;
8. average percentage over the last three years of diocesan endowment supporting the diocesan budget;
9. average diocesan amount supporting TEC over the last three years;
10. average diocesan support of TEC as a percentage of annual diocesan budget over the last three years;
11. average amount over the least three years of diocesan budget supporting provincial and companion relationships; and,
12. average amount received by diocese over the previous three years from TEC through grants, etc.

Explanation: The dioceses of TEC have a wide disparity of resources that each individually stewards. The HOB has been discussing what should be an appropriate percentage apportionment from each diocese. That discussion has been largely debated by how much we need to raise to support the triennial expense budget of TEC rather than from discovering what the resources are from each diocese. Learning the above data will help the HOB have a better conversation around how each diocese sacrificially supports the mission of TEC. The data also may help us discern a more fair and just way to fund our common mission.

Submitted by The Rt. Rev. Scott Benhase
Dear sisters and brothers,

Our daughter Marie-Noëlle and I are deeply appreciative of the huge outpouring of support, prayer, and love from all of you. In the pain and frustration of losing Melinda, your words, phone calls, texts, posts, emails, and cards have been a real source of ongoing consolation and strength.

Thank you for loaning to us our Presiding Bishop in the middle of the meeting. His presiding and powerful sermon helped put the entire congregation in mind of the sure and certain hope to the resurrection in Christ Jesus in which Melinda trusted, and now shares. We are also very grateful and honored by the presence and prayers of President Gay Jennings, as well as Canon Chuck Robertson. Several of our resigned brothers joined with us as well, so you all were well represented.

Sometimes being a part of the House of Bishops can feel like joining a legislative body, a conference on some topic, or a shareholder meeting. But on March 11, our true identity was clear, and powerful. We are Church.

Until I see you all again,

Yours ever in Christ,

Pierre Whalon
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**BISHOPS PRESENT AT THE HOB INTERIM MEETING SPRING 2017 (CONTINUED)**

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House of Bishops Interim Meeting
Westmark Fairbanks Conference Center,
Fairbanks, AK,
September 21-26, 2017

Thursday
September 21, 2017

CALL TO ORDER
The business meeting was called to order at 9:25 am by the Presiding Bishop, the Most Rev. Michael Bruce Curry. The Presiding Bishop opened the meeting with prayer.

ROLL CALL
It was moved that the registration list of the conference suffice for the roll call. The secretary announced that the original attendance consisted of 114 bishops and the number still present more than constituted a quorum. The secretary noted that multiple bibles in many languages spoken in our dioceses were opened on the dais (one is required per our Rules of Order).

RECOGNITION OF SENIOR BISHOP
It was announced that the Rt. Rev. Arthur B. Williams Jr. was recognized as the Senior Bishop present.

CHANGES OF STATUS OF BISHOPS IN THE HOUSE

New consecrations/elections since the last meeting
Presentation of new members
Gretchen M. Rehberg  Spokane, 03/18/2017
Jennifer Baskerville-Burrows  Indianapolis, 04/29/2017
John H. Taylor  Los Angeles, 07/08/2017
Samuel S. Rodman III  North Carolina, 07/15/2017
Rafael I. Morales  Puerto Rico, 07/22/2017
Jennifer Brooke-Davidson  West Texas, 07/29/2017
Brian L. Cole  Tennessee, consecration scheduled for 12/02/2017
Kevin S. Brown  Delaware, consecration scheduled for 12/09/2017
Necrology since last meeting
Alfred "Chip" Marble resigned Bishop of Mississippi and Assistant Bishop of North Carolina, 03/30/2017
Frederick H. Borsch resigned Bishop of Los Angeles, 04/11/2017
Robert B. Hibbs resigned Bishop Suffragan of West Texas, 04/17/2017
David S. Ball resigned Bishop of Albany, 04/18/2017
Richard S.O. Chang resigned Bishop of Hawaii, 08/30/2017

Resignations since our last meeting
James Waggoner Bishop of Spokane, effective 03/18/2017
Orlando Guerrero Bishop of Venezuela, effective 03/23/2017
Catherine Waynick Bishop of Indianapolis, effective 04/30/2017
Oge Beauvoir Bishop Suffragan of Haiti, effective 06/10/2017
Gary Lillibridge Bishop of West Texas, effective 06/30/2017
Todd Ousley Bishop of Eastern Michigan, effective 06/30/2017
James Mathes Bishop of San Diego, effective 07/01/2017

Change in Status
Todd Ousley, Bishop for Pastoral Development, 07/01/2017
Katharine Jefferts Schori, Assisting Bishop of San Diego, 08/13/2017

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PRESIDING BISHOP
The Presiding Bishop bid prayers for the gathering of the Primates this coming weekend.

SPECIAL BUSINESS OF MEETING
Election of the Members of the Court of Review for Bishops.
The Presiding Bishop MOVED the following slate for members of the Court of Review for Bishops:
  1 – 10 month term – Clifton Daniel
  i. 3 – 7 year terms – Laura Ahrens, Terry White, Stephen Lane

The Motion was SECONDED and APPROVED.

Motion carried
Elected
**Election to the College for Bishops Board** – The Presiding Bishop, the Most Rev. Michael Bruce Curry, presented and MOVED the slate for election, length of term one year: the Rt. Rev. Mary Gray-Reeves, the Very Rev. Martha Horne, and Mrs. Mary McGregor of the Diocese of Texas.

Bishop Konieczny moved to close the nominations.

The Motion was SECONDED and APPROVED.

Motion carried

Elected

**Resolution from the September 2016 meeting of the House**

The Presiding Bishop informed the House that much of the information requested by Rt. Rev. Scott Benhase in his resolution carried over from the last meeting ([Appendix A](#)) and is not captured and therefore cannot be produced centrally in full. Staff will produce the information they do have by the Spring meeting; at which time it will be turned over to Bishop Benhase and the additional information he has requested will be talked over at the Spring meeting of the House.

**Pastoral memorandum from the House of Bishops – ([Appendix B](#))**

Bishop Marc Andrus and Bishop Mark Lattime introduced a letter in response to our time in the Diocese of Alaska as a Word to the Church, which they and other Bishops began before our work together in Alaska at the request of the Presiding Bishop. Various Bishops offered minor edits, which were made by the Secretary. After a brief discussion it was MOVED that the letter be sent to the Church. The Motion was SECONDED and APPROVED.

Motion carried

**Pastoral Memorandum on Hurricanes – ([Appendix C](#))**

Bishop Eugene Sutton introduced a letter in response to the hurricanes which have as a Word to the Church. It was MOVED that the letter be sent to the Church. A short discussion followed. The Motion was SECONDED and APPROVED.

Motion carried
Reports from Committees

House Of Bishops Committee On Resignations

The Rt. Rev. Nedi Rivera reported for the House of Bishops Committee on Resignations that the committee met during this meeting and reviewed the requests for resignations:

- Alfredo Morante effective September 27, 2018 for advanced age.
- C. Franklin Brookhart effective November 1, 2018 for advanced age.
- Julio Holguin effective November 1, 2017 for advanced age.
- Don Johnson effective May 4, 2019 for advanced age.
- Todd Ousley effective June 30, 2017 for ministry strategy.
- Oge Beauvoir, effective June 4, 2017 for reasons not outlined in the Constitution. (At the next Business Meeting the Presiding Bishop will ask the Committee on Resignations and the House for Bishop Beauvoir to have seat and voice).

Bishop Rivera on behalf of the committee MOVED that the House accept the resignations of these bishops. The Motion was seconded and APPROVED.

Consent of the appointment of the Rt. Rev. Hector Fidel Monterroso Gonzalez as Assistant Bishop of Texas.

Bishop Nedi Rivera reported on behalf of the Committee on Resignations that the committee has reviewed the petition offered by the Bishop and Diocese of Texas with respect to the admission of The Right Reverend Hector Fidel Monterroso Gonzalez as a member of this House to serve as Assistant Bishop of the Diocese of Texas.

Bishop Rivera indicated that the Committee on Resignations has reviewed the petition offered by the Bishop and Diocese of Texas with respect to the admission of the Right Rev. Hector Fidel Monterroso Gonzalez as a member of this House to serve as Assistant Bishop of the Diocese of Texas. The Committee certifies that all of the requirements of the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church and the Rules of Order of the House of Bishops are fully complied with.

Bishop Rivera MOVED the admission of the Right Rev. Hector Fidel Monterroso Gonzalez as a member of this House to serve as the Assistant Bishops of Texas. The Motion was SECONDED.

Motion carried
Resignations Affirmed
Bishop Anne Hodges-Copple addressed the House regarding this Bishop Monterroso Gonzalez in support.

The Motion was APPROVED.

Motion carried

The Secretary noted that the Rt. Rev. Hector Fidel Monterroso Gonzalez will be number 1105a in the succession.

OTHER BUSINESS

Point of Personal Privilege

Bishop Pierre Whalon asked for a point of personal Privilege which the Chair allowed. He thanked the House for their support during the time his wife was dying. He also talked to the new bishops to make sure they

READING OF THE MINUTES

It was MOVED and APPROVED that the reading of the minutes of the last meeting be dispensed with.

Motion carried

It was MOVED and APPROVED that the meeting be adjourned. Meeting was adjourned at 10:10 am.

Motion carried

Respectfully submitted,
The Rt. Rev. Diane M. Jardine Bruce
Secretary

Attested,
The Rt. Rev. Allen Shin
Assistant Secretary
APPENDIX A

Resolution for the House of Bishop’s Meeting March 2017

Be it resolved, that the Presiding Bishop direct Church staff that he designates to compile the following data in a spreadsheet and distribute it to the House of Bishops at least one week before our Fall 2017 meeting:

1. name of the diocese;
2. average annual budget over the last three years;
3. total number of congregations (including campus ministries, special worshipping communities);
4. diocesan budget amount per total number of congregations (including campus ministries, communities) over the last three years;
5. average number of baptized members over the last three years;
6. average diocesan budget amount per baptized member over the last three years;
7. average market value of the diocesan endowment over the last three years;
8. average percentage over the last three years of diocesan endowment supporting the diocesan budget;
9. average diocesan amount supporting TEC over the last three years;
10. average diocesan support of TEC as a percentage of annual diocesan budget over the last three years;
11. average amount over the least three years of diocesan budget supporting provincial and companion relationships; and,
12. average amount received by diocese over the previous three years from TEC through grants, etc.

Explanation: The dioceses of TEC have a wide disparity of resources that each individually stewards. The HOB has been discussing what should be an appropriate percentage apportionment from each diocese. That discussion has been largely debated by how much we need to raise to support the triennial expense budget of TEC rather than from discovering what the resources are from each diocese. Learning the above data will help the HOB have a better conversation around how each diocese sacrificially supports the mission of TEC. The data also may help us discern a more fair and just way to fund our common mission.

Submitted by Scott Benhase
APPENDIX B

A Word to the Church from The Episcopal Church’s House of Bishops
Gathered in Fairbanks, Alaska, September 21-26, 2017

The bishops of The Episcopal Church came to Alaska to listen to the earth and its peoples as an act of prayer, solidarity and witness. We came because:

- “The earth is the Lord’s and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it; for he has founded it on the seas, and established it on the rivers” (Psalm 24:1-2). God is the Lord of all the earth and of all people; we are one family, the family of God.
- “You are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are ... members of the household of God” (Ephesians 2:19). The residents of interior Alaska whom we met are not strangers; they are members of the same household of faith.
- People have “become hard of hearing, and shut their eyes so that they won’t see with their eyes or hear with their ears or understand with their minds, and change their hearts and lives that I may heal them” (Matthew 13:14-15). We are blind and deaf to the groaning of the earth and its peoples; we are learning the art of prayerful listening.

What does listening to the earth and its people mean? For us bishops, it meant:

- Getting out and walking the land, standing beside the rivers, sitting beside people whose livelihood depends on that land. We had to slow down and live at the pace of the stories we heard. We had to trust that listening is prayer.
- Recognizing that struggles for justice are connected. Racism, the economy, violence of every kind, and the environment are interrelated. We have seen this reality not only in the Arctic, but also at Standing Rock in the Dakotas, in the recent hurricanes, in Flint, Michigan, Charlottesville, Virginia and in the violence perpetuated against people of color and vulnerable populations anywhere.
- Understanding that listening is deeply connected to healing. In many healing stories in the gospels, Jesus asked, “What do you want me to do for you?” That is, he listened first and then acted.

What did we hear and learn?

- “The weather is really different today,” one leader told us. “Now spring comes earlier, and fall lasts longer. This is threatening our lives because the permafrost is melting and destabilizing the rivers. We depend on the rivers.”
- The land in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge where the caribou birth their calves is called the “sacred place where life begins,” so sacred that the Gwich’in People do not set foot there. “Drilling here,” people said, “is like digging beneath the National Cathedral.”
• After shopping together, a native Episcopalian told one of us how hard it is to even secure food. “We can’t get good food here. We have to drive to Fairbanks. It is a two-hour trip each way.”

What we bishops saw and heard in Alaska is dramatic, but it is not unique. Stories like these can be heard in each of the nations where The Episcopal Church is present. They can be heard in our own communities. We invite you to join us, your bishops, and those people already engaged in this work, in taking time to listen to people in your dioceses and neighborhoods. Look for the connections among race, violence of every kind, economic disparity, and the environment. Then, after reflecting in prayer and engaging with scripture, partner with people in common commitment to the healing of God’s world.

God calls us to listen to each other with increased attention. It is only with unstopped ears and open eyes that our hearts and lives will be changed. It is through the reconciling love of God in Jesus and the power of the Holy Spirit that we and the earth itself will be healed.

A Prayer for Our Time and for the Earth

Dear God, Creator of the earth, this sacred home we share; Give us new eyes to see the beauty all around and to protect the wonders of creation. Give us new arms to embrace the strangers among us and to know them as family. Give us new ears to hear and understand those who live off the land and to hear and understand those who extract and we who use its resources. Give us new hearts to recognize the brokenness in our communities and to heal the wounds we have inflicted. Give us new hands to serve the earth and its people and to shape beloved community.

For you are the One who seeks the lost, binds our wounds and sets us free, and it is in the name of Jesus the Christ we pray.

Amen.

Resources:
https://www.episcopalchurch.org/environment
APPENDIX C

We, the bishops of The Episcopal Church gathered September 21-26 in Fairbanks, Alaska, for our Fall 2017 meeting, want our brothers and sisters devastated by the recent hurricanes in Puerto Rico, the Dominican Republic, Haiti, the Virgin Islands, the West Indies, Florida and Texas, as well as the fire-ravaged areas in the western half of our continent, to know that we are grieving with you and want to stand with you in the rebuilding of your communities. Our house of bishops is sadly diminished by the absence of those bishops who could not attend this meeting due to these storms.

We have been confronted this past week with the precariousness of native cultures in this beautiful land of Alaska, and how our human actions contribute to the degradation of the land. We have discussed the relationship between human consumption patterns and global climate change. We acknowledge that we all have a role to play in reducing the impact of our actions that result in the destruction of islands and coastal areas due to more frequent and severe storms. We pledge to take such appropriate actions in our dioceses to educate ourselves and our people about climate change, and to advocate policies and actions to reduce the harmful environmental impacts that have been a factor in the recent storms on “this fragile earth, our island home.” (BCP, Eucharistic Prayer C)

Please know that we are praying for you daily, and we encourage our members to join us in contributing their time, talents and money to help restore your communities to healing and wholeness.

Yours in Christ,
The bishops of The Episcopal Church
## APPENDIX E

**BISHOPS PRESENT AT THE HOB INTERIM MEETING FALL 2017**

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CALL TO ORDER
The business meeting was called to order at 4:04 p.m. by the Presiding Bishop, the Most Rev. Michael Bruce Curry. The Presiding Bishop opened the meeting with prayer.

ROLL CALL
It was moved that the registration list of the conference suffice for the roll call. The secretary announced that the original attendance consisted of 127 bishops and the number still present more than constituted a quorum.

RECOGNITION OF SENIOR BISHOP
It was announced that the Rt. Rev. Leo Frade was recognized as the Senior Bishop present.

CHANGES OF STATUS OF BISHOPS IN THE HOUSE

New consecrations/elections
Brian L. Cole  East Tennessee, 12/02/2017
Kevin S. Brown  Delaware, 12/09/2017

Necrology since last meeting
Arthur E. Walmsley resigned Bishop of Connecticut, 10/04/2017
Rogers S. Harris resigned Bishop of Southwest Florida, 11/15/2017
D. Bruce MacPherson resigned Bishop of Western Louisiana, 12/21/2017
Thomas K. Ray  resigned Bishop of Northern Michigan, 02/06/2018
Resignations since last meeting
Julio Holguin  Bishop of Dominican Republic, 11/01/2017
George Young  Bishop of East Tennessee, 12/02/2017

Changes in Status
Cate Waynick  Bishop Provisional of Eastern Michigan, effective 10/20/2017
Moises Quezada  Bishop Diocesan of Dominican Republic, effective 11/01/2017
David Rice  Bishop Diocesan of San Joaquin, effective 11/18/2017
Robert Ihloff  Bishop Associate of Virginia, effective 03/11/2018
Mark van Koevering  Bishop Provisional of Lexington, effective 04/01/2018

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PRESIDING BISHOP
The Presiding Bishop had no additional communications for this meeting.

SPECIAL BUSINESS OF MEETING

Seat and Voice
In accordance with Rule XXV of the House of Bishops Rules of Order, the Rt. Rev. Diane Jardine MOVED that the Rt. Rev. Oge Beauvoir be accorded non-voting membership in the House. The Motion was SECONDED and APPROVED.

Parent letter
The Rt. Rev. Peter Eton, the Bishop of Southeast Florida, requested the House go into Executive Session. The Motion was MOVED. The Motion was SECONDED and APPROVED.

The Presiding Bishop asked for a motion to reopen the Session. The Motion was made and SECONDED and APPROVED.

Motion carried

Bishop Eaton read a letter from parents of Carmen, a victim of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School (Appendix A). Carmen's parents are asking the Bishops to participate in a March on Washington: March for Our Lives on March 24th and are encouraging the bishops to share the letter in whole or in part throughout their dioceses.

Revision to Core Values and Behaviors
The Rt. Rev. Susan Goff offered to the Bishops for their consideration of a Revision to the Core Values and Behaviors of the House (Appendix B). Bishop Goff MOVED the revision. The Motion was SECONDED and APPROVED.

Motion carried
Rules of Order
The Rt. Rev. Sean Rowe presented changes proposed to the Rules of Order (appended to the end of these minutes) on behalf of the Rules of Order Committee which includes The Rt. Rev. Wendell Gibbs, The Rt. Rev. Don Johnson, The Rt. Rev. Diane Jardine Bruce. The changes to the Rules of Order were MOVED. The motion was seconded.

Bishop Rowe outlined the changes in the rules which were done to bring the rules in line with our actual practice. Inconsistencies in titles and language were addressed.

The Rt. Rev. Wayne Smith asked whether the Rules of Order are consonant with the House of Deputies—Bishop Rowe explained that the recommendations of legislative committees mirror those of the House of Deputies.

The revised Rules of Order were APPROVED unanimously.

Mind of the House Resolution on Gun Violence
Because this Resolution came to the House later than our 30 day rule, it was MOVED and seconded to accept this resolution for action at this meeting of the house. The Motion as was APPROVED.

The Rt. Rev. Ian Douglas presented the Mind of the House Resolution on Gun Violence (Appendix C), and talked about the desire to take active steps regarding the tragedies resulting from Gun Violence. Bishop Douglas commended the Bishops against Gun Violence webpage for further information as well as the website of the NRA.

A further discussion ensued among the bishops.

The Rt. Rev. Dorsey McConnell moved an amendment to the Resolution to move the last resolve to be the second resolve in the Resolution. The amendment was SECONDED. Bishop McConnell spoke to the amendment.

The Rt. Rev. Mark Beckwith MOVED a motion to move the previous question on the amendment. The Motion was SECONDED and APPROVED.

The AMENDMENT as offered by Bishop McConnell was APPROVED.

The Rt. Rev. Dan Daniel moved an AMENDMENT to the second resolve to quote the second amendment directly. The Motion was SECONDED. Discussion ensued.
The Rt. Rev. Ed Konieczny offered a motion to postpone further discussion of this Resolution until a time certain—when we open up the Business meeting again on Wednesday afternoon. The Motion was SECONDED and APPROVED.

Resolution from the September 2016 meeting of the House of Bishops

The Presiding Bishop informed the House that much of the information requested by The Rt. Rev. Scott Benhase in his resolution carried over from the last meeting (Appendix D) is not captured and therefore cannot be produced centrally in full. Staff produced the information they do have and provided it to all of the Bishops before this meeting. The Rt. Rev. Scott Behase addressed the House, requesting that the members of the House fill in the spreadsheet and send the information to the Presiding Bishop’s office so that we can, as a House, have an honest conversation about the supply side of our church.

Reports from the Committee on Resignation of Bishops

The Rt. Rev. Neil Alexander reported for the House of Bishops Committee on Resignations that the committee met during this meeting and reviewed the requests for resignations:

- The Right Rev. Marck Beckwith to resign as Bishop of Newark for reason of advanced age effective September 22, 2018.
- The Right Rev. Dan Edwards to resign as Bishop of Nevada for reason of advanced age effective December 31, 2018.

All resignations of these colleagues comply with the Canons and the Rules of the House and are therefore afforded continued membership in the House with the privilege of voice and vote, except as otherwise restricted by the Canons.

Bishop Alexander on behalf of the committee MOVED that the House accept the resignations of these bishops. The Motion was SECONDED and APPROVED.

Motion carried
Resignations Affirmed
READING OF THE MINUTES
It was MOVED and APPROVED that the reading of the minutes of the last meeting be dispensed with.

Motion carried

SPECIAL BUSINESS OF THE MEETING
The Presiding Bishop noted that there will be a Statement coming from the House of Bishops regarding Sexual Harassment. The Presiding Bishop asked if there would be any objection to going into recess until Wednesday afternoon, at which time we will take up the matter of the Sexual Harassment Statement as well as taking up again the Mind of the House Resolution on Gun Violence. As no objections were made, the House went into recess at 5:05 p.m.

Meeting Reconvened
At 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 7th the House was reconvened by the Presiding Bishop.

Mind of the House Resolution on Gun Violence
The Rt. Rev. Ian Douglas MOVED a SUBSTITUTE for the MIND OF THE HOUSE resolution from yesterday. The substitute was SECONDED.

Bishop Douglas spoke to the substitute, which would now be in the form of a statement from the House of Bishops.

The substitute was APPROVED.

Motion carried

The Rt. Rev. Tom Ely offered an Amendment to the statement to change the words our nation or our country to the United States. The AMENDMENT was seconded. Discussion ensued. The AMENDMENT was APPROVED.

Motion carried

The Rt. Rev. Nick Knisely made a motion to amend the first section to strike the sentence Our Presiding Bishop invites us to be the Jesus Movement that changes the world from the nightmare that it is for so many into the dream that God has for us all. The Motion was SECONDED and APPROVED.

Motion carried

The Rt. Rev. Ian Douglas offered an additional amendment to add the words “join with the Conference Ministers of the United Church of Christ”. The amendment was SECONDED. Discussion ensued.
The Rt. Rev. Steven Miller offered an AMENDMENT to the amendment, to change the word join to the word together. This AMENDMENT was SECONDED and APPROVED.  

Motion carried

Discussion ensued.

The AMENDMENT as amended was DEFEATED.

Discussion ensued on the main motion as amended.

The Rt. Rev. Dan Martins offered an AMENDMENT, to add the following sentence to the end of the second to last paragraph—In addition, we pledge ourselves to bring the values of the gospel to bear on a society that increasingly glorifies violence and trivializes the sacredness of every human life. The AMENDMENT was seconded.

The AMENDMENT was APPROVED.  

Motion carried

Discussion on the substitute as amended ensued. The substitute was APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.  

Motion carried

Statement regarding Sexual Harassment

The Rt. Rev. DeDe Duncan-Probe MOVED that the House adopt the Statement regarding Sexual Harassment (Appendix E).

The Rt. Rev. John Smiley offered an AMENDMENT to add the words and men to two lines within the statement. The AMENDMENT was SECONDED and APPROVED.  

Motion carried

The Statement was APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.  

Motion carried

House of Bishops Committee on Resignations

The Rt. Rev. Neil Alexander offered a further report for the House of Bishops Committee on Resignations that the committee met during this meeting and reviewed the requests for resignations:

The Right Rev. Michael Milliken, Bishop Diocesan of Western Kansas, effective December 1, 2018.

The resignations of these colleagues comply with the Canons and the Rules of the House and these Bishops are therefore afforded continued membership in the House with the Privilege of voice and vote, except as otherwise restricted by the Canons.

Bishop Alexander on behalf of the committee MOVED that the House accept the resignations of these bishops. The Motion was SECONDED and APPROVED.  

Motion carried
Resignations Affirmed

Adjournment
It was MOVED and APPROVED that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 5:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
The Rt. Rev. Diane M. Jardine Bruce
Secretary

Attested,
The Rt. Rev. Allen Shin
Assistant Secretary
Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As you may know, our daughter Carmen was murdered in the tragic massacre at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School on Ash Wednesday. My wife, April, and I would like to thank all of you who have kept us and our children in your prayers. Prayers and love are helping our family through this incredibly tough time, please keep them coming; for us, and for all the victims of this senseless massacre.

Our hearts are saddened for the loss of our beautiful little girl and the absence of her amazing presence, but we cannot be sad for Carmen. We believe that Carmen's murder was not part of God's plan and that God is saddened by the violence in this world more than we can know. We know that God’s promise is for us to be with him in heaven and in faith, we believe that Carmen is in heaven, in the love embrace of God. She awaits us, loved and cared for.

As our family struggles to pick up the pieces of our shattered lives, we ask the Good Lord daily for the strength to fight the good fight, to finish the race. In our attempt to hearl from despair and grief, we are compelled to try and make the world a better place for our two remaining children and for all children. To that end, we implore you, as leaders of Christ’s church, to address the issue of gun violence head-on. We ask that you make this a priority for the Church and to leave little ambiguity as to “what would Jesus do”. The scourge of gun violence on this nation, especially with military assault rifles, is a problem of our own creation and counter to God’s desire for peace and love. As a nation we can solve this problem, and as leaders of the Church in our country, we ask that you help lead the way. In Christ’s name, we beg you to take action.

We would also like to extend an invitation to all bishops to rally with our church, St. Mary Magdalene, and our diocese this March in Washington, D.C. We along with our church family, will participate in the March for Our Lives this coming March 24th and would very much urge all bishops to come with us to stand up for the lives of children and for the ministry of Christ’s church. One can only imagine the example of leadership and solidarity that such a showing could make on our fractured and divided country.

Thank you for your time. Thank you for your stewardship of our flock. Thank you for your prayers, and we look forward to walking hand-in-hand with you later this month.

Sincerely,
Philip Schentrup, April Schentrup
APPENDIX B

March 2018

Core Values and Behaviors
The House of Bishops
of the Episcopal Church
Based on our Episcopal Ordination Vows

1. We have promised to be faithful in prayer and in the study of Holy Scriptures so that we may have the mind of Christ.

   We therefore commit to pray for and with our brother and sister bishops, and to be faithful in worship whenever we are gathered as a House.

2. We have promised to proclaim and interpret the Gospel of Christ, enlightening the minds and stirring up the conscience of our people.

   We therefore commit to engage in continuing education and formation together through the programs of the House of Bishops and the College for Bishops.

3. We have promised to encourage and support all baptized people in their gifts and ministries.

   We therefore commit to work together as a House to provide sound teaching and clear guidance for living in our time.

4. We have promised to guard the faith, unity and discipline of the Church.

   We therefore commit to making our House a living example of faith, unity and discipline by
   Respecting every member of the House and honoring each other in all we do.
   Submitting to each other in mutual accountability.
   Accepting the responsibilities and joys of collegiality.

5. We have promised to share with our fellow bishops in the government of the whole Church.

   We therefore commit to faithfully attending gatherings of the House of Bishops and to participating fully in House committees, task groups and other bodies.
APPENDIX B (CONTINUED)

6. We have promised to be merciful to all, to show compassion to the poor and strangers, and defend those who have no helper.

   We therefore commit to be responsive to those in our House who feel marginalized excluded, and those who are striving to offer their gifts more fully.

May God, who has given us the will to do these things, give us the grace and strength to accomplish them.
APPENDIX C

Statement of the House of Bishops of The Episcopal Church
Camp Allen Conference Center - Navasota, Texas
March 7, 2018

“I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and eath, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live.”
(Deuteronomy 30:19)

At this critical moment young people of the United States are inviting us to turn away from the nightmare of gun violence to the dream of choosing life. The young people of Parkland, Florida are calling for elected officials to:
- ban the sale of assault weapons
- prohibit the sale of high capacity magazines
- close loopholes in background checks

Others seeing to:
- ban the sale of bump stocks
- raise the age to 21 years to purchase firearms
- challenge the National Rifle Association to support safe gun legislation.

We, the bishops of The Episcopal Church, wholeheartedly support and join with the youth in this call to action.

At the same time, we acknowledge that black and brown youth have continuously challenged the United States to address the gun violence that they and their communities are experiencing. We repent that, as bishops, we have failed to heed their call.

As bishops we commit to following the youth of the United States in their prophetic leadership. To that end we will observe a day of Lament and Action on March 14th, one month to the day after the shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School. We pledge ourselves, and we invite our dioceses, to participate in the “March for our Lives” on March 24 in Washington, D.C. and in cities and towns across the United States. We recognize the urgency of this moment and we recommit to working for safe gun legislation as our church has called for in multiple General Convention resolutions. In addition, we pledge ourselves to bring the values of the gospel to bear on a society that increasingly glorifies violence and trivializes the sacredness of every human life.

We will walk with the youth of the United States today and into the future in choosing life.
APPENDIX D

Resolution for the House of Bishop’s Meeting March 2017

Be it resolved, that the Presiding Bishop direct Church staff that he designates to compile the following data in a spreadsheet and distribute it to the House of Bishops at least one week before our Fall 2017 meeting:

1. name of the diocese;
2. average annual budget over the last three years;
3. total number of congregations (including campus ministries, special worshipping communities);
4. diocesan budget amount per total number of congregations (including campus ministries, communities) over the last three years;
5. average number of baptized members over the last three years;
6. average diocesan budget amount per baptized member over the last three years;
7. average market value of the diocesan endowment over the last three years;
8. average percentage over the last three years of diocesan endowment supporting the diocesan budget;
9. average diocesan amount supporting TEC over the last three years;
10. average diocesan support of TEC as a percentage of annual diocesan budget over the last three years;
11. average amount over the last three years of diocesan budget supporting provincial and companion relationships; and
12. average amount received by diocese over the previous three years from TEC through grants, etc.

Explanation: The dioceses of TEC have a wide disparity of resources that each individually steward. The HOB has been discussing what should be an appropriate percentage apportionment from each diocese. That discussion has been largely debated by how much we need to raise to support the triennial expense budget of TEC rather than from discovering what the resources are from each diocese. Learning the above data will help the HOB have a better conversation around how each diocese sacrificially supports the mission of TEC. The data also may help us discern a more fair and just way to fund our common mission.

Submitted by Scott Benhase
APPENDIX E

This is the first time the House of Bishops has met as a body since the #MeToo movement began last fall, bringing to light the reality of sexual harassment, gender-based violence, and the cultural stronghold of gender bias and inequity. We continue our own work of reconciliation within our branch of God’s church, honoring what we have learned and accomplished, as well as acknowledging the distance we still must travel. Reconciliation is the long work of healing offered by the Spirit, made possible by grace, which requires our truth-telling and repentance.

Many of us have experienced sexual harassment and perhaps sexual violence. Bishops who are women know the “me-too” experience. Some bishops who are men know it as well. We live with different experiences of the cultural endowment of power. We know the Church has fallen short of our responsibility to listen and respond. In this time of heightened awareness it is with greater intention that we now invite the church to a deeper examination of what God intends for our relationships.

This work will take courage. As many women and men bravely come forward to speak the truth of their experience, courageous men and women will listen, where appropriate repent, and take an active role in repairing the brokeness, working to change the culture of our church.

We will offer a listening process in an open meeting at General Convention to hear more fully the stories of those who have been victims of sexual harassment and violence in the church. The date and time is July 4, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the House of Bishops convention meeting space. The design of this process is being developed. Further details will be posted via social media and through Episcopal news outlets.

Together women and men can form partnerships for reconciliation. We seek a more faithful, just and holy life together. We welcome the Spirit’s renewing work among us as we seek faithfully to walk in the way of Jesus.

House of Bishops, Spring 2018
APPENDIX F

RULES OF ORDER

HOUSE OF BISHOPS

I. Services and Devotions

A. As an indication of our humble dependence upon the Word and Spirit of God, and following the example of primitive Councils, a copy of the Holy Scriptures shall always be reverently placed in view at all meetings of this House.

B. On each day of the Session of the House, the meeting shall be opened with prayer and the reading of the Holy Scriptures.

C. At the hour of noon on each day of the Session, there shall be a devotional service, including prayers for the Church in its mission, as provided for in the Book of Common Prayer.

D. The last session of the House shall be closed with the Benediction pronounced by the Bishop presiding.

E. At every session of the House of Bishops there shall be a daily celebration of the Holy Eucharist at such time and place as the Presiding Bishop or Vice-Chair President of the House shall appoint.

F. Preceding the balloting for the election of a Presiding Bishop, of a Missionary Bishop, or on the proposed transfer of a Missionary Bishop from one Diocese to another, there shall be a celebration of the Holy Eucharist, with a special prayer for the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

G. The opening service of the General Convention and selection of the Preacher shall be in charge of the Presiding Bishop, the Vice-Chair President of the House of Bishops, and the Bishop of the Diocese wherein the Convention is to be held. The sermon shall be delivered by the Presiding Bishop, unless the Presiding Bishop shall elect to appoint some other Bishop as Preacher.

II. First Day Of Session

A. The House of Bishops shall meet for business at such time and place as shall have been duly
notified by the Presiding Bishop, or the Vice-Chair President of the House, to the members of
this House, and shall be called to order by the Presiding Bishop or the Vice-Chair President, or,
in their absence, by the Senior Bishop, with jurisdiction, present.

B. II The House shall then proceed to elect a Secretary if the office is vacant; and the person
elected shall serve until the end of that meeting of the Convention. At the end of each meeting of
the Convention, the House shall proceed to elect a Secretary who shall continue in office until
the conclusion of the triennial meeting of the Convention following that election. With the
approval of the Presiding Officer bishop presiding, the Secretary may then, or later, appoint
Assistant Secretaries.

C. III The roll of members shall be called by the Secretary. On the second and third days the
Secretary shall make a note of the late arrivals who shall inform the Secretary of their presence.

D. The minutes of the last meeting shall then be read by the Secretary and acted on by the House.
Such reading may be dispensed with by a majority vote of the House.

E. IV Bishops appearing in the House for the first time after their Consecration shall then, or at
such other time at that meeting appointed by the Presiding Bishop, be presented to the President
the House in a manner prescribed by the Presiding Bishop.

F. V At a time deemed suitable, the Presiding Bishop shall then announce, without comment, the fact and the date of the death of any members who have died since the last preceding meeting; after which the House shall be led in prayer.

G. VI The House shall then proceed to elect a Vice-Chair President, if the office is then vacant,
after hearing the report of the nominating committee of the House and after receiving any other
nominations from the floor; and the person elected shall serve until the conclusion of the next
triennial meeting of the Convention that meeting. At the conclusion of each meeting of the
Convention, the House, using the same procedure, shall proceed to elect a Vice-Chair President
who shall continue in office until the conclusion of the triennial meeting of the Convention
following that election. The Vice-Chair President in the absence of the Presiding
Bishop, or at the request of the Presiding Bishop, shall be the Presiding Officer of the House. In the absence of the Vice-Chairperson, the Presiding Bishop may ask another member of the House to preside.

III. Daily Orders

A. The regular order of business of the House shall be as follows:

1. Devotions.
2. Roll call or late registrations.
3. Minutes of the previous meeting.
4. Presentation of new members.
5. Communications from the Presiding Bishop.
7. Petitions and Memorials.
8. Messages from the House of Deputies not yet disposed of.
10. Reports of Legislative Committees in the order in which the Committees are named in General Rule I section IV.
11. Reports of Special Committees.
12. Reports of Special Commissions.

B. At any Special Meeting of the House, the Secretary shall present the Official Call for such meeting and incorporate such Call in the Minutes. The order of business at any Special Session shall be as follows:

1. Call to order.
2. Devotions.
3. Roll call.
4. Presentation of new members.
5. Communications from the Presiding Bishop.
6. The special Business of the Meeting.
7. Reports of Special Committees.
8. Reading of the Minutes.
C. III On the second day of the Session, after Devotions, the Presiding Bishop shall lay before the House a statement of official acts during the recess of the General Convention.

D. IV On the days when the House of Bishops is expected to meet with the House of Deputies and others in Joint Session, the first order of business shall be the consideration of such matters as the Committee on Dispatch of Business shall report as urgently demanding attention. Then shall follow consideration of Messages from the House of Deputies not disposed of, Reports from Standing Committees, and other business for which time shall remain. If the Joint Session shall adjourn before the customary hour for adjournment of the House of Bishops, the House shall may resume its sitting. Any part of this rule may be suspended by a majority vote.

E. V The Secretary shall keep a Calendar of Business, on which shall be placed, in the order in which they are presented, Reports of Committees, Resolutions which lie over, and other matters undisposed of, indicating the subject of each item.

F. VI 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 for rejection was by three-quarters (3/4) 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 Bishops, 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, and amendments shall be treated as if the matter had never been on the Consent Calendar. The secretary shall 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. 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 Bishops, or (2) the sponsor of the
matter, or
(3) the Committee on Dispatch of Business requests, in writing, that the Secretary remove the matter from 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, and amendments shall be treated as if the matter had never been on the Consent Calendar. Any 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.
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G. VII The Order of the Day shall be taken up at the hour appointed, unless postponed by a two-thirds vote of those present and voting.
H. VIII Bishops invited to honorary seats may be introduced by the Presiding Officer Bishop presiding whenever no other business occupies the House.

IV. Appointment of Committees
A. Committees of this House shall be appointed by the Presiding Bishop unless otherwise ordered. The Presiding Bishop, not later than the third day of the session, shall name the members of all the Committees to serve on an annual basis, and shall designate the Chair of each Committee.
B. The following shall be the Committees of
the House: Standing Committees:

a. Dispatch of Business.
b. Certification of Minutes.
c. Rules of Order.
d. Privilege and Courtesy.
e. Resignation of Bishops.
f. Pastoral Letter.

2. Legislative Committees as needed, that may include:

b. Structure

c. World Mission.
d. National and International Concerns.
e. Social and Urban Affairs.
f. Small Congregations.
g. Evangelism.
h. Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music.
i. Ministry.
j. Education.
k. Church Pension Fund.
l. Stewardship and Development.
m. Ecumenical Relations.
n. Resignation and Deployment of Bishops.

3. Other Committees as needed, that may include:

a. Communications.
b. Miscellaneous Resolutions.
c. Religious Communities.
d. On Nominations and Elections.
e. Admission of New Dioceses.

C. The Chair of each Committee shall appoint a Vice-Chair and a secretary.

D. The Presiding Bishop may at any time refer to any Committee of the House, for its
consideration, matters which arise and which should receive consideration at the next
meeting of the House.

V. GENERAL RULES FOR MEETINGS OF THIS HOUSE

I. Committees shall be appointed by the Presiding Officer of the House unless
otherwise ordered.

The Presiding Bishop shall name the members of all the Committees of this House
annually, and
shall designate the Chair of each Committee. The Chair shall appoint a Vice-Chair and
a
Secretary, and if the Chair should leave the Convention or the House of Bishops early, the
Secretary of the House shall be notified. The Presiding Bishop may refer to
Committees of this
House, for their consideration, matters which arise and which should receive consideration at the next meeting of the House. The Standing Committees, to be announced not later than the third day of the session, may be as follows:

1. Dispatch of Business.
2. Certification of Minutes.
3. Rules of Order, of which the Presiding Bishop shall be a member, ex officio.
5. Canons.
7. Consecration of Bishops.
8. World Mission.
10. Social and Urban Affairs.
11. Small Congregations.
12. Evangelism.
15. Education.
17. Stewardship and Development.
18. Ecumenical Relations.
20. Miscellaneous Resolutions.
22. Committees and Commissions.
   A. Pastoral Letter.
   B. Resignation of Bishops.
   C. Religious Communities.
   D. On Nominations and Elections.

In addition, the Presiding Bishop shall appoint a Legislative Committee on Admission of New Dioceses if such legislation will be presented to the Convention.
V. GENERAL RULES FOR MEETINGS OF THIS HOUSE

A. II No Memorial, Petition, or Address shall come before this House unless presented by the Presiding Officer of the House, a Bishop who is a member of this House, or some other Bishop present.

B. III Nothing other than Reports and other documents printed for the use and by the order of the House, except the private correspondence of its members, shall be distributed in the House without having first been entrusted to the Secretary, and submitted to the approval of the Presiding Officer.

C. IV All Resolutions shall be reduced to writing, and no motion shall be considered as before the House until seconded. In all cases where a Resolution seeks to amend a Canon or an entire Title of Canons, the form of Resolution submitted shall set out the enactment in the form prescribed by Canon V.1, shall include with a dash overstrike on each letter any words which are deleted by the amendment and shall underline any words which are added by the amendment; Provided, that if the amendment of an entire Title is to be covered by one enactment under Canon V.1.4, the deleted text and the underlining of the next text need not be included but the proponent shall make adequate written explanation of the changes.

D. XIII (a) Reports of Committees shall be in writing, and shall be received in due course. Reports recommending or requiring any action or expression of opinion by the House shall be accompanied by specific Resolutions.

(b) At the conclusion of each meeting of a Committee, its Chair shall prepare, or cause to be prepared, in triplicate, on forms provided for the purpose, a separate report with regard to each matter upon which the Committee took final action during the meeting. Each such report shall be
in the following alternative form:

1. Recommends adoption, with or without amendments, in which case the question shall be on the adoption of the Resolution, or the Resolution as amended.

2. Recommends rejection, with or without reasons, in which case the question shall be on the adoption of the Resolution, notwithstanding the recommendation of the Committee for rejection.

3. Recommends that it be discharged from further consideration of the Resolution because
   i. the matter is not within the scope of the Committee’s function, in which case it may recommend referral to an appropriate Committee;
   ii. the matter has already been dealt with by action of the House at this meeting of the General Convention; or
   iii. the matter is covered by a Resolution of a prior General Convention
   iv. for other reasons.

4. Recommends referral to a Standing Committee to study the theological, ethical and pastoral questions inherent in the subject or to develop recommendations and strategies on the subject which will be of concrete assistance to this Church or to study or make recommendations concerning the subject.

5. Recommends concurrence, with or without amendment, with House of Deputies Message.


(b) Legislative Committee Reports

(1) Each Legislative Committee must take final action on every Resolution and other matter referred to it for action to recommend that the House takes one of the following actions:

i. adopt as proposed;

ii. adopt as amended by the Committee; all amendments made by a Committee will
apply automatically to the Resolution and the matter before the House when the
Resolution is considered will be the Resolution as amended by the Committee;

iii. adopt a substitute Resolution:
   a. A substitute Resolution must be on the same subject as the Resolution referred
to
   the Legislative Committee for action.
   b. A substitute Resolution may only cover one Resolution referred to the Legislative
Committee for action.
   c. If the House declines to adopt a substitute, the original Resolution will be
automatically referred back to the Committee for additional consideration.

iv. adopt a consolidated substitute Resolution:
   a. A consolidated substitute Resolution must be on the same subject as the
   Resolutions referred to the Legislative Committee for action.
   b. Its report on the final action on that Resolution must identify all the other
   Resolutions the substitute is intended to cover.
   c. A vote by the Legislative Committee to recommend adoption of a consolidated
   substitute Resolution will be an automatic recommendation to take no further action
   on
   all other Resolutions the consolidated substitute Resolution is intended to cover.
   d. If the House declines to adopt a consolidated substitute Resolution, the original
   Resolutions will be automatically referred back to the Committee for additional
   consideration.

v. reject;

vi. refer to a specified Standing Commission, General Convention Task Force, Executive
Council or other body of the Church for study, action, or to make recommendations on
the subject to the next General Convention;

vii. take no further action because:
   a. the matter has already been dealt with by action of the House of Bishops at this
   meeting of General Convention;
   b. the matter is covered by a Resolution of a prior General Convention;
   c. for other reasons.
viii. If the Resolution or matter has been acted on by the House of Deputies:

a. concur with the action of the House of Deputies;

b. concur as proposed to be amended by the House of Bishops Legislative Committee;

c. concur with substitute as proposed by the House of Bishops Legislative Committee;

d. not concur and take a different action;

e. not concur.

(2) Minority Report

i. If there is a minority position on a final action on a Resolution or other matter and the minority requests to make a minority report to the House, the Chair will include the minority report in the Legislative Committee’s report on the final action on the Resolution or other matter.

ii. A minority position consists of at least one-quarter (1/4) of the members of the Legislative Committee present and voting on the Resolution, Memorial, or other matter.

(c) Each report shall be dated, signed by the Chair or Secretary of the Committee, and transmitted to the office of the Secretary of the House, who shall endorse thereon the date of receipt thereof. If there is a minority position in the Committee and a minority spokesperson requests a minority position report, the Chair shall include the same in the report. Any resolution which involves an amendment to the Constitution or Canons shall be referred to the appropriate Legislative or Special Committee for action and simultaneously to the Committee on 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 report to the House make
recommendations as to substance.

(d) Before final consideration, by the House, the Joint Standing Committee on
Program, Budget,
and Finance (PB&F) shall have been informed by the Committee considering any
proposed
action which, if adopted by General Convention, would require an appropriation of
funds and
PB&F shall have acknowledged receipt of such information by endorsement on the
committee
report or by other appropriate means. Implementation of any such resolution is
subject to funding
in the budget.

E. XIV Reports of Committees appointed to sit during the recess, if not acted upon at
once, shall,
when presented, be made the Order of the Day for a time fixed. Printed Committee
Reports
which have been delivered to, and circulated among, the members of the House of
Bishops, in
advance of the making of such Reports upon the floor of the House, shall be
presented by title
and the Chair or Committee member presenting said Report shall be allowed five
minutes for
summarizing the same, which time may be extended only by a two-thirds vote of
those present
and voting.

F. XX All Resolutions which are to be communicated to the House of Deputies, unless
they
contain information of action incomplete in this House, or be temporarily withheld
by order of
this House at the time of their passage, shall be transmitted to the House of Deputies
as soon as
conveniently may be, under the direction of the

G. XXI Committees from the House of Deputies shall be admitted immediately.
Messages from
the House of Deputies shall be handed by the Secretary of this House to the

Presiding Officer of the House
Bishop presiding,

Bishop presiding, to be laid before the House as early as may be convenient.

However, consideration of such Message shall be subject to a motion for the
appointment of a Committee
of Conference as hereinafter provided in these Rules. All such Messages communicating
any
legislative action on the part of the House of Deputies shall, without debate, be
referred to the
proper Committee, unless, without debate, the House shall decide to consider such Messages without such reference. When the consideration of such Message shall have been begun, it shall continue to be the Order of the Day until final action thereon. The final action of this House upon any Message from the House of Deputies shall be by vote upon the question “Shall this House concur in the action of the House of Deputies as communicated in their Message No.____?” Messages requiring no action by the House may be received by Title.

H. XXII If, during the consideration by this House of any action taken by the House of Deputies, a motion is made stating the position of this House and requesting a Committee of Conference, such motion shall have precedence and be put to a vote without debate, and if passed by a majority of the members of this House then present, a Committee of Conference shall be appointed. A Committee of Conference shall also be in order, with or without motion, (1) in cases where the House of Deputies has concurred, with amendments, in action taken by this House, or (2) in cases where this House has concurred, with amendments, in action taken by the House of Deputies. When a Committee of Conference has been appointed, final action upon the matter under consideration shall be deferred until the Committee of Conference shall have reported to this House; Provided, such report shall be made no later than the next business day or within one hour after the convening of the last meeting of this House in Convention assembled, whichever event shall first occur. Further, the Chair of any Standing or other Committee shall have full authority, either alone or with members of the Committee, to confer with the Chair of the cognate Committee of the House of Deputies.

I. XXIII Two Bishops may be appointed by the Presiding Officer Bishop presiding to act with the Secretary in preparing daily reports of the action of this House, and furnishing them, at their discretion, to the public press.

J. XXVI The Committee on Privilege and Courtesy may recommend the courtesy of seat and voice to (1) any Bishop of a Church in the Anglican Communion who has been
nominated by a Bishop of this House whose jurisdiction has entered into a formal companion diocese relationship approved by the Executive Council of this Church or (2) any Bishop who is a guest of the Presiding Bishop upon the nomination of the Presiding Bishop. The Committee on Privilege and Courtesy must receive nominations for the courtesy of seat and voice thirty days prior to the stated or called meeting of the House at which such courtesy is to be granted. The nominations for the courtesy of seat and voice shall be circulated in writing to the members of the House before the nominations shall be presented to the House. Bishops granted the courtesy of seat and voice shall be assigned a seat and shall have such seat and voice only for meeting of the House at which such courtesy was granted. Bishops granted courtesy of seat and voice shall at all times be entitled to be present except when the House is in Executive Session. At such call, the Secretary shall ask the guests to leave the House.

K. XXVII There shall be an Advisory Committee a Council of Advice, composed of Bishops who are the Presidents or Vice-Presidents of each Province, which will act as advisory council to the Presiding Bishop between meetings of the House of Bishops. The Committee shall elect its own officers.

L. XXVIII The Committee on the Bishop’s Pastoral shall be a Standing Committee of the House, composed of persons eminently qualified for the task, and empowered to enlist additional assistance, with the consent of the Presiding Bishop, as may seem wise. The Committee shall make a Report at each Session of the House.

M. Elections Of Bishops and Membership in the House

(1) VIII When it is proposed to give consent to the consecration or confirmation of a Bishop-elect, or of a Bishop Coadjutor-elect, or of a Bishop Suffragan-elect, it shall be competent for any six voting members of the House to call for a vote by ballot.

(2) IX The Secretary shall prepare a ballot for each election listing alphabetically the names of all persons nominated. On each ballot, each voting member shall vote for the number of nominees to be or remaining to be elected, and any ballot with votes less than or in
thereof shall be void. The nominees receiving the largest number of votes 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.

(3) **XXIV** Any Bishop of a Church in the Anglican Communion who is in exile from a
Diocese, or is without membership in a House of Bishops because the Diocese is temporarily
in an extra-provincial status, and who is resident in any jurisdiction in this Church, or any other
Church in the Anglican Communion who has resigned his or her position in that
Church who has made his or her primary residence in any jurisdiction in this Church may be
admitted to this House as a collegial member. Such membership may be extended to such a Bishop
by a two-thirds vote of those present and voting on each Bishop, taken by secret ballot if
requested by at least six members of the House, considered by the members of the House present at
any regularly called meeting, and shall continue until such time as the collegial member
removes from the jurisdiction of this Church, or until such time as it is withdrawn by a like vote.
Such collegial member shall be assigned a seat, and have a voice, in this House. No vote shall be
accorded such collegial member, in keeping with the Constitution of this Church.

The Committee on Privilege and Courtesy must receive, one month in advance of any
meeting of this House, nominations for collegial membership in this House, said nomination to
be made only by the Bishop in whose jurisdiction the proposed collegial member resides. The
nominations for collegial membership shall be circulated in writing to the members of the House
before the nominations shall be presented to the House.

Any Bishop of an extra-provincial Diocese which originated in the Church or any
Church who removed from the jurisdiction of this Church to the jurisdiction of a
Anglican Communion may be continued in relationship to this House as an honorary
member.

Thirty days prior to each stated or called meeting of the House such honorary
members shall give written notice of their intention to be present to the Presiding Officer of this House.
and voice shall then be accorded such honorary members, upon the nomination to the House by the Presiding Officer Bishop presiding. No vote shall be accorded the honorary member.

Bishops admitted to honorary and collegial seats in the House shall at all times be entitled to be present except when the House is in Executive Session. At such a call, the Secretary shall ask the guests to leave the House.

(4) XXV Any Bishop of this Church who resigns a position for reasons other than those specified in Article I.2 of the Constitution, but whose resignation is not for reasons related to the Bishop’s moral character, may, on motion and by a majority vote, be accorded non-voting membership in the House. Until further contrary action by the House, any such non-voting member shall have the right to seat and voice at all meetings, the right to serve on committees, and all other rights of membership except that of voting on any matter.

N. Debate and Decorum

(1) V Members in discussion shall address the Chair, and shall confine themselves to the Question in debate. No member shall speak more than twice in the same debate without leave of the House. At the conclusion of any speech, the Presiding Officer Bishop presiding, alone, or any member of the House, may call for a vote, without debate, on a proposal for a recess of conference to define and clarify the issues of the debate and the way in which the House is working. If the proposal of a member is supported by at least four other members, it is to be put to a vote. If passed by a two-thirds vote of those present and voting, members of the House will form small groups for a ten-minute conference, at the end of which debate will resume with any speakers who had already been recognized at the time of the motion for conference.

(2) VI Officers of the House of Bishops, when addressing the House in debate, shall in all cases do so from the floor of the House.

(3) VII When a division is called for, every voting member present shall be counted. When, in such procedure, the vote of the Presiding Officer Bishop presiding produces a tie,
motion
shall be considered as lost.

(4) On any question before the House the ayes and nays may be required by any six voting
members, and shall in such cases be entered on the Journal.

(5) When a Question is under consideration, the following motions shall have precedence in
the order listed: to lay upon the table, to postpone to a time certain, to commit or to refer, to
substitute another motion dealing with the same Question, to amend, or to postpone indefinitely;
Provided, that, in consideration of a message from the House of Deputies, the provisions of
Rules XXI and XXII V. G and H shall apply, and a motion made thereunder for a Committee of
Conference shall have precedence; and Provided, further, that a proposal for a Recess of
Conference shall always be in order, under the conditions set forth in Rule V.V.N.1.

(6) On motion duly put and carried, the House may resolve itself into a Committee of the
Whole, at which no records shall be made of its action. On separate motion duly put and carried,
those present at such sessions may be limited to members of the House.

(7) On motion duly put and carried, the House may go into Executive Session, at which only
members of the House shall be present. The Chair of the Committee on Dispatch of Business
shall act as clerk and make a record of all motions adopted.

(8) All questions of order shall be decided by the Chair without debate, but appeal maybe
taken from such decision. The decision of the Chair shall stand unless overruled by a
two-thirds vote of those present and voting. On such appeal, no member shall speak more than
once without express leave of the House.

(9) Amendments shall be considered in the order in which they are moved. When a
proposed amendment is under consideration, a motion to amend the same may be made. No
after-amendment to such second amendment shall be in order, but a substitute for the whole
matter may be received. No proposition on a subject differing from the one under consideration
shall be received under color of a substitute.

(10) A Question being once determined shall stand as the judgment of the House, and
shall not be again drawn into debate during the same session of the House, except with the consent of a two-thirds vote of those present and voting. A motion to reconsider can be made only on the day the vote was taken, or on the next succeeding legislative day, and must be seconded by those who voted with the majority.

(11) XVIII (a) Except by a two-thirds vote of those present and voting, no new business shall be introduced for the consideration of the House after the second day of the Session. All matters originating in this House requiring concurrent action by both houses shall be considered before the last legislative day except for Resolutions of Privilege and Courtesy.

(b) No resolution proposing amendments to the Constitution or Canons of this Church may be presented in the House of Bishops 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 Deputies.

(12) XIX Except by a two-thirds vote of those present and voting, no member of the House may introduce a Resolution at a special meeting unless the Resolution has been circulated thirty days in advance to the members. This rule shall not be construed in any way to prevent a Committee of the House from introducing Resolutions at special meetings.

O. Rules of Order

(1) XXX These rules shall be in force in subsequent Sessions of this House unless otherwise ordered.

(2) XXIX Additions and amendments to, or suspension or repeal of these rules shall require a two-thirds vote of those present and voting.

(3) XXXI Except when in conflict with the Constitution or Canons, or any Rule herein contained, the latest edition of Robert’s Rules of Order shall govern the interpretation of these rules, and the parliamentary procedures to be followed in this House.

VI. The Presiding Bishop
A. I. On the day following the Joint Session to which the Joint Nominating Committee has reported pursuant to Canon I.2, the House of Bishops shall meet in executive session in a church to discuss the nominees presented at the Joint Session, and to elect a Presiding Bishop from among those nominees.

B. II. The House of Bishops shall elect a Presiding Bishop. All members of the House of Bishops present shall remain within the confines of the church where the election has been held, until word has been received of the action of the House of Deputies.

VII. Missionary Bishops

A. I. When a vacancy occurs or is about to occur in the Missionary Episcopate, it shall be the duty of the Presiding Bishop to investigate the situation existing in the Diocese, to consult with those persons in the field and at home best fitted to advise as to the conditions in the Diocese, and to submit to the members of the House such information as the Presiding Bishop may secure.

B. II. Before any vacancy in the Missionary Episcopate is to be considered or filled at any Meeting of the House, notice to this effect shall be given in the call of such Meeting. The ballot for the election to any such vacancy shall not, without unanimous consent, be taken at a Special Meeting until at least the first day, nor at a Meeting of the General Convention until at least the second day, after nominations have been made to the House. In the event of the occurrence of a vacancy in a Missionary Diocese, or the resignation of a Missionary Bishop, between the issuance of the call for a Special Meeting of the House of Bishops and the meeting thereof, the House, by a two-thirds vote of those present and voting, shall be competent to fill such vacancy, or to act upon such resignation.

C. III. Further proceedings for the election of a Missionary Bishop shall be as follows:

1. In the case of each vacancy to be filled, a special Joint Nominating Committee shall be appointed. The Committee shall be composed of three persons from the jurisdiction concerned, chosen by its Council of Advice or in some other manner as ordered by the Presiding Bishop.
Bishop, and three members of this House appointed by the Presiding Bishop. The Joint Nominating Committee shall elect its own officers and shall nominate three persons for the vacancy. Three weeks before the Meeting of the House these names shall be sent in confidence to each Bishop.

2. The Presiding Bishop may, in the exercise of discretion, make nominations for such vacancies.

3. At the Meeting of the House, the names of the persons proposed by the Joint Nominating Committee shall be formally Committee placed in nomination, and opportunity shall also be given for nominations from the floor.

4. The Joint Nominating Committees and the Bishops making nominations, and others having knowledge of the persons nominated, shall give to appropriate committees the Committee on Domestic Missions or the Committee on Overseas Missions, as the case may be, full information regarding the nominees, and any such committees, having secured further information as may be possible, shall report to the House in Executive Session such further information concerning the intellectual, moral, and physical qualifications of the persons nominated, with dates of birth, graduation, and specific statements as to theological attainment, proficiency in languages, and any specialty in sacred duties to which such persons may have devoted themselves. Questions may be asked and other information given by the Bishops.

5. All nominations for vacant Missionary Dioceses shall be made in Executive Session. The names of the nominees shall be made known to the public only after the election.

6. In the case of a declination, another election can be held from the same names without further formality than re-nomination; but if new names are introduced, the order prescribed above shall be repeated.
7. In the case of the proposed transfer of a Bishop in charge of a Missionary Diocese to another Diocese, action shall be as in the case of the election of Missionary Bishops.

8. All proceedings in Executive Session shall be held strictly confidential. In the case of elections held in Executive Session and to be confirmed by the House of Deputies or by the Standing Committees of the Church, the names of those elected shall not be made known until they are published by the House of Deputies, or until they are ordered to be sent to the Standing Committees for confirmation.

VIII. Standing Orders

A. Whereas, by provisions of Canon III.11.6, and Canon III.11.9(c)(3)(iii), the Presiding Bishop is empowered to take order for the ordination and consecration of Diocesan and Missionary Bishops, either in the Presiding Bishop’s own person or by commission issued to three Bishops; it is hereby ordered, that, in all cases of Episcopal consecrations, the place for the same shall be designated only with the consent of the Ecclesiastical Authority in whose Diocese or Jurisdiction such proposed place is; that the Bishop-elect shall have the right to designate the Preacher and the two Bishops by whom the Bishop-elect is to be presented; and that, in the absence of the Presiding Bishop, the Senior Bishop by consecration who is present shall preside, unless some other Bishop shall have been designated by the Presiding Bishop. In all cases where the Presiding Bishop takes order for the ordination of a Bishop in a Diocese or Missionary Diocese, the place for the same shall be designated with the consent of the Ecclesiastical Authority in whose Diocese or Jurisdiction such proposed place is; the Bishop-elect shall have the right to designate the preacher and the two Bishops by whom the Bishop-elect is to be presented; and, in the absence of the Presiding Bishop, the Senior Bishop with jurisdiction by consecration who is present shall preside, unless some other Bishop shall have been designated by the Presiding Bishop.

B. Seniority among the Bishops is according to the date of the consecration of each Bishop.

C. The House of Bishops shall assemble on every morning during the period of the
General

595 Convention, except the Lord’s Day, for business, unless adjournment beyond that
morning has
596 been ordered by the vote of the House.
597 D. IV Two or more of the Bishops shall be appointed at each General Convention to
take charge,
598 together with the Secretary of the House of Bishops, of the Journal of its proceedings,
and to see
599 that the whole, or such parts of it as the House may direct, be entered in its proper
place in the
600 Journal of the General Convention.
601 E. V The Secretary of the House of Bishops shall keep a permanent record of the
members and
602 officers of the House from the beginning, and shall record therein the names of the
Bishops who
603 are or have been members of this House, the date and place of their consecration,
their names of
604 their consecrators, together with the date of the termination, by death, resignation,
or otherwise,
605 of the membership of such Bishops as have ceased to have seats in this House, all
of which facts
606 shall be recorded only upon official notification, for which it shall be the duty of the
Secretary to
607 call upon such persons as may be competent to furnish the same. The said record
shall be the
608 official Register of this House, and the roll of the House communicate the same to
the House, as
609 its official roll, as soon as the Presiding Officer shall have taken the chair. Such roll
shall be
610 subject to change only by vote of the House.
611 F. VI In making up the list of the Bishops who have retained their constituted rights
to seats in
612 this House, the Secretary is instructed to leave the name of any Bishop resigned in the
place
613 which the Bishop occupies in the order of consecration, with the addition of the word
“Bishop,”
614 which shall be considered as the sufficient title of such resigned Bishop.
615 G. VII In the event of the loss by any Bishop of a seat in the House of Bishops, with the
consequent omission of the Bishop’s name from the roll, and a subsequent return to the
House,
616 the Bishop’s name shall be entered on the roll at the place corresponding with the time
of such
617 return.
618 G. VIII At every meeting of the House of Bishops a seat for the Chair of the Committee
on
Dispatch of Business shall be assigned near the front of the House.

At every meeting of the House of Bishops seats on the platform shall be assigned to such Bishops present as have formerly held the office of Presiding Bishop, and at every service of the General Convention such Bishops as have formerly held the office of Presiding Bishop shall be assigned places immediately in front of the Chaplain of the Presiding Bishop.

Whenever the House shall make a determination under Article I.2 of the Constitution that a resigned Bishop shall or shall not retain a seat and vote in the House, the following understanding of the intent of the pertinent terms of that provision of the Constitution shall apply:

(a) “advanced age” shall mean at least 62 years of age;
(b) “bodily infirmity” shall mean either a condition for which one is eligible for disability retirement benefits from the Church Pension Fund or Social Security Administration, or a physical or mental impairment that a physician or psychiatrist (approved by the Presiding Bishop) certifies would likely result in eligibility for such disability retirement benefits should the Bishop continue in active episcopal ministry;
(c) “office created by the General Convention” shall mean a ministry funded by the General Convention Budget and approved by the Presiding Bishop; and
(d) “mission strategy” shall mean a strategy that would allow the election of an indigenous member of the clergy of a non-domestic diocese as Bishop, or that would allow a diocese to implement a new mission strategy as determined by the Presiding Bishop, or that would allow a transition in episcopal leadership after a Diocesan Bishop or Bishop Suffragan has served 10 or more years in either or both of those offices.

IX. Standing Resolutions

Resolved, That the Standing Committee on the Resignation of Bishops be requested to prepare a Resolution taking note of the service of each Bishop whose resignation is being accepted, such Resolution to be presented to the House of Bishops along with the
recommendation on the resignation. Where a resignation is accepted between Meetings of the House, such Resolution shall be presented at the next Meeting. B. II Resolved, That the Presiding Bishop be requested to appoint, on each occasion, a Committee of three or more Bishops to prepare, on behalf of the House of Bishops, and send to the family of each Bishop who dies, a Memorial Message, such Committee to represent the House of Bishops at the funeral, where it is practical for them to attend. C. III Resolved, That, within six months after the appointment of any Committee or Commission the adjournment of each General Convention, the Secretary of the House of Bishops shall communicate with the Bishop named as Convener of each Commission and Committee appointed during the preceding General Convention, and inquire whether the Commission or Committee has convened and organized, keeping a record of the replies received.
APPENDIX G

BISHOPS PRESENT AT THE HOB INTERIM MEETING SPRING,

Adams, Gladstone
Ahrens, Laura
Alexander, J. Neil
Allen, Lloyd
Andrus, Marc
Bailey, David
Barker, J. Scott
Baskerville-Burrows, Jennifer
Bauerschmidt, John
Beauvoir, Oge
Beckwith, Mark
Beisner, Barry
Bell, Patrick
Benfield, Larry
Benhase, Scott
Bourlakas, Mark
Breidenthal, Thomas
Brewer, Greg
Brooke-Davidson, Jennifer
Brookhart, Franklin
Brown, Kevin
Bruce, Diane
Budd, Mariann
Cole, Brian
Curry, Michael
Daniel, Clifton
Dietsche, Andrew
Douglas, Ian
Doyle, C. Andrew
Duncan, Philip
Duncan-Probe, DeDe
Duque, Francisco
Duracin, Zache
Eaton, Peter
Edwards, Dan
Ely, Thomas
Field, Martin
Fisher, Douglas
Fisher, Jeff
Frade, Leopold
Franklin, William
Gallagher, Carol

Garrison, Michael
Gates, Alan
Gibbs, Wendell
Glasspool, Mary
Goff, Susan
Gray, Duncan
Gray-Reeves, Mary
Gumbs, Ambrose
Gunter, Matthew
Gutierrez, Daniel
Harris, Gayle
Hayashi, Scott
Hirschfeld, A. Robert
Hodges-Copple, Anne
Hollerith, Herman
Hollingsworth, Mark
Houland, Wayne
Howe, Barry
Ihoff, Robert
Jefferts Schori, Katharine
Johnson, Don
Johnston, Shannon
Kendrick, Russell
Klussmeyer, Michie
Knisely, W. Nicholas
Knudsen, Chilton
Konieczny, Edward
Lai, David
Lambert, Jay
Lane, Stephen
Lattime, Mark
Lee, Jeff
Love, William
Magness, James
Murray, Santosh
Martins, Daniel
Mathes, James
Mayer, J. Scott
McConnell, Dorsey
McLoughlin, Jose
Miller, Steven
Milliken, Michael

Monterroso, Hector
Morales, Rafael
Ousley, Todd
Owensby, Jacob
Prior, Brian
Provenzano, Lawrence
Quezada Mota, Moises
Ray, Rayford
Rehberg, Gretchen
Rice, David
Rickel, Gregory
Rodman, Samuel
Rowe, Sean
Scanlan, Audrey
Scantlebury, Victor
Scarfe, Alan
Seage, Brian
Shin, Allen
Singh, Prince
Skirving, Robert
Sloan, John
Smith, Wayne
Smylie, John S.
Sparks, Douglas
Stokes, Willliam
Sumner, George
Tarrant, John
Taylor, John
Taylor, Porter
Thom, Brian
Thompson, Morris
Van Koevening, Mark
Vono, Michael
Waynick, Catherine
Whalon, Pierre
Williams, Arthur
Wolf, Geralyn
Wright, Robert
Wolfe, Dean
Wright, Carl