

A001 Site of 81st General Convention (2024)

Proposer	Joint Standing Committee on Planning and Arrangements
Topic	General Convention
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
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C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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), and St. Louis, Missouri (Diocese of Missouri)
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A002 General Convention Daily Agenda

Proposer	Joint Standing Committee on Planning and Arrangements
Topic	General Convention
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
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C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, That the 79th General Convention function through the following activities:
 - 2 Formal legislative sessions of the two Houses;
 - 3 Joint sessions for Mission and Evangelism conversation and presentation of proposed budget;
 - 4 Meetings of the legislative committees of the two Houses; and
 - 5 Open Hearings to be conducted, as needed, by all legislative committees; and be it further
- 6 *Resolved*, That the schedule and the daily timetable of the 79th General Convention held in Austin, Texas be:
 - 7 Monday, July 2
 - 8 11:00 am – 4:00 pm Volunteer Supervisors Gathering
 - 9 Tuesday, July 3
 - 10 9:00 am – 5:00 pm Registration and Deputy Certification
 - 11 10:00 am – 12:00 pm Committee Secretary Training
 - 12 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm Legislative Committee Officers and Legislative Aides Orientation
 - 13 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm Legislative Committees
 - 14 Wednesday, July 4
 - 15 7:00 am – 5:00 pm Deputy Certification

- 16 8:00 am – 12:00 pm Legislative Committees
- 17 1:15 pm – 2:30 pm Presiding Bishop and President, House of Deputies Presentation
- 18 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm Bishop and Deputy Orientation
- 19 5:15 pm – 7:00 pm House of Bishops Listening Session
- 20 Thursday, July 5
- 21 7:00 – 7:30 am Deputy Certification
- 22 8:00 – 9:00 am Legislative Session
- 23 9:30 – 10:45 am Opening Eucharist
- 24 11:15 am-1:00 pm Legislative Committees
- 25 1:15 – 1:45 pm Deputy Certification
- 26 2:15 – 4:00 pm Legislative Committees
- 27 4:30 – 6:30 pm Legislative Session
- 28 7:30 – 9:00 pm Legislative Hearings
- 29 Friday, July 6
- 30 7:00 – 7:30 am Deputy Certification
- 31 7:30 – 10:00 am Legislative Committees
- 32 10:30 am-12:00 pm Joint Session on Racial Reconciliation
- 33 12:30 – 1:00 pm Deputy Certification
- 34 1:15 – 3:00 pm Legislative Committees
- 35 3:30 – 5:30 pm Legislative Session
- 36 5:30 pm Resolution Filing Deadline
- 37 5:45 – 7:00 pm Worship
- 38 Saturday, July 7
- 39 7:00 – 7:30 am Deputy Certification

- 40 7:30 – 10:00 am Legislative Committees
- 41 10:30 am – 1:00 pm Legislative Session
- 42 2:30 – 4:00 pm Joint Session on Evangelism
- 43 5:30 – 7:00 pm Worship at the Palmer Center
- 44 7:00 – 9:00 pm Diocese of Texas Event
- 45 Sunday, July 8
- 46 10:30 am Simple Eucharist at Convention Center or worship in local parishes
- 47 1:15 – 1:45 pm Deputy Certification
- 48 3:15 – 7:00 pm Legislative Session
- 49 Monday, July 9
- 50 7:00 – 7:30 am Deputy Certification
- 51 7:30 – 10:00 am Legislative Committees
- 52 10:30 am – 1:00 pm Legislative Session
- 53 1:15 – 1:45 pm Deputy Certification
- 54 2:15 – 5:00 pm Legislative Session
- 55 5:15 – 6:30 pm Worship
- 56 6:45 – 7:30 pm Deputies/Bishops Caucus by Province
- 57 Tuesday, July 10
- 58 7:00 – 7:30 am Deputy Certification
- 59 7:30 – 10:00 am Legislative Committees
- 60 10:30 am – 12:00 pm Joint Session on Care of Creation
- 61 1:15 – 1:45 pm Deputy Certification
- 62 2:15 – 5:00 pm Legislative Session
- 63 5:15 – 6:30 pm Worship

- 64 Wednesday, July 11
- 65 7:00 – 7:30 am Deputy Certification
- 66 7:30 – 10:00 am Legislative Committees
- 67 10:30 am – 1:00 pm Legislative Session
- 68 1:15 – 1:45 pm Deputy Certification
- 69 2:15 – 3:15 pm Joint Session PB&F
- 70 3:45 – 5:00 pm Legislative Session
- 71 5:15 – 6:30 pm Worship
- 72 7:30 – 9:30 pm Reserved for Legislative Session
- 73 Thursday, July 12
- 74 7:00 – 7:30 am Deputy Certification
- 75 7:30 – 8:30 am Legislative Committees
- 76 9:00 am – 1:00 pm Legislative Session
- 77 1:15 – 1:45 pm Deputy Certification
- 78 2:15 – 6:00 pm Legislative Session
- 79 7:30 – 9:00 pm Closing Eucharist
- 80 Friday, July 13
- 81 7:00 – 7:30 am Deputy Certification
- 82 8:00 am – 1:00 pm Legislative Session (Morning Prayer in each House)
- 83 1:15 – 1:45 pm Deputy Certification
- 84 2:30 – 6:30 pm Legislative Session
- 85 6:30 pm Joint Adjournment – *Sine Die*
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A003 Amend Canon I.1.14(a) on General Convention Approval of Sites for General Convention

Proposer	Joint Standing Committee on Planning and Arrangements
Topic	General Convention
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. 23
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HB / 02 - Constitution and Canons
Current Status	House of Deputies sent Message for Information
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C&C / RoO change?	Yes
Referrals	
Summary	Amends the Canons to conform with current practice of recommending sites for second succeeding GC, not third.

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, That the 79th General Convention amend Canon I.1.14(a) as follows:
 - 2 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.
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A004 Amend Joint Rule VII.18

Proposer	Joint Standing Committee on Nominations
Topic	Canons
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. 230
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HB / 02 - Constitution and Canons
Current Status	House of Deputies sent Message for Information
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C&C / RoO change?	Yes
Referrals	
Summary	Amends Joint Rules to allow appointed members of the Joint Standing Committee on Nominations to remain on the committee even if there are not elected as deputies for the next GC.

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, That Rule VII.18 on the Joint Standing Committee on Nominations be amended as follows:
 - 2 18. The Joint Standing Committee on Nominations shall be composed of three (3) Bishops, three (3) Presbyters or Deacons, and six (6) Lay Persons. Members who are Presbyters, Deacons, 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.
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A005 Continue a Church-wide Network for Planting Churches

Proposer	Advisory Group on Church Planting
Topic	Budget
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HD / 11 - Evangelism and Church Planting
Current Status	House of Bishops sent Message for Information
Version	Final text
Review Status	Did not pass review - see review report
Final Status	Concurred
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	Continue to develop a church-wide network for planting congregations, training and recruiting planters and mission developers.

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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
- 2 *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
- 3 *Resolved*, That the budget for sustaining this church planting network will be \$5,800,000.00 for 2019-2021 to be allocated as follows:
- 4 \$200,000 to identify and support existing programs to produce training in planting congregations for clergy and lay leaders
- 5 \$600,000 to provide resources for planters of congregations
- 6 \$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

- 7 \$500,000 to support a staff person to oversee the planting network
 - 8 \$3,000,000 for grants to support congregations with the grant depending on the context and need of the congregation; and be it further
 - 9 \$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
 - 10 *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
 - 11 *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
 - 12 *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
 - 13 *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
 - 14 *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.
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A006 Collect Demographic Data of Leadership

Proposer	Advisory Group on Church Planting
Topic	Parochial Reports
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HD / 11 - Evangelism and Church Planting
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Review Status	Did not pass review - see review report
Final Status	Rejected
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, 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
- 2 *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.

A007 Establish Committee to Study Relationship of Episcopal Seminaries with General Convention, One Another and the Wider Church

Proposer	Committee to Study the Relationship of General Seminary & General Convention
Topic	Theological Education
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HB / 15 - Ministry
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Final Status	Rejected
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, 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:
 - 2 Exploring the sharing of resources among the seminaries
 - 3 Reviewing the structure and relationship of other judicatories and their seminaries (especially ELCA)
 - 4 Consulting with the Association of Theological Schools regarding accreditation
 - 5 Surveying Bishops and diocesan Commissions on Ministry to determine their needs for theological education
 - 6 Reviewing seminary budgets and curriculum
 - 7 Surveying the student bodies to determine size and diversity
 - 8 Considering the possibility of elected/appointed representation of the General Convention on seminary boards of trustees
 - 9 Providing funding from the General Convention budget to be allocated for the work of seminaries
 - 10 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

- 11 Exploring/reviewing theological formation for lay leadership
 - 12 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.
 - 13 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.
 - 14 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.
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A008 Continuing the Advisory Council on the Stewardship of Creation

Proposer	Advisory Council on the Stewardship of Creation
Topic	Environment
Endorsed by	Andrus, The Rt. Rev. Marc
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
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C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- Resolved*, That because the work of the church for the stewardship of Creation is integral to discipleship in Christ, the 79th General Convention authorize an Advisory Council on the Stewardship of Creation to continue to develop this aspect of the ongoing mission and ministry of The Episcopal Church. The Advisory Council shall continue and refine the small grants program begun by the 2015-2018 Advisory Council to support local and regional eco-ministry efforts; engage eco-justice site projects, and develop creation care networks based on geographic boundaries and areas of affinity (previously known as Regional Consultative Groups); and be it further
- Resolved*, That the Council shall receive and help disseminate, through the networks, reports from congregations, dioceses and regions on fossil fuel divestment efforts and progress reports toward keeping the spirit of the Paris Climate Accord; and be it further
- Resolved*, That this Advisory Council shall also establish a Theology of Creation Working Group comprised of faculty, staff and students from among the Episcopal Church's seminaries and tasked with facilitating innovative educational offerings in environmental ethics and theology for both seminarians and the broader public; and be it further
- Resolved*, That this Advisory Council be appointed jointly by the President of the House of Deputies and the Presiding Bishop, with fourteen (14) to fifteen (15) members to include a 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 Council submit a report 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 allocate \$1.1 million for the implementation of this resolution and staff support and leadership from The Episcopal Church Office.

A009 Creating Greening Loans

Proposer	Advisory Council on the Stewardship of Creation
Topic	Environment
Endorsed by	Johnson, The Rev. Stephanie
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HD / 18 - Stewardship & Socially Responsible Investing
Current Status	House of Deputies sent Message for Information
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Final Status	Take No Further Action
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1** *Resolved*, That the 79th General Convention affirm the vital witness of the Church to the effects of human-caused climate change as part of our witness as modern Christians and our concern for all who come after us, as we enact our Baptismal Covenant to “persevere in resisting evil” and “strive for justice and peace among all people,” and that the energy-inefficiency of our houses of worship undermine our ability to provide this witness; and be it further
- 2** *Resolved*, That the 79th General Convention recognize that the energy inefficiency of aging physical plants and the financial realities of parish budgets make it difficult for parishes to afford energy audits and to update their buildings to renewable and efficiency; and be it further
- 3** *Resolved*, That the 79th General Convention direct the Presiding Bishop’s office, with the input of the Episcopal Church Building Fund, to establish a mechanism to support the greening of Episcopal churches through low-interest loans or grants and that \$500,000 be allocated to meet these goals in the 2019-2021 triennium, and that the Presiding Bishop’s Office present a status report to the 80th General Convention.

A010 The Planting of "Paris Groves"

Proposer	Advisory Council on the Stewardship of Creation
Topic	Environment
Endorsed by	Andrus, The Rt. Rev. Marc
Sponsored by	
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HiA / Leg. Cttee	HB / 20 - Environmental Stewardship and Care of Creation
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C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	As part of The Episcopal Church's response to stand with international partners in affirming the Paris Climate Accord, commends 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. Also encourages Episcopalians to support Paris Groves.

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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
- 2 *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
- 3 *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
- 4 *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
- 5 *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
- 6 *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.

A011 Oppose Environmental Racism

Proposer	Advisory Council on the Stewardship of Creation
Topic	Health
Endorsed by	Johnson, The Rev. Stephanie
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HB / 20 - Environmental Stewardship and Care of Creation
Current Status	House of Deputies sent Message for Information
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Final Status	Concurred
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	Calls for the formation of a Task Force 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.

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1** *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
- 2** *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
- 3** *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
- 4** *Resolved*, The Task Force will report to Executive Council by the end of 2019; and be it further
- 5** *Resolved*, That Program, Budget & Finance consider a budget allocation of \$30,000 for the work

of the Task Force for the Triennium.

A012 On the Importance of Ecumenical and Interfaith Relationships for the Stewardship of Creation

Proposer	Advisory Council on the Stewardship of Creation
Topic	Ecumenism
Endorsed by	Johnson, The Rev. Stephanie
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HB / 19 - Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations
Current Status	House of Bishops sent Message for Information
Version	Final text
Review Status	Passed review
Final Status	Take No Further Action
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, That the 79th General Convention commend the importance of ecumenism in addressing issues of climate change and environmental racism; and be it further
 - 2 *Resolved*, That the General Convention acknowledge and commend the work of the diverse ecumenical and interfaith groups seeking to steward Creation; and be it further
 - 3 *Resolved*, That as disciples of Jesus Christ, through whom all things were made and in whom all things cohere, commends our communion partners to recognize our unique opportunity to speak and act on behalf of God's Creation together; and be it further
 - 4 *Resolved*, That the Office of Ecumenical Relations shall include the Stewardship of Creation as a priority item for dialogue and action in the Church's ecumenical relationships; and be it further
 - 5 *Resolved*, That The Episcopal Church seek to continue our robust heritage of interfaith partnership as an essential aspect of our gospel witness; and be it further
 - 6 *Resolved*, That the Church commend provinces, Regional Consultative Groups, dioceses, individual parishes, clergy and lay people to steward creation as neighbors and partners with ecumenical and interfaith organizations.
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A013 Facilitating the Development of the Church's Ministry of the Care of Creation

Proposer	Advisory Council on the Stewardship of Creation
Topic	Budget
Endorsed by	Andrus, The Rt. Rev. Marc
Sponsored by	
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HiA / Leg. Cttee	HB / 20 - Environmental Stewardship and Care of Creation
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C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	Authorizes a Task Force for the Care of Creation to 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. Also urges the establishment of an additional senior staff position for the Care of Creation as a member of the Episcopal Church Center staff. And recommends the creation of a Theology of Creation Working Group tasked with facilitating innovative educational offerings in environmental ethics and theology for the formation of clergy and laity.

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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
- 2 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
- 3 *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
- 4 *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
- 5 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
- 6 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

- 7 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
- 8 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
- 9 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
- 10 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
- 11 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
- 12 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.
- 13 Explanation
- 14 Officer for the Care of Creation
- 15 \$385, 000.00
- 16 Staff and Program Engagement
- 17 \$90,000.00
- 18 From current budget
- 19 Task Force for Care of Creation
- 20 \$60,000.00

- 21 To enable larger group - significant workload
 - 22 Small Grants Program
 - 23 \$400,000.00
 - 24 To include eco-justice sites
 - 25 Theology of Creation Working Group
 - 26 \$60,000.00
 - 27 Fund meetings; ask seminaries to fund programs
 - 28 Creation Care Network Development
 - 29 \$75,000.00
 - 30 Current assumption is that 10 groups can meet twice for \$60K; we assume 1 mtg plus consulting for online network development
 - 31 Council of Parties
 - 32 \$30,000.00
 - 33 As referenced in Resolution A018
 - 34 TOTAL
 - 35 \$1,100,000.00
 - 36 To meet the guidelines from Resolution Review.
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A014 The Use of Carbon Offsets

Proposer	Advisory Council on the Stewardship of Creation
Topic	Environment
Endorsed by	Andrus, The Rt. Rev. Marc
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HB / 20 - Environmental Stewardship and Care of Creation
Current Status	House of Bishops sent Message for Information
Version	Final text
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Final Status	Concurred
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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
- 2 *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
- 3 *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
- 4 *Resolved*, That the General Convention direct the Executive Council to draft a policy in 2018 requiring the use of 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
- 5 *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
- 6 *Resolved*, That \$25,000 be allocated for the pilot carbon offset program.
- 7 Explanation
- 8 While existing technology already provides us with the ability to reduce the carbon created as a result of travel, there will continue to be a need to travel in order to gather in person and attend events of significance. Investment in carbon offsets allows this travel to continue while at the same time expressing our commitment to the care of creation.

A015 Anti-Racism/Diversity/Bias Awareness Training for Interim Bodies

Proposer	Advisory Council on the Stewardship of Creation
Topic	Continuing Education
Endorsed by	Johnson, The Rev. Stephanie
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HB / 09 - Racial Justice and Reconciliation
Current Status	House of Deputies sent Message for Information
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Review Status	Passed review
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C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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
- 2 *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
- 3 *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.

A016 Trial Use of Creation Care Language in the Baptismal Covenant

Proposer	Advisory Council on the Stewardship of Creation
Topic	Book of Common Prayer
Endorsed by	Johnson, The Rev. Stephanie
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HD / 13 - Committee to Receive the Report of Resolution A169
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C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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
- 2 *Resolved*, That there be two (2) options for this addition;
- 3 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?”
- 4 People: I will, with God’s help.”
- 5 Second, that the question:
- 6 “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
- 7 *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
- 8 *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.

A017 Creation Liturgies in Prayer Book Revision

Proposer	Advisory Council on the Stewardship of Creation
Topic	Liturgy
Endorsed by	Andrus, The Rt. Rev. Marc
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HD / 13 - Committee to Receive the Report of Resolution A169
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Final Status	Not Completed
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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
 - 2 *Resolved*, That the Prayer Book is a primary way Episcopalians are formed through *lex orandi, lex credendi*; and be it further
 - 3 *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
 - 4 *Resolved*, That this understanding, appreciation and care of God’s good creation be explicitly incorporated in the Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation and Ordination liturgies.
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A018 Episcopalians Participating in Paris Climate Agreement

Proposer	Advisory Council on the Stewardship of Creation
Topic	Environment
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HB / 20 - Environmental Stewardship and Care of Creation
Current Status	House of Deputies sent Message for Information
Version	Final text
Review Status	Did not pass review - see review report
Final Status	Concurred
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	Recognizes that there is an important shift toward renewable energy which will help protect God's good creation, and that climate change is 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. Resolves that 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 asks 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.

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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
- 2 *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
- 3 *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
- 4 *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
- 5 *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

- 6 *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.
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A019 Create a Task Force To Study and Report on the Intersection of Evangelism, Church Planting and Care of Creation

Proposer	Advisory Council on the Stewardship of Creation
Topic	Environment
Endorsed by	Andrus, The Rt. Rev. Marc
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HD / 20 - Environmental Stewardship and Care of Creation
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Final Status	Not Completed
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of Bishops 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
- 2 *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~~ *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 ~~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
- 3 *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.
- 4 *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.~~

A020 Fossil Fuel Divestment

Proposer	Advisory Council on the Stewardship of Creation
Topic	Environment
Endorsed by	Andrus, The Rt. Rev. Marc
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HD / 18 - Stewardship & Socially Responsible Investing
Current Status	House of Bishops sent Message for Information
Version	Final text
Review Status	Did not pass review - see review report
Final Status	Concurred
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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
- 2 *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
- 3 *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
- 4 *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.

A021 Amend Canon 111.3.8.5(g)

Proposer	Advisory Council on the Stewardship of Creation
Topic	Canons
Endorsed by	Johnson, The Rev. Stephanie
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. 83
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HB / 15 - Ministry
Current Status	House of Deputies sent Message for Information
Version	Final text
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Final Status	Concurred
C&C / RoO change?	Yes
Referrals	
Summary	Revises the language of the Canons to include environmental ethics and care of creation.

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, 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
- 2 *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
- 3 *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
- 4 *Resolved*, That Canon III.3.8.5(g)(4) is hereby amended to read as follows:
 - 5 Sec. 5 (g)(4) Christian Ethics and Moral Theology - *including environmental ethics and theology*
 - 6 And be it further
- 7 *Resolved*, That Canon III.3.8.5 (g)(6) is hereby amended to read as follows:
 - 8 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.

A022 Create a Formation Networking Team

Proposer	Task Force on Clergy Leadership in Small Congregations
Topic	Ministry
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HD / 14 - Christian Formation and Discipleship
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Final Status	Concurred
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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
- 2 *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
- 3 *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
- 4 *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.

A023 Assist Vocation Discernment Groups

Proposer	Task Force on Clergy Leadership in Small Congregations
Topic	Ministry
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HD / 14 - Christian Formation and Discipleship
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C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1** *Resolved*, That the 79th General Convention, if a Formation Networking Team is created, direct the Team to collect, evaluate and encourage the sharing of excellent resources for the training of commissions on ministry and discernment committees for clergy and lay vocations and to publicize to The Episcopal Church, its dioceses and congregations the availability of these resources; and be it further
- 2** *Resolved*, That, if a Formation Networking Team is not created, the 79th General Convention direct that an appropriate body or office in The Episcopal Church collect, evaluate and encourage the sharing of excellent resources for the training of commissions on ministry and discernment committees for clergy and lay vocations and publicize to The Episcopal Church, its dioceses and congregations the availability of these resources; and be it further
- 3** *Resolved*, That, if a Formation Networking Team is not created or is not funded, 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.

A024 Forming Culturally Diverse Clergy

Proposer	Task Force on Clergy Leadership in Small Congregations
Topic	Christian Formation
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HD / 14 - Christian Formation and Discipleship
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Final Status	Take No Further Action
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, That the 79th General Convention, if a Formation Networking Team is created, direct the Team to collect, evaluate, disseminate, and encourage the development of excellent resources and best practices for the discernment and formation of culturally diverse clergy, and to publicize to The Episcopal Church and its dioceses and congregations the availability of these resources; and be it further
- 2 *Resolved*, That, if a Formation Networking Team is created, the Formation Networking Team work with other teams and established groups within The Episcopal Church to make available information 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
- 3 *Resolved*, That, if a Formation Networking Team is not created, the 79th General Convention direct that an appropriate body or office in The Episcopal Church collect, evaluate, disseminate, and encourage the development of excellent resources and best practices for the discernment and formation of culturally diverse clergy, and to publicize to The Episcopal Church and its dioceses and congregations the availability of these resources; and be it further
- 4 *Resolved*, That, if the Formation Networking Team is not created, the 79th General Convention direct that an appropriate body or office, work with other teams and established groups within The Episcopal Church to make available information 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
- 5 *Resolved*, That, if a Formation Networking Team is not created or is not funded, 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.

A025 Bishops and Small-Congregation Clergy

Proposer	Task Force on Clergy Leadership in Small Congregations
Topic	Christian Formation
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HD / 14 - Christian Formation and Discipleship
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Review Status	Did not pass review - see review report
Final Status	Take No Further Action
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, That the 79th General Convention, if a Formation Networking Team is created, direct the Team to offer to work with the House of Bishops to assist bishops by providing excellent resources and best practices in their work of identifying and forming clergy and lay leaders for small congregations in their dioceses; and be it further
 - 2 *Resolved*, That, if a Formation Networking Team is not created, the 79th General Convention direct an appropriate body or office in The Episcopal Church to offer to work with the House of Bishops to assist bishops by providing excellent resources and best practices in their work of identifying and forming clergy and lay leaders for small congregations in their dioceses; and be it further
 - 3 *Resolved*, That, if a Formation Networking Team is not created or is not funded, the 79th 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.
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A026 Identify Effective Formation Models

Proposer	Task Force on Clergy Leadership in Small Congregations
Topic	Theological Education
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HD / 14 - Christian Formation and Discipleship
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Review Status	Did not pass review - see review report
Final Status	Take No Further Action
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, That, if a Formation Networking Team is created, the General Convention direct the Team to assemble and make available to dioceses a variety of effective models, both local and collaborative, for the formation of priests and deacons to serve in small congregations; and be it further
- 2 *Resolved*, That, if a Formation Networking Team is not created, the 79th General Convention direct that an appropriate body or office in The Episcopal Church assemble and make available to dioceses a variety of effective models, both local and collaborative, for the formation of priests and deacons to serve in small congregations; and be it further
- 3 *Resolved*, That, if a Formation Networking Team is not created or is not funded, the 79th 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.

A027 New Funding for Clergy Formation

Proposer	Task Force on Clergy Leadership in Small Congregations
Topic	Theological Education
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HB / 15 - Ministry
Current Status	House of Deputies sent Message for Information
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Review Status	Did not pass review - see review report
Final Status	Concurred
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	Calls for the creation of a Task Force to 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.

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 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.

A028 Salary for the President of the House of Deputies

Proposer	Task Force to Study Church Leadership & Compensation
Topic	Budget
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. 33
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HD / 16 - Churchwide Leadership
Current Status	House of Deputies sent Message for Information
Version	Final text
Review Status	Passed review
Final Status	Take No Further Action
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, That this General Convention recognize that The Episcopal Church’s governing documents require the President of the House of Deputies to perform numerous duties that are specified and those that are normally appropriate to the office; and be it further,
- 2 *Resolved*, That this General Convention recognize the continuing evolution of The Episcopal Church and the increased demands on the time and energy of the President of the House of Deputies; and be it further,
- 3 *Resolved*, That this General Convention recognize that there exists a great barrier in identifying and recruiting qualified candidates for President of the House of Deputies because of the lack of compensation for this position, which forecloses other full-time employment; and be it further,
- 4 *Resolved*, That this General Convention recognize that in Resolution D013 the 78th General Convention of The Episcopal Church (2015) affirmed that “the House of Deputies considers it important that [it] be able to choose a President without regard to the financial circumstances of the candidates, [and that] the desirability of compensation for the President of the House of Deputies is a fairness issue,” and that “the House of Bishops understands and appreciates the cogency of, and fairness issues inherent in, the position of the House of Deputies”; and be it further,
- 5 *Resolved*, That this General Convention recognize that to have a compensated President of the House of Deputies shows The Episcopal Church’s recognition of the importance of the laity and the clergy in the governance of The Episcopal Church; and be it further,
- 6 *Resolved*, That this General Convention recognize that the Canons of the General Convention of The Episcopal Church require that the President of the House of Deputies serves as the Vice-Chair of the Executive Council of the General Convention and as the Vice-President of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society [DFMS]; and be it further,

- 7 *Resolved*, that whereas Canon I.4.5(c) provides:
 - 8 Sec. 5 (c) Members of Executive Council shall be entitled to reimbursement for their reasonable expenses of attending meetings, in accordance with procedures established and approved by Executive Council. Except as determined by General Convention, the salaries of all officers of the Council and of all agents and employees of the Council and the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society shall be fixed by the Council.
 - 9 That this General Convention authorize and direct its Executive Council to fix a salary for the President of the House of Deputies as an officer and agent of the Council and as an agent of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society [DFMS].
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A029 Commend the Evangelism Charter for the Church to All Episcopalians

Proposer	Executive Council
Topic	Evangelism
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HD / 11 - Evangelism and Church Planting
Current Status	House of Bishops sent Message for Information
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Final Status	Concurred
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	Adopt the Evangelism Charter for the Episcopal Church

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 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
 - 2 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.
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A030 Small Evangelism Grants

Proposer	Executive Council
Topic	Evangelism
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HD / 11 - Evangelism and Church Planting
Current Status	House of Bishops sent Message for Information
Version	Final text
Review Status	Passed review
Final Status	Concurred
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	Directs the Executive Council to implement small grants program to encourage local worshiping community and diocesan evangelism efforts

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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
 - 2 *Resolved*, That the sum of \$100,000 shall be allocated for this grant program.
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A031 Fund a full time Evangelism Staff Officer

Proposer	Executive Council
Topic	Budget
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HD / 11 - Evangelism and Church Planting
Current Status	House of Deputies sent Message for Information
Version	Final text
Review Status	Did not pass review - see review report
Final Status	Rejected
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, That the General Convention ~~direct funding~~ affirm the initiative of the Presiding Bishop and the Executive Council in the creation of and funding for of a full-time ~~Staff Officer for~~ Evangelism *Officer* to serve on the Presiding Bishop's staff.; *and be it further*
- 2 *Resolved*, That the General Conveniton 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.
- 3 Explanation
- 4 In the previous triennium, the Presiding Bishop's staff contracted with three (3) consultant evangelists, on a five to ten (5-10) hour a week basis, to assist this work. This resolution affirms the creation of a new position already allocated within the proposed budget to replace and extend the work of the three (3) consultants. The committee finds this position vital in carrying out the loving, liberating, and life-giving work of our Episcopal branch of the Jesus Movement.

A032 Congregational Redevelopment

Proposer	Executive Council
Topic	Congregations
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HD / 11 - Evangelism and Church Planting
Current Status	House of Deputies sent Message for Information
Version	Final text
Review Status	Passed review
Final Status	Concurred
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	Create a church-wide Community of Practice and appoint a task force to coordinate this initiative in collaboration with Church Center staff.

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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
- 2 *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
- 3 *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
- 4 *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
- 5 *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.

A033 Supporting and Expanding Episcopal Youth Events

Proposer	Executive Council
Topic	Youth
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HD / 14 - Christian Formation and Discipleship
Current Status	House of Bishops sent Message for Information
Version	Final text
Review Status	Passed review
Final Status	Concurred
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	Resolves that the General Convention commends and supports the Episcopal Youth Event (EYE) and efforts to expand the scope of EYE beyond the continental U.S. Calls for Program, Budget and Finance to consider allocating \$150,000 for this.

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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
- 2 *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.
- 3 *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.

A034 Supporting General Convention Children's Program

Proposer	Executive Council
Topic	Youth
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HD / 04 - Governance and Structure
Current Status	House of Bishops sent Message for Information
Version	Final text
Review Status	Passed review
Final Status	Concurred
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	Commends and supports the General Convention Children's Program.

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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.
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A035 Commend "The Church Towards A Common Vision"

Proposer	Executive Council
Topic	Ecumenism
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HB / 19 - Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations
Current Status	House of Deputies sent Message for Information
Version	Final text
Review Status	Passed review
Final Status	Concurred
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	Commends for study both the 2013 convergence statement published by the World Council of Churches, <i>The Church: Towards a Common Vision</i> , and the draft response from The Episcopal Church, which can be found on the website of The Episcopal Church.

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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.
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A036 Affirm Ongoing Work and Dialogue with Ecumenical Partners

Proposer	Executive Council
Topic	Ecumenism
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HB / 19 - Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations
Current Status	House of Deputies sent Message for Information
Version	Final text
Review Status	Passed review
Final Status	Concurred
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	Affirms ongoing ecumenical dialogues with the Presbyterian Church (USA)-Episcopal Dialogue; the Anglican-Roman Catholic Dialogue (ARCUSA), and the United Methodist Church. Affirms the continued coordinating committee work with our full communion partners, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and the Moravian Church. And celebrates the deepening international relationship with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, the Anglican Church of Canada, and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada.

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1** *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
- 2** *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
- 3** *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.

A037 Encourage Interreligious Engagement

Proposer	Executive Council
Topic	Interfaith Dialogue
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HB / 19 - Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations
Current Status	House of Deputies sent Message for Information
Version	Final text
Review Status	Passed review
Final Status	Concurred
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	Affirms the work to further inter-religious engagement, especially the deepening of the Christian-Jewish and Christian-Muslim engagement as well as the broadening engagement with other religious traditions.

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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.
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A038 Affirm Inter-Anglican Secretariat

Proposer	Executive Council
Topic	Anglican Communion
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HD / 04 - Governance and Structure
Current Status	House of Bishops sent Message for Information
Version	Final text
Review Status	Passed review
Final Status	Concurred
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	Resolves 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).

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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).
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A039 Affirm the Work of The Episcopal Church at the United Nations

Proposer	Executive Council
Topic	International Relations
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HD / 07 - Social Justice and International Policy
Current Status	House of Bishops sent Message for Information
Version	Final text
Review Status	Passed review
Final Status	Concurred
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	Encourages the Executive Council to be in closer dialogue with the official representatives of The Episcopal Church to the United Nations. Encourages the Global Partnerships team and the Church's official representatives to the United Nations to provide access to educational materials and other resources. And encourages all Episcopalians to avail themselves of these resources.

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1** *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
- 2** *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
- 3** *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
- 4** *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*
- 5** *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*

- 6 *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*
 - 7 *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.
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A040 Formal Response to "The Church: Towards a Common Vision"

Proposer	Executive Council
Topic	Ecumenism
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HB / 19 - Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations
Current Status	House of Bishops sent Message for Information
Version	Final text
Review Status	Passed review
Final Status	Take No Further Action
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, That the 79th General Convention encourage the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies to refer the issue of a formal response from the Episcopal Church to the 2013 World Council of Churches statement *The Church: Towards a Common Vision* (TCTCV) to the Joint Committee on Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations for the purpose of proposing a definitive response from the 79th General Convention.
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A041 Episcopal Church-United Methodist Dialogue

Proposer	Executive Council
Topic	Ecumenism
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HB / 19 - Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations
Current Status	House of Deputies sent Message for Information
Version	Final text
Review Status	Passed review
Final Status	Concurred
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	Encourages all Episcopalians to utilize the many resources available to understand the substance of The Episcopal Church-United Methodist Dialogue, and also the proposal “A Gift to the World, Co-Laborers for the Healing of Brokenness” prepared by The Episcopal Church-United Methodist Dialogue.

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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
- 2 *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.”

A042 Proposed Name Change for EC Committee on Anti-Racism

Proposer	Executive Council Committee on Anti-Racism
Topic	Reconciliation
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HB / 09 - Racial Justice and Reconciliation
Current Status	House of Deputies sent Message for Information
Version	Final text
Review Status	Passed review
Final Status	Referred to an Interim Body
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	Executive Council
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, That the Presiding Officers have boldly pushed the Church toward The Jesus Movement as a moment of reconciliation to God; and be it further
 - 2 *Resolved*, That name of the Executive Council Committee on Anti-Racism” be changed to the “Executive Council Committee on Anti-Racism & Reconciliation”
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A043 Clarify and Update Mandate

Proposer	Executive Council Committee on Anti-Racism
Topic	Reconciliation
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HB / 09 - Racial Justice and Reconciliation
Current Status	House of Deputies sent Message for Information
Version	Final text
Review Status	Passed review
Final Status	Concurred
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, That the mandate for the Executive Council Committee on Anti-Racism be amended, and hereby read as follows:
- 2 “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:
- 3 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.”

A044 Establishing an Anti-Racism/Racial Reconciliation Certification Framework: Building Capacity for Becoming Beloved Community

Proposer	Executive Council Committee on Anti-Racism
Topic	Reconciliation
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HB / 09 - Racial Justice and Reconciliation
Current Status	House of Deputies sent Message for Information
Version	Final text
Review Status	Passed review
Final Status	Concurred
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

1 *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:

- 2 1) Liturgy, preferably a celebration of Eucharist when possible or other corporate worship, grounding the work in scripture and spiritual formation
- 3 (Proclaiming the Dream of Beloved Community)
- 4 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.
- 5 (Telling the Truth about the Church and Race)
- 6 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.

- 7 (Repairing the Breach)
- 8 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.
- 9 (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.

A045 Revision and Reminder of Anti-Racism Training Requirement

Proposer	Executive Council Committee on Anti-Racism
Topic	Racism
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HB / 09 - Racial Justice and Reconciliation
Current Status	House of Deputies sent Message for Information
Version	Final text
Review Status	Did not pass review - see review report
Final Status	Concurred
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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-BO49 regarding training of all ordained persons and lay leadership; and be it further
- 2 *Resolved*, That we acknowledge that the work of dismantling racism is an essential part of spiritual formation; and be it further
- 3 *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
- 4 *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
- 5 *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
- 6 *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.

A046 Host a Racial Reconciliation Awards Program

Proposer	Executive Council Committee on Anti-Racism
Topic	Reconciliation
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HB / 09 - Racial Justice and Reconciliation
Current Status	House of Bishops sent Message for Information
Version	Final text
Review Status	Passed review
Final Status	Rejected
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, That it is recognized that people exhibit behavior following examples they see; and be it further
 - 2 *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
 - 3 *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.
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A047 Ethical Investments

Proposer	Executive Council Committee on Corporate and Social Responsibility
Topic	Socially Responsible Investment
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HD / 18 - Stewardship & Socially Responsible Investing
Current Status	House of Deputies sent Message for Information
Version	Final text
Review Status	Did not pass review - see review report
Final Status	Take No Further Action
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, That the 79th General Convention reminds the Church that it is an ethical investor and that any investment return that is not obtained with due regard for the ethical and social positions of the Church risks undermining our values, and as the body of Christ in the world, we are called to seek to act in accordance with Christ's teachings including: promoting justice, making peace, loving our neighbors (including our enemies), and advocating for, supporting and serving the poor, the weak, and those oppressed or marginalized for any reason, because in so doing we are carrying out God's mission in the world, reconciling all things to Christ; and be it further
- 2 *Resolved*, That a copy of this resolution be distributed to the Executive Council members and its Finance and Investment committees, and all diocesan treasurers to be shared with their diocesan finance committees and diocesan councils, diocesan congregations, and to the various institutions related to the Church that make investments in corporations such as the Church Pension Fund and that the resolution be discussed by all these entities and methods of implementation identified.

A048 Establish Task Force to Oversee Creation of Training Materials

Proposer	Task Force to Update Sexual Misconduct Policies
Topic	Sexual Misconduct
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HD / 03 - Safeguarding and Title IV
Current Status	House of Bishops sent Message for Information
Version	Final text
Review Status	Passed review
Final Status	Concurred
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	Establishes a Task Force 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.

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1** *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
- 2** *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
- 3** *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
- 4** *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

- 5 *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
 - 6 *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
 - 7 *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.
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A049 Host Model Policies on DFMS Website

Proposer	Task Force to Update Sexual Misconduct Policies
Topic	Sexual Misconduct
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HD / 03 - Safeguarding and Title IV
Current Status	House of Deputies sent Message for Information
Version	Final text
Review Status	Did not pass review - see review report
Final Status	Take No Further Action
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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, the safe church training materials for such prevention including a comprehensive list of resources and to institute a procedure to update the training materials and curate the resources listed; and be it further
 - 2 *Resolved*, That this 79th General Convention direct the Office of the General Convention [GCO] to oversee such hosting, updating and curation responsibilities.
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A050 Funding for Safe Church Training

Proposer	Task Force to Update Sexual Misconduct Policies
Topic	Sexual Misconduct
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HD / 03 - Safeguarding and Title IV
Current Status	House of Deputies sent Message for Information
Version	Final text
Review Status	Passed review
Final Status	Take No Further Action
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, That this 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church commits itself to the financial support of developing and maintaining safe church training materials to reflect the Model Policies for the Protection of Children and Youth, and Model Policies for the Protection of Vulnerable Adults approved in 2017, and the prevention of sexual misconduct, to be developed during the next triennium, to advance clergy wellness and reduce liability, with costs to be shared equally by the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society [DFMS], and the Church Pension Group [CPG]; and be it further
 - 2 *Resolved*, That the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance provide a budget allocation for half the cost, \$245,000 and directs the Church Pension Group [CPG] to provide the matching \$245,000 to provide safe church training materials to implement the Model Policies.
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A051 Modify Parochial Report

Proposer	Task Force to Update Sexual Misconduct Policies
Topic	Parochial Reports
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HB / 10 - Congregational and Diocesan Vitality
Current Status	House of Deputies sent Message for Information
Version	Final text
Review Status	Did not pass review - see review report
Final Status	Concurred
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	Requires the information pertaining 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, be added to the Parochial Reports.

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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.
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A052 Matters Pertaining to The Episcopal Church in Cuba

Proposer	Task Force on the Episcopal Church in Cuba
Topic	New Dioceses
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HD / 06 - The Episcopal Church in Cuba
Current Status	House of Deputies sent Message for Information
Version	Final text
Review Status	Did not pass review - see review report
Final Status	Take No Further Action
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, That the 79th General Convention welcomes with joy the request of the sisters and brothers of the Episcopal Church in Cuba to reunite with the Episcopal Church; and be it further
- 2 *Resolved*, That the General Convention underscore its hope that the various dioceses of The Episcopal Church work in harmony and companionship with the Church in Cuba for evangelism, mutual understanding, and the full expression of God's mission; and be it further
- 3 *Resolved*, That the General Convention call upon the congregations and members of The Episcopal Church to acquaint themselves with the ministries of the Church in Cuba; and be it further
- 4 *Resolved*, That the General Convention call upon the dioceses and congregations of The Episcopal Church to consider ways in which they can be in relationship and partnership with the Church in Cuba going forward; and be it further
- 5 *Resolved*, That the General Convention express its deep gratitude to the Anglican Church of Canada for its long and continuing support for the Church in Cuba; and be it further
- 6 *Resolved*, That the General Convention request that all congregations keep the Church of Cuba in heartfelt and loving prayer; and be it further
- 7 *Resolved*, That effective the conclusion of the 79th General Convention, the clergy of the Diocese of Cuba shall be eligible to participate in The Church Pension Fund International Clergy Pension Plan (ICPP), consistent with the terms of the ICPP, applicable law and subject to receipt of any necessary licenses from the Office of Foreign Assets Control (O.F.A.C.) or any other applicable governmental authority; and be it further

- 8 *Resolved*, That the 79th General Convention requests that the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance allocate for payment to The Church Pension Fund an amount equal to the actuarial liability associated with providing active clergy in the Diocese of Cuba with retroactive credited service under the ICPP for services performed for the Diocese of Cuba, subject to compliance with applicable laws and the receipt of any necessary licenses from O.F.A.C. or any other applicable governmental authority; and be it further
 - 9 *Resolved*, That the General Convention support the formation of a 3-year interim body to accompany the Diocese of Cuba as it fully integrates into the Episcopal Church.
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A053 Design a New Parochial Report

Proposer	House of Deputies Committee on the State of the Church
Topic	Parochial Reports
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HB / 10 - Congregational and Diocesan Vitality
Current Status	House of Deputies sent Message for Information
Version	Final text
Review Status	Did not pass review - see review report
Final Status	Concurred
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	Calls for a re-design of the Parochial Reports with regards to ease of data collection, relevance of data collected, an improved user interface, and an application programming interface to allow data integration into other tools.

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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
- 2 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
- 3 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.

A054 An Offering of Prayer for the Whole Church

Proposer	House of Deputies Committee on the State of the Church
Topic	Liturgy
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HB / 12 - Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music
Current Status	House of Deputies sent Message for Information
Version	Final text
Review Status	Passed review
Final Status	Concurred
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	Invites 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 create a collection of prayer, liturgy and music which they will present to the 80th General Convention for use by the whole Episcopal Church.

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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
 - 2 *Resolved*, That this collection be presented to the 80th General Convention for use by the whole Episcopal Church; and be it further
 - 3 *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.
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A055 Develop Multicultural Ministry Pathways

Proposer	House of Deputies Committee on the State of the Church
Topic	Diversity
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HD / 14 - Christian Formation and Discipleship
Current Status	House of Bishops sent Message for Information
Version	Final text
Review Status	Passed review
Final Status	Concurred
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	Directs the Multicultural ministers of the Church Center to develop and disseminate resources and best practices for multicultural leadership development and seek feedback regarding resources needed and used. Asks for a budget allocation of \$250,000.

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1** *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
 - 2** *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*
 - 3** *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.
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A056 Create Task Force on the Theology of Social Justice Advocacy as Christian Justice

Proposer	House of Deputies Committee on the State of the Church
Topic	Justice
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HB / 15 - Ministry
Current Status	House of Deputies sent Message for Information
Version	Final text
Review Status	Passed review
Final Status	Concurred
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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
- 2 *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
- 3 *Resolved*, That the Task Force be directed to report its findings and recommendations to the 80th General Convention; and be it further
- 4 *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.

A057 Strengthen Staff Resources for Networking

Proposer	House of Deputies Committee on the State of the Church
Topic	Justice
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HB / 08 - Social Justice and United States Policy
Current Status	House of Deputies sent Message for Information
Version	Final text
Review Status	Passed review
Final Status	Concurred
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	Supports the strengthening of Church wide staff resources to support the grassroots work of The Episcopal Church in the areas of social justice advocacy and ethnic and multicultural ministry.

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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.
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A058 Encourage Use of Asset Map

Proposer	House of Deputies Committee on the State of the Church
Topic	Justice
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HB / 10 - Congregational and Diocesan Vitality
Current Status	House of Deputies sent Message for Information
Version	Final text
Review Status	Passed review
Final Status	Concurred
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	Challenges all congregations to fully complete their profile on the Episcopal Asset Map, a joint project of The Episcopal Church and Episcopal Relief & Development.

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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.
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A059 Amend HOD Rules of Order III - Additional Duties of Deputies

Proposer	House of Deputies Committee on the State of the Church
Topic	Rules of Order
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. 200
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HD / 01 - Rules of Order/HOD
Current Status	House of Deputies sent Message for Information
Version	Final text
Review Status	Did not pass review - see review report
Final Status	Rejected
C&C / RoO change?	Yes
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, That the House of Deputies hereby amends the Rules of Order to add III.C.1-4:
- 2 *(C) Duties of Deputies*
- 3 *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.*
- 4 *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.*
- 5 *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.*
- 6 *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.*
- 7 And be it further
- 8 *Resolved*, That pursuant to Canon I.1.2, this will remain in force until amended or repealed by the House.

A060 Create a Task Force to Study Church's Pension System

Proposer	House of Deputies Committee on the State of the Church
Topic	Church Pension Fund
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HD / 04 - Governance and Structure
Current Status	House of Bishops sent Message for Information
Version	Final text
Review Status	Passed review
Final Status	Concurred
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	Requires the Executive Council and The Church Pension Fund study jointly the historical and current relationship of The Episcopal Church and The Church Pension Fund and issue a joint report about this study by December 31, 2019.

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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
 - 2 *Resolved*, The Executive Council and The Church Pension Fund issue a joint report about this study by December 31, 2019.
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A061 Create a Task Force on Theology of Money

Proposer	House of Deputies Committee on the State of the Church
Topic	Stewardship
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HD / 18 - Stewardship & Socially Responsible Investing
Current Status	House of Bishops sent Message for Information
Version	Final text
Review Status	Passed review
Final Status	Concurred
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	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.

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 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
- 2 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
- 3 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
- 4 Resolved, That the Task Force be directed to present its findings and recommendations to the 80th General Convention; and be it further
- 5 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
- 6 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.

A062 Amend Canon II.3.6-9

Proposer	Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music
Topic	Canons
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. 62-64
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HD / 02 - Constitution and Canons
Current Status	House of Bishops sent Message for Information
Version	Final text
Review Status	Did not pass review - see review report
Final Status	Concurred
C&C / RoO change?	Yes
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, That the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church amend Canon II.3.6 as follows:
- 2 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*.
- 3 (b) It shall be the duty of the Custodian of the Standard Book of Common Prayer:
 - 4 (1) To arrange for the publication of such proposed revision;
 - 5 (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;
 - 6 (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.
- 7 (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.

- 8 (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.
 - 9 And be it further
 - 10 Resolved, That Canon III.3 be amended by adding a new Section 7 and renumbering all subsequent sections:
 - 11 Sec. 7. Whenever the General Convention, pursuant to Article X(e) 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.
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A063 Amend Article X of the Constitution of the Episcopal Church (First Reading)

Proposer	Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music
Topic	Constitution
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. 9
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HD / 13 - Committee to Receive the Report of Resolution A169
Current Status	House of Bishops sent Message for Information
Version	Final text
Review Status	Passed review
Final Status	Concurred
C&C / RoO change?	Yes
Referrals	
Summary	First reading for a change to Article X of the Constitution to authorize alternative and additional liturgies to supplement Book of Common Prayer.

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, That the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church amend Article X of the Constitution of the Episcopal Church as follows
- 2 ARTICLE X
- 3 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:
 - 4 (a) Amend the Table of Lessons and all Tables and Rubrics relating to the Psalms.
 - 5 (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.

- 6 *(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.*
- 7 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.
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A064 Authorize the Book of Occasional Services, 2018

Proposer	Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music
Topic	Liturgy
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HB / 12 - Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music
Current Status	House of Bishops sent Message for Information
Version	Final text
Review Status	Passed review
Final Status	Take No Further Action
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, That the 79th General Convention authorize for optional use throughout this Church the revision of that certain document entitled *The Book of Occasional Services*, prepared by the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music and published by The Church Hymnal Corporation in 1979, and last revised in 2003.
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A065 Authorize Lesser Feasts and Fasts 2018

Proposer	Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music
Topic	Lesser Feasts/Fasts
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HB / 12 - Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music
Current Status	House of Deputies sent Message for Information
Version	Final text
Review Status	Did not pass review - see review report
Final Status	Concurred
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, That the 79th General Convention authorize the continued use of *Lesser Feasts and Fasts 2006*; and be it further
 - 2 *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
 - 3 *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
 - 4 *Resolved*, That the SCLM provide the 80th General Convention with a clear and unambiguous plan for a singular calendar of *Lesser Feasts and Fasts*.
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A066 Add Thurgood Marshall, Pauli Murray, and Florence Li Tim-Oi to Lesser Feasts and Fasts, 2018

Proposer	Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music
Topic	Lesser Feasts/Fasts
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HB / 12 - Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music
Current Status	House of Bishops sent Message for Information
Version	Final text
Review Status	Passed review
Final Status	Take No Further Action
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That the 79th General Convention include Thurgood Marshall, Pauli Murray, and Florence Li Tim-Oi in Lesser Feasts and Fasts 2018.
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A067 Propose Additional Optional Fast Days for Lesser Feasts and Fasts

Proposer	Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music
Topic	Lesser Feasts/Fasts
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HB / 12 - Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music
Current Status	House of Deputies sent Message for Information
Version	Final text
Review Status	Passed review
Final Status	Referred to an Interim Body
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, 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.
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A068 Plan for the Revision of the Book of Common Prayer

Proposer	Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music
Topic	Book of Common Prayer
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HD / 13 - Committee to Receive the Report of Resolution A169
Current Status	House of Deputies sent Message for Information
Version	Final text
Review Status	Passed review
Final Status	Concurred
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	Outlines a plan for revision of The Book of Common Prayer, including the formation of a Task Force on Liturgical and Prayer Book Revision (TFLPBR).

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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
- 2 *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
- 3 *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
- 4 *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
- 5 *Resolved*, That this church continue to engage the deep Baptismal and Eucharistic theology and practice of the 1979 Prayer Book; and be it further
- 6 *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

- 7 *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
- 8 *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
- 9 *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
- 10 *Resolved*, That our liturgical revision utilize inclusive and expansive language and imagery for humanity and divinity; and be it further
- 11 *Resolved*, That our liturgical revision shall incorporate and express understanding, appreciation, and care of God's creation; and be it further
- 12 *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
- 13 *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
- 14 *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
- 15 *Resolved*, That the TFLPBR shall report to the 80th General Convention; and be it further
- 16 *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.

A069 Engagement with the Book of Common Prayer

Proposer	Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music
Topic	Book of Common Prayer
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HD / 13 - Committee to Receive the Report of Resolution A169
Current Status	House of Deputies sent Message for Information
Version	Final text
Review Status	Passed review
Final Status	Take No Further Action
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, That this 79th Convention of the Episcopal Church, calls the Episcopal Church to devote the next triennium to deep engagement with the structure, content, language and theological thrust of *The Book of Common Prayer (1979)*, with a view to increasing the Church's familiarity with the book in its entirety; and directs the SCLM to develop materials to aid local dioceses, congregations, seminaries, and schools in the process of this deep engagement, focusing particularly on the use of the Prayer Book as an instrument for the catechesis and spiritual formation of the whole people of God; and directs the SCLM and the Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons to work jointly in expanding the canonical categories of liturgies authorized for use in this Church, resulting in resolutions to that effect to be considered by the 80th Convention in 2021.
 - 2 And be it further
 - 3 *Resolved*, That the sum of \$1,180,625.00 be appropriated the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music for the completion of this plan.
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A070 Translation of the Book of Common Prayer

Proposer	Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music
Topic	Language Translation
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HD / 13 - Committee to Receive the Report of Resolution A169
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Final Status	Concurred
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	Authorizes new translations of the Book of Common Prayer following the Guidelines for the Translation of Liturgical Materials adopted by the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music. Also calls for the creation of an SCLM Task Force for Translations.

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 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.
- Resolved*, That in this process the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music establish, within its auspices, an SCLM Task Force for Translations.
- 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.
- Resolved*, That the sum of \$201,000 be budgeted to the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to carry out this work.

A071 Provincial Vitality

Proposer	Task Force to Study Provinces
Topic	Provinces
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HB / 10 - Congregational and Diocesan Vitality
Current Status	House of Bishops sent Message for Information
Version	Final text
Review Status	Passed review
Final Status	Take No Further Action
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, That the Provincial Leadership Conference articulate characteristics that would indicate a vital, fruitful provincial system contributing to strengthening the mission of The Episcopal Church and the wider Church. The indicators must take into account the diversity inherent in the provinces and those dioceses they serve, and they must be applicable across The Episcopal Church; and be it further;
 - 2 *Resolved*, That the Provincial Leadership Conference report annually to the Executive Council on the progress of this work; and be it further;
 - 3 *Resolved*, That each province determine its ways of moving toward vitality based on the articulated indicators, reflecting regularly on the outcomes of any changes/shifts and reporting outcomes to the annual Provincial Leadership Conference gathering.
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A072 Provincial Geographic Boundaries

Proposer	Task Force to Study Provinces
Topic	Provinces
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HD / 04 - Governance and Structure
Current Status	House of Bishops sent Message for Information
Version	Final text
Review Status	Did not pass review - see review report
Final Status	Concurred
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	Calls for each diocese of this Church to review its involvement in and relationship to its current province.

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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.

A073 Mandates to Provinces

Proposer	Task Force to Study Provinces
Topic	Provinces
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HD / 04 - Governance and Structure
Current Status	House of Bishops sent Message for Information
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Review Status	Passed review
Final Status	Concurred
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	Requires that prior to taking action affecting provinces, the governing bodies of this Church first consider the impacts to determine if all provinces have the financial and other resources necessary to comply with the actions, and make appropriate adjustments.

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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.
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A074 The Prophetic Voice of Provinces

Proposer	Task Force to Study Provinces
Topic	Provinces
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HB / 10 - Congregational and Diocesan Vitality
Current Status	House of Bishops sent Message for Information
Version	Final text
Review Status	Passed review
Final Status	Take No Further Action
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, That in the 2018-2021 triennium, each province exercise its prophetic vision and voice for The Episcopal Church, in calling forth and nourishing the ministry and mission networks throughout the province; and be it further
 - 2 *Resolved*, That the Provincial Leadership Conference help to build the collaborations across the provincial boundaries, and with the ministry offices at The Episcopal Church noting particularly the resources used and additional resources that would benefit the networks, submit this data to Executive Council at the end of each budget year.
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A075 Executive Council Representatives from Provinces

Proposer	Task Force to Study Provinces
Topic	Executive Council
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HD / 04 - Governance and Structure
Current Status	House of Bishops sent Message for Information
Version	Final text
Review Status	Did not pass review - see review report
Final Status	Concurred
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	Urges the Executive Council to develop best practices for provinces to use when nominating and electing provincial representatives to Executive Council

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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.
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A076 Amend Canon I.1.14(c)

Proposer	Task Force to Study Provinces
Topic	Canons
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. 23
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HD / 04 - Governance and Structure
Current Status	House of Bishops sent Message for Information
Version	Final text
Review Status	Passed review
Final Status	Referred to an Interim Body
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	JSC on Planning and Arrangements
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, That Canon I.1.14 (c) of the Canons is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 2 (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.

A077 Amend Canon I.7.1(a)

Proposer	Task Force to Study Provinces
Topic	Canons
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. 39
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HD / 04 - Governance and Structure
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Version	Final text
Review Status	Passed review
Final Status	Referred to an Interim Body
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	Executive Council
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, That Canon I.7.1 (a) of the Canons is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 2 Sec. 1. In every Province, Diocese, Parish, Mission and Institution connected with this Church, the following standard business methods shall be observed:
- 3 (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~~ *Province*. 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.

A078 Amend Canon I.9.2-13

Proposer	Task Force to Study Provinces
Topic	Canons
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. 44-46
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HD / 04 - Governance and Structure
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Review Status	Did not pass review - see review report
Final Status	Referred to an Interim Body
C&C / RoO change?	Yes
Referrals	Interim Body
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, That Canon I.9.2 of the Canons is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 2 Sec 2. The primary purposes of the Provinces are to facilitate inter-diocesan collaboration *to further the mission of the Church and* 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
- 3 *Resolved*, That Canon I.9.3 (a) is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 4 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 (2) 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
- 5 *Resolved*, That Canon I.9.3 (b) is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 6 (b) By mutual agreement between the ~~Synods~~ of two (2) 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
- 7 *Resolved*, That Canon I.9.4 is hereby amended to read as follows:

- 8 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
- 9 *Resolved*, That Canon I.9.5 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 10 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
- 11 *Resolved*, That Canon I.9.6 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 12 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
- 13 *Resolved*, That Canon I.9.7 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 14 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.~~
- 15 (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

16 *Resolved*, That Canon I.9.8 is hereby amended to read as follows:

17 ~~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~~

18 *Resolved*, That Canon I.9.9 is hereby amended to read as follows

19 ~~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~~

20 *Resolved*, That Canon I.9.10 is hereby amended as follows:

21 ~~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,~~

22 ~~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

23 *Resolved*, That Canon I.9.11 is hereby amended as follows:

24 ~~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~~

25 ~~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~~

26 *Resolved*, That Canon I.9.12 is hereby amended as follows:

27 ~~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~~

28 *Resolved*, That Canon I.9.13 is hereby amended as follows:

29 ~~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~~

A079 Amend Canon I.11.3(c)

Proposer	Task Force to Study Provinces
Topic	Canons
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. 49-50
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HD / 04 - Governance and Structure
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Review Status	Passed review
Final Status	Referred to an Interim Body
C&C / RoO change?	Yes
Referrals	Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, That Canon I.11.3 (c) is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 2 (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.

A080 A Season of Provincial Discernment

Proposer	Task Force to Study Provinces
Topic	Provinces
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HB / 10 - Congregational and Diocesan Vitality
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Review Status	Passed review
Final Status	Take No Further Action
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1** *Resolved*, That during the 2018-2021 triennium, The Episcopal Church commit to a season of discernment focused on identifying and strengthening the work of the provinces in the whole system of The Episcopal Church; including but not limited to: visioning for the kinds of collective aspirations for dioceses within a province as well as between provinces and articulating how these aspirations and efforts support the mission of The Episcopal Church and the wider Church; building the capacity for resource sharing between dioceses within a province as well as across the provinces; articulating the funding issues associated with the collaborative communications and networking and finding ways to support these funding issues (including the use of compensated staff); and be it further;
- 2** *Resolved*, That this work be initiated by the provinces, but expanded to include the dioceses and the larger Episcopal Church offices in the work and deliberations; and be it further;
- 3** *Resolved*, That the information articulated and developed be collected by the Provincial Leadership Conference and presented with recommendations for any system changes to the 80th General Convention.

A081 An Episcopal Theology of Evangelism

Proposer	Task Force on Leveraging Social Media for Evangelism
Topic	Evangelism
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HD / 11 - Evangelism and Church Planting
Current Status	House of Bishops sent Message for Information
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Review Status	Did not pass review - see review report
Final Status	Concurred
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	Commends White Paper, "A Practical Theology of Episcopal Evangelism: Face-to-Face and in Cyberspace"

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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.
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A082 Training for [Digital] Evangelists

Proposer	Task Force on Leveraging Social Media for Evangelism
Topic	Evangelism
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HD / 11 - Evangelism and Church Planting
Current Status	House of Bishops sent Message for Information
Version	Final text
Review Status	Passed review
Final Status	Concurred
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	Complete development of curriculum for training digital evangelists and utilize curriculum as part of The Episcopal Church's ongoing work of training evangelists

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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
 - 2 *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
 - 3 *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
 - 4 *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.
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A083 Implementation of The Way Forward - Establishing an Effective and Efficient 21st Century Seminary

Proposer	Board of Trustees of the General Theological Seminary of the Episcopal Church
Topic	Theological Education
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HD / 04 - Governance and Structure
Current Status	House of Bishops sent Message for Information
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Review Status	Passed review
Final Status	Concurred
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	Amends the Constitution of the General Theological Seminary.

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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:
- 2 ARTICLE III
- 3 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;
- 4 And be it further
- 5 *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.

A084 Amend Canon III.12.9-12

Proposer	House of Bishops Committee on Pastoral Development
Topic	Canons
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. 122
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HB / 15 - Ministry
Current Status	House of Deputies sent Message for Information
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Review Status	Passed review
Final Status	Concurred
C&C / RoO change?	Yes
Referrals	
Summary	Adds a clause on process when a bishop is impaired.

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, That Canon III.9-12 be amended as follows:
- 2 Sec. 9 The Resignation or Incapacity of Bishops
- 3 ~~(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.~~
- 4 ~~(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.~~
- 5 *Sec. 10 Impairment*
- 6 *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.

7 And be it further

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

A085 Trial Use of Marriage Liturgies

Proposer	Task Force on the Study of Marriage
Topic	Book of Common Prayer
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
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Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- Resolved*, That the 79th General Convention, in accordance with Article X of the Constitution and Canons II.3.6, authorize for trial use as additions to The Book of Common Prayer (to be inserted following page 438) “The Witnessing and Blessing of a Marriage,” “The Celebration and Blessing of a Marriage 2,” “The Blessing of a Civil Marriage 2,” and “An Order for Marriage 2” (as revised and appended to the report of the Task Force on the Study of Marriage to the 79th General Convention), beginning the First Sunday of Advent 2018; and be it further,
- Resolved*, That paragraph 1 of “Concerning the Service” regarding “The Celebration and Blessing of a Marriage” and “The Blessing of a Civil Marriage” (Book of Common Prayer page 422) be amended for trial use in accordance with Article X of the Constitution and Canon II.3.6 to read as follows:
- Christian marriage is a solemn and public covenant between ~~a man and a woman~~ *two people* in the presence of God. In The Episcopal Church it is required that one (1), at least, of the parties must be a baptized Christian; that the ceremony be attested by at least two (2) witnesses; and that the marriage conform to the laws of the State and the Canons of this Church. And be it further
- Resolved*, That the following Preface for Marriage 2 be authorized for trial use as an addition to The Book of Common Prayer (to be inserted on page 349) in accordance with Article X of the Constitution and Canon II.3.6:
- Because in the marriage of two (2) people in faithful love, thou dost reveal unto us the joy and abundant life thou sharest with thy Son Jesus Christ and the Holy Ghost. And be it further
- Resolved*, That the following Preface for Marriage 2 be authorized for trial use as an addition to The Book of Common Prayer (to be inserted on page 381) in accordance with Article X of the Constitution and Canons II.3.6:

- 7 Because in the marriage of two (2) people in faithful love, you reveal the joy and abundant life you share with your Son Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit. And be it further
- 8 *Resolved*, That the section “Other Sacramental Rites” in “An Outline of the Faith commonly called the Catechism” in The Book of Common Prayer (page 861) be amended for trial use in accordance with Article X of the Constitution and Canons II.3.6 to read as follows:
- 9 Q. What is Holy Matrimony?
- 10 A. Holy Matrimony is Christian marriage, in which *two (2) people* ~~the woman and man~~ enter into a life-long union, make their vows before God and the Church, and receive the grace and blessing of God to help them fulfill their vows.
- 11 Q. What is required of those to be married?
- 12 A. It is required of those to be married that at least one (1) member of the couple be baptized and that they have been instructed that Christian marriage is an unconditional, mutual, exclusive, faithful and lifelong commitment intended for the couple’s mutual joy, for the help and comfort given to each other in prosperity and adversity, and, when it is God’s will, for the gift and heritage of children and their nurture in the knowledge and love of God. And be it further
- 13 *Resolved*, That these additions and alterations to The Book of Common Prayer authorized for trial use by this Convention are understood to be for the period between the 79th and 80th General Conventions, with the option to 1) extend the period of trial use, 2) adopt on second reading, without amendment, these materials as additions/alterations to The Book of Common Prayer; or 3) take some other course of action as determined by the 80th General Convention; and be it further
- 14 *Resolved*, That these alterations and additions be published in “Liturgical Resources 2” (as appended to the report of the Task Force on the Study of Marriage); and be it further
- 15 *Resolved*, That bishops exercising ecclesiastical authority or, where appropriate, ecclesiastical supervision, will make provision for all couples asking to be married in this Church to have reasonable and convenient access to these trial liturgies; and be it further
- 16 *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
- 17 *Resolved*, That the provision of Canon I.18.7 applies by extension to these liturgies authorized for trial use, 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

- 18 *Resolved*, That the provisions of Canon I.19.3 regarding marriage after divorce apply equally to these liturgies authorized for trial use, in accordance with guidelines established by each diocese; and be it further
 - 19 *Resolved*, That this Church continue to honor theological diversity 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 theological support for or objection to the 79th General Convention's action pertaining to this resolution; and be it further
 - 20 *Resolved*, That in accordance with Article X of the Constitution, notice of this resolution "be sent within six (6) months to the Secretary of the Convention of every Diocese, to be made known to the Diocesan Convention at its next meeting"; and be it further
 - 21 *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 "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.
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A086 Authorize Rites to Bless Relationships

Proposer	Task Force on the Study of Marriage
Topic	Liturgy
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
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Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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
- 2 *Resolved*, That this rite is to be used under the direction of a bishop exercising ecclesiastical authority (or ecclesiastical supervision); and be it further
- 3 *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
- 4 *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
- 5 *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
- 6 *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

- 7 *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
 - 8 *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
 - 9 *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
 - 10 *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.
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A087 Develop Relationship Pastoral Resources

Proposer	Task Force on the Study of Marriage
Topic	Pastoral Care
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
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C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	Calls for the curation of resources for pastoral guidance and teaching to minister to the growing number of persons entering into sexually intimate relationships other than marriage.

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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
- 2 *Resolved*, That the selection process for resources shall be guided by the following principles that were adopted by General Convention 2000-Do39: "That we expect such relationships will be characterized by fidelity, monogamy, mutual affection and respect, careful, honest communication, and the holy love which enables those in such relationships to see in each other the image of God."; and be it further
- 3 *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 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; and be it further
- 4 *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.

A088 Proposed Guidelines for Amending Church Records

Proposer	Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons
Topic	Gender Identity
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
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C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	Directs the Archives of The Episcopal Church to develop guidelines regarding the amending of names and gender in church records

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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
- 2 *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
- 3 *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.

A089 Amend Articles VI and VIII regarding Full Communion

Proposer	Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons
Topic	Constitution
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
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C&C / RoO change?	Yes
Referrals	
Summary	First reading of a change to the Constitution - adds the word full as in full communion.

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, That the 79th General Convention amend Articles VI and VIII to read as follows:
- 2 ARTICLE VI
- 3 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.
- 4 ARTICLE VIII
- 5 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 (2) 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:
- 6 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.
- 7 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.
- 8 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.

- 9 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.
 - 10 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.
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A090 Amend Canons regarding Full Communion

Proposer	Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons
Topic	Canons
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
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Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, That the 79th General Convention amend the following identified Canons to read as follows:
 - 2 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.
 - 3 (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.
- 4 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.
- 5 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.

- 6 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.
- 7 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.
- 8 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.
- 9 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 (2) 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.
- 10 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 (1) 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.
- 11 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.

- 12 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.
- 13 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,
- 14 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,
- 15 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,
- 16 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.
- 17 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:
 - 18 (1) is a communicant;
 - 19 (2) is recorded as being in good standing;
 - 20 (3) has been confirmed or received by a Bishop of this Church or a Bishop in *full* communion with this Church.
- 21 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.
- 22 Canon I.20: Of Churches in Full Communion

- 23 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:
- 24 (a) the Old Catholic Churches of the Union of Utrecht,
- 25 (b) la Iglesia Filipina Independiente/the Philippine Independent Church, and
- 26 (c) the Mar Thoma Syrian Church of Malabar.
- 27 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.
- 28 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.
- 29 Canon III.9.5. Transfer to Churches in *Full* Communion with This Church
- 30 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:
- 31 I hereby certify that A.B., who has signified to me the desire to be transferred to the Ecclesiastical Authority of Deputies_____, is a Priest of the Diocese of Deputies_____ 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.
- 32 (Date) Deputies (Signed) Deputies____
- 33 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:

- 34 I hereby certify that A.B. has been canonically transferred to my jurisdiction and is a Priest in good standing.
- 35 (Date) Deputies (Signed) Deputies _____
- 36 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.
- 37 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.
- 38 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:
- 39 (1) The General Convention, by Canon or otherwise, from authorizing persons to officiate in congregations in accordance with such terms as it deems appropriate;
- 40 (2) The Bishop of any Diocese from giving permission
- 41 (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
- 42 (ii) To Clergy of any other church to preach the Gospel, or in ecumenical settings to assist in the administration of the sacraments; or
- 43 (iii) To godly persons who are not Clergy of this Church to address the Church on special occasions; *or*
- 44 (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.

45 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:

46 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 Deputies____ in good standing, and as such is entitled to the rights and privileges of that Order.

47 (Date) Deputies____ (Signed) DeputiesDeputies_____

48 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.

49 Canon III.10.2(a)(3):

50 (3) The provisions of ~~this Section~~ *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.

51 (i) ~~those duly constituted Dioceses, Provinces, and regional Churches in communion with the See of Canterbury,~~

52 ~~(ii) the Old Catholic Churches of the Union of Utrecht,~~

53 ~~(iii) the Philippine Independent Church, and~~

54 ~~(iv) the Mar Thoma Syrian Church of Malabar~~

55 ~~(v) the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.~~

56 Canon III.11.9(c)

57 (c) Missionary Bishops

58 (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.

59 (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.

60 Canon III.12.5(b)

61 An Assistant Bishop may be appointed from among the following:

62 (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;

63 (2) Bishops of this Church who, having resigned their previous responsibilities, are qualified to perform episcopal acts in this Church; and

64 (3) Bishops of a Church in *full* communion with this Church, in good standing therein, if they:

65 (i) have previously resigned their former responsibilities;

66 (ii) have received approval, by a competent authority within the Church of their ordination of their appointment to the position of Assistant Bishop;

67 (iii) have exhibited satisfactory evidence of moral and godly character and having met theological requirements;

68 (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;

69 (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 [CPG] shall be used for these purposes.

70 Canon III.12.9(h)

71 (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.

72 Canon IV.14.12(b)

73 (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.

74 Canon IV.16

75 CANON 16: Of Abandonment of The Episcopal Church

76 (A) By a Bishop

77 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 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.

78 (B) By a Priest or Deacon

79 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 (60) day period the Bishop Diocesan will consider deposing the Priest or Deacon in accordance with the provisions of Section 4.

A091 Amend Canon III.9 and III.7 - Equity in Clergy Hiring and Appointment Practices

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RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, That Canon III.9 is hereby amended to add the following to read as follows:
 - 2 Section 3: The Appointment of Priests:
 - 3 *(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.*
 - 4 and be it further
 - 5 *Resolved*, That the existing sections be numbered appropriately; and be it further
 - 6 *Resolved*, That Canon III.7.1 is hereby amended to read as follows:
 - 7 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.*
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A092 Amend Canons - Reception of Clergy from Churches in Apostolic Succession

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Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, That Canon III.10.3(a) is amended to read as follows:
- 2 Sec. 3. Clergy Ordained by Bishops in Churches in the Historic Succession but Not in *Full* Communion with This Church
- 3 (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:
 - 4 (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.*
 - 5 (2) *The person, if agreeing, shall accept the nomination in writing, and shall provide the following in writing to the Bishop:*
 - 6 (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.*

- 7 ~~(1) Evidence that the person is a confirmed adult communicant in good standing in a Congregation of this Church.~~
- 8 (3) ~~(2)~~ Evidence of previous *ordained* Ministry and that all other credentials are valid and authentic.
- 9 (4) ~~(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.
- 10 (5) ~~(4)~~ Transcripts of all academic and theological studies.
- 11 (6) ~~(5)~~ A certificate from at least two (2) 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.
- 12 (7) ~~(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.

13 ~~(7) A statement of the reasons for seeking to enter Holy Orders in this Church~~

14 And be it further

15 *Resolved*, That Canon III.10.4 is hereby amended to read as follows:

16 Sec. 4. Clergy Ordained in Churches Not in the Historic Succession

17 (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.*

18 ~~(1) The person must first be a confirmed adult communicant in good standing in a Congregation of this Church;~~

19 ~~(3)~~ ~~(2)~~ (b) The Commission shall examine the applicant and report to the Bishop with respect to:

20 ~~(1)~~ (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,

- 21 (ii)-(2) The nature and extent of the applicant's education and theological training,
- 22 (iii)-(3) The preparations necessary for ordination to the Order(s) to which the
applicant feels called;
- 23 ~~(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:
- 24 (i) (1) Church History: the history of the Anglican Church and the Episcopal Church in the United
States of America,
- 25 (ii) (2) Doctrine: the Church's teaching as set forth in the Creeds and in An Outline of the Faith,
commonly called the Catechism;
- 26 (iii) (3) Liturgics: the principles and history of Anglican worship; the contents of the Book of
Common Prayer;
- 27 ~~(iv)~~ (4) Practical Theology:
- 28 (a) The office and work of a Deacon and Priest in this Church,
- 29 (b) The conduct of public worship,
- 30 (c) The Constitution and Canons of the
General Convention, and of the Diocese in
which the applicant is resident,
- 31 (d) The use of voice in reading and speaking;
- 32 ~~(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.
- 33 ~~(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:~~
- 34 **~~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).~~

35 In such cases, the ordination certificate shall contain the words:

36 ~~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).~~

37 ~~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.~~

A093 Amend Canon III.8.7(f)- Deacons who subsequently seek ordination to the priesthood

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RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, That Canon III.8.7(f) is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 2 III.8.7(f)
- 3 ~~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.~~
- 4 *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.*

A094 Amend Canon III.4.1(b) for Clarity regarding Bishop Suffragan of the Armed Forces

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RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, That Canon III.4.1(b) is hereby amended to read as follows:

 - 2 (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 (1) 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.
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A095 Amend Canon IV.4.1

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RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, That Canon IV.4.1(h) is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 2 (h) refrain from:
- 3 (1) any act of Sexual Misconduct;
- 4 (2) holding and teaching publicly or privately, and advisedly, any Doctrine contrary to that held by the Church;
- 5 (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;
- 6 (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 (2) years without the consent of the Bishop Diocesan;
- 7 (5) any criminal act that reflects adversely on the Member of the Clergy's honesty, trustworthiness or fitness as a minister of the Church;
- 8 (6) conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation; ~~or~~
- 9 (7) habitual neglect of the exercise of the ministerial office without *good* cause; ~~or~~
- 10 ~~(8)~~ habitual neglect of public worship, and of the Holy Communion, according to the order and use of the Church; *and* ~~or~~
- 11 ~~(8)~~ (9) any Conduct Unbecoming a Member of the Clergy.

A096 Amend Canons pertaining to Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe

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RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, That Canon I.9.1 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 2 CANON 9: Of Provinces
- 3 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:
- 4 The First Province shall consist of the Dioceses within the States of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Connecticut.
- 5 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*.
- 6 And be it further
- 7 *Resolved*, That Canon II.3.6(d) is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 8 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 the 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.
- 9 And be it further
- 10 *Resolved*, That Canon III.5.1(b) is hereby amended to read as follows:

- 11 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.
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A097 Amend Canons III.7.11(a)(3) and III.12.8(a)(3) regarding Return of Clergy After Release and Removal

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RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, That Canon III.7.11(a)(3) is hereby amended to read as follows:
 - 2 (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;
- 3 And be it further
- 4 *Resolved*, That Canon III.12.8(a)(3) is hereby amended to read as follows:
 - 5 (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;

A098 Amend Canon III.12.10 - Timelines and Pastoral Response in Mediation

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RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, That Canon III.12.10 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 2 Sec. 10 Reconciliation of Disagreements Affecting the Pastoral Relation between a Bishop and Diocese.
- 3 When the pastoral relationship between a Bishop Diocesan, Bishop Coadjutor or Bishop Suffragan and the Diocese is imperiled by disagreement or dissention, 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 dissention. 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 dissention 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.

A099 Amend Canon I.1(b) - Call Meeting of House of Deputies

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RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, That Canon I.1(b) is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 2 (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 (3) 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.*

A100 Clarify Secretary of Convention versus Secretary of House of Deputies

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RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, That the 79th General Convention amend Canon I, Canon 1.1.1 as follows:
- 2 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.
- 3 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* 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 that 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.

4 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.

5 and be it further

6 *Resolved*, That Canon I.1.13 (b) be amended as follows:

7 (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.

8 and be it further

9 *Resolved*, That Canon I.4.1(d) be amended as follows:

10 (d) The Executive Council shall be composed (a) of twenty (20) members elected by the General Convention, of whom four (4) shall be Bishops, four (4) shall be Presbyters or Deacons, and twelve (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 eighteen (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 [DFMS], 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 (1) Bishop or Presbyter or Deacon canonically resident in a Diocese which is a constituent member of the Province and one (1) 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 (2) persons shall not be simultaneously elected for equal terms.

11 and be it further

12 *Resolved*, That Canon I.9.11 be amended as follows:

13 Sec. 11 Within sixty (60) days after each session of the General Convention, the Presidents of the two (2) 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 (6) months before the date of the meeting of the next General Convention.

14 And be it further *Resolved*, That the Joint Rules of Order be hereby amended as follows:

15 Joint Rules of Order II.10(a): There shall be a Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance, consisting of twenty-seven (27) persons being members of the General Convention (one (1) Bishop, and two (2) members of the House of Deputies, either Lay or Clerical, from each Province), who shall be appointed not later than the fifteenth (15) 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.

16 Joint Rules of Order V.15: The Secretary of the House of Deputies, being 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.

17 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.

A101 Amend Canon I.4.1(d) related to DFMS By-laws

Proposer	Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons
Topic	Canons
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
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C&C / RoO change?	Yes
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, That the 79th General Convention amend Canon I.4.1(d) as follows
- 2 (d) The Executive Council shall be composed (a) of twenty (20) members elected by the General Convention, of whom four (4) shall be Bishops, four (4) shall be Presbyters or Deacons, and twelve (12) shall be Lay Persons who are confirmed adult communicants in good standing (two (2) Bishops, two (2) Presbyters or Deacons, and six (6) Lay Persons to be elected by each subsequent regular meeting of the General Convention); (b) of eighteen (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 (1) Bishop or Presbyter or Deacon canonically resident in a Diocese which is a constituent member of the Province and one (1) 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 (2) persons shall not be simultaneously elected for equal terms.

A102 Create a Task Force on Budget Process

Proposer	Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons
Topic	Budget
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C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	Treasurer of General Convention; Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons; PB&F; Executive Council

Summary

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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
- 2 *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
- 3 *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.

A103 Amend Joint Rules, Section VII

Proposer	Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons
Topic	Rules of Order (Jt.)
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C&C / RoO change?	Yes
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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:
- 2 Insert:
- 3 *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.*
- 4 *(b) The required background check will be done prior to accepting a proposed nomination.*
- 5 *(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.*
- 6 *And be it further resolved to insert*

- 7 *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.*
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A104 Amend Title I.1.1(b)

Proposer	Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons
Topic	Canons
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Sponsored by	
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C&C / RoO change?	Yes
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, That the 79th General Convention amend Title I Canon 1 Section 1(b) as follows:
- 2 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 (3) 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.

A105 Amend Canon I.8.2 - Provide Background Checks for Nominees

Proposer	Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons
Topic	Canons
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Sponsored by	
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C&C / RoO change?	Yes
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, That the 79th General Convention amend Canon I.8.2 as follows:
- 2 Sec. 2. The General Convention at each regular meeting shall elect, on the nomination of a Joint Committee thereof, twelve (12) persons to serve as Trustees of The Church Pension Fund for a term of six (6) 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 (12) 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~~

A106 Amend Joint Rules Related to a Joint Session

Proposer	Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons
Topic	Rules of Order (Jt.)
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C&C / RoO change?	Yes
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved, That Canon I.1.1(k) be added:*
- 2 *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.*
- 3 *and be it further*
- 4 *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:*
- 5 *X. Committee of the Whole*
- 6 *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:*
- 7 *(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.*
- 8 *(b) The resolution shall be passed by a simple majority vote in both Houses.*
- 9 *(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.*
- 10 *(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:*

- 11 *(i) Motions to modify rules for discussion and debate may be made, and require a two-thirds majority.*
- 12 *(ii) Motions to close the Committee of the Whole may be made, and require a two-thirds majority.*
- 13 *(iii) Motions to extend the length of time the Committee of the Whole meets may be made, and require a two-thirds majority.*

14 *XI. Rules in Force*

- 15 ~~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.
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A107 Amend Canon III.11.2 Regarding the Election of a Bishop

Proposer	Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons
Topic	Canons
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
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C&C / RoO change?	Yes
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

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

- 2 Sec. 2. ~~It shall be lawful, within six months prior to the effective date of the resignation of a Diocesan A Bishop Diocesan, 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 ~~reparation~~ *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.

A108 Amend Canon III.6.5(g) Addressing Harassment and Sexual Misconduct

Proposer	Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons
Topic	Canons
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Sponsored by	
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C&C / RoO change?	Yes
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, That the 79th General Convention amend Canon III.6.5(g) as follows:
- 2 (g) Preparation for ordination shall include training regarding
- 3 prevention of sexual misconduct *against both children and adults*.
- 4 civil requirements for reporting and pastoral opportunities for responding to evidence of abuse.
- 5 the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church, particularly Title IV thereof.
- 6 the Church's teaching on racism.
- 7 And be it further
- 8 *Resolved*, That Canon III.8.5(h) shall be amended as follows:
- 9 (h) Preparation for ordination shall include training regarding
- 10 prevention of sexual misconduct *against both children and adults*.
- 11 civil requirements for reporting and pastoral opportunities for responding to evidence of abuse.
- 12 the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church, particularly Title IV thereof.
- 13 the Church's teaching on racism.

A109 Create Task Force on Sexual Harassment

Proposer	Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons
Topic	Sexual Misconduct
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
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Final Status	Concurred
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	Calls for the establishment of establish a Task Force on Sexual Harassment 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.

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1** *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
- 2** *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
- 3** *Resolved*, That the 79th General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget llocation of \$50,000 for the work of the Task Force.

A110 Amendments to Title IV - Creating a Single Court of Review

Proposer	Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons
Topic	Canons
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
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Final Status	Concurred
C&C / RoO change?	Yes
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, That the 79th General Convention amend Canon IV as follows:
- 2 Canon 2: Of Terminology Used in This Title
- 3 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:
- 4 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.
- 5 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.
- 6 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.
- 7 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.

- 8 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.
- 9 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.
- 10 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.
- 11 Conciliator shall mean a person appointed to seek the resolution of a matter under Canon IV.10.
- 12 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.
- 13 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.
- 14 Disciplinary Board shall mean the body provided for in Canon IV.5.1.
- 15 Discipline of the Church shall be found in the Constitution, the Canons and the Rubrics and the

Ordinal of the Book of Common Prayer.

- 16 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.
- 17 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.
- 18 Injured Person shall mean a person, group or Community who has been, is or may be affected by an Offense.
- 19 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.
- 20 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.
- 21 Member of the Clergy shall mean Bishops, Priests and Deacons of the Church.
- 22 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.
- 23 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.
- 24 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.
- 25 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.

- 26 Privileged Communications 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.
- 27 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.
- 28 ~~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.
- 29 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.
- 30 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.
- 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.
- 32 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.
- 33 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.

- 34 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.
- 35 And be it further
- 36 *Resolved*, That Canon IV.5.4 be amended as follows:
- 37 Sec. 4. ~~In each Province there~~ *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.
- 38 (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 ~~athe same~~ *the same* Diocese of ~~the Province different from~~ *as* 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~~ *than* any other lay person. The Priests, Deacons and lay persons shall be *or have been* members of the Disciplinary Boards of their respective Dioceses.
- 39 (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.*
- 40 (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.*
- 41 (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.

- 42 (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 an~~ alternate shall serve.
- 43 (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.
- 44 (g) Vacancies on the ~~Provincial~~ Court of Review shall be filled by appointment by the President of the ~~Provinee Court of Review~~ of persons qualified as provided in Canon IV.5.4(a).
- 45 (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.
- 46 (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.
- 47 And be it further
- 48 *Resolved*, That Canon IV.15 be amended as follows:
- 49 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:
- 50 (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.

- 51 (b) Within fifteen (15) 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.
- 52 (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.
- 53 (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.
- 54 Sec. 2. Within forty (40) 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.
- 55 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.
- 56 ~~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.~~
- 57 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.

58 Sec. 6. The standards for and conditions of appeal to the ~~Provincial~~ Court of Review shall be as follows:

59 (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.

60 (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:

61 (1) The action taken below violates the Constitution and Canons of the Church or the Diocese;

62 (2) The Hearing Panel has exceeded the jurisdiction conferred by this Title;

63 (3) The Hearing Panel has not decided all of the issues requiring resolution;

64 (4) The Hearing Panel has erroneously interpreted or applied the Constitutions or Canons of the Church;

65 (5) The Hearing Panel has committed a procedural error or engaged in a decision-making process contrary to this Title; ~~and/or~~

66 (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;

67 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 (30) days after receiving the record on appeal from the Hearing Panel, the party appealing shall serve two (2) 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 (5) copies to the President of the ~~Provincial~~ Court of Review. Within thirty (30) 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 (5) copies to the President of the ~~Provincial~~ Court of Review. Any reply brief of the appealing party shall be served likewise within fifteen (15) days following service of the brief in opposition.

68 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.

- 69 Sec. 9. The ~~Provineial~~ Court of Review shall keep a record of all proceedings. The ~~Provineial~~ 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 ~~Provineial~~ Court of Review.
- 70 Sec. 10. At the hearing of the appeal, the ~~Provineial~~ Court of Review shall afford the Respondent and the Church Attorney the opportunity to be heard. The ~~Provineial~~ Court of Review may regulate the number of counsel to be heard.
- 71 Sec. 11. No Order or determination of a Hearing Panel shall be overturned solely for technical or harmless error.
- 72 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 ~~Provineial~~ Court of Review may dismiss the appeal.
- 73 Sec. 13. Following a hearing of the appeal and private deliberation, the ~~Provineial~~ 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.
- 74 Sec. 14. The concurrence of a majority of the ~~Provineial~~ Court of Review shall be required to decide an appeal. The ~~Provineial~~ 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 ~~Provineial~~ 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.
- 75 Sec. 15. Upon determination of the appeal, the President of the ~~Provineial~~ 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 ~~Provineial~~ 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.
- 76 And be it further
- 77 *Resolved*, That Canon IV.17.2(f) be amended as follows:
- 78 (f) ~~Provineial~~ Court of Review shall mean the Court of Review for Bishops as provided in Canon IV.17.8.
- 79 And be it further
- 80 *Resolved*, That Canon IV.18 be amended as follows:
- 81 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.

82 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.

83 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.

84 And be it further

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

86 (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:

87 (1) ~~If they are in the same Province, either~~ *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.~~

88 (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~~ *fourteen (14)* days of service of the request.

89 (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.

90 (4) The President shall decide which Diocese shall conduct the proceedings within ~~thirty~~ *fourteen (14)* days of service of the request.

91 (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.*

92 And be it further

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

94 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.

95 (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.

96 (b) The necessary costs and expenses of the ~~Provincial~~ Court of Review shall be the expense of ~~the Province~~ *the General Convention*.

97 (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.

98 (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.

99 And be it further

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

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

102 (1) Each Hearing Panel and ~~Provincial~~ the 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.

A111 Amend Article V of the Constitution (Second Reading)

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RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, That Article V of the Constitution be amended as follows:
- 2 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 (2) or more existing Dioceses or of parts of two (2) 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.

A112 Establish a Task Force on Diocesan Vitality

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RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, That the 79th General Convention establish a Task Force consisting of three (3) bishops, three (3) clergy persons, and six (6) lay persons representing the geographic diversity of the Church, including persons who have been involved in the creation of diocesan and provincial networks, both incarnationally and virtually through social media and other electronic communications, to be appointed by the presiding officers to facilitate a continuing dialogue among bishops and diocesan and provincial leadership of The Episcopal Church to engage in frank discussion about diocesan collaboration, vitality, and shared ministry; and be it further
 - 2 *Resolved*, That Task Force is directed to compile input from the above conversations and to study opportunities and challenges of diocesan and provincial collaboration, vitality, shared ministry, and the number and size of dioceses, and to report back to the 80th General Convention.
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A113 Amend Article V.4 of the Constitution

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Referrals	Interim Body
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RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, That Article V, Section 4 of the Constitution is hereby amended to read as follows:
 - 2 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.
 - 3 Whenever a Diocese is formed out of two (2) 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.*
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A114 Amend I.10 Regarding the Union of Dioceses

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Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, That the 79th General Convention amend Canon I.10 as follows:
- 2 Sec. 1. Whenever a new Diocese ~~shall is 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 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), 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.*
- 3 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.~~

- 4 Sec. 3. Whenever one (1) Diocese is about to be divided into two (2) 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.
- 5 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.
- 6 Sec. 5. In the event of the erection of an Area Mission into a Diocese of this Church, as provided in Article V, ~~See. 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.
- 7 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.~~

- 8 ~~(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.~~
- 9 (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 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.*
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A115 Adopt and Implement Charter for Safety

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Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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:
- 2 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.
- 3 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.
- 4 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.
- 5 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.
- 6 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."

A116 Amend Canon I.1.2(n)(1) regarding Title IV Training

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Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, That Canon I.1.2(n)(1) be amended to add the following subsection (vii) to read in full as follows:
 - 2 *(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.*
 - 3 And be it further
 - 4 *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.
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A117 Amend Canon IV.6.9

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Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, That the 79th General Convention amend Canon IV.6.9 as follows:
- 2 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-Conference 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-Conference 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-Conference 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-Conference 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-Conference 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-Conference Panel. The decision of the Conference Panel is final and*

not appealable.

A118 Amend Canon IV.13 and Canon IV.14.7

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Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, That Canon IV.13 be amended by adding new Sections 3 and 4 and renumbering all subsequent sections:
- 2 *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.*
- 3 *(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.*
- 4 ~~*(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.*~~
- 5 ~~*(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.*~~
- 6 *(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.*

7 *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.*

8 And be it further

9 *Resolved, That Canon IV.13.6 is hereby amended to read as follows:*

10 *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.*

11 And be it further

12 *Resolved, That Canon IV.13.8 is hereby amended to read as follows:*

13 *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:*

14 (a) The president shall regulate the course of the hearing so as to promote full disclosure of relevant facts.

15 (b) The president:

16 (1) may exclude evidence that is irrelevant, immaterial or unduly repetitious;

17 (2) shall exclude privileged evidence;

18 (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;

- 19 (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;
- 20 (5) may not exclude evidence solely because it is hearsay;
- 21 (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
- 22 (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.
- 23 (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.
- 24 And be it further
- 25 *Resolved*, That Canon IV.13.9 be hereby amended by adding new subsections (d) and (e) as
follows:
- 26 *(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.*
- 27 *(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.*
- 28 And be it further
- 29 *Resolved*, That Canon IV.14.7 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 30 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.
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A119 Amend Canon IV.15

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Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, That Canon IV.15 is hereby amended by adding new Sections 13 and 14 to read as follows and renumbering all subsequent Sections:
- 2 *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.*
- 3 *(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.*
- 4 *(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.*
- 5 *~~(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.~~*
- 6 *(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 the Complainant's Advisor or Complainant's counsel, if any, and, where appropriate, the Bishop Diocesan.*

- 7 *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.*
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A120 Amend IV.19.30 to Create Discipline Database, Amend III.12.7(c) and IV.13.11

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RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 Resolved, That the 79th General Convention hereby amends Canon IV.19.30 to read as follows by the addition of the following subsection:
- 2 (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”).
 - 3 (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.
 - 4 (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~~ *prescribed* 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, *and Office of Pastoral Development*.
 - 5 (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.
 - 6 (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 ~~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.

7 And be it further

8 Resolved, that Canon III.12.7(c) is hereby amended as follows:

9 (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.

10 And be it further

11 Resolved, that Canon IV.13.11 be amended as follows:

12 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.

13 And be it further

14 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.

A121 Amend Canon IV.2 Remove Definition of Procedural Officer

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Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, That Canon IV.2 is hereby amended to strike the following language:
- 2 ~~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.~~

A122 Amend Article IX to change Removal to Admonition

Proposer	Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons
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RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, That the Article IX of the Constitution be amended as follows:
- 2 ARTICLE IX
- 3 The General Convention may, by Canon, establish one or more Courts for the Trial of Bishops.
- 4 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.
- 5 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
- 6 The Court for the review of the determination of the trial Court, on the trial of a Bishop, shall be composed of Bishops only.
- 7 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.
- 8 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.
- 9 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.

A123 Amend Canon IV.3.1 - Addressing misrepresentation in Ordination process

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Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, That Canon IV.3.1 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 2 Sec. 1. A Member of the Clergy shall be subject to proceedings under this Title for:
- 3 (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;
- 4 (b) failing without good cause to cooperate with any investigation or proceeding conducted under authority of this Title; ~~or~~
- 5 (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*
- 6 (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.*

A124 Amend Canon IV.2 Terminology of Sexual Misconduct

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Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, That Canon IV.2 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 2 CANON 2: Of Terminology Used in This Title
- 3 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:
- 4 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.*
- 5 And be it further
- 6 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.

A125 Amend Canon IV.2 and IV.13 pertaining to Declining to Advance Proceedings

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Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, That the following section of Canon IV.2 be amended to read as follows:
- 2 Church Attorney shall mean one (1) 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 declining* 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.
- 3 And be it further
- 4 *Resolved*, That Canon IV.13 be amended by inserting before the existing Section 10 a new section as follows and renumbering succeeding sections:
- 5 *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.

A126 Amend Canon IV.19 - Recommend Repeal of IV.19.31

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RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, That Canon IV.19.31 be amended to read as follows:
 - 2 Sec. 31
 - 3 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.
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A127 Amend Canon IV.17.3 - Membership on Disciplinary Board for Bishops

Proposer	Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons
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RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring, That Canon IV.17.3 be amended as follows:
- 2 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 (10) Bishops elected at ~~any regularly scheduled meeting of~~ *by* the House of Bishops *at a regularly scheduled session of General Convention*, and four (4) Priests or Deacons and four (4) 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 (6) years, with terms of one half of the Bishops and one half of the lay persons, Priests and Deacons collectively expiring every three (3) years ~~with the first expirations occurring at the end of the year 2012~~.
- 3 *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.*

A128 Amend Canon IV.2 - Composition of a Conference Panel

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Version	Final text
Review Status	Passed review
Final Status	Rejected
C&C / RoO change?	Yes
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, That Canon IV.2 be amended as follows:
- 2 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.

A129 Amend Canon IV.19.30(a)(1) - Retention of Records

Proposer	Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons
Topic	Canons
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Final Status	Concurred
C&C / RoO change?	Yes
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, That Canon IV.19.30(a)(1) be amended to read as follows:
- 2 Canon IV.19.30(a) Records of Proceedings shall be preserved as follows:
- 3 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.

A130 Amend Canon III.12.7 - Correcting for Uniformity

Proposer	Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons
Topic	Canons
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
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Review Status	Passed review
Final Status	Concurred
C&C / RoO change?	Yes
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, That Canon III.12.7 be amended as follows:
- 2 Sec. 7. Release and Removal from the Ordained Ministry of this Church
- 3 (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.
- 4 (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.

- 5 (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.
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A131 Amend Canon IV.14.5 - Clarity About Accords

Proposer	Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons
Topic	Canons
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. 153
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Version	Final text
Review Status	Passed review
Final Status	Concurred
C&C / RoO change?	Yes
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, That Canon IV.14.5 be amended as follows:

- 2 Sec. 5. The Bishop Diocesan shall have twenty (20) 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,* ~~t~~The Bishop Diocesan shall pronounce Sentence not sooner than twenty (20) days following the date on which the Accord is entered and not later than forty (40) 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.

A132 Amend Canon IV.14 Notice of Accords

Proposer	Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons
Topic	Discipline
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
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Version	Final text
Review Status	Did not pass review - see review report
Final Status	Referred to an Interim Body
C&C / RoO change?	Yes
Referrals	Interim Body
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, That Canon IV.14 be amended as follows:
- 2 *Sec. 4. In the case of any Accord that has become effective:*
- 3 *(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.;*
- 4 *(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.;* *and*
- 5 *(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.*
- 6 *Sec. 5. The Bishop Diocesan shall have twenty (20) 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 (20) days following the date on which the Accord is entered and not later than forty (40) 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.

7 And be it further,

8 *Resolved*, That a new Section 12 be added to Canon IV.14 and successive sections renumbered:

9 *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:*

10 *(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*

11 *(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.*

12 And be it further

13 *Resolved*, That Canon IV.14.12 is hereby amended to read as follows:

14 *Sec. ~~12~~-13.* 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:

15 *(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 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.*

- 16 (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.~~
 - 17 (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.*
 - 18 (ed) 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.
 - 19 (de) 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
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A133 Amend Canon IV.6 -Timing of Reference Panel Meetings

Proposer	Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons
Topic	Canons
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
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Final Status	Concurred
C&C / RoO change?	Yes
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, That Canon IV.6 be amended by amending Sec. 8, adding a new Sec. 9 and renumbering all subsequent Sections:
- 2 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.*~~
- 3 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.*
- 4 ~~*(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.*~~
- 5 ~~*(c) If the referral is for investigation pursuant to Section 8(c), the investigation shall be*~~

completed within 90 days of the referral.

- 6 (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.
 - 7 (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.
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A134 Amend Canon IV.12.3 - Conference Panel Process

Proposer	Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons
Topic	Canons
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. 146
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Version	Final text
Review Status	Passed review
Final Status	Concurred
C&C / RoO change?	Yes
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, That the 79th General Convention amend Canon IV.12.3 to read as follows:
 - 2 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 (20) 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.*
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A135 Examine Cultural Homogeneity of the Canons

Proposer	Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons
Topic	Diversity
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
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Final Status	Concurred
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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.

A136 Establish a Standing Commission on Formation and Ministry Development

Proposer	Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons
Topic	Structure
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HB / 15 - Ministry
Current Status	House of Bishops sent Message for Information
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Review Status	Passed review
Final Status	Rejected
C&C / RoO change?	Yes
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved, That Canon I.1.2 (n) be amended as follows:*
- 2 *(3) A Standing Commission on Formation and Ministry Development*
- 3 ~~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.~~
- 4 *And be it further Resolved, that*
- 5 It shall be the duty of the Commission to:
- 6 *(i) Coordinate and encourage the development of all orders of ministry and engage all the baptized in the work of building up the church;*
- 7 *(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).;*
- 8 ~~*(iii) Support Diocesan Commissions on Ministry in their support of the ministry of all the baptized, Title III Canons 1 & 2;*~~
- 9 ~~*(iiiv) 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.;*~~
- 10 ~~*(ivv) 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.~~

- 11 ~~(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.~~
 - 12 ~~(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.~~
 - 13 *And be it further Resolved, that this change shall become effective immediately upon the close of General Convention.*
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A137 Request Budget Allocation for Work of Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons

Proposer	Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons
Topic	Budget
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HD / 21 - Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance
Current Status	House of Deputies sent Message for Information
Version	Final text
Review Status	Passed review
Final Status	Take No Further Action
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, That the 79th General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance to consider a budget allocation of \$125,000 for the continued work of the Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons in the next triennium.

A138 Transmission of Demographic Data from Episcopal Elections

Proposer	Task Force on the Episcopacy
Topic	Appointments/Elections
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HD / 16 - Churchwide Leadership
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Review Status	Did not pass review - see review report
Final Status	Concurred
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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
- 2 *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
- 3 *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
- 4 *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.

A139 Analysis of Data from Episcopal Elections

Proposer	Task Force on the Episcopacy
Topic	Appointments/Elections
Endorsed by	
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Version	Final text
Review Status	Did not pass review - see review report
Final Status	Take No Further Action
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, That the pilot Board for Episcopal Transitions 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 Board 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.

A140 Diversity Guidelines for Episcopal Elections

Proposer	Task Force on the Episcopacy
Topic	Diversity
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
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HiA / Leg. Cttee	HD / 16 - Churchwide Leadership
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Version	Final text
Review Status	Did not pass review - see review report
Final Status	Take No Further Action
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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 pilot Board for Episcopal Transitions may deem appropriate, all such information to be updated at least triennially by that Board.
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A141 Training of Transition Consultants

Proposer	Task Force on the Episcopacy
Topic	Appointments/Elections
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
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Review Status	Did not pass review - see review report
Final Status	Take No Further Action
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, That electing dioceses are urged to engage Transition Consultants who have been thoroughly trained in programs developed or recommended by the pilot Board for Episcopal Transitions, including training in practices that have been demonstrated to improve diversity.
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A142 Adoption of Episcopal Election Procedures by Dioceses

Proposer	Task Force on the Episcopacy
Topic	Appointments/Elections
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
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Review Status	Did not pass review - see review report
Final Status	Take No Further Action
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, That the 79th General Convention recommends that each diocese adopt policies and procedures and, where appropriate, canons, for the election of bishops that are consistent with the principles and values presented in the Task Force's Blue Book report, to foster diversity across the Church's leadership, including its bishops; and be it further
 - 2 *Resolved*, That the pilot Board for Episcopal Transitions develop and provide to the dioceses examples of policies, procedures and canons that are consistent with fostering diversity.
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A143 Study Career Development of Female and Minority Clergy

Proposer	Task Force on the Episcopacy
Topic	Diversity
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HB / 15 - Ministry
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Final Status	Concurred
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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
 - 2 *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.
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A144 Diocesan Missional Review

Proposer	Task Force on the Episcopacy
Topic	Mission Strategy
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
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HiA / Leg. Cttee	HB / 10 - Congregational and Diocesan Vitality
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Review Status	Passed review
Final Status	Concurred
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	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. And suggests questions, topics, goals and options for assistance when undertaking such reviews.

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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
- 2 *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.”
- 3 Topics for the missional review include but are not limited to
- 4 · Worship and spiritual life;
- 5 · Formation for all ages;
- 6 · Engagement with the wider community, concern for neighbors and stranger, care for creation;
- 7 · Stewardship of financial resources, property, and people;
- 8 · Care for clergy and lay staff, policies and practices which seek equality and justice, recognizing the dignity and inherent worth of every human being;
- 9 · Fellowship and collegiality among and between congregations, clergy, and ministries;
- 10 · Areas of, and possibilities for, collaboration and networking, including with other dioceses and communion partners;
- 11 · Opportunities for new communities of faith and redevelopment work;

- 12 · Hopes, fears, and dreams.
 - 13 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
 - 14 *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.
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A145 Urging Adoption of Local Canons Relating to Episcopal Elections

Proposer	Task Force on the Episcopacy
Topic	Bishops
Endorsed by	
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C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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
- 2 *Resolved*, That the policies, procedures and best practices address the following subjects:
- 3 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;
- 4 Identify specific actions to be taken to
- 5 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
- 6 Ensure that the process is transparent throughout the entire search and election process;
- 7 Provide accountability for all involved in the search and election process;
- 8 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
- 9 *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.

A146 Revisions to The Raising Up of Episcopal Leadership - A Manual for Dioceses in Transition

Proposer	Task Force on the Episcopacy
Topic	Bishops
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C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring, 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:
- 2 * Resources that provide flexibility for use by both large and small dioceses
- 3 * Alternatives to minimize costs of transition process
- 4 * Ways to establish a transparent transition process with accountability
- 5 * Training for elected diocesan leaders/committee members involved in the transition process
- 6 * 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
- 7 * Means for electronic and other background checks
- 8 * Suggestions for use of social media and websites for communicating search profile, status update, and election information
- 9 * Expanded reference check resources
- 10 * Most current medical and psychological testing
- 11 * The evaluation of substance, chemical, and alcohol use and misuse, and assessments of other forms of addiction
- 12 * Expanded background check resources including legal, financial, criminal, vehicular and civil

information

- 13 * Interviews with current and former bishops with oversight of potential nominees
 - 14 * Interviews with current and former diocesan Transition Ministers in ministry with potential nominees
 - 15 * Encourage election procedures that allow time for adequate screening (e.g., discourage nominations from the floor)
 - 16 * Transition Consultant services
 - 17 * Discussion of election options/alternatives available to dioceses per canons
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A147 Pilot Board for Episcopal Transitions

Proposer	Task Force on the Episcopacy
Topic	Structure
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
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C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	Calls for the creation of a Task Force to assist the Office of Pastoral Development and defines the the work and goals of such a Task Force.

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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
- 2 *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
- 3 *Resolved*, That the Task Force will concentrate its work on assisting the Office of Pastoral Development in:
 - 4 revising existing resources and creating new resources to assist dioceses in the discernment, nomination, search, election, and transition processes for episcopal transitions;
 - 5 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;
 - 6 establishing a process and developing resources by which individuals may seek support in discerning a possible call to the episcopate;
 - 7 gathering and analyzing data regarding diversity in episcopal transitions, developing processes and resources to encourage diversity in the episcopate;
 - 8 recruiting, training and evaluating Transition Consultants and missional review consultants;
 - 9 encouraging electing dioceses to contract for the services of a Transition Consultant throughout

- the episcopal search and election process;
- 10 formalizing and expanding recruitment and training for Transition Consultants;
 - 11 standardizing and monitoring the contracts used by Transition Consultants with electing dioceses;
 - 12 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.
 - 13 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.
 - 14 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.
 - 15 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
 - 16 Resolved, That the Bishop for Pastoral Development report semi-annually to the Executive Council and to the next General Convention; and be it further
 - 17 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.
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A148 Amend Canons III.11.1, III.11.3 and III.11.9(c)

Proposer	Task Force on the Episcopacy
Topic	Canons
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
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C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring, That Canon III.11.1 is hereby amended to add the following, And the subsequent subsections renumbered accordingly:
- 2 (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:*
- 3 (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;*
- 4 (ii) *each nominee evaluated by a licensed medical doctor approved by the Standing Committee, using medical forms provided by the Office of Pastoral Development;*
- 5 (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;*
- 6 (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;*
- 7 *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.*

8 And be it further

9 *Resolved*, That Canon III.11.1(b) is hereby amended to read as follows:

10 Canon III.11.1(b)

11 (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.

12 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.

13 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(e)* 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

14 And be it further

15 *Resolved*, That Canon III.11.3 is hereby amended to read as follows:

16 Canon III.11.3

17 Sec. 3.

18 (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:

- 19 (1) evidence of the Bishop-elect's having been duly ordered Deacon and Priest;
- 20 (2) certificates from a licensed medical doctor, and licensed ~~psychiatrist~~ *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 provided to by the Presiding Bishop and The Church Pension Fund Office of Pastoral Development~~ shall be used for this purpose; and
- 21 (3) evidence that a testimonial in the following form was signed by a constitutional majority of the Convention:
- 22 And be it further
- 23 *Resolved*, That Canon III.11.9(c) is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 24 Canon III.11.9(c)
- 25 (c) Missionary Bishops
- 26 (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.
- 27 (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.*
- 28 (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.
- 29 (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.*

A149 Reorganize the Board of Directors of The College for Bishops

Proposer	Task Force on the Episcopacy
Topic	Structure
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Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, 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:
- 2 • 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,*
- 3 • the directors of the corporation be elected by the House of Bishops,
- 4 • the directors of the corporation be confirmed by the House of Deputies of the General Convention,
- 5 • 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
- 6 • that the President of the House of Deputies and the Presiding Bishop be members of the board of directors, ex officio.

A150 Amend Article I.2 of the Constitution

Proposer	Task Force on the Episcopacy
Topic	Constitution
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C&C / RoO change?	Yes
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, That Article I, Section 2 of the Constitution is hereby amended to read as follows:

 - 2 Article I

 - 3 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.*
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A151 Amend Article I.4-8 of the Constitution

Proposer	Task Force on the Episcopacy
Topic	Constitution
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
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C&C / RoO change?	Yes
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, That Article II.4-8 of the Constitution is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 2 ARTICLE II
- 3 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.
- 4 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*.
- 5 Sec. 6. A Bishop may not resign jurisdiction without the consent of the House of Bishops.
- 6 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.

- 7 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.
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A152 Amend Article III of the Constitution

Proposer	Task Force on the Episcopacy
Topic	Constitution
Endorsed by	
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C&C / RoO change?	Yes
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, That Article III of the Constitution is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 2 ARTICLE III
- 3 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.

A153 Amend Article IV of the Constitution

Proposer	Task Force on the Episcopacy
Topic	Constitution
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C&C / RoO change?	Yes
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, That Article IV of the Constitution is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 2 ARTICLE IV
- 3 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.

A154 Amend Canon I.13.3(a)

Proposer	Task Force on the Episcopacy
Topic	Canons
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C&C / RoO change?	Yes
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, That Canon I.13.3(a) is hereby amended to read as follows:
 - 2 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:
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A155 Amend Canon III.5.1(c)

Proposer	Task Force on the Episcopacy
Topic	Canons
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Sponsored by	
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C&C / RoO change?	Yes
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, That Canon III.5.1(c) is hereby amended to read as follows:
 - 2 (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.
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A156 Amend Canon III.11.1

Proposer	Task Force on the Episcopacy
Topic	Canons
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
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C&C / RoO change?	Yes
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, That Canon III.11.1 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 2 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.
- 3 *(b) With respect to the election of a Bishop Diocesan, Bishop Coadjutor, or Bishop Suffragan ~~or Assistant Bishop~~, the Diocese or, ~~in~~ 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 ~~procedure~~ 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.*
- 4 *(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~~ 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.*
- 5 *(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 Missional Review.*

- 6 *(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.*
- 7 *(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.*
- 8 *(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.*
- 9 ~~(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.*
- 10 (1) If either option in Sec. ~~1(b)~~ 1(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.
- 11 (2) If either option in Sec. ~~1(b)~~ 1(f) 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.
- 12 ~~(e)~~ *(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.*
- 13 ~~(d)~~ *(h) No Diocese shall elect a Bishop within thirty days before a meeting of the General*

Convention.

- 14 And be it further
- 15 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
- 16 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
- 17 Resolved, That missional reviews may include, but not be limited to, asking questions such as:
- 18 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?
- 19 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?
- 20 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?
- 21 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)?
- 22 Are the diocesan properties safe, sound, and insured? Are there resources (financial or otherwise) available to assist congregations in crisis?
- 23 Are there enough people to fill leadership roles to implement mission and vision?
- 24 Is there enough spiritual health in the congregations?
- 25 And be it further
- 26 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
- 27 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.

A157 Amend Canon III.11.2

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C&C / RoO change?	Yes
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Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, That Canon III.11.2 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 2 Sec. 2. It shall be lawful, within six months prior to the effective date of the resignation of a ~~Diocesan~~ Bishop *Diocesan*, 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 ~~reparation~~ *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.

A158 Amend Canon III.11.3(a)(1)

Proposer	Task Force on the Episcopacy
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Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, That Canon III.11.3(a)(1) is hereby amended to read as follows:

 - 2 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:

 - 3 (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*;
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A159 Amend Canon III.11.3(a) (third paragraph) and III.11.4

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C&C / RoO change?	Yes
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Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, That Canon III.11.3(a) (third paragraph) and Canon III.11.4 are hereby amended to read as follows:
- 2 Sec. 3 (a) (third paragraph)
- 3 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~~ *sixty* 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.
- 4 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.

A160 Amend Canon III.11.9(a)

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C&C / RoO change?	Yes
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, That Canon III.11.9(a) is hereby amended to read as follows:
 - 2 Sec. 9. Other Bishops
 - 3 (a) Bishops Coadjutor
 - 4 (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.1.1 and this Canon III.11.9(a)*.
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A161 Amend Canon III.9(b)

Proposer	Task Force on the Episcopacy
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C&C / RoO change?	Yes
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, That Canon III.11.9(b) is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 2 (b) Bishops Suffragan
- 3 (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)*.
- 4 ~~(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.~~
- 5 ~~(3)~~ (i) (2)(i) A Bishop Suffragan shall act as an assistant to and under the direction of the Bishop Diocesan.
- 6 (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.
- 7 ~~(4)~~ (3) The tenure of office of a Bishop Suffragan shall not be determined by the tenure of office of the Bishop Diocesan.
- 8 ~~(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.

A162 Amend Canons III.11.9(c)(1) and III.9(c)(4)

Proposer	Task Force on the Episcopacy
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C&C / RoO change?	Yes
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, That Canons III.11.9(c)(1) and III.11.9(c)(4) are hereby amended to read as follows:
- 2 (c) Missionary Bishops
- 3 (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 (4) When a Diocese, ~~entitled to the choice of a Bishop, shall elect~~ *elects 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.

A163 Amend Canon III.11 to add Canon III.11.10

Proposer	Task Force on the Episcopacy
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C&C / RoO change?	Yes
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, That Canon III.11 is hereby amended to add Sec. 10 to read as follows:
 - 2 *Sec. 10. Bishops who exercise or have jurisdiction are those who exercise ecclesiastical authority in a diocese or other jurisdiction of this Church.*
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A164 Amend Canon III.12.2

Proposer	Task Force on the Episcopacy
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Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of Deputies concurring, That Canon III.12.2 is hereby amended to read as follows:
 - 2 Sec. 2. Continuing Education
 - 3 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.*

A165 Amend Canon III.12.3 to add Section 3(f)

Proposer	Task Force on the Episcopacy
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Sponsored by	
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C&C / RoO change?	Yes
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, That Canon III.12.3 is hereby amended to add Section 3(f) to read as follows:
 - 2 *(f) A resigned Bishop who may be appointed by the Ecclesiastical Authority to serve as a Supply Bishop to perform occasional episcopal acts or officiate by preaching, teaching, ministering the Sacraments, or holding occasional public services in the Diocese.*
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A166 Amend Canon III.12.4(c) and add Canon III.12.4(d)

Proposer	Task Force on the Episcopacy
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Sponsored by	
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C&C / RoO change?	Yes
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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:
- 2 Section 4. Residency; *Vacancy in the Episcopate*
- 3 (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.
- 4 (d) *A vacancy in the episcopate shall be deemed to exist on the occurrence of any of the following:*
 - 5 (i) *the death, resignation, deposition or removal of the Bishop exercising jurisdiction, or*
 - 6 (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*
 - 7 (A) *the Presiding Bishop; or*
 - 8 (B) *resolution of the Standing Committee of the Diocese.*

A167 Amend Canon III.12.5

Proposer	Task Force on the Episcopacy
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Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, That Canon III.12.5 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 2 Sec. 5. Assistant Bishops
- 3 (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~~ *authorize the Bishop Diocesan 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. A Diocese shall not have more than three Assistant Bishops serving the Diocese.*
- 4 (b) An Assistant Bishop may be ~~appointed~~ *elected appointed* from among the following:
 - 5 (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 ~~at the time of accepting any such appointment upon election~~ a Bishop Diocesan, Bishop Coadjutor or Bishop Suffragan shall resign that office;
 - 6 (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
 - 7 ~~[(3) (b) (3) 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 if they: Bishops of a Church in communion with this Church, in good standing therein, if they:

- 8 (i) have previously resigned their former responsibilities;
- 9 (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;~~
- 10 (iii) have exhibited satisfactory evidence of moral and godly character and having met theological requirements;
- 11 (iv) have promised in a writing submitted to the Bishop *Diocesan* ~~making the appointment~~ *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;
- 12 (v) have submitted to and satisfactorily passed ~~a~~ thorough examinations covering ~~their~~ *the* medical, psychological, ~~and~~ *psychiatric and other* conditions *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.*
- 13 (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].*
- 14 (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:
- 15 (1) *Church History: the history of the Anglican Communion and the Episcopal Church.*
- 16 (2) *Doctrine: the Church's teaching as set forth in the Creeds and in An Outline of the Faith, commonly called the Catechism.*
- 17 (3) *Liturgics: the principles and history of Anglican worship; the contents of the Book of Common Prayer.*
- 18 (4) *Practical Theology:*

- 19 (i) *The office and work of a Deacon and Priest in this Church.*
- 20 (ii) *The conduct of public worship.*
- 21 (iii) *The Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church and of the*
Diocese in which the applicant is resident.
- 22 (iv) *The use of voice in reading and speaking.*

23 (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.

24 ~~(i)~~ *(viii) have received the following training:*

- 25 (1) *prevention of sexual misconduct.*
- 26 (2) *civil requirements for reporting and pastoral*
opportunities for responding to evidence of abuse.
- 27 (3) *the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church,*
particularly Title IV thereof.
- 28 (4) *training regarding the Church's teaching on racism.*

29 ~~(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.

30 (4) ~~Before the appointment of a Bishop who is not otherwise a member of the House of Bishops a~~
~~*Bishop of this Church as an Assistant Bishop under the provisions of Secs. 5(b)(2) or 5(b)(3) of*~~
~~*this Canon, the consent of a majority of the Standing Committees of the Dioceses and 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 within sixty days of receipt of notice from the Standing Committee*~~
~~*of the Diocese seeking the appointment of the Assistant Bishop. [Task Force note: Covered in*~~
~~*Canon III.11.1 amendments]*~~

- 31 ~~(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]~~
- 32 *(c) Before an Assistant Bishop so appointed begins service in this position, the Bishop Diocesan 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.*
- 33 (d) An Assistant Bishop shall serve at the discretion, and under the control and direction of, the Bishop Diocesan.
- 34 (e) No person may serve as an Assistant Bishop *of a Diocese* beyond the termination of the jurisdiction of the ~~appointing~~ *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.*
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A168 Amend Canon III.12.9(a)

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Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, That Section 9(a) of Canon III.12.9 is hereby amended to read as follows:

 - 2 (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.*
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A169 Amend Canon III.12.9(l) and Canon III.12.9(m)

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Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, That Sections 9(l) and 9(m) of Canon III.12.9 are hereby amended to read as follows:
- 2 (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.*
- 3 (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.~~
- 4 (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.~~

A170 Amend Canon III.12.12(a)

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RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, That Section 12(a) of Canon III.12.12 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 2 Sec. 12. Dissolution of the Pastoral Relation between a Bishop and Diocese
- 3 (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.

A171 Amend Canon III.13

Proposer	Task Force on the Episcopacy
Topic	Canons
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
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Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, That Canon III.13 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 2 CANON 13: Of Dioceses without Bishops
- 3 *Sec. 1(a). Upon the death, resignation, deposition, or removal of a Bishop Diocesan, ~~Bishop Suffragan~~ a Bishop Coadjutor of the Diocese or Bishop Suffragan 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 or ~~Bishop Suffragan~~ is not serving as its Bishop Diocesan Pro Tempore, a 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.*
- 4 *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.*
- 5 ***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 shall 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.***

- 6 And be it further resolved that this Amendment to Canon III.13 shall be effective as of July 15, 2018.
 - 7 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.
 - 8 Status: Submitted
 - 9 File this Floor Amendment
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A172 Amend Canon I.2.3

Proposer	Task Force on Review of PB Election and Transition Process
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C&C / RoO change?	Yes
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, That Canon I.2.3 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 2 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* ~~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

A173 Amend Canon I.2.1(a-f)

Proposer	Task Force on Review of PB Election and Transition Process
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C&C / RoO change?	Yes
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, That Canon 1.2.1(a-f) is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 2 *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 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.*
- 3 ~~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.~~
- 4 *(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.

- 5 ~~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.~~
- 6 *(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.*
- 7 ~~(e) (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.~~
- 8 ~~(d) (e) 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.~~
- 9 ~~(e) (f) 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.*

- 10 (f) (g) 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.
- 11 (g) (h) 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.
- 12 (h) (i) 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.

13 The rest of the canon continues as numbered.

A174 Create Advisory Committee on Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations

Proposer	Executive Council
Topic	Ecumenism
Endorsed by	
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C&C / RoO change?	No
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Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, That the 79th General Convention create an Advisory Committee on Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations to be appointed by the Presiding Officers. It shall be the duty of the Committee to work with the Office of Ecumenical Relations and to make recommendations to the Executive Council Joint Standing Committee on World Mission (or its equivalent.)
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A175 Amend Article II.7 - Second Reading

Proposer	Secretary of General Convention
Topic	Constitution
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
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C&C / RoO change?	Yes
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, That the Constitution of the General Convention Article II.7 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 2 Sec. 7 ~~It shall be lawful for t~~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.~~

A176 Amend Article V - second reading

Proposer	Secretary of General Convention
Topic	Constitution
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
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C&C / RoO change?	Yes
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, That Article V, Section 1 is amended as follows:

- 2 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 ~~Bishop~~ ***Ecclesiastical Authority 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.

A177 Amend Article I.1 - second reading

Proposer	Secretary of General Convention
Topic	Constitution
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
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C&C / RoO change?	Yes
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, That Article I, Section 1 of the Constitution is amended to read as follows:
- 2 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.

A178 Halt the Intensification and Implementation of Immigration Policies and Practices that are Harmful to Migrant Women, Parents and Children

Proposer	President of the House of Deputies
Topic	Immigration
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
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C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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
- 2 *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
- 3 *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
- 4 *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:
 - 5 Keeping babies and children together with their parents and other responsible family members, and releasing families from immigration detention as a priority policy;
 - 6 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;

- 7 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;
 - 8 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;
 - 9 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
 - 10 *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.
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A179 Amend Canon I.1.2(o) - Creating Task Forces

Proposer	Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons
Topic	Structure
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Sponsored by	
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C&C / RoO change?	Yes
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, That Canon I.1.2(o) of the Canons of The Episcopal Church, be amended to read as follows:
- 2 CANON I.1.2
- 3 (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.

A180 Amend Article V, Section 1 - Admission of a diocese First reading

Proposer	Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons
Topic	Constitution
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
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C&C / RoO change?	Yes
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, That Article V, Section 1, of the Constitution of The Episcopal Church, be amended to read as follows:

- 2 **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.

A181 Liability Insurance for Clergy

Proposer	Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons
Topic	Discipline
Endorsed by	
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C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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.
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A182 Discipline of Priests and Deacons at the Provincial or Church Wide Level

Proposer	Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons
Topic	Discipline
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
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C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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
- 2 *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,
- 3 *Resolved*, That any and all Disciplinary Boards for Presbyters and Deacons be composed solely of Presbyters, Deacons and lay persons; and be it further,
- 4 *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,
- 5 *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,
- 6 *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.

A183 Amend Article IX - First reading

Proposer	Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons
Topic	Constitution
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
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C&C / RoO change?	Yes
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Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, That the Constitution Article IX be amended to read as follows:
- 2 Article IX
- 3 The General Convention may, by Canon, establish one or more Courts for the Trial of Bishops.
- 4 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.~~
- 5 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.
- 6 The Court for the review of the determination of the trial Court, on the trial of a Bishop, shall be composed of Bishops only.
- 7 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.
- 8 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.
- 9 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.

A184 Amend Title III.8.5(h)

Proposer	Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons
Topic	Canons
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Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, That Title III.8.5 (h) be amended as follows:
 - 2 (h) Preparation for ordination shall include training regarding
 - 3 (1) prevention of sexual misconduct.
 - 4 (2) civil requirements for reporting and pastoral opportunities for responding to evidence of abuse.
 - 5 (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.*
 - 6 (4) the Church's teaching on racism
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A185 Amend House of Deputies Rule of Order XII.D

Proposer	President of the House of Deputies
Topic	Rules of Order
Endorsed by	
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Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, That the House of Deputies amends Rule XII of its Rules of Order as follows:
- 2 A. Deputies may debate.
- 3 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.
- 4 Any Deputy or person participating in debate will provide their name and the Diocese they represent.
- 5 *Any Deputy may speak only after being recognized by the Presiding Officer.*
- 6 B. Definitions
- 7 Debate. Debates are an opportunity for Deputies to engage in discussion on any matter.
- 8 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.
- 9 C. Deputies may engage in debate on any matter except when:
- 10 debate has been ended by a vote of the House;
- 11 debate is not allowed due to a Rule of the House, a Joint Rule, a Canon, or the Constitution.
- 12 D. Time Limits
- 13 A total of 30 minutes is the maximum time allowed to debate on:
- 14 i. any matter; and

- 15 ii. all motions related to that matter.
- 16 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:
- 17 i. amend the motion or Resolution;
- 18 ii. move a substitute;
- 19 iii. end debate.
- 20 3. During a debate on any motion or other matter, a member may:
- 21 ~~(i) speak up to two (2) minutes, or up to four (4) minutes if translation is required, after being recognized by the Chair; and~~
- 22 (ii) speak twice ~~on the matter.~~
- 23 ~~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.~~
- 24 (5) Debate will end following:
- 25 i. a successful vote to end debate;
- 26 ii. the end of the time allowed for debate by a Rule or Special Order; or
- 27 iii. by ruling of the ~~President~~ *Presiding Officer* if:
- 28 a. at least three Deputies have spoken in favor of the matter and no one rises to speak against it;
or
- 29 b. at least three Deputies have spoken against the matter and no one rises to speak in favor of it;
or
- 30 c. no one rises to speak on the matter.
- 31 *Resolved*, That the House of Deputies amends Rule XII of its Rules of Order as follows:
- 32 A. Deputies may debate.
- 33 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.

34 Any Deputy or person participating in debate will provide their name and the Diocese they represent.

35 *Any Deputy may speak only after being recognized by the Presiding Officer.*

36 B. Definitions

37 Debate. Debates are an opportunity for Deputies to engage in discussion on any matter.

38 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.

39 C. Deputies may engage in debate on any matter except when:

40 debate has been ended by a vote of the House;

41 debate is not allowed due to a Rule of the House, a Joint Rule, a Canon, or the Constitution.

42 D. Time Limits

43 A total of 30 minutes is the maximum time allowed to debate on:

44 i. any matter; and

45 ii. all motions related to that matter.

46 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:

47 i. amend the motion or Resolution;

48 ii. move a substitute;

49 iii. end debate.

50 3. During a debate on any motion or other matter, a member may:

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

52 (ii) speak twice ~~on the matter.~~

53 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.~~

- 54 (5) Debate will end following:
- 55 i. a successful vote to end debate;
- 56 ii. the end of the time allowed for debate by a Rule or Special Order; or
- 57 iii. by ruling of the ~~President~~*Presiding Officer* if:
- 58 a. at least three Deputies have spoken in favor of the matter and no one rises to speak against it;
or
- 59 b. at least three Deputies have spoken against the matter and no one rises to speak in favor of it;
or
- 60 c. no one rises to speak on the matter.
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A186 Amend House of Deputies Rule of Order XV

Proposer	President of the House of Deputies
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RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of Deputies of the 79th General Convention amends XV of the House Rules of Order as follows:
- 2 XV. Elections
- 3 (A) Nominations
- 4 (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.*
- 5 ~~(1)(2) Nominations by a~~Any two Deputies may nominate additional eligible persons ~~permitted before in any election by~~ to be conducted by the House.
- 6 (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.*
- 7 (4) *All Nominations must be submitted by the adjournment of the third legislative day, except that:*
- 8 (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.* ‘
- 9 (35) 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. ~~There are no nominating speeches for any office or position, except~~

for the President and the Vice-President of the House.

10 Voting Requirements

11 All elections will be by individual secret ballot, paper or electronic, except where there are no
12 more nominees than open seats, in which case ~~the~~ a voice vote may be ~~by voice~~ *held at the
13 discretion of the President.*

14 A majority vote is required to elect *unless the Constitution, Canons, or Rules of Order requires a
15 different vote. In any election in which more than one position will be filled from the same pool
16 of nominees, a majority is calculated based upon the number of voters who cast a ballot in that
17 election.*

18 *On any ballot prepared by the Secretary, the candidates will be listed in alphabetical order by
19 last name.*

14 2. Balloting Procedures

15 In all elections in which there are eight or fewer nominees, the following voting procedure will be
16 used if the election has not been completed:

17 *after the third ballot, the nominees will be reduced to two more than the number of vacancies to
18 be filled in the election; and*

19 *after the fifth ballot, the nominees will be reduced to one more than the number of vacancies to
20 be filled in the election. ~~After the third ballot there will only be two more nominees than the
21 number of vacancies to be filled on the ballot. After the fifth ballot only one more nominee than
22 the number of vacancies to be filled will be on the ballot.~~*

23 In all elections in which there are more than eight nominees, the following procedure will be used
if the election has not been completed:

24 *~~After the third ballot, the nominees will be reduced to four more nominees there will be only
25 four more nominees than the number of vacancies to be filled on the ballot in the election; and~~*

26 *After the fifth ballot, the nominees ~~there will be reduced to only one more nominee than the
27 number of vacancies to be filled on the ballot in the election.~~*

28 *In all cases where nominees are to be reduced under these rules, the nominees with the lowest
29 number of votes will be eliminated.*

30 *If more nominees receive a majority vote than the number of positions to be elected, those
31 nominees receiving the highest number of votes will be elected.*

32 *If there is a tie to either eliminate or elect a nominee, a runoff ballot will be held between the*

nominees tied.

A187 Amend HOD Rules of Order XIV

Proposer	President of the House of Deputies
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Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of Deputies amends House of Deputies Rules of Order XIV as follows:
 - 2 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's~~ 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.*
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A188 Amend HOD Rules of Order II

Proposer	President of the House of Deputies
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C&C / RoO change?	Yes
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of Deputies amends House of Deputies Rules of Order by inserting the following section at the end of Rule II:
 - 2 *(F) Memorial Roll*
 - 3 *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.*
 - 4 *At each General Convention, time will be set aside to read aloud the names on the Memorial Roll and for prayers by the Chaplain.*
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A189 Create Task Force to Develop Process for Substance Abuse Screening

Proposer	15 - Ministry
Topic	Structure
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
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C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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
- 2 *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
- 3 *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
- 4 *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
- 5 *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

- 6 *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.
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A190 Church Pension Fund

Proposer	24 - Privilege and Courtesy/HOD
Topic	Courtesy
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C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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
 - 2 *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
 - 3 *Resolved*, That we celebrate the CPF's professionalism, compassion, and trustworthiness in responding to the changing needs and demographics of The Episcopal Church.
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A191 Official Youth Presence

Proposer	24 - Privilege and Courtesy/HOD
Topic	Courtesy
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
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Final Status	Adopted by House of Deputies
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	Expresses a heartfelt welcome and deep appreciation to the Official Youth Presence. And commends the members, chaperones, and coordinators of the Official Youth Presence for participating in and contributing to the governing process of The Episcopal Church.

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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
 - 2 *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.
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A192 Church Publishing

Proposer	24 - Privilege and Courtesy/HOD
Topic	Courtesy
Endorsed by	
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C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	Congratulates Church Publishing on its 100th anniversary.

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, That the House of Deputies of the 79th General Convention congratulate Church Publishing on its 100th anniversary; and be it further
 - 2 *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
 - 3 *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
 - 4 *Resolved*, That we commend Church Publishing for its expanding role in reaching out to an evolving audience within and beyond The Episcopal Church.
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A193 Amend Rules of Order XVI

Proposer	01 - Rules of Order/HOD
Topic	Rules of Order
Endorsed by	
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C&C / RoO change?	Yes
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 Resolved, that House of Deputies rule XVI be amended as follows:
- 2 XVI: Confirmation of the Election of a Presiding Bishop
- 3 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.
- 4 ~~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.~~
- 5 ~~C. B.~~ The House may choose to receive the *name* ~~Committee's report to the House~~ in a closed session.
- 6 ~~D. C.~~ 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.
- 7 ~~E. D.~~ 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.*
- 8 ~~F. E.~~ The House will vote by individual secret ballot, paper or electronic, unless a Vote by Orders is requested.
- 9 ~~G. F.~~ A majority vote is required to confirm.
- 10 *And be it further*

11 *Resolved, that House of Deputies rule VIII. A. 1. ii. be amended as follows:*

12 VIII: Legislative Committees

13 A. General Rules on Legislative Committees

14 1. Appointment and Creation

15 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.

16 ii. The Legislative Committees may include the following and any others that the
President designates:

17 [... Note: no change to items a-n]

18 ~~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.~~

A194 Study Revision of Joint Rules of Order

Proposer	01 - Rules of Order/HOD
Topic	Rules of Order (Jt.)
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Final Status	Not Completed
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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
- 2 *Resolved*, ~~That the sum of the estimated expenses of the task force \$25,000 will be paid from be appropriated to the Task Force from the triennial budget's interim bodies line item.~~

A195 Establishing a Staff Person for Liturgy and Music on the Staff of the Presiding Bishop

Proposer	12 - Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music
Topic	Budget
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
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C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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 worshipping communities in The Episcopal Church; and be it further
 - 2 *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
 - 3 *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.
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A196 Fund a Full-time Evangelism Staff Officer

Proposer	11 - Evangelism and Church Planting
Topic	Budget
Endorsed by	
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C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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
- 2 *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.

A197 Expressing Gratitude to the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Royal Family

Proposer	24 - Privilege and Courtesy/HOD
Topic	Courtesy
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Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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
 - 2 *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
 - 3 *Resolved*, That we thank the Duke and Duchess of Sussex for their desire to have Bishop Curry's distinct voice on their wedding day.
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A198 Express Gratitude for the Royal Wedding Sermon

Proposer	24 - Privilege and Courtesy/HOD
Topic	Courtesy
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C&C / RoO change?	No
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Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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
 - 2 *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
 - 3 *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
 - 4 *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.
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A199 Give Thanks to the Staff, Legislative Leadership, and Ministers of Hospitality and Organization

Proposer	24 - Privilege and Courtesy/HOD
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RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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
 - 2 *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.
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A200 Congratulations to The Widows Corporations

Proposer	24 - Privilege and Courtesy/HOD
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RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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
 - 2 *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.
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A201 Thanking Episcopalians for the Response to 2017 Disasters

Proposer	24 - Privilege and Courtesy/HOD
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C&C / RoO change?	No
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RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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
 - 2 *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.
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A202 Appreciation for the House of Bishops’ Listening Session

Proposer	24 - Privilege and Courtesy/HOD
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RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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
 - 2 *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
 - 3 *Resolved*, That we express our gratitude to the House of Bishops for hearing, responding, and offering pastoral care and the ministry of reconciliation.
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A203 Give Thanks to the People of Austin

Proposer	24 - Privilege and Courtesy/HOD
Topic	Courtesy
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
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Final Status	Adopted by House of Deputies
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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
 - 2 *Resolved*, That the vibrant spaces, food, music, and culture of this city have sustained us in our work and inspired us for service.
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A204 Give Thanks to the Diocese of Texas for Hosting Convention

Proposer	24 - Privilege and Courtesy/HOD
Topic	Courtesy
Endorsed by	
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C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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
 - 2 *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.
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A205 Give Thanks to the Diocese of Texas and to City of Austin Hosts

Proposer	24 - Privilege and Courtesy/HOD
Topic	Courtesy
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
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C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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
- 2 *Resolved*, That our appreciation extends to the bishops, staff, and people of the Diocese of Texas; and be it further
- 3 *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
- 4 *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.

A206 Extend Greetings to the United Methodist Church

Proposer	24 - Privilege and Courtesy/HOD
Topic	Courtesy
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
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HiA / Leg. Cttee	HD / 24 - Privilege and Courtesy/HOD
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Review Status	Passed review
Final Status	Adopted by House of Deputies
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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.
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A207 Encouraging Mission as Part of the Beloved Community

Proposer	05 - World Mission
Topic	World Mission
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HB / 05 - World Mission
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Final Status	Concurred
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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
- 2 *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
- 3 *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
- 4 *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
- 5 *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
- 6 *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.

A208 Establish a Standing Commission on World Mission

Proposer	05 - World Mission
Topic	Structure
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HB / 05 - World Mission
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Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, That Canon I.1.2(n) be amended as follows:
 - 2 *(3) A Standing Commission on World Mission. It shall be the duty of the Commission to:*
 - 3 *(i) Identify the global mission work carried out by the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, dioceses, congregations and mission organizations throughout the church.*
 - 3 *(ii) Consult with the above bodies to envision future directions for the church's global engagement.*
 - 3 *(iii) Develop policy proposals for world mission for consideration by General Convention.*
 - 3 *(iv) Discharge such other duties as shall from time to time be assigned by the General Convention.*
- 4 And be it further
- 5 *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.

A209 Reunification with La Iglesia Episcopal de Cuba

Proposer	06 - The Episcopal Church in Cuba
Topic	Reconciliation
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HD / 06 - The Episcopal Church in Cuba
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Review Status	Passed review
Final Status	Take No Further Action
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, That the 79th General Convention expresses its joy at the request of the community of *La Iglesia Episcopal de Cuba* (IEC) to reunite our two bodies and welcomes the prospect of restoring the relationship between The Episcopal Church (TEC) and IEC; and be it further
- 2 *Resolved*, That the ~~79th~~ 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 these two bodies; and be it further
- 3 *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*
- 4 *Resolved*, That TEC and IEC seek to employ God's justice to confront our shared brokenness, and to equip and empower our efforts toward healing, wholeness and reconciliation for generations to come; and be it further
- 5 *Resolved*, That the ~~79th~~ General Convention desires complete reunification of IEC with TEC; and be it further
- 6 *Resolved*, That the ~~79th~~ General Convention expresses our deep regret that structural and constitutional issues prevent the realization of our fullest expression of reunification at the 79th General Convention; and be it further
- 7 *Resolved*, That the ~~79th~~ General Convention expresses our eagerness to share a future in which TEC is informed by the extraordinary circumstances surrounding IEC that have produced widespread and empowered lay leadership, as well as resilient and creative clergy, with an exceptional missional skillset and a heart for evangelism that is essential for future health and vitality of the Episcopal Branch of the Jesus Movement.

A210 Gratitude for Bishops' Witness Against Gun Violence

Proposer	24 - Privilege and Courtesy/HOD
Topic	Courtesy
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
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C&C / RoO change?	No
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Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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
 - 2 *Resolved*, That we appreciate the bishops' continued commitment to bear witness against the epidemic of gun violence.
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A211 Celebrate Diocesan Anniversaries

Proposer	24 - Privilege and Courtesy/HOD
Topic	Courtesy
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
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C&C / RoO change?	No
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RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, That the House of Deputies of the 79th General Convention of the Episcopal Church 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
 - 2 *Resolved*, That the House of Deputies of the 79th General Convention of the Episcopal Church 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
 - 3 *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.
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A212 Thanking Episcopalians for the Response to 2017 Disasters

Proposer	24 - Privilege and Courtesy/HOD
Topic	Courtesy
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
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Final Status	Adopted by House of Deputies
C&C / RoO change?	No
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Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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
 - 2 *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.
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A213 Promoting Energy and Water Efficiency Across The Church

Proposer	20 - Environmental Stewardship and Care of Creation
Topic	Budget
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HB / 20 - Environmental Stewardship and Care of Creation
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C&C / RoO change?	No
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Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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
 - 2 *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
 - 3 *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.
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A214 Preparing for Admission of La Iglesia Episcopal de Cuba

Proposer	06 - The Episcopal Church in Cuba
Topic	New Dioceses
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HD / 06 - The Episcopal Church in Cuba
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Final Status	Take No Further Action
C&C / RoO change?	No
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Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- Resolved*, That the 79th General Convention commend the diligence of La Iglesia Episcopal de Cuba (IEC) in completing the following actions set forth by The Episcopal Church (TEC) Task Force on Cuba established by, based on 2015-B003: drafted changes to the Constitution and Canons of IEC; 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 TEC, pay an Assessment to TEC, and provide a complete accounting of the financial assistance received from TEC; provided education for clergy and laity about TEC, Constitution and Canons, and the workings of General Convention; provided a proposed annual budget to TEC; 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 while the General Convention desires an immediate reunification, it recognizes that TEC has yet to attend to the structural and canonical requirements necessary and pledges to complete the following actions to welcome IEC as a Diocese of TEC at the 80th General Convention: addressing any constitutional and canonical issues presented in order to officially name IEC as a diocese of TEC, inviting the Bishop of Cuba to participate in the House of Bishops consistent with its rules of order, continuing to establish relationships with dioceses and congregations of TEC, and designating \$400,000 for the ongoing work of ministry and mission for IEC; and be it further
- Resolved*, That immediately upon the close of business of the 79th General Convention, the active clergy of IEC 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 IEC and

CPF, and applicable law, including the receipt of any necessary licenses from the Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) or any other applicable governmental authority; and be it further

- 4 *Resolved*, That TEC, IEC, and other potential ministry partners will, in consultation with CPF, collaborate on a plan to fund the past service liability accrued by the active clergy of IEC; and be it further
 - 5 *Resolved*, That the General Convention support the formation of a 3-year interim body to accompany IEC and TEC as they fully reunify; said body would consist of eight (8) members, four (4) from IEC and four (4) from TEC to facilitate complete reunification of life, ministry, and mission; and be it further
 - 6 *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 IEC and \$50,000 for the interim body's work for the implementation of this resolution.
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A215 Solidarity with the People of Venezuela

Proposer	05 - World Mission
Topic	Justice
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HB / 05 - World Mission
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C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, That the 79th General Convention acknowledge the difficult circumstances the nation of Venezuela faces; and be it further
 - 2 *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
 - 3 *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
 - 4 *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.
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A216 Calendar Reformation

Proposer	12 - Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music
Topic	Church Calendar
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HB / 12 - Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music
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Review Status	Did not pass review - see review report
Final Status	Not Concurred
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, 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
- 2 ~~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:
 - 3 ~~February 26~~ The Samaritan Woman
 - 4 ~~May 21~~ Lydia of Thyatira, Coworker of the Apostle Paul
 - 5 ~~July 8~~ Priscilla and Aquila, Coworkers of the Apostle Paul
 - 6 ~~August 3~~ Joanna, Mary, and Salome, Myrrh-bearing Women
 - 7 ~~August 29~~ The Beheading of Saint John the Baptist
 - 8 ~~September 3~~ Phoebe, Deacon
 - 9 ~~September 8~~ The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 - 10 ~~October 25~~ Tabitha (Dorcas) of Joppa
- 11 ~~And be it further~~
- 12 *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 a new line following it with the words “Additional

Commemorations listed in ~~the~~ *Lesser Feasts and Fasts Calendar*.”

13 *This is the first of two required readings in accordance with Article X of the Constitution.*

A217 Consultation of Common Revised Common Lectionary Daily Readings

Proposer	12 - Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music
Topic	Liturgy
Endorsed by	
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C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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.
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A218 The Proposed Book of Occasional Services 2018

Proposer	12 - Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music
Topic	Liturgy
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HB / 12 - Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music
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Final Status	Concurred
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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 worshipping communities.
- 2 Seasonal Blessings (p.11 as presented) Bendiciones estacionales (p. 11 como presentado);
- 3 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)
- 4 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.
- 5 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.
- 6 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;
- 7 Advent Festival of Lessons and 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)

- 8 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 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.
- 9 Blessing of a Crèche (p. 37 as presented) Bendición de un pesebre (p. 36 como presentado);
- 10 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)
- 11 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 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.
- 12 Service for New Year's Eve (p. 43 as presented) Oficio para la víspera de Año Nuevo (p. 42 como presentado);
- 13 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)
- 14 **The Procession**
- 15 *Deacon* Let us go forth in peace.
People In the name of Christ. Amen.
- 16 *During the procession, all carry lighted candles; appropriate hymns, psalms, or anthems are sung.*
- 17 *In a suitable place, the procession may halt while the following or some other appropriate Collect is said*
- 18 Let us pray.
- 19 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. ;
- 20 Blessings over Food at Easter (p. 98 as presented) Bendiciones de los alimentos en la comida de Pascua (p. 91 como presentada);
- 21 Rogation Procession. (p. 101 as amended on p. 112) Procesión de rogativas (p. 93 como emendada)

p. 104);

22 *The Presider and People then say*

23 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.

24 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);

25 Service for All Hallows' Eve (p 125 as presented) Oficio para la víspera de Todos los Santos (p. 118 como presentada);

26 Welcoming New People to a Congregation (p. 132 as amended) Acogida a nuevas personas en una congregación (p. 124 como emendada)

27 Welcoming New People to a Congregation

28 *When welcoming new people to the congregation publicly, they may be introduced in the following manner immediately before the Peace:*

29 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.

30 *The new members of the community are presented.*

31 *A member of the vestry or other leader makes the presentation.*

32 *Presenter*

33 I present N.N. to be welcomed as members of this community (parish, cathedral, etc.)

34 *Presider* Do you desire to continue your journey into Christ as a member of _____?

35 *New Member:* I do.

36 *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?

37 *New Member:* I will, with God's help.

38 *Presider* Will you who witness these promises, do all in your power to support these persons in

their life in Christ?

39 *People We will.*

40 *Presider* Let us pray.

41 *Presider and People*

42 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.

43 *The Liturgy continues with the exchange of the peace.*

44 A Service of Renaming (p. 134 as presented) Rito para cambiar de nombre (p. 126 como presentada);

45 The Preparation for Baptism, or Catechumenate (p. 140 as presented) Preparación para el Bautismo o catecumenado (p. 131 como presentada);

46 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);

47 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);

48 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);

49 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);

50 Celebration for a Home (p. 166, amended on p. 173) Celebración para un hogar (p. 160, emendada en p. 167)

51 **In a Terrace or Garden**

52 *Antiphon*

53 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.

54 V. My boundaries enclose a pleasant land:

55 R. Indeed, I have a goodly heritage.

- 56 Let us pray. (*Silence*)
- 57 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.*
- 58 *Or, one of the following prayers may be used:*
- 59 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.*
- 60 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.*
- 61 A Shorter Blessing of a Home (p. 176 as presented) Bendición abreviada de un hogar (p. 169 como presentada);
- 62 Anniversary of a Marriage (p.179 as amended) Aniversario de bodas (p. 172 como emendada)
- 63 Anniversary of a Marriage
- 64 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.
- 65 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.*
- 66 or this
- 67 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.

68 or this

69 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.

70 Immediately after the Sermon (and the Creed if appointed), the Couple present themselves before the Presider, who stands facing the people.

71 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.

72 The Presider then asks each spouse:

73 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?

74 The Spouse answers

75 I do.

76

The Couple, kneeling or standing, say together

77 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.

78 The Presider then blesses them, saying
May God the Father, who ordained that it is good for two people to live in the covenant of marriage, keep you one. Amen.

79 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.

80 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.

- 81 And may God the Holy Trinity, the source of all unity, bless you this day and for ever. Amen.
- 82 The service continues with the Peace, or, at a principal service, with the Prayers of the People.
- 83 The couple may present the bread and wine at the Offertory.
- 84 If there is not to be a Communion, the service concludes with the Lord's Prayer and the Peace.
- 85 When this form is used as an act of reconciliation, the Presider may adapt it in consultation with the parties.;
- 86 A Public Service of Healing. (P. 182 as presented) Oficio público de sanación (p. 175 como presentada);
- 87 A Rite of Welcoming after Absence (p. 194 as amended to change the title of the rite) Rito de bienvenida después de una ausencia (p. 187 como emendada en el cambio del título del rito);
- 88 Concerning Exorcism (p. 195 as presented) Lo concerniente al Exorcismo (p. 189 como presentada);
- 89 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);
- 90 Concerning the Blessing of Water (p. 201 as presented) Lo concerniente a la bendición del agua (p. 194 como presentada);
- 91 Concerning Holy Oils (p. 202 as presented) Lo concerniente a los santos óleos (p. 196 como presentada);
- 92 Dedication of Church Furnishings and Ornaments (p. 204 as presented) Dedicación de los muebles y ornamentos de una iglesia (p. 197 como presentada);
- 93 The Founding of a Church (p. 222 as presented) Fundación de una iglesia (p. 214 como presentada);
- 94 Setting Apart Secular Space for Sacred Use (p. 251 as presented) Reserva de un espacio secular para uso sagrado (p. 241 como presentada);
- 95 A Litany for the Mission of the Church (p. 252 as presented) Letanía por la misión de la Iglesia (p. 242 como presentada);
- 96 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);

- 97 Restoring of Things Profaned (p. 324 as presented) Restauración de cosas profanadas (p. 249 como presentada);
- 98 Secularizing a Consecrated Building (p. 326 as presented) Secularización de un edificio consagrado (p. 251 como presentada);
- 99 Concerning the Rite (p. 330 as amended) Lo concerniente al rito (p. 254 como emendada)
- 100 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.
- 101 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).
- 102 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.
- 103 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:
- 104 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.
- 105 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.
- 106 The people to whom Holy Communion is to be administered are to be notified in advance and the time of the appointment clearly set.
- 107 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.

108 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)

109 Distribution of Holy Communion

110 by Lay Eucharistic Visitors

111 to persons who are ill or infirm

112 The Lay Eucharistic Visitors should be accompanied by other persons from the congregation.

113 The Lay Eucharistic Visitor greets the people

114 The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

115 Response And also with you.

116 **Collect of the Day**

117 Gospel of the Day, or some other passage of Scripture appropriate to the occasion.

118 Reflections may be offered from the sermon of that day.

119 Suitable prayers may be offered.

120 A Confession of Sin may be said

121 Most merciful God,

122 we confess that we have sinned against you

123 in thought, word, and deed,

124 by what we have done,

125 and by what we have left undone.

126 We have not loved you with our whole heart;

127 we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

128 We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

129 For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,

130 have mercy on us and forgive us;

131 that we may delight in your will,

132 and walk in your ways,

133 to the glory of your Name. Amen.

134 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.

135 **The Lord's Prayer**

136 **Administration of the Holy Communion**

137 (using one of the authorized words of administration)

138 **Closing Prayer**

139 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

140 Minister Let us bless the Lord

141 Response Thanks be to God;

142 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);

143 Liturgical Materials Honoring God in Creation (p. 337, as amended with change in titles on p.
340, p. 342, and p. 346), Materiales litúrgicos para honrar a Dios en la creación (p. 260 como
emendada con cambio en títulos en p. 263, p. 265 y p. 270)

144 Prayers of the People Celebrating God in Creation Form 1

145 Prayers of the People Celebrating God in Creation Form 2

146 Prayers of the People Celebrating God in Creation Form 3 (on the theme of water)

147 Consecration of Chrism Apart from Baptism (p. 356 as presented) Consagración del crisma al margen del Bautismo (p. 281 como presentada);

148 A Proper for the Consecration of Chrism (p. 357 as presented) ;

149 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)

150 A Service for the Ending of a Pastoral Relationship and Leave-taking from a Congregation

151 **At the Service of the Word**

152 A hymn, psalm, or anthem may be sung. The people standing, the Presider says,

153 Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

154 People And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

155

In place of the above, for Easter Day through the Day of Pentecost

156 Presider Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

157 In Lent and on other penitential occasions

158 Presider

159 Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;

160 People His mercy endures for ever.

161 The Presider then continues

162 There is one Body and one Spirit;

163 People There is one hope in God's call to us;

164 One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

165 People One God and Father of all.

166 The Lord be with you.

167 People And also with you.

169 The Collect of the Day

170 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.

171 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.

172 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.

173 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.

174 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.

175 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.

176 or this collect

177 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.

178 The Ministry of the Word

179 Old Testament

180 Genesis 31:44-46,48-49,50b (The Lord watch between you and me when we are absent one from another.)

181 Genesis 12:1-9 (Abraham's departure from Haran and God's promise to bless him.)

182 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.)

183 Psalm 119:89-96, *or* Nunc Dimittis

184 Epistle

185 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.)

186 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.

187 Gospel

188 Matthew 9:35-38 (The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few.)

189 Matthew 25:31-40 (As you did it to the least of these, you did it to me.)

190 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.)

191 John 21:15-19 (Feed my sheep.)

192 **Sermon**

193 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.

194 The service continues with the Nicene Creed.

195 **The Ending of a Pastoral Relationship**

196 Just before the Peace, the Minister addresses the Bishop (or the Bishop's Deputy) and the congregation with these or similar words

197 On the _ day of __, ____, 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.

198 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.

199 (The Minister may, if desired, briefly state his/her plans for the future.) The Bishop or the Deputy says

200 Do you, the people of _____, recognize and accept the conclusion of this pastoral relationship?

201 People We do.

202 If the Bishop or Bishop's Deputy is not present, the Minister may address a similar question to the congregation.

203 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.

204 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.

205 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.

206 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.

207 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 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.

208 The departing Minister and the congregation then say together the following prayer

209 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.

210 Silence

211 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.

212 Silence

213 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.

214 Silence

215 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.

216 Silence

217 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.

218 The departing Minister, or the Bishop, or the Bishop's Deputy then says

219 The peace of the Lord be always with you

220 People And also with you.

221 If the Eucharist is to follow, the service continues with the offertory.

222 Except on major feasts, the Preface may be that for Apostles and Ordinations.

223 **After the Communion**

224 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, always rejoice in your glory, and come at length into your heavenly

kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

225 This blessing may be pronounced either by the minister, or by the bishop, or by the Bishop's Deputy.

226 May God, who has led us in the paths of justice and truth, lead us still, and keep us his ways. Amen.

227 May God, whose Son has loved us and given himself for us, love us still, and establish us in peace. Amen.

228 May God, whose Spirit unites us and fills our hearts with joy, illumine us still, and strengthen us for the years to come. Amen.

229 And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. Amen.;

230 Recognition and Investiture of a Diocesan Bishop (p. 375 as amended), Reconocimiento e investidura de un obispo diocesano (p. 297 como emendada)

231 Recognition and Investiture of a Diocesan Bishop

232 The Recognition

233 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.

234 A welcoming procession is formed, and moves through the congregation to the principal door.

235 The new Bishop, attended by two deacons, standing outside the door, knocks upon it three times.

236 The Warden opens the door. As the door is opened, the Bishop's voice is heard, saying

237 Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them and give thanks to the Lord.

238 Warden The Lord prosper you;
 we wish you well in the Name of the Lord.

239 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

240 I will give you a shepherd after my own heart, who will feed you with knowledge and understanding.

241 *The new Bishop petitions as follows*

242 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].

243 The Presiding Bishop replies

244 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.

245 The Warden then says

246 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.

247 The Presiding Bishop then says

248 Let the will of the people here present be made known. Do you recognize and receive N. as your Bishop?

249 People We do.

250 Presiding Bishop
Will you uphold N. in this ministry?

251 People We will.

252 The Presiding Bishop stands and calls the people to prayer, in these or similar words

253 Let us now offer our prayers for N., for this Diocese, and for all God's people.

254 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

255 The Lord be with you

256 People And also with you.

257 Presiding Bishop Let us pray.

258 The Presiding Bishop then says the Collect of the Day or the Collect for Ordination.

259 All sit, and the Liturgy of the Word continues in the usual manner.

260 After the Sermon (and Creed), the following renewal of the commitments of ordination may take place.

261 The Presiding Bishop addresses the new Bishop in these or similar words

262 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.

263 Presiding Bishop Will you exercise your ministry in obedience to Christ?

264 Answer I will obey Christ, and will serve in his name.

265 Presiding Bishop Will you be faithful in prayers, and in the study of Holy Scripture, that you may have the mind of Christ?

266 Answer I will, for he is my help.

267 Presiding Bishop Will you boldly proclaim and interpret the Gospel of Christ, enlightening the minds and stirring up the conscience of your people?

268 Answer I will, in the power of the Spirit.

269 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?

270 Answer I will, in the name of Christ, the Shepherd and Bishop of our souls.

271 Presiding Bishop Will you guard the faith, unity, and discipline of the Church?

272 Answer I will, for the love of God.

273 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?

- 274 Answer I will, by the grace given me.
- 275 Presiding Bishop Will you be merciful to all, show compassion to the poor and strangers, and defend those who have no helper?
- 276 Answer I will, for the sake of Jesus Christ.
- 277 Presiding Bishop May the Lord who has given you the will to do these things, give you the grace and power to perform them.
- 278 Answer Amen.
- 279 The Investiture
- 280 The Presiding Bishop now stands and says
- 281 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.
- 282 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
- 283 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.
- 284 A Bible is brought from the Altar and held before the Bishop, who, laying a hand upon it, takes the oath, as follows
- 285 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.
- 286 The Seating
- 287 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.
- 288 The Dean of the Cathedral Church, meeting the Bishop at the Cathedra, says

289 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.

290 *The Bishop sits, and the People offer their acclamations and applause. Bells may be rung or festive music may be played or sung.*

291 Afterwards, the Bishop stands and says

292 The peace of the Lord be always with you.

293 People And also with you.

294

The Presiding Bishop and other Ministers greet the Bishop.

295 The People greet one another.

296 The Bishop greets other members of the clergy, family members, and members of the congregation as may be convenient.

297 The Liturgy continues with the Offertory. Deacons prepare the Table.

298 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.

299 In place of the usual postcommunion prayer, a Bishop or Presbyter leads the people in the following

300 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.*

301 The new Bishop blesses the people, first saying

302 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.

- 303 A Deacon dismisses the People.;
- 304 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)
- 305 Welcoming and Seating
of a Bishop in the Cathedral
- 306 The ministers and people assemble in the Cathedral Church.
- 307 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.
- 308 The new bishop, attended by two deacons, standing outside, knocks three times on the door.
- 309 The Warden opens the door, and the Bishop enters and greets the congregation, saying
- 310 Grace and peace be with you, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
- 311 People
- 312 And also with you.
- 313 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.
- 314 The Dean, or other person appointed, welcomes the bishop in these or similar words
- 315 N.N., Bishop in the Church of God we welcome you to your Cathedral Church, the symbol and center of your pastoral, liturgical, and teaching ministry in this Diocese.
- 316 The Bishop responds, saying
- 317 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.
- 318 The bishop is escorted to the Cathedra. Meanwhile, instrumental music may be played.
- 319 The Dean, standing near the Cathedra, says
- 320 In the name of the Chapter of this Cathedral Church, and on behalf of the people of this diocese, I invite you, *N.*, to be seated, 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.

321 The Bishop sits, and the People offer their acclamations and applause. Bells may be rung 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.

322 The Bishop then says to the people

323 The Lord be with you.

324 People And also with you.

325 Bishop Let us pray.

326 The Bishop says the Collect of the Day.

327 The Liturgy continues in the usual way, with the appointed Lessons and Psalm.

328 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.

329 In place of the usual postcommunion prayer, the Dean leads the people in the following

330 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.

331 The Bishop blesses the people, first saying

332 Our help is in the Name of the Lord.

333 People The maker of heaven and earth.

334 Bishop Blessed be the Name of the Lord.

335 People From this time forth for evermore.

336 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

337 A Deacon dismisses the people.;

338 Setting Apart for a Religious Vocation. (P. 388 with title amended) Para dedicarse a una vocación religiosa (p. 309 como emendada en el cambio del título); and be if further

339 *Resolved*, that The Blessing of a Pregnant Woman from The Book of Occasional Services 2003 be restored; and be it further

340 *Resolved*, that the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music seek and receive feedback on their use.

341 Explanation

342 Committee 12 – Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music feels that this is not a time to publish another book for worship. Rather, we need to make these services easily available to all worshipping communities.

A219 Refer Portions of The Proposed Book of Occasional Services 2018

Proposer	12 - Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music
Topic	Liturgy
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HB / 12 - Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music
Current Status	House of Deputies sent Message for Information
Version	Final text
Review Status	Passed review
Final Status	Concurred
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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
- 2 *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:
 - 3 Way of the Cross
 - 4 On Maundy Thursday
 - 5 When Members Leave a Congregation
 - 6 Discernment for a new Church Mission
 - 7 A Liturgy for Commissioning a Church Planter, Missioner or Mission Team
 - 8 A Liturgy for the Opening of a New Congregation
 - 9 Reaffirmation of Ordination Vows
 - 10 And the parallel texts in French and Spanish
 - 11 And it be it further
- 12 *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.

A220 Translations and Interpretations

Proposer	13 - Committee to Receive the Report of Resolution A169
Topic	Language Translation
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HD / 04 - Governance and Structure
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Review Status	Passed review
Final Status	Take No Further Action
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, That this 79th General Convention express its deep regret for our lack of sensitivity and hospitality to our Latino and Latina siblings in Christ. We further regret that some resolutions were not translated prior to the hearings and that oral interpretation was not provided in committee hearings, specifically in the hearing of Committee 13 on resolutions A085, A086, and B012; and be it further
 - 2 *Resolved*, That, understanding the challenges involved in the process of developing committees, the General Convention acknowledge the deficient makeup of Committee 13 in relation to diversity, including, but not limited to, the lack of native Spanish speakers, and strongly urges that the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies pay close attention to this matter; and be it further
 - 3 *Resolved*, That this 79th General Convention direct that the Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution, and Canons review the Joint Rules of Order and propose revisions to the 80th General Convention that make provision for translation of all resolutions prior to hearings on those resolutions and oral interpretation in committee hearings; and be it further
 - 4 *Resolved*, That the Joint Commission on Planning and Arrangements and The General Convention Office make provision for translation of all resolutions prior to hearings on those resolutions and oral interpretation in committee hearings for the 80th General Convention.
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A221 Collaboration and Networking

Proposer	10 - Congregational and Diocesan Vitality
Topic	Mission Strategy
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HB / 10 - Congregational and Diocesan Vitality
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Final Status	Concurred
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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
- 2 *Resolved*, That this work be initiated by affinity groups, networks, members of dioceses, and the wider Episcopal Church; and be it further
- 3 *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.

A222 Against Caste-and Descent-Based Discrimination

Proposer	07 - Social Justice and International Policy
Topic	Human Rights
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HD / 07 - Social Justice and International Policy
Current Status	House of Bishops sent Message for Information
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Review Status	Passed review
Final Status	Concurred
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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
 - 2 *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
 - 3 *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
 - 4 *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
 - 5 *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.
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A223 Family Leave Policies

Proposer	17 - Church Pension Fund
Topic	Employee Benefits
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HD / 17 - Church Pension Fund
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C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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
 - 2 *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
 - 3 *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
 - 4 *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.
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A224 Gratitude for the Seminary of the Southwest

Proposer	24 - Privilege and Courtesy/HOD
Topic	Courtesy
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HD / 24 - Privilege and Courtesy/HOD
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Final Status	Adopted by House of Deputies
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 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.

A225 On the Importance of Ecumenism for Becoming Beloved Community

Proposer	19 - Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations
Topic	Ecumenism
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HB / 19 - Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations
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C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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
 - 2 *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
 - 3 *Resolved*, That they be encouraged to seek ecumenical partners that reflect the racial, ethnic, national, linguistic, and cultural diversity of their context.
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A226 Site of 81st General Convention (2024)

Proposer	04 - Governance and Structure
Topic	General Convention
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
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HiA / Leg. Cttee	HD / 04 - Governance and Structure
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Review Status	Passed review
Final Status	Concurred
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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).
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A227 Communion Across Difference

Proposer	13 - Committee to Receive the Report of Resolution A169
Topic	Structure
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HD / 13 - Committee to Receive the Report of Resolution A169
Current Status	House of Bishops sent Message for Information
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Review Status	Passed review
Final Status	Concurred
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 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 (<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 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

- 6 *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.
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A228 Beloved Community Summit: Igniting the Church to be Bold Agents for Racial Healing, Justice, and Reconciliation

Proposer	09 - Racial Justice and Reconciliation
Topic	Reconciliation
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HB / 09 - Racial Justice and Reconciliation
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C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 **BELOVED COMMUNITY SUMMIT: Igniting the Church to be Bold Agents for Racial Healing, Justice, and Reconciliation**
- 2 *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
- 3 *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
- 4 *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.

A229 Condemnation of Racial Discrimination and Encouragement to Confront Racism

Proposer	09 - Racial Justice and Reconciliation
Topic	Racism
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HB / 09 - Racial Justice and Reconciliation
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C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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
 - 2 *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
 - 3 *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.
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A230 Deploring the Sin of Scapegoating in Politics

Proposer	09 - Racial Justice and Reconciliation
Topic	Discrimination
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HB / 09 - Racial Justice and Reconciliation
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C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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
- 2 *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
- 3 *Resolved*, That General Convention repudiates the acts of violence that inevitably result from the rhetoric and tactics of political scapegoating; and be it further
- 4 *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
- 5 *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.

6 Explanation

7 The historical proclamation that "all [people] are created equal" is formed from the same substance as the core Christian doctrine, proclaimed in the baptismal covenant, that God commands God's people to respect the dignity of every human being. This universal human imperative, toward which all faith traditions strive equally, helped form the basis of systems of democratic government which proclaim, without by any means always respecting, the dignity of all people.

8 It is therefore the responsibility of the Church, vanguard of the Jesus Movement, to repudiate the statements and actions of leaders or political movements choosing to engender resentment and fear of any group of human beings on the basis of race, language, culture, belief, immigration status, gender, gender identification, or sexual orientation.

A231 Celebrate Episcopal Church Women and United Thank Offering

Proposer	24 - Privilege and Courtesy/HOD
Topic	Courtesy
Endorsed by	Scriven, The Rev. Beth; Gunn, The Rev. Canon Scott
Sponsored by	
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C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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
 - 2 *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
 - 3 *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.
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A232 Gratitude for the Young Adult Festival

Proposer	24 - Privilege and Courtesy/HOD
Topic	Courtesy
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
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HiA / Leg. Cttee	HD / 24 - Privilege and Courtesy/HOD
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Final Status	Adopted by House of Deputies
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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
 - 2 *Resolved*, That we celebrate the inspiring presentation by Ms. Eva Ortez to our General Convention.
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A233 Honor the Right Reverend Mary Adelia McLeod

Proposer	24 - Privilege and Courtesy/HOD
Topic	Courtesy
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
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HiA / Leg. Cttee	HD / 24 - Privilege and Courtesy/HOD
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C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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
 - 2 *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 Anglican Communion, fulfilling her responsibilities with grace and dignity.
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A234 Express Gratitude to the Very Rev. George L. W. Werner

Proposer	24 - Privilege and Courtesy/HOD
Topic	Courtesy
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HD / 24 - Privilege and Courtesy/HOD
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Final Status	Adopted by House of Deputies
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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
 - 2 *Resolved*, That we assure him of our prayerful support as he continues in his faithful service to The Episcopal Church.
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A235 Send Greetings to Ms. Virginia Collins

Proposer	24 - Privilege and Courtesy/HOD
Topic	Courtesy
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
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HiA / Leg. Cttee	HD / 24 - Privilege and Courtesy/HOD
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C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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
 - 2 *Resolved*, That we offer thanks to Ms. Collins for her ministry, and assure her of our continued prayers.
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A236 Express Gratitude to Canon Dr. Bonnie Anderson

Proposer	24 - Privilege and Courtesy/HOD
Topic	Courtesy
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
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Final Status	Adopted by House of Deputies
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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
 - 2 *Resolved*, That we honor her service as Deputy, Vice-President, and President of the House of Deputies; and be it further
 - 3 *Resolved*, That we extend greetings to Canon Dr. Bonnie Anderson and her family, and continue to hold them in our prayers.
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A237 Investigation of Pension Parity Resolution

Proposer	04 - Governance and Structure
Topic	Justice
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
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C&C / RoO change?	No
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Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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
 - 2 *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
 - 3 *Resolved*, That the Church Pension Fund is invited to present its findings to the 80th General Convention.
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A238 Admit Episcopal Diocese of Cuba as a Diocese of The Episcopal Church

Proposer	06 - The Episcopal Church in Cuba
Topic	New Dioceses
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Final Status	Concurred
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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

- 2 *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

- 3 *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

- 4 *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

- 5 *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
- 6 *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
- 7 *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
- 8 *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:
 - 9 (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;
 - 10 (2) A certified copy of the Canons of the Diocese that conform in essential part to the Constitution and Canons of The Episcopal Church;
 - 11 (3) An annual diocesan parochial report as required by Canon I.6 for the last full year prior to compliance with this resolution;
 - 12 (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;
 - 13 (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
 - 14 (6) Evidence that all clergy in the Diocese have complied with the requirements of

Canon III.10 and Article IX of the Constitution;

15 And be it further

16 *Resolved*, That, following such effective date,

17 (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;

18 (2) The General Convention designates the Diocese of Cuba to be added to the Second Province of The Episcopal Church;

19 (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;

20 And be it further

21 *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

22 *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

23 *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

24 *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

25 *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

- 26 *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.
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A239 The Archbishop of Canterbury and Mrs. Welby

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Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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 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.
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A240 The Archbishop of Canterbury and Mrs. Welby

Proposer	24 - Privilege and Courtesy/HOD
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Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, That this 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.
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A241 The Most Reverend Josiah Idowu-Fearon and the ACO

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C&C / RoO change?	No
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Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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.

A243 The Most Reverend Bernard Ntahoturi and the Anglican Centre in Rome

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C&C / RoO change?	No
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Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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 Bernard Ntahoturi, and gives thanks for his appointment in March 2017 as the Director of the Anglican Centre in Rome; and be it further
- 2 *Resolved*, That the House of Bishops 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.

A245 The Presiding Bishop of the ELCA and the Lutheran Church

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C&C / RoO change?	No
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RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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 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.
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A247 The Archbishop of Utrecht and the Old Catholic Church

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C&C / RoO change?	No
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RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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 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.
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A249 The Metropolitan of the Mar Thoma Church and the MTC

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C&C / RoO change?	No
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RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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 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
 - 2 *Resolved*, That the House of Bishops 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.
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A251 The Prime Bishop of the Philippine Independent Church and the PIC

Proposer	24 - Privilege and Courtesy/HOB
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C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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 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.
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A253 The Leadership of the Moravian Church USA, Northern and Southern Provinces

Proposer	24 - Privilege and Courtesy/HOB
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C&C / RoO change?	No
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RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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 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
 - 2 Resolved, That the House of Bishops 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.
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A255 The Secretary-General of the World Council of Churches

Proposer	24 - Privilege and Courtesy/HOB
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C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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 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.

A257 The Secretary-General of the National Council of Churches

Proposer	24 - Privilege and Courtesy/HOB
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C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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 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.
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A259 The President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and Episcopal-Roman Catholic Dialogue

Proposer	24 - Privilege and Courtesy/HOB
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C&C / RoO change?	No
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RESOLUTION TEXT

- Resolved*, That the House of Bishops of 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 Cardinal 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 the House of Bishops 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.

A261 Episcopal-United Methodist Dialogue

Proposer	24 - Privilege and Courtesy/HOB
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C&C / RoO change?	No
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Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, That the House of Bishops of 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.
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A263 Episcopal-Presbyterian Dialogue

Proposer	24 - Privilege and Courtesy/HOB
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C&C / RoO change?	No
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RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, That the House of Bishops of 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.
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A265 The Chairman of the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops

Proposer	24 - Privilege and Courtesy/HOB
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C&C / RoO change?	No
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RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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 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.
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A267 The Delegates of the Standing Conference of Oriental Orthodox Bishops

Proposer	24 - Privilege and Courtesy/HOB
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C&C / RoO change?	No
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RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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 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
 - 2 *Resolved*, That the House of Bishops, sends our commitment in solidarity to our Christian sisters and brothers of your Churches wherever they face persecution, violence, and displacement.
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A269 The 26th Presiding Bishop and Dr. Richard Schori

Proposer	24 - Privilege and Courtesy/HOB
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RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, That the House of Bishops of 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.
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A271 The 25th Presiding Bishop and Mrs. Phoebe Griswold

Proposer	24 - Privilege and Courtesy/HOB
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Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, That the House of Bishops of 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.
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A273 The 24th Presiding Bishop

Proposer	24 - Privilege and Courtesy/HOB
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Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, That the House of Bishops of 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.

A275 The Ecumenical and Interfaith Guests of Convention

Proposer	24 - Privilege and Courtesy/HOB
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RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, That the House of Bishops of 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.
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A277 The Anglican Communion Guests of Convention

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RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, That the House of Bishops of 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.
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A279 The Schentrup Family and Ms. Abigail Zimmerman

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Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, That the House of Bishops of 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
 - 2 *Resolved*, That the House of Bishops 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
 - 3 *Resolved*, That the House of Bishops commends and supports the young people of this Church and their fellow students who have been striving to turn a moment into a movement for lasting change in the culture of violence that infects our countries at every level of our societies.
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A281 Interpretation and Translation Services

Proposer	22 - Dispatch of Business/HOB
Topic	Language Translation
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
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Final Status	Concurred
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 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.

A282 Amend Canon III.11.3(b)

Proposer	02 - Constitution and Canons
Topic	Canons
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. 109-110
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HD / 02 - Constitution and Canons
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Review Status	Passed review
Final Status	Concurred
C&C / RoO change?	Yes
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, That Canon III.11.3(b) is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 2 (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:
- 3 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 _____.
- 4 (Signed) _____
- 5 *(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.*

A283 Multicultural Liturgies for Occasional Services

Proposer	12 - Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music
Topic	Liturgy
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HB / 12 - Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music
Current Status	House of Bishops sent Message for Information
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Review Status	Passed review
Final Status	Concurred
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, That the 79th General Convention approve the following services from the Proposed Book of Occasional Services 2018. These services shall be made available digitally for use by worshiping communities
- 2 Las Posadas
- 3 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.
- 4 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.
- 5 Communities who observe *Las Posadas* should consider the following:
 - 6 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.
 - 7 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.
 - 8 3. Participants may carry lights in procession.
 - 9 4. The hymn, Canto Para Pedir Posada is traditionally sung in this rite.

- 10 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.
- 11 6. Following the closing devotions, refreshments or a meal may be served.
- 12 Concerning the Service
- 13 The Feast of La Virgen de Guadalupe is celebrated on December 12 throughout Mexico and increasingly in The Episcopal Church.
- 14 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.
- 15 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.
- 16 Additional materials for use on December 12 are found on page _____.
- 17 Celebration of the Feast of La Virgen de Guadalupe
- 18 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.
- 19 Presider A great sign appeared in the sky, a woman clothed with the sun,
- 20 People With the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars.
- 21 Presider Let us pray.
- 22 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.

- 23 Deacon Let us go forth in peace.
- 24 People In the Name of Christ. Amen.
- 25 During the procession, the people may carry flowers, and appropriate hymns, psalms, or anthems are sung, such as the hymn “La Guadalupana.”
- 26 Upon arrival in the sanctuary, the Eucharist begins with the Collect of the Day.
- 27 The people standing, the Presider says The Lord be with you.
- 28 People And also with you.
- 29 Presider Let us pray.
- 30 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.
- 31 The Eucharist continues in the usual manner, using the following Psalm and Lessons
- 32 The First Reading Zechariah 2:10-13
- 33 or A Selection from The Nican Mopohua, the reading then concludes, “Here ends the reading.”
- 34 Psalm 131 or 116
- 35 The Second Reading Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a
- 36 Gospel Luke 6:20-23
- 37 A Homily
- 38 The Prayers of the People
- 39 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.
- 40 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.
- 41 May our care for youth and children, the elderly and sick, the weak, helpless and poor (especially Deputies___), reflect the love of La Virgen, revealed at Tepeyac; we pray to you, God of mercy.

Hear our prayer.

- 42 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 Deputies____); we pray to you, God of mercy. Hear our prayer.
- 43 May those who have died (especially Deputies____) rest in your peace, and those who mourn (especially Deputies____) find comfort in fellowship with La Virgen de Guadalupe and all the saints; we pray to you, God of mercy. Hear our prayer.
- 44 Intercessions may be offered by the people.
- 45 The Presider adds this concluding Collect.
- 46 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.
- 47 At the Eucharist the liturgy continues with the Peace and the Offertory.
- 48 Proper Preface
- 49 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.
- 50 In place of the usual postcommunion prayer, the following is said
- 51 Presider and People
- 52 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.
- 53 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.
- 54 The Bishop, when present, or the Priest, may bless the people.
- 55 The Deacon, or the Presider, dismisses the people.

- 56 Songs, hymns, and readings traditionally used on the Feast of La Virgen de Guadalupe include the following.
- 57 Songs and Hymns:
- 58 La Guadalupana
- 59 Buenos Días Paloma Blanca
- 60 Mi Virgen Ranchera
- 61 Oh Virgen la más Hermosa
- 62 From Hymnal 1982
- 63 277 Sing of Mary, Pure and Lowly (Raquel)
- 64 78 Sing We of the Blessed Mother (Rustington)
- 65 From El Himnario
- 66 483 Mi Alma Glorifica al Señor mi Dios (Cántico de María)
- 67 62 Como Estrella en Claro Cielo (Raquel)
- 68 A Reading from The Nican Mopohua:
- 69 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.

- 70 El Día de los Muertos (Day of the Dead)
- 71 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.
- 72 Communities who observe El Día de los Muertos should consider the following principles:
- 73 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.
- 74 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.
- 75 And be it further
- 76 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
- 77 Resolved, that the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music seek and receive feedback on their use.
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A284 Amend Canon I.17.5 and Canon III.1.2

Proposer	02 - Constitution and Canons
Topic	Canons
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C&C / RoO change?	Yes
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, That Canon I.17.5 be amended to read as follows:
 - 2 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.
 - 3 And be it further
 - 4 *Resolved*, That Canon III.1.2 be amended to read as follows:
 - 5 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.
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A285 George H. W. Bush and the late Mrs. Barbara Bush

Proposer	24 - Privilege and Courtesy/HOB
Topic	Courtesy
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C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, That the House of Bishops meeting at this 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
- 2 *Resolved*, That the House of Bishops 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.

A286 Keeping Faith With U.S. Military Recruits

Proposer	08 - Social Justice and United States Policy
Topic	Immigration
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
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C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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
 - 2 *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
 - 3 *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.
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A287 Amend Canon III.13 (Formerly Resolution A171)

Proposer	Task Force on the Episcopacy
Topic	Canons
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Final Status	Referred to an Interim Body
C&C / RoO change?	Yes
Referrals	Interim Body
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, That Canon III.13 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 2 CANON 13: Of Dioceses without Bishops
- 3 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 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.*
- 4 ~~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~~.
- 5 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 shall 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.*

- 6 *And be it further resolved that this Amendment to Canon III.13 shall be effective as of July 15, 2018.*
 - 7 *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.*
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A288 Gratitude for the Children's Program

Proposer	24 - Privilege and Courtesy/HOD
Topic	Courtesy
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
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C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, That the House of Deputies of the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church 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
 - 2 *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
 - 3 *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.
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A289 Express Appreciation for the President of the House of Deputies

Proposer	24 - Privilege and Courtesy/HOD
Topic	Courtesy
Endorsed by	
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C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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
 - 2 *Resolved*, That we congratulate her on receiving the Louie Crew Award awarded at the Integrity Eucharist; and be it further
 - 3 *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
 - 4 *Resolved*, That we acknowledge her devotion and service to The Episcopal Church and its General Convention through many years in a variety of roles.
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A290 Express Gratitude to Ecumenical Visitors

Proposer	24 - Privilege and Courtesy/HOD
Topic	Courtesy
Endorsed by	
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Final Status	Adopted by House of Deputies
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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
 - 2 *Resolved*, That the House of Deputies reaffirms our commitment to work and pray together as active participants in the Jesus Movement.
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A291 Express Gratitude for the House of Deputies Chaplain

Proposer	24 - Privilege and Courtesy/HOD
Topic	Courtesy
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Final Status	Adopted by House of Deputies
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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.
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A292 Commend the Secretary of the House of Deputies

Proposer	24 - Privilege and Courtesy/HOD
Topic	Courtesy
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
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Final Status	Adopted by House of Deputies
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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
- 2 *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
- 3 *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.

A293 Express Gratitude to the Voting Secretary

Proposer	24 - Privilege and Courtesy/HOD
Topic	Courtesy
Endorsed by	
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C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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.

A294 Commend Dinorah Padro, Spanish Language Interpreter

Proposer	24 - Privilege and Courtesy/HOD
Topic	Courtesy
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
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Final Status	Adopted by House of Deputies
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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
 - 2 *Resolved*, That we acknowledge her remarkable ability to match an extraordinarily dynamic and energetic preacher's expressiveness, grace, and humor; and be it further
 - 3 *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.
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A295 Adopt the Budget for The Episcopal Church

Proposer	21 - Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance
Topic	Budget
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
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HiA / Leg. Cttee	HD / 21 - Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance
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C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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.
- 2 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.
- 3 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.
- 4 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.
- 5 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.
- 6 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.

- 7 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.
 - 8 For the budgetary period net income from diocesan commitments, totaling \$83,405,850 is anticipated.
 - 9 For the budgetary period 2019-2021, payment by the dioceses of the Askings shall be made in twelve equal monthly payments.
 - 10 All additional income, other than from the Askings of the dioceses, totaling \$50,453,868 is projected.
 - 11 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.
 - 12 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.
 - 13 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:
 - 14 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.
 - 15 The fiscal year shall begin January 1.
 - 16 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.
 - 17 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.
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- 18 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.
 - 19 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.
 - 20 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.
 - 21 An annual report of the trust fund balances with accompanying narratives shall be posted on the DFMS website when it is released.
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A296 Resources for Responsible Investing

Proposer	18 - Stewardship & Socially Responsible Investing
Topic	Socially Responsible Investment
Endorsed by	
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C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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
 - 2 *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.
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A297 Collaboration and Networking

Proposer	10 - Congregational and Diocesan Vitality
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
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C&C / RoO change?	No
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RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, 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
 - 2 *Resolved*, That this work be initiated by affinity groups, networks, members of dioceses, and the wider Episcopal Church; and be it further
 - 3 *Resolved*, That the fruits and learnings of this work be reported to the Executive Council and presented with recommendations for any system changes to the 80th General Convention.
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A298 Gratitude for the TEConversations

Proposer	24 - Privilege and Courtesy/HOD
Topic	Courtesy
Endorsed by	
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C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, That the House of Deputies of 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
- 2 *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
- 3 *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
- 4 *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
- 5 *Resolved*, That we thank The Reverend David Crabtree for facilitating these sessions with skill and grace; and be it further
- 6 *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.

A299 Celebrate the Vice-President of the House of Deputies

Proposer	24 - Privilege and Courtesy/HOD
Topic	Courtesy
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C&C / RoO change?	No
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RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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
 - 2 *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.
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A300 Gratitude for the Parliamentarian of the House of Deputies

Proposer	24 - Privilege and Courtesy/HOD
Topic	Courtesy
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C&C / RoO change?	No
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RESOLUTION TEXT

1 *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.

A301 Gratitude for Special Guests

Proposer	24 - Privilege and Courtesy/HOD
Topic	Courtesy
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C&C / RoO change?	No
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RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, That in Genesis 15:9, Abram presented to the Lord an offering; and be it further
- 2 *Resolved*, That in Leviticus, they were offered as a sacrifice; and be it further
- 3 *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
- 4 *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
- 5 *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.

A302 Bienvenida

Proposer	24 - Privilege and Courtesy/HOB
Topic	Courtesy
Endorsed by	
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C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
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RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Se resuelve*, que la reunión de la Cámara de Obispos en esta 79.^a 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.
- 2 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.
- 3 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.
- 4 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.
- 5 English
- 6 *Resolved*, That the House of Bishops meeting at this 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;
- 7 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;

- 8 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;
 - 9 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.
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A303 Rejoice at the Reunion of La Iglesia Episcopal de Cuba With The Episcopal Church

Proposer	24 - Privilege and Courtesy/HOD
Topic	Courtesy
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C&C / RoO change?	No
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RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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
 - 2 *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
 - 3 *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.
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A304 Express Gratitude to Off-site Translators

Proposer	24 - Privilege and Courtesy/HOD
Topic	Courtesy
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C&C / RoO change?	No
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Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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
 - 2 *Resolved*, That their round-the-clock ministry is highly valued and essential to our participation and witness as members of the Jesus Movement.
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A305 The Diocese of Texas

Proposer	24 - Privilege and Courtesy/HOB
Topic	Courtesy
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C&C / RoO change?	No
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Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, That the House of Bishops meeting at this 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
 - 2 *Resolved*, That the House of Bishops 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.
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A306 The Archives of the Episcopal Church

Proposer	24 - Privilege and Courtesy/HOB
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C&C / RoO change?	No
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RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, That the House of Bishops meeting at this 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 Mark Duffy, Canonical Archivist and Director of the Archives, and the staff our profound gratitude for their ministry.
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A307 The General Convention Secretariat, the Presiding Bishop's Staff, Legislative Leadership, and Support Leaders

Proposer	24 - Privilege and Courtesy/HOB
Topic	Courtesy
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C&C / RoO change?	No
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RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, That the House of Bishops meeting at this 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 Secretariat, for their faithful service in support of the work of this House and of this Convention; and be it further
 - 2 *Resolved*, That the House of Bishops further thanks the staff of the Presiding Bishop's Office for the considerable support that they have give to this House and this Convention both before and during our meeting; and be it further
 - 3 *Resolved*, That the House of Bishops further thanks the Legislative Committee Chairs, Co-Chairs, Secretaries, Aides, Liaisons, Technicians, Translators, and ASL Interpreters.
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A308 The Translators

Proposer	24 - Privilege and Courtesy/HOB
Topic	Courtesy
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C&C / RoO change?	No
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RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, That the House of Bishops meeting at this 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
- 2 *Resolved*, That the House of Bishops 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
- 3 *Resolved*, That the House of Bishops 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.

A309 The Leadership of the Bishops' Spouses and Partners Community

Proposer	24 - Privilege and Courtesy/HOB
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C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, That the House of Bishops meeting at this 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.
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A310 The City and People of Austin

Proposer	24 - Privilege and Courtesy/HOB
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C&C / RoO change?	No
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RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, That the House of Bishops meeting at this 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
 - 2 *Resolved*, That the House of Bishops 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.
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A311 The Presiding Bishop and Mrs. Curry

Proposer	24 - Privilege and Courtesy/HOB
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C&C / RoO change?	No
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Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, That the House of Bishops meeting at this 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.
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A312 The President of the House of Deputies

Proposer	24 - Privilege and Courtesy/HOB
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C&C / RoO change?	No
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RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, That the House of Bishops meeting at this 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.

A313 The Reverend Canon Michael Hunn

Proposer	24 - Privilege and Courtesy/HOB
Topic	Courtesy
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C&C / RoO change?	No
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RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, That the House of Bishops meeting at this 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.

A314 The Chaplains to the House of Bishops

Proposer	24 - Privilege and Courtesy/HOB
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RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, That the House of Bishops, meeting at this 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.
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A315 The Chancellor and the Special Counsel

Proposer	24 - Privilege and Courtesy/HOB
Topic	Courtesy
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C&C / RoO change?	No
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RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, That the House of Bishops, meeting at this 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church, gathered in Austin, Texas, recognizing the remarkable service that they have given, and continue to give, for the well-being of the life of the Church, gives thanks to Almighty God for the ministry among us of the Chancellor to the Presiding Bishop, Mr. David Booth Beers, Esq, and the Special Counsel to the Presiding Bishop, Ms. Mary Kostel, Esq.
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A316 Honor the Rt. Reverend Mary Adelia McLeod

Proposer	24 - Privilege and Courtesy/HOB
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Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, That the House of Bishops 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
- 2 *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.

B001 Set Rates for Funding Church Budget

Proposer	The Rt. Rev. Scott Benhase
Topic	Budget
Endorsed by	Skirving, The Rt. Rev. Rob; Tarrant, The Rt. Rev. John
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HD / 21 - Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance
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C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That the 79th General Convention adopt a system of diocesan funding of the Church triennial budget based on how much each diocese spends on average per congregation in their annual budget; and be it further
- 2 *Resolved*, That the rate be set for 2019-2021 as follows: For dioceses spending \$1 - \$5,000 the rate will be 2.5%. For dioceses spending \$5,001 - \$10,000 the rate will be 5%. For dioceses spending \$10,001 - \$15,000 the rate will be 7.5%. For dioceses spending \$15,000 - \$20,000 the rate will be 10%. For dioceses spending \$20,001 - \$25,000 the rate will be 12.5%. For dioceses spending \$25,001 - \$30,000 the rate will be 15%. For dioceses spending \$30,001 - \$35,000 the rate will be 17.5%. For dioceses spending more than \$35,001 the rate will be 20%; and be it further
- 3 *Resolved*, That the member dioceses of this Church commit to pay the full percentage assessment as established by the budget approved by the 79th General Convention for the coming triennium (2019-2021) if their financial circumstances so permit; and be it further;
- 4 *Resolved*, That those dioceses unable to make this commitment by 2021 submit a hardship waiver request to Executive Council for review; and be it further
- 5 *Resolved*, That the Executive Council has authority to grant such a hardship waiver as necessary and when accompanied by an action plan appropriate to the circumstances of the diocese seeking the hardship waiver that will work toward full participation in the covenanted asking commitment by a set date.

B002 Anti-Corruption

Proposer	The Rt. Rev. Wendell Gibbs
Topic	Justice
Endorsed by	Prior, The Rt. Rev. Brian N.; Johnston, The Rt. Rev. Shannon
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HB / 08 - Social Justice and United States Policy
Current Status	House of Deputies sent Message for Information
Version	Final text
Review Status	Passed review
Final Status	Concurred
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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
 - 2 *Resolved*, That 79th General Convention urge Episcopal clergy, laypeople, 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
 - 3 *Resolved*, That 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.
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B003 On the Status of Jerusalem

Proposer	The Rt. Rev. Barry Beisner
Topic	Middle East
Endorsed by	Rickel, The Rt. Rev. Gregory; Magness, The Rt. Rev. James
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HD / 07 - Social Justice and International Policy
Current Status	House of Bishops sent Message for Information
Version	Final text
Review Status	Passed review
Final Status	Concurred
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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
- 2 *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
- 3 *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
- 4 *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
- 5 *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
- 6 *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.

B004 Encouraging the Language of Dismantling Racism and Racial Healing, Justice, and Reconciliation

Proposer	The Rt. Rev. Rob Wright
Topic	Racism
Endorsed by	Seage, The Rt. Rev. Brian ; Sloan, The Rt. Rev. John McKee
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HB / 09 - Racial Justice and Reconciliation
Current Status	House of Deputies sent Message for Information
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Review Status	Passed review
Final Status	Concurred
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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
 - 2 *Resolved*, 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
 - 3 *Resolved*, there is also important work being done to begin such healing, justice, and reconciliation, and be it further
 - 4 *Resolved*, 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
 - 5 *Resolved*, That the terms to be utilized to describe such work should include Dismantling Racism and Racial Healing, Justice and Reconciliation.
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B005 Gun Violence as a Public Health Issue

Proposer	The Rt. Rev. William Stokes
Topic	Weapons
Endorsed by	Edwards, The Rt. Rev. Dan; Thom, The Rt. Rev. Brian
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HB / 08 - Social Justice and United States Policy
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Review Status	Passed review
Final Status	Concurred
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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
 - 2 *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
 - 3 *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.
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B006 Amend Canon I.17

Proposer	The Rt. Rev. Shannon Johnston
Topic	Canons
Endorsed by	Alexander, The Rt. Rev. J. Neil; Whitmore, The Rt. Rev. Keith
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. 58
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HB / 15 - Ministry
Current Status	House of Deputies sent Message for Information
Version	Final text
Review Status	Passed review
Final Status	Concurred
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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.
 - 2 Notes:
 - 3 Title I, Canon 7, “Of Business Methods in Church Affairs”, and Resolution D-147 (1979 GC):
“Accounting Principles and Practices for Dioceses, Parishes, and Other Congregations”
 - 4 https://www.episcopalchurch.org/files/full_manual_updated_012815_0.pdf
 - 5 https://www.episcopalarchives.org/cgi-bin/acts/acts_search.pl
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B007 Ethical Investing in Gun Manufacturers

Proposer	The Rt. Rev. Douglas Fisher
Topic	Socially Responsible Investment
Endorsed by	Lee, The Rt. Rev. Jeffrey; Waldo, The Rt. Rev. W. Andrew
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HD / 18 - Stewardship & Socially Responsible Investing
Current Status	House of Bishops sent Message for Information
Version	Final text
Review Status	Passed review
Final Status	Concurred
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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
 - 2 *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.
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B008 Stewardship in Communities of Color

Proposer	The Rt. Rev. Ian Douglas
Topic	Stewardship
Endorsed by	Baskerville-Burrows, The Rt. Rev. Jennifer; Sutton, The Rt. Rev. Eugene
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HD / 18 - Stewardship & Socially Responsible Investing
Current Status	House of Bishops sent Message for Information
Version	Final text
Review Status	Passed review
Final Status	Concurred
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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
 - 2 *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
 - 3 *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.
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B009 Civil Discourse

Proposer	The Rt. Rev. Ian Douglas
Topic	National Concerns
Endorsed by	Provenzano, The Rt. Rev. Lawrence; Johnston, The Rt. Rev. Shannon
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HD / 14 - Christian Formation and Discipleship
Current Status	House of Bishops sent Message for Information
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Review Status	Passed review
Final Status	Concurred
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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
- 2 *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
- 3 *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.

B010 Concerning the Service of the Church

Proposer	The Rt. Rev. Ian Douglas
Topic	Book of Common Prayer
Endorsed by	Hirschfeld, The Rt. Rev. A. Robert; Fisher, The Rt. Rev. Douglas
Sponsored by	
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Review Status	Did not pass review - see review report
Final Status	Referred to an Interim Body
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, 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:
 - 2 “The Holy Eucharist, the 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.”
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B011 Inclusive Language Policies for Episcopal Seminaries and Formation Programs

Proposer	The Rt. Rev. Thomas Breidenthal
Topic	Theological Education
Endorsed by	Glasspool, The Rt. Rev. Mary; Baskerville-Burrows, The Rt. Rev. Jennifer
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HD / 14 - Christian Formation and Discipleship
Current Status	House of Bishops sent Message for Information
Version	Final text
Review Status	Passed review
Final Status	Concurred
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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
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B012 Marriage Rites for the Whole Church

Proposer	The Rt. Rev. Lawrence Provenzano
Topic	Liturgy
Endorsed by	Knisely, The Rt. Rev. W. Nicholas; McConnell, The Rt. Rev. Dorsey
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HD / 13 - Committee to Receive the Report of Resolution A169
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Version	Final text
Review Status	Did not pass review - see review report
Final Status	Concurred
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	Secretary of General Convention; Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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
- 2 *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
- 3 *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
- 4 *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
- 5 *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
- 6 *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
- 7 *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

- 8 *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
- 9 *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
- 10 *Resolved*, That the provisions of Canon I.19.3 regarding marriage after divorce apply equally to these liturgies; and be it further
- 11 *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
- 12 *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
- 13 *Resolved*, That this Church continue to honor theological diversity in regard to matters of human sexuality; and be it further
- 14 *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
- 15 *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.

B013 Response to Yemen Humanitarian Crisis

Proposer	The Rt. Rev. James Magness
Topic	Warfare
Endorsed by	Beisner, The Rt. Rev. Barry; Rickel, The Rt. Rev. Gregory
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HD / 07 - Social Justice and International Policy
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Final Status	Concurred
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 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.

B014 Director's Fees for the President of the House of Deputies

Proposer	The Rt. Rev. Sean Rowe
Topic	Structure
Endorsed by	Franklin, The Rt. Rev. R. William; Breidenthal, The Rt. Rev. Thomas
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HD / 16 - Churchwide Leadership
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Review Status	Passed review
Final Status	Concurred
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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,
- 2 *Resolved*, That this General Convention recognize the importance of diversity in governance leadership; and be it further,
- 3 *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 and Officer's Fees for specific services rendered in order to fulfill duties required by the Constitution and Canons.
- 4 *Resolved*, That the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance allocate resources for the implementation of this resolution.

B015 Giving Thanks for the Ministry of George McGonigle

Proposer	The Rt. Rev. C. Andrew Doyle
Topic	Courtesy
Endorsed by	Mayer, The Rt. Rev. J. Scott; Reed, The Rt. Rev. David M.
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HB / 24 - Privilege and Courtesy/HOB
Current Status	House of Bishops sent Message for Information
Version	Final text
Review Status	Passed review
Final Status	Adopted by House of Bishops
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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
 - 2 *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
 - 3 *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.
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B016 Adopt ELCA Action on Israel/Palestine

Proposer	The Rt. Rev. Mark Beckwith
Topic	Socially Responsible Investment
Endorsed by	Ely, The Rt. Rev. Thomas; Lane, The Rt. Rev. Stephen
Sponsored by	
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HiA / Leg. Cttee	HD / 18 - Stewardship & Socially Responsible Investing
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Review Status	Passed review
Final Status	Concurred
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	EC Committee on Corporate Social Responsibility
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1** *Resolved*, 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
 - 2** *Resolved*, That 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
 - 3** *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.
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B017 Financial Support for Administering the Episcopal Service Corps

Proposer	The Rt. Rev. George Wayne Smith
Topic	Budget
Endorsed by	Prior, The Rt. Rev. Brian N.; Bruce, The Rt. Rev. Diane M. Jardine
Sponsored by	
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HiA / Leg. Cttee	HD / 14 - Christian Formation and Discipleship
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Review Status	Passed review
Final Status	Concurred
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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; be it further
 - 2 *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
 - 3 *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.
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B018 A Resolution For Reconciliation and Engagement in the Holy Land

Proposer	The Rt. Rev. J. Scott Barker
Topic	Peace
Endorsed by	Goff, The Rt. Rev. Susan; Hirschfeld, The Rt. Rev. A. Robert
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HB / 07 - Social Justice and International Policy
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Final Status	Take No Further Action
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That the 79th General Convention expresses its deep regret at the lack of progress toward a just and peaceful resolution of the longstanding conflict between the Israelis and Palestinians, and reaffirms this Church's commitment to an end to the occupation and to a negotiated two-state solution in which a secure State of Israel lives alongside a free, viable, sovereign and secure state of Palestine; and be it further
- 2 *Resolved*, That The Episcopal Church, embracing its Christian faith which demands that we always live in hope, believes that peace, justice and co-existence between Israelis and Palestinians is possible ; and be it further
- 3 *Resolved*, That the General Convention encourages all Dioceses, as well as the Office of Government Relations, the Executive Council and the Standing Commission on Anglican and International Peace with Justice Concerns, to remain actively engaged in this issue and to search for concrete ways in which the Episcopal Church can act as an agent for Reconciliation and peaceful and meaningful Engagement of all parties to this conflict; and be it further
- 4 *Resolved*, That the General Convention encourages all bishops, clergy and lay people of the Episcopal Church to increase and deepen their own understanding of this conflict by traveling to the region as pilgrims and witnesses to Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories and to actively seek out meaningful opportunities to meet with, learn from and remain engaged with both Israelis and Palestinians and all parties to this conflict; and be it further
- 5 *Resolved*, That the General Convention expresses its special bond, commitment to and solidarity with and love and support for all Christians in Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories and calls on all Episcopalians to gratefully affirm, and provide various forms of material, temporal, financial and spiritual support for the Church in the Holy Land, including the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem, its Bishop The Rt. Rev. Suheil Dawani, and all the clergy, its parishes, its

institutions and ministries; and be it further

- 6 *Resolved*, That the General Convention encourages all Episcopalians to make especial efforts to get to know and learn from fellow Christians in the region and to work with them to stem the rise of all forms of extremism which has forced more Christians to leave the Holy Land; and be it further
 - 7 *Resolved*, That the General Convention, mindful of the Apostle Paul's exhortation to "pray without ceasing," (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18) and the Psalmist's plea to "pray for the peace of Jerusalem," (Psalm 122:6) requests that all Episcopalians commit themselves to on-going prayer that both Israelis and Palestinians will be liberated from the cycles of violence that have scarred and oppressed both peoples and that they will find their way to a just and peaceful resolution of their conflict; and be it further
 - 8 *Resolved*, That the General Convention recognizes that an end to the occupation requires a political solution and therefore calls upon Episcopalians in the United States to take an active role in the political life of their local, state and national community and work to elect responsible and thoughtful leaders who will support just and even handed policies and work effectively on an international level to bring about a negotiated two-state solution.
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B019 Impact Investing for Palestine

Proposer	The Rt. Rev. Dorsey McConnell
Topic	Socially Responsible Investment
Endorsed by	Goff, The Rt. Rev. Susan; Hirschfeld, The Rt. Rev. A. Robert
Sponsored by	Barker, The Rt. Rev. J. Scott
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Final Status	Take No Further Action
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention affirms impact investment as a necessary means to create a sound economy and a sustainable infrastructure in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip because without these measures there can and will be no viable Palestinian state and no enduring peace; and be it further *Resolved*, That impact investing as a strategy for a just and sustained peace in Israel and Palestine is faithful to The Episcopal Church's preference for a policy of engagement with both parties, rather than punitive methods towards one or the other; and be it further *Resolved*, That, as a component of this Church's support for impact investing in the Palestinian territories, the General Convention directs the Economic Justice Loan Committee to consider an investment of at least \$500,000 to strengthen the economic infrastructure of the Palestinian territories.

B020 Honoring the Church Pension Fund

Proposer	The Rt. Rev. Clifton Daniel
Topic	Courtesy
Endorsed by	Prior, The Rt. Rev. Brian N.; Bruce, The Rt. Rev. Diane M. Jardine
Sponsored by	Rickel, The Rt. Rev. Gregory
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Version	Final text
Review Status	Passed review
Final Status	No Action
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That on the occasion of the 100th Anniversary of the establishment of the Church Pension Fund, this 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church, gathered in Austin, Texas, sends its greetings, offers its thanksgivings and continues in its prayers for this great ministry. Through this first century of its life, the Church Pension Fund has faithfully fulfilled the mission entrusted to it: caring for the retired clergy and lay employees of this Church and for their well-being; providing opportunities for personal development and wellness among active employees; and its affiliated companies provide life insurance and medical benefits for laity and clergy, as well as property and casualty insurance for our parishes, dioceses and other institutions; and publishing books to enrich the ministries of those who serve this Church and beyond; and be it further
- 2 *Resolved*, That the 79th General Convention gives thanks for the capable leadership, responsible investment and careful stewardship of the financial resources committed to its care from the abundance of dedicated leadership and resources with which God continues bless this Church.
- 3 To the Executive leadership, Board of Trustees and employees of the Church Pension Fund, this Convention extends its thanks and prayers for Godspeed in the coming century. “Well done, good and faithful servant!” (Matthew 25:23)

B021 Support Aid to Palestinian Refugees

Proposer	The Rt. Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori
Topic	Refugees
Endorsed by	Beisner, The Rt. Rev. Barry; Ihloff, The Rt. Rev. Robert
Sponsored by	
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Review Status	Passed review
Final Status	Concurred
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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
 - 2 *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.
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B022 Support for the Episcopal Church in the Philippines and Joint Efforts to Continue the Jesus Movement Scholarship Program

Proposer	The Rt. Rev. Robert Fitzpatrick
Topic	Theological Education
Endorsed by	Bailey, The Rt. Rev. David; Bruce, The Rt. Rev. Diane M. Jardine
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HB / 05 - World Mission
Current Status	House of Deputies sent Message for Information
Version	Final text
Review Status	Passed review
Final Status	Concurred
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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
- 2 *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
- 3 *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
- 4 *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.

B023 Armenian Rite for Holy Cross Day

Proposer	The Rt. Rev. C. Franklin Brookhart
Topic	Liturgy
Endorsed by	Adams III, The Rt. Rev. Gladstone; Mathes, The Rt. Rev. James
Sponsored by	
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Review Status	Passed review
Final Status	Not Completed
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, 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.
- 2 The proposed form of the rite follows.
- 3 *Prior to the rite the following preparations are made.*
- 4 *“A sufficient amount of sweet basil sprigs, to be distributed to the congregation, is obtained.”*
- 5 *“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.”*
- 6 *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.*
- 7 *Officiant and People*
- 8 Holy God,
- 9 Holy and Mighty,
- 10 Holy and Immortal, you were crucified for us,
- 11 Have mercy on us.
- 12 *The officiant and attendants then carry the basil cross (on the tray) to the west part of the sanctuary, saying as they go:*

13 *Officiant*

14 Today on the feast of the renewal of the church in Jerusalem the sign of the Lord our God appeared in great brilliance.

15 *People*

16 O peoples, bless Christ; rejoice and be glad.

17 *Officiant*

18 For the rays of the holy life-creating cross appeared from the east in sun-lit brilliance, in radiant light.

19 *People*

20 O peoples, bless Christ; rejoice and be glad.

21 *Officiant*

22 The Lord's sign, flaming and terrible, marvelous new wonder, appeared from the heavens on Holy Golgotha.

23 *People*

24 O peoples, bless Christ; rejoice and be glad.

25 *The officiant, taking the cross from the tray, raises it and facing to the east says*

26 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.

27 *People*

28 Amen. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

29 *The officiant and attendants then carry the basil cross to the east part of the sanctuary, saying as they go:*

30 *Officiant*

31 You stretched out your spotless arms on the Cross, O Christ our God, and in it gave us the sign of victory.

32 *People*

33 By it preserve our life.

34 *Officiant*

35 The world-saving outstretched wings of your cross, O Christ our God, you gave to us as a staff of power.

36 *People*

37 By it preserve our life.

38 *Officiant*

39 You gave life again to him who had died by eating from the forbidden tree, by the tree of life.

40 *People*

41 By it preserve our life.

42 *The officiant, taking the cross from the tray, raises it and facing to the west says*

43 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.

44 *People*

45 Amen. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

46 *The officiant and attendants then carry the basil cross to the north part of the sanctuary, saying as they go:*

47 *Officiant*

48 O tree of life, Christ gave you to us as the fruit of life, in exchange for the death-bringing fruit.

49 *People*

50 Preserve under your protection the assembly of believers.

51 *Officiant*

52 Through you was opened the way to the tree of life, guarded by the Seraphim.

53 *People*

54 Preserve under your protection the assembly of believers.

55 *Officiant*

56 Through you our first parents were delivered from the sin of tasting the forbidden fruit, and all believers bow down in worship before you.

57 *People*

58 Preserve under your protection the assembly of believers.

59 *The officiant, taking the cross from the tray, raises it and facing to the south says*

60 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.

61 *People*

62 Amen. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

63 *The officiant and attendants then carry the basil cross to the south part of the sanctuary, saying as they go:*

64 *Officiant*

65 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.

66 *People*

67 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.

68 *Officiant*

69 After its wonderful and brilliant appearing it was given us as help against the enemy.

70 *People*

71 We all bless you for it.

72 *The officiant, taking the cross from the tray, raises it and facing to the north says*

73 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.

74 *People*

75 Amen. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

76 *The officiant and attendants return to the starting point of the procession and conclude with a prayer and a blessing.*

77 *Officiant*

78 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.

79 *People*

80 Amen.

81 *Officiant*

82 May we be blessed by the grace of the Holy Spirit. Depart in peace and may the Lord be with you all.

83 *People*

84 Amen. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

85 *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*

B024 Police Killings and Mental Illness

Proposer	The Rt. Rev. Andrew Dietsche
Topic	Security
Endorsed by	Rice, The Rt. Rev. David; Fitzpatrick, The Rt. Rev. Robert
Sponsored by	
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C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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
- 2 *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
- 3 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
- 4 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
- 5 Urge all Episcopalians to advocate for mental health crisis intervention training and utilization for all law enforcement officials in local communities.

B025 Water as a Human Right

Proposer	The Rt. Rev. Marc Andrus
Topic	Environment
Endorsed by	Rickel, The Rt. Rev. Gregory; Goff, The Rt. Rev. Susan
Sponsored by	
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C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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
- 2 *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
- 3 *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
- 4 *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
- 5 *Resolved*, That The Episcopal Church promote and advocate for publicly financed, owned, and operated safe water and wastewater infrastructure and services.

B026 Embracing the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals

Proposer	The Rt. Rev. Marc Andrus
Topic	Budget
Endorsed by	Singh, The Rt. Rev. Prince; Goff, The Rt. Rev. Susan
Sponsored by	
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Final Status	Concurred
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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
 - 2 *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
 - 3 *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.
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B027 Gender Inclusivity in Climate Change Action

Proposer	The Rt. Rev. Marc Andrus
Topic	Environment
Endorsed by	Beckwith, The Rt. Rev. Mark; Gray-Reeves, The Rt. Rev. Mary
Sponsored by	
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HiA / Leg. Cttee	HB / 20 - Environmental Stewardship and Care of Creation
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Final Status	Concurred
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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
- 2 *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
- 3 *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
- 4 *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.

B028 Continue Commitment to Growing Financial Generosity Within the Church

Proposer	The Rt. Rev. Dan Edwards
Topic	Budget
Endorsed by	Rickel, The Rt. Rev. Gregory; Fisher, The Rt. Rev. Douglas
Sponsored by	
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C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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
- 2 *Resolved*, That the church continue to embrace the biblical tithe of 10% as a standard for faithful generosity; and be it further
- 3 *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.

B029 Reaffirmation of Jubilee Ministries

Proposer	The Rt. Rev. Kenneth Price, Jr.
Topic	Budget
Endorsed by	Gibbs, The Rt. Rev. Wendell; Bruce, The Rt. Rev. Diane M. Jardine
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
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Version	Final text
Review Status	Passed review
Final Status	Concurred
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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
- 2 *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
- 3 *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
- 4 *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,
- 5 *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.

B030 Review of Nominations for Trustees of The Church Pension Fund

Proposer	The Rt. Rev. Mary Glasspool
Topic	Church Pension Fund
Endorsed by	Doyle, The Rt. Rev. C. Andrew; Provenzano, The Rt. Rev. Lawrence
Sponsored by	
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Final Status	Concurred
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, 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.

B031 Commend Global Episcopal Mission Network

Proposer	The Rt. Rev. Alan Scarfe
Topic	Courtesy
Endorsed by	Hodges-Copple, The Rt. Rev. Anne; Rivera, The Rt. Rev. Bavi
Sponsored by	
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Review Status	Passed review
Final Status	Concurred
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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
 - 2 *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
 - 3 *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.
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B032 Remembering Robert Ayres, Jr.

Proposer	The Rt. Rev. David M. Reed
Topic	Courtesy
Endorsed by	Harrison, The Rt. Rev. Dena; Alexander, The Rt. Rev. J. Neil
Sponsored by	
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Review Status	Passed review
Final Status	Adopted by House of Bishops
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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
 - 2 *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
 - 3 *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
 - 4 *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.
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C001 Reduced Enforcement of Immigration

Proposer	Diocese of North Carolina
Topic	Immigration
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
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Review Status	Did not pass review - see review report
Final Status	Take No Further Action
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That the 79th General Convention, in keeping with our mission to be a voice of Christian compassion, mercy, and justice, support decreased Federal funds for immigration enforcement, detention, deportation, and border militarization (including the border wall). Pursuing these practices as presently proposed by the U.S. Government directly violates the dignity of those subject to the enforcement and the biblical command to love one's neighbor as one's self.
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C002 Support Legislation for a Clean DREAM Act

Proposer	Diocese of North Carolina
Topic	Immigration
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
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Review Status	Passed review
Final Status	Take No Further Action
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That the 79th General Convention support passing legislation for a clean DREAM Act that provides a pathway for education, work, and protected status for young people brought to the U.S. as minors and protects their families from detention and deportation.
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C003 Way of Light Liturgy

Proposer	Diocese of Virginia
Topic	Liturgy
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
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Final Status	Concurred
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, 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.
- 2 The Way of Light
- 3 *A hymn or other song may be sung during the entrance of the ministers.*
- 4 Opening Devotions
- 5 In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.
- 6 Lord, have mercy.
- 7 *Christ, have mercy.*
- 8 Lord, have mercy.
- 9 *Officiant and People*
- 10 Our Father, who art in heaven,
- 11 hallowed be thy Name,
- 12 thy kingdom come,
- 13 thy will be done,
- 14 on earth as it is in heaven.
- 15 Give us this day our daily bread.

16 And forgive us our trespasses,
17 as we forgive those
18 who trespass against us.
19 And lead us not into temptation,
20 but deliver us from evil.
21 Our Father in heaven,
22 hallowed be your Name,
23 your kingdom come,
24 your will be done
25 on earth as in heaven.
26 Give us today our daily bread.
27 Forgive us our sins
28 as we forgive those
29 who sin against us.
30 Save us from the time of trial,
31 and deliver us from evil.
32 V. We will glory in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ:
33 R. In whom is our salvation, our life and resurrection.
34 Let us pray. (*Silence*)
35 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*.
36 *The procession goes to the First Station.*
37 First Station

38 Jesus is raised from the dead

39 We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you:

40 *Because by your glorious resurrection you have redeemed the world.*

41 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.

42 V. Why do you look for the living among the dead?

43 R. He is not here, but has risen.

44 Let us pray. (*Silence*)

45 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.*

46 *Christ has died.*

47 *Christ is risen.*

48 *Christ will come again.*

49 Second Station

50 Peter and John run to the Empty Tomb

51 We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you:

52 *Because by your glorious resurrection you have redeemed the world.*

53 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.

54 V. Set your mind on things that are above:

55 R. Not things that are on the earth.

56 Let us pray. (*Silence*)

57 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.*

58 *Christ has died.*

59 *Christ is risen.*

60 *Christ will come again.*

61 Third Station

62 Mary Magdalene meets the Risen Lord

63 We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you:

64 *Because by your glorious resurrection you have redeemed the world.*

65 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.

66 V. Weeping may linger for the night:

67 R. But joy comes with the morning.

68 Let us pray. (*Silence*)

69 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.*

70 *Christ has died.*

71 *Christ is risen.*

72 *Christ will come again.*

73 Fourth Station

74 Jesus appears on the Road to Emmaus

75 We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you:

76 *Because by your glorious resurrection you have redeemed the world.*

77 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.

78 V. Do not think I have come to abolish the law or the prophets:

79 R. I have come not to abolish but to fulfill.

80 Let us pray. (*Silence*)

81 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*.

82 *Christ has died.*

83 *Christ is risen.*

84 *Christ will come again.*

85 Fifth Station

86 Jesus is known in the breaking of the bread

87 We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you:

88 *Because by your glorious resurrection you have redeemed the world.*

89 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.

90 V. As often as you eat this bread and drink the cup:

91 R. You proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

92 Let us pray. (*Silence*)

93 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*.

94 *Christ has died.*

95 *Christ is risen.*

96 *Christ will come again.*

97 Sixth Station

98 Jesus appears to the disciples in Jerusalem

99 We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you:

100 *Because by your glorious resurrection you have redeemed the world.*

101 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.

102 V. Christ being raised from the dead will never die again:

103 R. Death no longer has dominion over him.

104 Let us pray. (*Silence*)

105 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.*

106 *Christ has died.*

107 *Christ is risen.*

108 *Christ will come again.*

109 Seventh Station

110 Jesus gives his disciples his peace and the power to forgive sins

111 We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you:

112 *Because by your glorious resurrection you have redeemed the world.*

113 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."

114 V. Peace I leave with you:

115 R. My peace I give to you.

116 Let us pray. (*Silence*)

117 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*.

118 *Christ has died.*

119 *Christ is risen.*

120 *Christ will come again.*

121 Eighth Station

122 Jesus strengthens the faith of Thomas

123 We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you:

124 *Because by your glorious resurrection you have redeemed the world.*

125 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."

126 V. We have come to believe in Christ Jesus:

127 R. So that we might be justified by faith in Christ.

128 Let us pray. (*Silence*)

129 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.*

130 *Christ has died.*

131 *Christ is risen.*

132 *Christ will come again.*

133 Ninth Station

134 Jesus appears by the Sea of Galilee

135 We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you:

136 *Because by your glorious resurrection you have redeemed the world.*

137 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.

138 V. On this day the Lord has acted:

139 R. We will rejoice and be glad in it.

140 Let us pray. (*Silence*)

141 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.*

142 *Christ has died.*

143 *Christ is risen.*

144 *Christ will come again.*

145 Tenth Station

146 Jesus forgives Peter and commands him to feed his sheep

147 We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you:

148 *Because by your glorious resurrection you have redeemed the world.*

149 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.”

150 V. Like sheep we had gone astray:

151 R. But now we have returned to the shepherd and guardian of our souls. Let us pray. (*Silence*)

152 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.*

153 *Christ has died.*

154 *Christ is risen.*

155 *Christ will come again.*

156 Eleventh Station

157 Jesus gives the Great Commission

158 We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you:

159 *Because by your glorious resurrection you have redeemed the world.*

160 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.”

161 V. I will give you as a light to the nations:

162 R. That my salvation shall reach to the ends of the earth.

163 Let us pray. (*Silence*)

164 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.*

165 *Christ has died.*

166 *Christ is risen.*

167 *Christ will come again.*

168 Twelfth Station

169 Jesus ascends into heaven

170 We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you:

171 *Because by your glorious resurrection you have redeemed the world.*

172 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.”

173 V. You will be my witnesses:

174 R. To the ends of the earth.

175 Let us pray. (*Silence*)

176 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.*

177 *Christ has died.*

178 *Christ is risen.*

179 *Christ will come again.*

180 Thirteenth Station

181 Mary and the disciples wait in prayer

182 We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you:

183 *Because by your glorious resurrection you have redeemed the world.*

184 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.

185 V. Be still before the LORD:

186 R. Wait patiently for him.

187 Let us pray. (*Silence*)

188 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.*

189 *Christ has died.*

190 *Christ is risen.*

191 *Christ will come again.*

192 Fourteenth Station

193 The Holy Spirit descends at Pentecost

194 We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you:

195 *Because by your glorious resurrection you have redeemed the world.*

196 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.

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V. I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh:

198 R. And your sons and daughters shall prophesy.

199 Let us pray. (*Silence*)

200 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.*

201 *Christ has died.*

202 *Christ is risen.*

203 *Christ will come again.*

204 Concluding Prayers before the Altar

205 V. If then you have been raised with Christ:

206 R. Seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

207 Let us pray. (*Silence*)

208 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.*

209 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.*

C004 Study the Implications of Expanding Paid Family Leave

Proposer	Diocese of Virginia
Topic	Employee Benefits
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HD / 17 - Church Pension Fund
Current Status	House of Deputies sent Message for Information
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Review Status	Passed review
Final Status	Take No Further Action
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That the 79th General Convention urge the Church Pension Group, acting consistently with its fiduciary obligations and with applicable insurance law, to act through appropriate means, including possible provision of an additional benefit through the Denominational Health Plan, to expand the availability of paid family leave for clergy and lay employees. The objective of such family leave benefit is to increase the paid time off available to new mothers for recovery from childbirth and for bonding with the newborn, and to provide for paid leave for covered members of a household to address the adoption of a child, for spousal leave when a new-born or newly adopted child is brought into a covered household, and for paid leave when a covered member of a household is obliged to care for a sick or dying child, parent, or other close relative by blood or marriage; and be it further,
 - 2 *Resolved*, That the Church Pension Group report to the Executive Council of The Episcopal Church by January 1, 2020, the detailed results of its analysis, including any efforts it has made and any efforts it is planning to make in order to expand paid family leave provided through the Denominational Health Plan or other means; and be it further,
 - 3 *Resolved*, That the Church Pension Group shall make a follow-up detailed report to Executive Council about implementation of any such efforts by January 1, 2021.
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C005 Appoint Task Force to Study Implementation of Canon III.1

Proposer	Diocese of Virginia
Topic	Structure
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. 67
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HB / 15 - Ministry
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Review Status	Did not pass review - see review report
Final Status	Concurred
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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
 - 2 *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
 - 3 *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
 - 4 *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.
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C006 Guidelines for Inclusion of Transgender Youth in our Churches, Schools, and Camps

Proposer	Diocese of Virginia
Topic	Justice
Endorsed by	
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Final Status	Take No Further Action
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ 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:
- 2 Guiding Principles for the Inclusion of Transgender People in Dioceses, Parishes, Missions, Schools and Camps
- 3 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,
 - 4 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.
 - 5 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.
 - 6 3. We will recognize and accept our responsibility to protect the privacy of transgender persons.
 - 7 4. We will make decisions about transgender minors in our schools and camps in communication with their parents.
 - 8 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.
 - 9 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.

C007 Commend and Reconcile Baptismal Covenant to Reflect Our Unity With All Creation

Proposer	Diocese of Navajoland Area Mission
Topic	Liturgy
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HB / 12 - Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music
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Review Status	Passed review
Final Status	Take No Further Action
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That the 79th General Convention authorize the trial addition to the Baptismal covenant of a sixth question concerning our responsibility as baptized Christians to care for God’s creation; and be it further

 - 2 *Resolved*, That the additional question and response be worded as follows:

 - 3 “Will you cherish the wondrous works of God, and protect the beauty and integrity of all creation?”

 - 4 “I will, with God’s help”;

 - 5 and be it further

 - 6 *Resolved*, That use of this additional question and response be authorized for trial use as part of the Baptismal Covenant for the triennium 2019-2021.
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C008 Advocacy for Creation Care

Proposer	Diocese of Navajoland Area Mission
Topic	Environment
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HB / 20 - Environmental Stewardship and Care of Creation
Current Status	House of Deputies sent Message for Information
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Review Status	Passed review
Final Status	Concurred
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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
- 2 Resolved, That Episcopalians be encouraged to use a web-based tool to support healthy, sustainable choices; and be it further
- 3 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.

4 EXPLANATION

- 5 We acknowledge the important economic contribution many people have made by working in the fossil fuel industry, while we also recognize that there is an important shift toward renewable energy which will 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;
- 6 Climate change is recognized as a human made threat to all God's creation, including 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.
- 7 "From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, 'Receive the new mind appropriate to this moment, for the Beloved Community is at hand.'" Matthew 4:17 with
- 8 "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds." Romans 12:2

- 9 Ethicist Larry Rasmussen has said that the most difficult transformation that humanity has ever faced is the shift from an industrial culture, based on extractive practices and objectification, to a sustainable, integrated life. Christians, since the earliest days of our faith have recognized the value, even the necessity of spiritual practice in order to receive the new life God desires for us.
 - 10 The Episcopal Diocese of California has been at work in developing a web-based carbon tracking tool that has been designed to allow individual Episcopalians to make healthy life choices that support a sustainable life. The stakes for successfully accomplishing this work are particularly high for Native Peoples, members of subsistence cultures, and communities of the poor. Like popular applications that help people track what they eat and their exercise, this web-based carbon tracking tool will help Episcopalians live into their commitments to sustainability.
 - 11 Called “Sustaining Earth, Our Island Home,” the new web-based carbon tracking tool can be previewed at www.diocal.org/climate One feature of this web-based tool it allows Episcopalians to support each other’s commitments. With this tool one can track not only how he or she is living into sustainable life commitments, but also to see how the congregation, Episcopal institution, diocese, and the whole Episcopal Church is moving forward towards transformation. Another feature of “Sustaining Earth, Our Island Home” is that it will be available across the Church – both the United States and in the countries and territories of the Episcopal Church outside the United States.
 - 12 “Sustaining Earth, Our Island Home” will be fully functional in the Spring of 2019. Data about local energy costs, for instance, is being loaded for the diverse geographic and political areas of the Episcopal Church. Such background data will make “Sustaining Earth, Our Island Home” more user-friendly, as compared with needing to look this up oneself. The initial cost of development and adaptation, up to the Spring 2019 launch is being borne by the Diocese of California, several parishes of the diocese, and by individual Episcopalians within and outside the diocese. The requested \$30,000 for the triennium 2019-2021 will ensure that the background data will be kept fresh and up-to-date, and will provide “Sustaining Earth, Our Island Home” without cost to users.
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C009 Becoming A Sanctuary Church

Proposer	Diocese of New Jersey
Topic	Immigration
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HB / 08 - Social Justice and United States Policy
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Version	Final text
Review Status	Passed review
Final Status	Concurred
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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-DO57 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 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
- 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, 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-BO06: “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.”

C010 Anniversary of The Corporation for the Relief of Widows and Children of Clergy

Proposer	Diocese of New Jersey
Topic	Courtesy
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HD / 24 - Privilege and Courtesy/HOD
Current Status	House of Deputies sent Message for Information
Version	Final text
Review Status	Passed review
Final Status	Take No Further Action
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That this 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 successors, 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
- 2 *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; and be it further
- 3 *Resolved*, That this Convention declare the months from October 2018 through October 2019 as a period of special focus on the needs of families of clergy throughout The Episcopal Church; and be it further
- 4 *Resolved*, That this Convention encourage every diocese of The Episcopal Church to seek to define the particular needs of the families of their clergy and to develop ways to address those needs, looking to the models developed by the various iterations of The Widows Corporation where they already exist for ideas and assistance in implementing such programs as may be helpful in addressing those needs.

C011 The Widows Corporation Anniversary

Proposer	Diocese of Pennsylvania
Topic	Courtesy
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HD / 24 - Privilege and Courtesy/HOD
Current Status	House of Deputies sent Message for Information
Version	Final text
Review Status	Passed review
Final Status	Take No Further Action
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That this 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 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
- 2 *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; and be it further
- 3 *Resolved*, That this Convention declare the months from October, 2018 through October, 2019 as a period of special focus on the needs of families throughout The Episcopal Church; and be it further
- 4 *Resolved*, That this Convention encourage every diocese of The Episcopal Church to seek to define the particular needs of the families of their clergy and to develop ways to address those needs, looking to the models developed by the various iterations of The Widows Corporation where they already exist for ideas and assistance in implementing such programs as may be helpful in addressing those needs.

C012 Add Origen of Alexandria to the Church Calendar

Proposer	Diocese of Maryland
Topic	Church Calendar
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HB / 12 - Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music
Current Status	House of Deputies sent Message for Information
Version	Final text
Review Status	Did not pass review - see review report
Final Status	Referred to an Interim Body
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, That the 79th General Convention recommend inclusion of Origen of Alexandria in the Episcopal Church sanctoral calendar.
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C013 Against Human Trafficking

Proposer	Diocese of New York
Topic	Justice
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HD / 07 - Social Justice and International Policy
Current Status	House of Deputies sent Message for Information
Version	Final text
Review Status	Passed review
Final Status	Take No Further Action
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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
- 2 *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
- 3 *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
- 4 *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
- 5 *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/>.”

C014 Suicide Prevention Advocacy and Clergy Training

Proposer	Diocese of New York
Topic	Theological Education
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HB / 15 - Ministry
Current Status	House of Deputies sent Message for Information
Version	Final text
Review Status	Passed review
Final Status	Concurred
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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
 - 2 *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
 - 3 *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
 - 4 *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
 - 5 *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.
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C015 Stricter Guidelines for "Lunch Box" Guns

Proposer	Diocese of Bethlehem
Topic	Weapons
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HB / 08 - Social Justice and United States Policy
Current Status	House of Bishops sent Message for Information
Version	Final text
Review Status	Passed review
Final Status	Rejected
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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.
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C016 The Widows Corporation Anniversary

Proposer	Diocese of Bethlehem
Topic	Courtesy
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HD / 24 - Privilege and Courtesy/HOD
Current Status	House of Deputies sent Message for Information
Version	Final text
Review Status	Passed review
Final Status	Take No Further Action
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That this 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
 - 2 *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; and be it further
 - 3 *Resolved*, That this Convention declare the months from October 2018 through October 2019 as a period of special focus on the needs of families of clergy throughout The Episcopal Church; and be it further
 - 4 *Resolved*, That this Convention encourage every diocese of The Episcopal Church to seek to define the particular needs of the families of their clergy and to develop ways to address those needs, looking to the models developed by the various iterations of The Widows Corporation where they already exist for ideas and assistance in implementing such programs as may be helpful in addressing those needs.
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C017 A Just Peace in the Holy Land

Proposer	Diocese of California
Topic	Socially Responsible Investment
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HD / 18 - Stewardship & Socially Responsible Investing
Current Status	House of Deputies sent Message for Information
Version	Final text
Review Status	Did not pass review - see review report
Final Status	Take No Further Action
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention of the Episcopal Church reaffirm the prior action of General Convention, 1991-D122, “Distinguish Between Criticism of Israeli Policy and Anti-Jewish Prejudice”; and be it further*
- 2 Resolved, That the General Convention direct the Corporate and Social Responsibility Committee to identify by July 1, 2019 those companies that profit from Israel’s occupation of Palestinian lands or whose products or actions support the infrastructure of the occupation and to consider placing such companies so identified on a “no-buy” list, and for Executive Council to approve such a list; and be it further*
- 3 Resolved, That the General Convention direct the Investment Committee of Executive Council to divest from any investments it might have in companies placed on the “no-buy” list and urge the Church Pension Group and other Episcopal investors to take similar action; and be it further*
- 4 Resolved, That the General Convention direct Executive Council to disseminate to Episcopalians a list of products manufactured in Israeli settlements in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem; and be it further*
- 5 Resolved, That the General Convention encourage Episcopalians to avoid investing in such companies or buying such products.*

C018 Becoming a Sanctuary Church

Proposer	Diocese of California
Topic	Immigration
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HB / 08 - Social Justice and United States Policy
Current Status	House of Bishops sent Message for Information
Version	Final text
Review Status	Passed review
Final Status	Take No Further Action
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church declare itself to be a Sanctuary Church, as defined by the following actions and commitments; and be it further
- 2 *Resolved*, That The Episcopal Church encourage and support congregations and institutions of the church, both within and outside the United States, to consider becoming Sanctuary Congregations and Institutions, serving as places of welcome, refuge, healing, and other forms of material and pastoral support for migrants and refugees and for all those targeted by hate due to immigration status or some perceived status of difference such as religion or nationality; and be it further
- 3 *Resolved*, That The Episcopal Church encourage and support congregations and institutions across the church to work alongside our friends, families, and neighbors to ensure the dignity and human rights of all people, and specifically to connect with local and national sanctuary communities and institutions, faith-based coalitions, and immigrant rights groups engage in educating, organizing, advocacy, legal direct action, and other methods as deemed appropriate in each context, to ensure the safety, security, and due process for immigrants and refugees, with a focus on keeping families together; and be it further
- 4 *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-BO06: “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.”

C019 Church-Wide Paid Family Leave Policy

Proposer	Diocese of California
Topic	Employee Benefits
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HB / 15 - Ministry
Current Status	House of Deputies sent Message for Information
Version	Final text
Review Status	Did not pass review - see review report
Final Status	Concurred
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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
 - 2 *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.
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C020 Carbon Tax

Proposer	Diocese of California
Topic	Environment
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HB / 20 - Environmental Stewardship and Care of Creation
Current Status	House of Deputies sent Message for Information
Version	Final text
Review Status	Passed review
Final Status	Concurred
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 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
- 2 *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
- 3 *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.
- 4 EXPLANATION
- 5 As Christians and members of a faith community, we have a responsibility to care for the earth and for the peoples of the earth. “The earth is the Lord’s and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein.” Psalm 24:1
- 6 General Convention has previously adopted resolutions urging support for measures approving of efforts to reduce global warming, including Resolution GC2006-B002, “Acknowledge and Reduce Global Warming.” While local, regional, and state actions are important and necessary, they are not sufficient to solve this global problem which is accelerating ever more rapidly. The United States must take significant steps to participate fully in the international effort to preserve a livable world.
- 7 The non-partisan non-profit Citizens’ Climate Lobby offers a scientifically-based proposal with bipartisan appeal. This climate solution, known as Carbon Fee and Dividend, is a national, revenue-neutral carbon fee- and-dividend system (CF&D) that would place a predictable,

steadily rising price on carbon, with all fees collected minus administrative costs returned to households as a monthly energy dividend.

- 8 In just 20 years, studies show, such a system could reduce carbon emissions to 50% of 1990 levels while adding
 - 9 2.8 million jobs to the American economy.
 - 10 The benefits of a fully-rebated revenue-neutral carbon tax are clear to and endorsed by leaders of faith, business associations, national security leaders, and energy and healthcare industry leaders. This market-based solution will save lives, create jobs, and boost our economy while reducing the risks associated with climate change.
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C021 Climate Change and additional support for EC Committee on Corporate Social Responsibility

Proposer	Diocese of California
Topic	Environment
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HD / 18 - Stewardship & Socially Responsible Investing
Current Status	House of Bishops sent Message for Information
Version	Final text
Review Status	Passed review
Final Status	Concurred
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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
 - 2 *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.
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C022 Supporting Transgender Access

Proposer	Diocese of California
Topic	Discrimination
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HB / 08 - Social Justice and United States Policy
Current Status	House of Deputies sent Message for Information
Version	Final text
Review Status	Passed review
Final Status	Concurred
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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
- 2 *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
- 3 *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
- 4 *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
- 5 *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
- 6 *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.

C023 Medical Trust Provider Option

Proposer	Diocese of Oklahoma
Topic	Employee Benefits
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HD / 17 - Church Pension Fund
Current Status	House of Bishops sent Message for Information
Version	Final text
Review Status	Passed review
Final Status	Concurred
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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
- 2 *Resolved*, That in any diocese 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.

C024 Translations of Book of Common Prayer

Proposer	Diocese of Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe
Topic	Language Translation
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HD / 13 - Committee to Receive the Report of Resolution A169
Current Status	House of Bishops sent Message for Information
Version	Final text
Review Status	Did not pass review - see review report
Final Status	Concurred
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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.
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C025 Amend Canons I.9.1, II.3.6(d) and III.5.1(b)

Proposer	Diocese of Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe
Topic	Canons
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. 44, 63, 70
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HB / 02 - Constitution and Canons
Current Status	House of Deputies sent Message for Information
Version	Final text
Review Status	Passed review
Final Status	Concurred
C&C / RoO change?	Yes
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of Deputies concurring, That the third paragraph of Canon I.9.1 be hereby amended to read as follows:
 - 2 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*.
 - 3 and be it further
 - 4 *Resolved*, That Canon II.3.6(d) be hereby amended to read as follows:
 - 5 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.
 - 6 and be it further
 - 7 *Resolved*, That Canon III.5.1(b) be hereby amended to read as follows:
 - 8 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.

C026 Amend Canon I.20.1 - Building Full communion with Church of Sweden

Proposer	Diocese of Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe
Topic	Ecumenism
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. 60
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HB / 19 - Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations
Current Status	House of Bishops sent Message for Information
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C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention proclaim that both Churches have acted as if they have always been in full communion, and therefore are so; and be it further
 - 2 *Resolved*, That the 79th General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Constitution and Canons amend Canon I.20.1 to read:
 - 3 CANON 20: Of Churches in Full Communion
 - 4 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 and with whom it has entered into covenant agreements including:
 - 5 (a) the Old Catholic Churches of the Union of Utrecht,
 - 6 (b) la Iglesia Filipina Independiente/the Philippine Independent Church,
 - 7 and(c) the Mar Thoma Syrian Church of Malabar,
 - 8 and (d) the Church of Sweden.
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C027 The Celebration of the life and work of Dorothy Day, Christian Activist

Proposer	Diocese of New Jersey
Topic	Lesser Feasts/Fasts
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HB / 12 - Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music
Current Status	House of Deputies sent Message for Information
Version	Final text
Review Status	Passed review
Final Status	Concurred
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, 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:
- 2 Dorothy Day, Christian activist.
- 3 Suggested date of commemoration: November 29
- 4 Collects
- 5 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 kingdom that would come amongst us. Amen
- 6 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.
- 7 Propers:

8 1 Samuel 2: 1–10 (Song of Hannah)

9 or Isaiah 25: 1–5

10 Sirach 34: 14–20

11 or Romans 12: 1–16

12 Matt: 10 9: 34–42

13 Psalm 107: 1–9

14 The Life of Dorothy Day

15 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, novel 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.

16 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.

17 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.

18 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.

19 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".

C028 Amend Canon II.4

Proposer	Diocese of Connecticut
Topic	Canons
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. 64
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HB / 12 - Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music
Current Status	House of Deputies sent Message for Information
Version	Final text
Review Status	Did not pass review - see review report
Final Status	Referred to an Interim Body
C&C / RoO change?	Yes
Referrals	Interim Body
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1** *Resolved*, 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:
- 2** *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.
- 3** *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, on occasion, be used in congregations or ministries within that diocese.*

C029 Clergy Compensation by Race

Proposer	Diocese of Connecticut
Topic	Church Pension Fund
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HD / 17 - Church Pension Fund
Current Status	House of Bishops sent Message for Information
Version	Final text
Review Status	Passed review
Final Status	Concurred
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	Church Pension Fund
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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
 - 2 *Resolved*, That the Recorder of Ordinations present its strategy to Executive Council at its spring 2019 meeting; and be it further
 - 3 *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.
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C030 Proposed Baptismal Covenant Language

Proposer	Diocese of Connecticut
Topic	Liturgy
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HD / 13 - Committee to Receive the Report of Resolution A169
Current Status	House of Deputies sent Message for Action
Version	Final text
Review Status	Passed review
Final Status	Not Completed
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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

 - 2 *Resolved*, That the additional question and response be worded as follows:

 - 3 “Will you cherish the wondrous works of God, and protect and restore the beauty and integrity of all creation?”

 - 4 “I will, with God’s help.”; and be it further

 - 5 *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.
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C031 Minimize Gendered Language in the BCP

Proposer	Diocese of Connecticut
Topic	Book of Common Prayer
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HD / 13 - Committee to Receive the Report of Resolution A169
Current Status	House of Deputies sent Message for Information
Version	Final text
Review Status	Passed review
Final Status	Take No Further Action
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music, as it considers revision of the *Book of Common Prayer*, to amend, as far as is practicable, all gendered references to God, replacing them with gender expansive language.
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C032 Against Human Trafficking

Proposer	Province II
Topic	Human Rights
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HB / 08 - Social Justice and United States Policy
Current Status	House of Deputies sent Message for Information
Version	Final text
Review Status	Passed review
Final Status	Concurred
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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
- 2 *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
- 3 *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
- 4 *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
- 5 *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
- 6 *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

C033 Respecting the Dignity of Immigrants

Proposer	Province II
Topic	Immigration
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HB / 08 - Social Justice and United States Policy
Current Status	House of Deputies sent Message for Information
Version	Final text
Review Status	Passed review
Final Status	Concurred
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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
- 2 *Resolved*, That the Episcopal Church reaffirm GC2009-Bo06 which advocates for comprehensive immigration reform; and be it further
- 3 *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
- 4 *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
- 5 *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
- 6 *Resolved*, That we affirm comprehensive immigration reform to include:
 - 7 Keeping families together
 - 8 Respecting the United States Bill of Rights
 - 9 Honoring Human and Worker Rights
 - 10 Providing a Pathway to Citizenship; and be it further

- 11 *Resolved*, That the 79th General Convention support the goals of expanded immigration relief for youth as outlined in the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) as stated in GC2015-Do48; 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-Do67; and be it further
 - 12 *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.
 - 13 *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.
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C034 Ministry to People with Mental Illness and their Families

Proposer	Diocese of Delaware
Topic	Structure
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HD / 14 - Christian Formation and Discipleship
Current Status	House of Bishops sent Message for Information
Version	Final text
Review Status	Did not pass review - see review report
Final Status	Concurred
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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:
- 2 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
- 3 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.
- 4 And be it further;
- 5 *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
- 6 *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.

C035 Due Process For Palestinian Children in Israeli Military Courts

Proposer	Diocese of Chicago
Topic	Middle East
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HD / 07 - Social Justice and International Policy
Current Status	House of Deputies sent Message for Information
Version	Final text
Review Status	Passed review
Final Status	Take No Further Action
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church calls on the State of Israel to guarantee basic due process 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 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
 - 2 *Resolved*, That the 79th General Convention requests the Secretary of this Convention to communicate this call to the Prime Minister of Israel and the Israeli Ambassador to the United States; and be it further
 - 3 *Resolved*, That the 79th General Convention calls 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
 - 4 *Resolved*, That the 79th General Convention requests the Secretary of this Convention to communicate this call to the Secretary of State of the United States as well as the United States Senate, the President, and the Vice President.
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C036 Create Task Force to Implement Title III, Canon 1

Proposer	Diocese of Southern Virginia
Topic	Structure
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. 67
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HB / 15 - Ministry
Current Status	House of Bishops sent Message for Information
Version	Final text
Review Status	Did not pass review - see review report
Final Status	Take No Further Action
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- Resolved*, the House of _____ 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 life-long 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 Title III, Canon 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.

C037 Call to Respond to Opioid Epidemic

Proposer	Province I
Topic	Health Care
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HB / 08 - Social Justice and United States Policy
Current Status	House of Deputies sent Message for Information
Version	Final text
Review Status	Passed review
Final Status	Concurred
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 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

- 6 *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
 - 7 *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
 - 8 *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
 - 9 *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
 - 10 *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
 - 11 *Resolved*, That the task force will complete this work within two years.
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C038 Safeguard the Rights of Palestinian Children

Proposer	Province I
Topic	Middle East
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HD / 07 - Social Justice and International Policy
Current Status	House of Bishops sent Message for Information
Version	Final text
Review Status	Passed review
Final Status	Concurred
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	Office of Government Relations
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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
- 2 *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
- 3 *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
- 4 *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
- 5 *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.

C039 Amend Parochial Report

Proposer	Province I
Topic	Parochial Reports
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HB / 20 - Environmental Stewardship and Care of Creation
Current Status	House of Bishops sent Message for Information
Version	Final text
Review Status	Did not pass review - see review report
Final Status	Take No Further Action
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention direct the Executive Council and Committee on the State of the Church to amend the Parochial Report to include data on the annual consumption and costs of electricity, oil, and gas of all church properties.
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C040 Amend Canon III.4.1(a)

Proposer	Diocese of West Missouri
Topic	Canons
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. 68, 69
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HB / 15 - Ministry
Current Status	House of Bishops sent Message for Information
Version	Final text
Review Status	Passed review
Final Status	Rejected
C&C / RoO change?	Yes
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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:
- 2 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.
- 3 And be it further
- 4 *Resolved*, That Canon III.4.6 be deleted and subsequent sections of Canon III.4 be renumbered accordingly.
- 5 ~~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.~~

C041 Repair America's Safety Net

Proposer	Diocese of Southern Ohio
Topic	Economic Justice
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HB / 08 - Social Justice and United States Policy
Current Status	House of Deputies sent Message for Information
Version	Final text
Review Status	Passed review
Final Status	Concurred
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, That the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church direct The Office of Government Relations to advocate unflinchingly 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
- 2 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
- 3 *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
- 4 *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
- 5 *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 31
- 6 *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

- 7 *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
 - 8 *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
 - 9 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.
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C042 Climate Change: Corporate Governance

Proposer	Diocese of Southern Ohio
Topic	Socially Responsible Investment
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HD / 18 - Stewardship & Socially Responsible Investing
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C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church reaffirm that Global Warming threatens the future of God’s good Creation, and the effects of Global Warming disproportionately hurt/impact the lives of the poorest and most vulnerable in the United States and around the world; and be it further
- 2 *Resolved*, That Episcopalians and The Episcopal Church at every level support efforts that seek to address Global Warming including shareholder-proposed resolutions on Climate Change; and be it further
- 3 *Resolved*, That we ask that the Committee on Corporate Social Responsibility of the Executive Council (CCSR), in conjunction with the Church Pension Fund, to identify 10 companies that are among the most responsible for global warming and in which CPG owns shares, and to file or co-file shareholder resolutions requiring them to reserve a seat on their governing boards of directors for a climate scientist; and be it further.
- 4 *Resolved*, That General Convention budget makes this a priority for the triennial as the Stewardship of Creation pillar of the Jesus Movement by allocating \$12,000 – \$15,000 in addition to CCSR’s budget for implementation.

C043 Per Diem Compensation for the President of the House of Deputies

Proposer	Province IV
Topic	Structure
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HD / 16 - Churchwide Leadership
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Final Status	Take No Further Action
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring, That this General Convention recognize that The Episcopal Church’s governing documents require the President of the House of Deputies to perform specific duties; and be it further
- 2 *Resolved*, That this General Convention recognize the continuing evolution of The Episcopal Church and the increased demands on the time and energy of the President of the House of Deputies without any corresponding evolution of the Church’s governing documents related to that evolution; and be it further
- 3 *Resolved*, That this General Convention recognize that there exists a great barrier in identifying and recruiting qualified candidates for President of the House of Deputies because of the lack of compensation for this position, which forecloses other full-time employment; and be it further,
- 4 *Resolved*, That this General Convention recognize that in Resolution D013 the 78th General Convention of The Episcopal Church (2015) affirmed that “the House of Deputies considers it important that [it] be able to choose a President without regard to the financial circumstances of the candidates, [and that] the desirability of compensation for the President of the House of Deputies is a fairness issue,” and that “...the House of Bishops understands and appreciates the cogency of, and fairness issues inherent in, the position of the House of Deputies”; and be it further
- 5 *Resolved*, That this General Convention recognize that the Canons of the General Convention of The Episcopal Church require that the President of the House of Deputies serves as the Vice-Chair of the Executive Council of the General Convention and as a Vice-President of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society [DFMS]; and be it further
- 6 *Resolved*, That this General Convention authorize and direct its Executive Council to fix a per

diem compensation for the President of the House of Deputies when the President of the House of Deputies vice-presides at Executive Council, consults with the Presiding Bishop in making appointments required by canon, and when doing official work related to General Convention; and be it further

- 7 *Resolved*, That this General Convention direct the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies to appoint four deputies and four bishops to comprise a special task force to review and make recommendations to the 80th General Convention for potential amendments to the Church's governing documents that will clarify and enumerate the comprehensive role of the President of the House of Deputies; and be it further
 - 8 *Resolved*, That the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance allocate resources from the line item in the current draft budget for the implementation of this resolution.
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C044 Create Task Force to Implement Title III, Canon 1

Proposer	Diocese of Vermont
Topic	Ministry
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. 67
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HB / 15 - Ministry
Current Status	House of Bishops sent Message for Information
Version	Final text
Review Status	Did not pass review - see review report
Final Status	Take No Further Action
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ 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:
 - 2 Sec. 1. Each Diocese shall make provision for the affirmation and development of the ministry of all baptized persons, including:
 - 3 (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.
 - 4 (b) Assistance in understanding that all baptized persons are called to sustain their ministries through commitment to life-long Christian formation.
 - 5 and be it further
 - 6 *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 Title III, Canon 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.

C045 Amend Article I Section 4 - first reading

Proposer	Province IV
Topic	Constitution
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. 2
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HD / 04 - Governance and Structure
Current Status	House of Bishops sent Message for Information
Version	Final text
Review Status	Did not pass review - see review report
Final Status	Referred to an Interim Body
C&C / RoO change?	Yes
Referrals	Interim Body
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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
- 2 *Resolved*, That to implement this, Article I, Section 4 of the Constitution be amended as follows:
- 3 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.
- 4 *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.*
- 5 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.
- 6 And be it further

- 7 *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."
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C046 Commemorating Appleton Deaconesses

Proposer	Diocese of Atlanta
Topic	Church Calendar
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HB / 12 - Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music
Current Status	House of Deputies sent Message for Information
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Review Status	Did not pass review - see review report
Final Status	Referred to an Interim Body
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, 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
 - 2 *Resolved*, That the General Convention set aside June 6th in the commemorations of this Church as a feast day honoring the Appleton Deaconesses.
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C047 Support of One Person, One Vote

Proposer	Diocese of Southern Ohio
Topic	National Concerns
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HB / 08 - Social Justice and United States Policy
Current Status	House of Deputies sent Message for Information
Version	Final text
Review Status	Passed review
Final Status	Concurred
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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
 - 2 *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.
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C048 Inclusion of a Hymn in Honor of Artemisia Bowden

Proposer	Diocese of West Texas
Topic	Liturgy
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HB / 12 - Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music
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Version	Final text
Review Status	Did not pass review - see review report
Final Status	Take No Further Action
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention consider inclusion of a hymn in honor of Artemisia Bowden to be used in the hymnody of The Episcopal Church; and be it further
 - 2 *Resolved*, That the hymn "Artemisia, Child of God", lyrics by The Rev. Antonio A. Regist and music by George Martinez and Eric J. Schmidt be given consideration as this hymn.
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C049 Support Producers of Locally Grown Food

Proposer	Province III
Topic	Economic Development
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HB / 20 - Environmental Stewardship and Care of Creation
Current Status	House of Deputies sent Message for Information
Version	Final text
Review Status	Did not pass review - see review report
Final Status	Concurred
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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
- 2 *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.

C050 Sanctuary

Proposer	Province III
Topic	Immigration
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HD / 04 - Governance and Structure
Current Status	House of Deputies sent Message for Information
Version	Final text
Review Status	Did not pass review - see review report
Final Status	Rejected
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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
 - 2 *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.
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C051 Include The Way of Light Liturgy in Book of Occasional Services

Proposer	Province III
Topic	Liturgy
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HB / 12 - Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music
Current Status	House of Bishops sent Message for Information
Version	Final text
Review Status	Passed review
Final Status	Take No Further Action
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

1 *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.

2 The Way of Light

3 *A hymn or other song may be sung during the entrance of the ministers.*

4 Opening Devotions

5 In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. Lord, have mercy.

6 *Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Officiant and People*

7 Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,

8 thy kingdom come, thy will be done,

9 on earth as it is in heaven.

10 Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those

11 who trespass against us.

12 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

13 Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done

14 on earth as in heaven.

15 Give us today our daily bread.

16 Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

17 Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

18 V. We will glory in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ:

19 R. In whom is our salvation, our life and resurrection. Let us pray. *(Silence)*

20 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.*

21 *The procession goes to the First Station.*

22 First Station

23 Jesus is raised from the dead

24 We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you:

25 *Because by your glorious resurrection you have redeemed the world.*

26 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.

27 V. Why do you look for the living among the dead?

28 R. He is not here, but has risen. Let us pray. *(Silence)*

29 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.*

30 *Christ has died.*

31 *Christ is risen.*

32 *Christ will come again.* Second Station

33 Peter and John run to the Empty Tomb We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you:

34 *Because by your glorious resurrection you have redeemed the world.*

35 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.

36 Then the disciples returned to their homes.

37 V. Set your mind on things that are above:

38 R. Not things that are on the earth. Let us pray. (*Silence*)

39 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.*

40 *Christ has died.*

41 *Christ is risen.*

42 *Christ will come again.* Third Station

43 Mary Magdalene meets the Risen Lord We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you:

44 *Because by your glorious resurrection you have redeemed the world.*

45 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.

46 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

47 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.

48 V. Weeping may linger for the night:

49 R. But joy comes with the morning. Let us pray. (*Silence*)

50 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.*

51 *Christ has died.*

52 *Christ is risen.*

53 *Christ will come again.* Fourth Station

54 Jesus appears on the Road to Emmaus We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you:

55 *Because by your glorious resurrection you have redeemed the world.*

56 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,

57 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.

58 V. Do not think I have come to abolish the law or the prophets:

59 R. I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. Let us pray. (*Silence*)

60 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.

61 *Christ has died.*

62 *Christ is risen.*

63 *Christ will come again.* Fifth Station

64 Jesus is known in the breaking of the bread We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you:

65 *Because by your glorious resurrection you have redeemed the world.*

66 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!”

67 Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

68 V. As often as you eat this bread and drink the cup:

69 R. You proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes. Let us pray. *(Silence)*

70 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.*

71 *Christ has died.*

72 *Christ is risen.*

73 *Christ will come again.* Sixth Station

74 Jesus appears to the disciples in Jerusalem We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you:

75 *Because by your glorious resurrection you have redeemed the world.*

76 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.

77 V. Christ being raised from the dead will never die again:

78 R. Death no longer has dominion over him. Let us pray. *(Silence)*

79 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.*

80 *Christ has died.*

81 *Christ is risen.*

82 *Christ will come again.* Seventh Station

83 Jesus gives his disciples his peace and the power to forgive sins We adore you, O Christ,
and we bless you:

84 *Because by your glorious resurrection you have redeemed the world.*

85 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,

86 "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."

87 V. Peace I leave with you:

88 R. My peace I give to you. Let us pray. *(Silence)*

89 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.

90 *Christ has died.*

91 *Christ is risen.*

92 *Christ will come again.* Eighth Station

93 Jesus strengthens the faith of Thomas

94 We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you:

95 *Because by your glorious resurrection you have redeemed the world.*

96 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.”

97 V. We have come to believe in Christ Jesus:

98 R. So that we might be justified by faith in Christ. Let us pray. (*Silence*)

99 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*.

100 *Christ has died.*

101 *Christ is risen.*

102 *Christ will come again.* Ninth Station

103 Jesus appears by the Sea of Galilee

104 We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you:

105 *Because by your glorious resurrection you have redeemed the world.*

106 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

107 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.

108 V. On this day the Lord has acted:

109 R. We will rejoice and be glad in it. Let us pray. (*Silence*)

110 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.*

111 *Christ has died.*

112 *Christ is risen.*

113 *Christ will come again.* Tenth Station

114 Jesus forgives Peter and commands him to feed his sheep We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you:

115 *Because by your glorious resurrection you have redeemed the world.*

116 When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon son of

117 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

118 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

119 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.”

120 V. Like sheep we had gone astray:

121 R. But now we have returned to the shepherd and guardian of our souls. Let us pray.
(*Silence*)

122 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.*

123 *Christ has died.*

124 *Christ is risen.*

125 *Christ will come again.* Eleventh Station

126 Jesus gives the Great Commission

127 We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you:

128 *Because by your glorious resurrection you have redeemed the world.*

129 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.

130 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."

131 V. I will give you as a light to the nations:

132 R. That my salvation shall reach to the ends of the earth. Let us pray. (*Silence*)

133 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.*

134 *Christ has died.*

135 *Christ is risen.*

136 *Christ will come again.* Twelfth Station

137 Jesus ascends into heaven

138 We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you:

139 *Because by your glorious resurrection you have redeemed the world.*

140 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.”

141 V. You will be my witnesses:

142 R. To the ends of the earth. Let us pray. (*Silence*)

143 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.*

144 *Christ has died.*

145 *Christ is risen.*

146 *Christ will come again.* Thirteenth Station

147 Mary and the disciples wait in prayer

148 We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you:

149 *Because by your glorious resurrection you have redeemed the world.*

150 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.

151 V. Be still before the LORD:

152 R. Wait patiently for him. Let us pray. (*Silence*)

153 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.

154 *Christ has died.*

155 *Christ is risen.*

156 *Christ will come again.* Fourteenth Station

157 The Holy Spirit descends at Pentecost

158 We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you:

159 *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*

160 *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,*

161 *everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this*

162 *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.*

163 *V. I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh:*

164 *R. And your sons and daughters shall prophesy. Let us pray. (Silence)*

165 *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.*

166 *Christ has died.*

167 *Christ is risen.*

168 *Christ will come again.*

169 Concluding Prayers before the Altar

170 V. If then you have been raised with Christ:

171 R. Seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

172 Let us pray. (*Silence*)

173 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.*

174 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.*

C052 Paid Family Leave

Proposer	Province III
Topic	Employee Benefits
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HD / 17 - Church Pension Fund
Current Status	House of Deputies sent Message for Information
Version	Final text
Review Status	Passed review
Final Status	Take No Further Action
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention urge the Church Pension Group, acting consistently with its fiduciary obligations and with applicable insurance law, to act through appropriate means, including possible provision of an additional benefit through the Denominational Health Plan, to expand the availability of paid family leave for clergy and lay employees. The objective of such family leave benefit is to increase the paid time off available to new mothers for recovery from childbirth and for bonding with the newborn, and to provide for paid leave for covered members of a household to address the adoption of a child, for spousal leave when a new-born or newly adopted child is brought into a covered household, and for paid leave when a covered member of a household is obliged to care for a sick or dying child, parent, or other close relative by blood or marriage; and be it further,
- Resolved*, That the Church Pension Group report to the Executive Council of The Episcopal Church by January 1, 2020, the detailed results of its analysis, including any efforts it has made and any efforts it is planning to make in order to expand paid family leave provided through the Denominational Health Plan or other means; and be it further,
- Resolved*, That the Church Pension Group shall make a follow-up detailed report to Executive Council about implementation of any such efforts by January 1, 2021.

C053 Implementation of Canon III.1

Proposer	Province III
Topic	Structure
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. 67
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HD / 14 - Christian Formation and Discipleship
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Final Status	Take No Further Action
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of Bishops 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
 - 2 Title III, CANON 1: Of the Ministry of All Baptized Persons which reads:
 - 3 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 life-long Christian formation;
 - 4 and be it further
 - 5 *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.
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C054 Inclusion of Transgender People

Proposer	Province III
Topic	Justice
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HD / 14 - Christian Formation and Discipleship
Current Status	House of Bishops sent Message for Information
Version	Final text
Review Status	Passed review
Final Status	Concurred
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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:
- 2 Guiding Principles for the Inclusion of Transgender and Non-Binary People in Dioceses, Parishes, Missions, Schools and Camps:
- 3 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,
- 4 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.
- 5 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.
- 6 We will recognize and accept our responsibility to protect the privacy of transgender and non-binary persons.
- 7 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.
- 8 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.
- 9 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.
- 10 And be it further

- 11 *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.
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C055 Commemoration of Father Paul Wattson

Proposer	Province III
Topic	Church Calendar
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HB / 12 - Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music
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Review Status	Passed review
Final Status	Referred to an Interim Body
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, 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.

C056 Create a Task Force on Full Inclusion

Proposer	Province III
Topic	Structure
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HD / 04 - Governance and Structure
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Version	Final text
Review Status	Did not pass review - see review report
Final Status	Referred to an Interim Body
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	Interim Body
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, 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
- 2 *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
- 3 *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
- 4 *Resolved*, That the Task Force on Full Inclusion shall present its report to the 80th General Convention.

C057 Amend Canon I.1.2(n)

Proposer	Province III
Topic	Canons
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. 18
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HB / 19 - Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations
Current Status	House of Bishops sent Message for Information
Version	Final text
Review Status	Did not pass review - see review report
Final Status	Take No Further Action
C&C / RoO change?	Yes
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of Deputies concurring, That Canon I.2.1(n) be amended by the addition of the following:
 - 2 *(3) A Standing Commission on Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations. It shall be the duty of the Commission to:*
 - 3 *(i) recommend to the General Convention a comprehensive and coordinated policy and strategy on relations between this Church and other Churches, and this Church and other religions.*
 - 4 *(ii) make recommendations to the General Convention concerning inter-church cooperation and unity.*
 - 5 *(iii) make recommendations to the General Convention on interreligious dialogue and action.*
 - 6 *(iv) submit to the General Convention the proposed text of any formal response to an ecumenical initiative, statement, proposal for full communion, and/or covenant.*

C058 Add The Rev. Frederick B. "Ted" Howden Jr. to LFF, 2018

Proposer	Diocese of Rio Grande
Topic	Lesser Feasts/Fasts
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HB / 12 - Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music
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Version	Final text
Review Status	Did not pass review - see review report
Final Status	Referred to an Interim Body
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, That The Rev. Frederick B. "Ted" Howden Jr. be added to Lesser Feasts and Fasts in 2018
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C059 Dialogue between The Episcopal Church and the Lutheran Church in Bavaria

Proposer	Diocese of Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe
Topic	Ecumenism
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HB / 19 - Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations
Current Status	House of Deputies sent Message for Information
Version	Final text
Review Status	Passed review
Final Status	Concurred
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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
 - 2 *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.
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C060 Breaking the Episcopal Stained Glass Ceiling

Proposer	Diocese of Newark
Topic	Structure
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HB / 15 - Ministry
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Version	Final text
Review Status	Did not pass review - see review report
Final Status	Concurred
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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
- 2 *Resolved*, That the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance consider a budget allocation of \$60,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

C061 Encouraging the Use of the Code on Conduct for the Protection of Children

Proposer	Diocese of Newark
Topic	Justice
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HD / 07 - Social Justice and International Policy
Current Status	House of Deputies sent Message for Information
Version	Final text
Review Status	Passed review
Final Status	Take No Further Action
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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
- 2 *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
- 3 *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
- 4 *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
- 5 *Resolved*, That The Episcopal Church website make available current information on the status of companies that have signed The Code.

C062 On the Gendered Language of God

Proposer	Diocese of Washington
Topic	Inclusive Language
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HD / 13 - Committee to Receive the Report of Resolution A169
Current Status	House of Deputies sent Message for Information
Version	Final text
Review Status	Did not pass review - see review report
Final Status	Take No Further Action
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music, if the revision of the Book of Common prayer is authorized, to utilize expansive language for God from the rich sources of feminine, masculine, and non-binary imagery for God found in Scripture and tradition and, when possible, to avoid the use of gendered pronouns for God.
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C063 Advocate for Ocean Health

Proposer	Province VIII
Topic	Environment
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HB / 20 - Environmental Stewardship and Care of Creation
Current Status	House of Deputies sent Message for Information
Version	Final text
Review Status	Passed review
Final Status	Concurred
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- Resolved*, That the 79th General Convention affirm any and all work and projects being carried out across the Church to protect and restore the 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 authorize on the Office of Government 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

- 4 *Resolved*, That the 79th General Convention call on dioceses, congregations, and all the baptized to respond to the needs, safety and well-being of environmentally displaced peoples 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
 - 5 *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 be it further
 - 6 *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.
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C064 Support of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Opposing Enbridge Line #3

Proposer	Diocese of North Dakota
Topic	Environment
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HB / 20 - Environmental Stewardship and Care of Creation
Current Status	House of Deputies sent Message for Information
Version	Final text
Review Status	Passed review
Final Status	Concurred
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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
- 2 *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
- 3 *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
- 4 *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
- 5 *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

- 6 *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.
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C065 Resolution Include The Reverend John Edwin Culmer in Feast/Fast Calendar

Proposer	Diocese of Southwest Florida
Topic	Lesser Feasts/Fasts
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HB / 12 - Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music
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Review Status	Did not pass review - see review report
Final Status	Referred to an Interim Body
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, 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
- 2 *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
- 3 *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
- 4 *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
- 5 *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

- 6 *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.
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D001 Haitian Temporary Protective Status

Proposer	Mr. Joe McDaniel
Topic	Immigration
Endorsed by	Mance, Ms. Diane; Webley, Mrs. Alice
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HB / 08 - Social Justice and United States Policy
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C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

1 *Resolved*, the House of Deputies concurring, That this 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church recognizes that a six-month extension will not allow Haitian Temporary Protective Status (TPS) recipients living in the United States time to attain travel documents and make other necessary arrangements for their ultimate departure from the United States, and will also not provide the Haitian government with the time it needs to prepare for the future repatriation of all current TPS recipients; and be it further

2 *Resolved*, That this 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church recognizes the arguments for extending this “temporary” status stressed that Haiti is in no condition to take back the estimated 50,000 or so people benefitting from this amnesty program and that its not like the expiration of the amnesty would mean all 50,000 would be rounded up and sent home the next day. Rather, they would all simply return to their prior status – mostly illegal aliens, plus some who were here on student or tourist visas when the earthquake hit. Those who were illegal and came to the attention of ICE would be deported, just like other Haitian illegal aliens; and be it further

3 *Resolved*, That this 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church requests that the Administration hereby extends the TPS designation for Haitians for another 18 months.

D002 Funding the Work of The Beloved Community

Proposer	Mr. Joe McDaniel
Topic	Reconciliation
Endorsed by	Plummer, Ms. Crystal; Steele, Ms. Minnie
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HB / 09 - Racial Justice and Reconciliation
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Final Status	Concurred
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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
- 2 *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
- 3 *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.
- 4 Explanation:
- 5 The 78th General Convention of The Episcopal Church recognized, by the adoption of Resolution 2015-C019, that, despite repeated efforts at anti-racism training as well as racial justice and racial reconciliation initiatives—including the passage of more than 30 General Convention resolutions dating back to 1952, that the abomination and sin of racism continues to plague our society and

our Church at great cost to human life and human dignity.

- 6 And, in the wake of the brutal, overtly racist murders of nine of our Christian brothers and sisters of Mother Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church on June 17, 2015; numerous inexcusable deaths of unarmed black men and youth at the hands of law enforcement personnel; and the moral atrocity of mass incarceration in which a hugely disproportionate number of persons of color have been unfairly caught in the net of an unjust criminal justice system, the 78th General Convention established as a top priority of The Episcopal Church in the upcoming triennium the challenging and difficult work of racial reconciliation through prayer, teaching, engagement, and action.
- 7 2015-C019 charged the Presiding Bishop, President of the House of Deputies, Vice President of the House of Bishops, and Vice President of the House of Deputies to lead, direct, and be present to assure and account for the Church's work of racial justice and reconciliation. They articulated a framework for that work, entitled *Becoming Beloved Community: The Episcopal Church's Long-term Commitment to Racial Healing, Reconciliation and Justice*, which directs additional work in the area of racial reconciliation.
- 8 As we head into this next triennium, we are faced with the realities of a resurgence of white supremacy, the increased normalization of personal and institutionalized fear of people of color, and overtly dehumanizing policies being enacted on refugees and immigrants—in addition to all of the injustices that prompted the 78th General Convention to pass 2015-C019.
- 9 We call upon our Church to make an investment of significant resources to hone in on and build capacity among our current and future leaders within The Episcopal Church in order to impact the practices of telling the truth, repairing the breach, practicing Jesus' way of love, and proclaiming the dream of Beloved Community.
- 10 In order to make our commitment to *Becoming Beloved Community* a reality in a world that desperately needs it, local churches, dioceses, and agencies must have the resources to engage this work in their contexts. We believe that these grants will make it possible for churches, dioceses, and other agencies of The Episcopal Church to begin to live into the commitment of the Church to *Becoming Beloved Community* in new and life-giving ways. In the same way that communities of practice have developed from the Genesis Church Planting grants that were given in the 2015-2018 triennium, we imagine that a network of grant recipients could develop to share best practices, resources, etc. among themselves and with the whole church. Provinces and dioceses that have been unable to afford to provide the canonically mandated trainings would be able to do so. These grants could also make it possible for the development of much-needed culturally appropriate and relevant resources that could be broadly shared with the church through the Absalom Jones Center for Racial Healing.

D003 Addressing the issue of Voter Suppression

Proposer	Canon Richard Miller
Topic	National Concerns
Endorsed by	Mathis, Canon Jill; Gaines, Ms. Carolyn
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
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C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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
- 2 *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
- 3 *Resolved*, That in accordance with Executive Council Resolution ANo33 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
- 4 *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.

D004 Addressing Mass Incarceration

Proposer	Mr. Louis Glosson
Topic	Criminal Justice
Endorsed by	Link, Ms. Alexizendria; King, Mr. Sidney
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
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C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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
- 2 *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
- 3 *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
- 4 *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.

D005 Gather Racial/Ethnic Statistics About Episcopal Elections and Clergy Compensation

Proposer	The Rev. Willis Foster
Topic	Ordained Ministry
Endorsed by	Jackson, Ms. Krisita; Davis-Lawson, The Rev. Karen
Sponsored by	
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C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	Office of Pastoral Development; Church Pension Fund
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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
 - 2 *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.
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D006 Just Transition: Automation and New Technology

Proposer	Ms. Sarah Lawton
Topic	Technology
Endorsed by	Baldwin, Ms. Beth; Jackson, The Rev. Paula
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
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C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	Office of Government Relations
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1** *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
- 2** *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
- 3** *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
- 4** *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

5 *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.

D007 Disaster Resilience Policy

Proposer	Mr. Bryan Velez Garcia
Topic	National Concerns
Endorsed by	Lawton, Ms. Sarah; Weaver, Ms. Bonnie
Sponsored by	
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C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 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

- 6 Resolved, That the General Convention encourage all diocese and congregations to create emergency preparedness and response plans that are inclusive of people with disabilities.
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D008 Practicing Responsible Investing

Proposer	Ms. Yvonne O'Neal
Topic	Socially Responsible Investment
Endorsed by	Floberg, The Rev. John; Smith, Mr. William
Sponsored by	
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C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 79th General Convention commends to the whole Church the witness to the Gospel of individuals and institutions across the Church for over half a century through socially and environmentally responsible investing consistent with the Church's faith and mission including the Church's teachings on respect for the dignity of every human being and on the stewardship and care of creation ("responsible investing"); and be it further
- Resolved*, That the 79th General Convention affirms for the Church 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 79th General Convention recommends that consideration be given across the whole Church to practicing these three elements of responsible investing consistent with the Church's faith and mission and particularly recommends all three of these elements of responsible investing for consideration by the governing body of every diocese, parish, or other organization or institution in the Church that owns or invests investment assets (any "Church Institutional Investor"), as follows:
- The 79th General Convention urges the governing body of every Church Institutional Investor to consider developing and adopting ethical guidelines for responsible investing consistent with the Church's faith and mission, and implementing them in choosing and managing investment assets under its control, and urges every Church Institutional Investor with sufficient assets to consider becoming a signatory to the United Nations Principles for Responsible Investment; and
- The 79th General Convention urges the governing body of every Church Institutional Investor to consider having that Investor vote its proxies consistent with the Church's faith and mission, and,

to this end, urges Church Institutional Investors to consider using the proxy-voting services provided by The Episcopal Church and the Church Pension Group, and urges every Church Institutional Investor with sufficient assets to consider undertaking advocacy and dialogue with company managements and to consider joining the Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility; and

The 79th General Convention urges the governing body of every Church Institutional Investor to consider having that Investor, consistent with the Church's faith and mission, invest for responsible social and environmental outcomes as well as financial return by, for example, carrying out impact investing through its regular portfolio and community investing through its regular portfolio or a separate community investment mechanism.

D009 Christian Principles for Responding to Human Migration

Proposer	Ms. Helena Mbele-Mbong
Topic	Immigration
Endorsed by	Hallanan, The Rev. Sunny; Lawton, Ms. Sarah
Sponsored by	
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C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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
- 2 *Resolved*, That this General Convention set forth these principles to guide our church’s response to human migration, including internal migration, in the future:
 - 3 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;
 - 4 2. We remember that Mary, Joseph, and Jesus were refugees, as they were forced to flee into a foreign land to escape violence;
 - 5 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;
 - 6 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;

- 7 5. We will endeavor to learn and address root causes of migration and advocate for just solutions with Anglican/Episcopal, ecumenical, and interfaith partners;
- 8 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;
- 9 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;
- 10 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;
- 11 9. We call on all nations to maintain family unity and safety during migration;
- 12 10. We insist that economic and foreign relationships among governments should not increase the need of migration due to economic hardships, persecution, and violence;
- 13 11. We insist that governments strive to maintain conditions which are conducive to internal stability and employment opportunity;
- 14 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;
- 15 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;
- 16 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;
- 17 15. We urge governments to expand refugee resettlement as a humanitarian response that offers individuals safety and opportunity;
- 18 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

- 19 *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
 - 20 *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
 - 21 *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.
 - 22 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/>
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D010 Create Position of Indigenous Theological Education Coordinator

Proposer	The Rev. Rachel Taber-Hamilton
Topic	Budget
Endorsed by	Powell, The Rev. Deacon Lewis; Goodhouse, Ms. Carmine
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. 74,83
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C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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
 - 2 *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
 - 3 *Resolved*, That the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance consider a budget allocation of \$398,600 for the implementation of this resolution.
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D011 Doctrine of Discovery Training

Proposer	The Rev. Rachel Taber-Hamilton
Topic	Ordained Ministry
Endorsed by	Steele, Ms. Minnie; Sells, The Rev. Michael
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HB / 15 - Ministry
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Final Status	Concurred
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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
 - 2 *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
 - 3 *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.
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D012 Add the Four Chaplains of the USAT Dorchester to the Church Calendar

Proposer	Captain Louis Cavaliere
Topic	Lesser Feasts/Fasts
Endorsed by	Ambos, Canon Paul; Russell, The Rev. Daniel Scott
Sponsored by	
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Review Status	Passed review
Final Status	Referred to an Interim Body
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, 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”.
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D013 Eliminate the Provision for Legal Slavery in the U.S. Constitution

Proposer	Ms. Deborah Stokes
Topic	Human Rights
Endorsed by	Jackson, The Rev. Paula; Zacharia, The Rev. Canon Manoj Mathew
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HB / 08 - Social Justice and United States Policy
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Final Status	Concurred
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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
- 2 *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
- 3 *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
- 4 *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
- 5 *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.

D014 Addressing Maternal Mortality

Proposer	Ms. Yvonne O'Neal
Topic	Health Care
Endorsed by	Brooks, The Rev. Theodora; Burns, Ms. Carla
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
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C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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
 - 2 *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
 - 3 *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
 - 4 *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.
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D015 Support Keeping Families Together

Proposer	The Rev. Cn. Susan Russell
Topic	Immigration
Endorsed by	Lawton, Ms. Sarah; White, Canon Jim
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HB / 08 - Social Justice and United States Policy
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Final Status	Take No Further Action
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention urge The Episcopal Church to support policies limiting the separation of families at or near ports of entry and prohibiting the removal of a child from a parent or guardian solely for the policy goal of deterring individuals from migrating to the United States or for the policy goal of promoting compliance with civil immigration laws; and be it further
- 2 *Resolved*, That The Episcopal Church reaffirm GC2009-Bo06 which advocates for comprehensive immigration reform.

D016 Seeking Truth, Reconciliation and Restoration

Proposer	Ms. Julia Harris
Topic	Structure
Endorsed by	Brock, The Rev. Laurie; Loya, The Very Rev. Craig
Sponsored by	
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Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 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,

- 3 *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:
- 4 -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;
- 5 -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;
- 6 -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;

- 7 -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;
- 8 -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;
- 9 -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;
- 10 *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).

D017 Reducing Sexual Harassment, Assault and Exploitation in the Workplace

Proposer	Ms. Sarah Lawton
Topic	Labor
Endorsed by	Russell, Ms. Laura; Jackson, The Rev. Paula
Sponsored by	
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C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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
- 2 *Resolved*, That The Episcopal Church support public policies and other efforts to reduce sexual harassment, assault, and exploitation in the workplace, including:
- 3 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;
- 4 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;
- 5 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;
- 6 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;

- 7 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;
 - 8 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
 - 9 *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.
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D018 Negotiating the Israeli/Palestinian Conflict

Proposer	The Rev. Canon Brian Grieves
Topic	Middle East
Endorsed by	Mathews, The Very Rev. Dr. Koshy; Smith, Mr. Newland
Sponsored by	
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C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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
- 2 *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
- 3 *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
- 4 *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.

D019 Ending Church Complicity in the Occupation

Proposer	The Rev. Canon Brian Grieves
Topic	Socially Responsible Investment
Endorsed by	Lillie, The Rev. Paul A.; Smith, Mr. Newland
Sponsored by	
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C&C / RoO change?	No
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Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved, That the 79th General Convention reaffirm the prior action of General Convention, 1991-D122, "Distinguish Between Criticism of Israeli Policy and Anti-Jewish Prejudice," and be it further*
 - 2 *Resolved, that 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*
 - 3 *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 2019, and be it further*
 - 4 *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.*
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D020 Understanding the Truth of Sexual Harrassment and Assault in The Episcopal Church

Proposer	The Rev. Laurie Brock
Topic	Structure
Endorsed by	Harris, Ms. Julia ; Gunn, The Rev. Canon Scott
Sponsored by	
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C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, That the 79th General Convention appoint a task force 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 be it further
- 2 *Resolved*, That the task force shall be appointed jointly by the President of the House of Deputies and the Presiding Bishop, with 9 members - 3 lay people (at least 2 of whom identify as women), 3 priests or deacons members (at least 2 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 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 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 at regular and timely intervals as determined by the task force, the Presiding Bishop, and the President of the House of Deputies; and be it further
- 3 *Resolved*, That 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; and be it further
- 4 *Resolved*, That the task force shall write a report detailing the responses to the survey, a

summary of the responses to the survey, and particular insights and observations by the task force, with said report being publicly disseminated and available to the Episcopal Church online no later than early 2021. The report will be provided 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; all Canons to the Ordinary; all Transition Officers; and any other bodies, organizations, or committees that the President of the House of Deputies or the Presiding Bishop deem necessary. Those persons and organizations are requested to report back to the Task Force no later than April 30, 2021 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:

1) 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; 2) 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; 3) 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; and be it further

- 5 *Resolved*, That the task force shall review these responses and forward them to the appropriate board, committee, and/or task force so they may be evaluated and utilized as the general Church moves to restoration and reconciliation with Christ and each other over our sins of gender-based discrimination, harassment, and violence; and be it further
- 6 *Resolved*, That the General Convention request that the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance consider a budget allocation of \$40,000 for the implementation of this resolution, including two face-to-face meetings of the task force, costs associated with creating and disseminating the survey and the subsequent report.

D021 Revise OTM Information

Proposer	The Rev. Dr. Helen Svoboda-Barber
Topic	Ordained Ministry
Endorsed by	Logue, The Rev. Canon Frank; Smith, The Rev. Nora
Sponsored by	
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C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	Office of Transition Ministry
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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
 - 2 *Resolved*, That on the Compensation & 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
 - 3 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
 - 4 *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.
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D022 Reinstate Women's Desk

Proposer	The Rev. Dr. Helen Svoboda-Barber
Topic	Women
Endorsed by	Smith, The Rev. Nora; Spelman, The Rev. Kate
Sponsored by	
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C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 Resolved, That the Presiding Bishop and President of the House of Deputies appoint a six (6) year, five (5) member Task Force consisting of at least one lay person, one priest or deacon, and one bishop, to identify and track all resolutions from the 79th General Convention that engage the challenges facing women in ministry and in society at-large; and be it further
 - 2 Resolved, That this Task Force will report to Executive Council semiannually, and that Executive Council will make these reports available electronically to the public. This Task Force will also submit a report to the 80th and 81st General Convention Blue Book; and be it further
 - 3 Resolved, That the Presiding Bishop, the President of the House of Deputies, and the Executive Council be urged to resource existing networks and programs across the Church that support women's ministry, and that these financial and staffing resources also be reported through the Task Force; and be it further
 - 4 Resolved, That the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance consider an allocation of \$10,000 to facilitate the Task Force's conversation for the 2019-2021 triennium.
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D023 Amend Canons III.6.5(g)(4), III.8.5(h)(4), and III.10.1.(c)(4) and Establish Task Force

Proposer	The Rev. Kate Spelman
Topic	Canons
Endorsed by	Ranadive Pooley, The Rev. Nina; Logue, The Rev. Canon Frank
Sponsored by	
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Final Status	Concurred
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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
- 2 *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
- 3 *Resolved*, That the Task Force complete development of the training program by December 31, 2019; and be it further
- 4 *Resolved*, That the Task Force shall submit the training program to Executive Council for its approval by December 31, 2019; and be it further
- 5 *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
- 6 *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

- 7 *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.
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D024 Support for the Episcopal Church of South Sudan and Sudan and Their Efforts to Foster Peace

Proposer	Mr. Russell Randle
Topic	International Relations
Endorsed by	Bentley, The Rev. Susan ; Spence, Ms. Helen
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
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C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	Office of Government Relations
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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
- 2 *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
- 3 *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
- 4 *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
- 5 *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

- 6 *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.
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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

Proposer	The Very Rev. M.E. Eccles
Topic	Canons
Endorsed by	Varghese, The Rev. Winnie; McMillin, The Rev. Canon Andrea
Sponsored by	
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C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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
- 2 *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
- 3 *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.

D026 Amend Canons I.17 and III.1.2 -Non-Discrimination in Hiring and Clergy Deployment

Proposer	The Rev. Beth Scriven
Topic	Canons
Endorsed by	Smith, The Rev. Nora; Spelman, The Rev. Kate
Sponsored by	
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Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of Deputies concurring, That Canon I.17.5 be amended to read as follows:
- 2 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.
- 3 And be it further
- 4 *Resolved*, That Canon I.17 be further amended by adding a new Section 6 and renumbering all subsequent sections:
- 5 *Sec. 6 No employment search shall (a) include questions about 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, or (b) request a photograph of an applicant prior to an offer of employment being made and accepted.*
- 6 And be it further
- 7 *Resolved*, That Canon III.1.2 be amended to read as follows:
- 8 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.

D027 Pursuing Justice in Gaza

Proposer	Mr. Newland Smith
Topic	Middle East
Endorsed by	Floberg, The Rev. John; Hallanan, The Rev. Sunny
Sponsored by	
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Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, That the General Convention in light of Israel's escalating indifference to international law and the rights of civilians under the Geneva Convention and other treaties, the 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
 - 2 *Resolved*, That if information of human rights violations by military forces is corroborated, the 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
 - 3 *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.
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D028 Freedom of Speech and the Right to Boycott

Proposer	Mr. Newland Smith
Topic	Economic Justice
Endorsed by	Grieves, The Rev. Canon Brian; Mathews, The Very Rev. Dr. Koshy
Sponsored by	
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HiA / Leg. Cttee	HD / 07 - Social Justice and International Policy
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Final Status	Rejected
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 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 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;~~ *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 the Executive Council and the Presiding Bishop in consultation with the Chief Legal Officer to consider filing an amicus brief in support of court challenges to the law.*

D029 Condemning Prolonged Solitary Confinement as a Form of Torture

Proposer	The Rev. Eric Metoyer
Topic	Human Rights
Endorsed by	Moore, Mr. Gary; Varghese, The Rev. Winnie
Sponsored by	Jacobs, The Rev. Canon Gregory
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HB / 08 - Social Justice and United States Policy
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Review Status	Passed review
Final Status	Concurred
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, That the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church reaffirm the statement of the 76th General Convention, in resolution 2009-CO20, 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
- 2 *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
- 3 *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
- 4 *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.

D030 Supporting Formation

Proposer	Mrs. Andrea McKellar
Topic	Christian Formation
Endorsed by	Kitch, The Rev. Canon Anne; Canady, The Rev. Paul
Sponsored by	
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Final Status	Concurred
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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
 - 2 *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.
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D031 Recognizing and Ending Domestic Violence in our Congregations

Proposer	Ms. Laura Russell
Topic	Violence
Endorsed by	Lawton, Ms. Sarah; Allen, Ms. Jennifer
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HD / 14 - Christian Formation and Discipleship
Current Status	House of Bishops sent Message for Information
Version	Final text
Review Status	Passed review
Final Status	Concurred
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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
 - 2 *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
 - 3 *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
 - 4 *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.
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D032 Equal Access to Health Care Regardless of Gender

Proposer	Ms. Laura Russell
Topic	Health Care
Endorsed by	Moore, Mr. Gary; Allen, Ms. Jennifer
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HB / 08 - Social Justice and United States Policy
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Version	Final text
Review Status	Passed review
Final Status	Concurred
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	Office of Government Relations
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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
- 2 *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
- 3 *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
- 4 *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
- 5 *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 womens and girls’ health care, by:
- 6 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;
- 7 · 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.) ;

- 8 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) ;
 - 9 Ensuring health care is equal in coverage and cost regardless of gender.
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D033 Amend Canons IV.2 and IV.6 - Churchwide Intake Officer

Proposer	The Rev. Dr. Molly James
Topic	Canons
Endorsed by	Getz, Ms. Pauline; Montagno, The Rev. Karen
Sponsored by	Perschall, Ms. Amanda ; Hamilton, Mr. Curtis
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Review Status	Passed review
Final Status	Referred to an Interim Body
C&C / RoO change?	Yes
Referrals	Interim Body
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, That the 79th General Convention amend Title IV, Canon 2 to add the definition of “Churchwide Intake Officer” as follows:
 - 2 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.
 - 3 And be it further resolved:
 - 4 That Title IV be amended to add new Title IV, Canon 6.11 to read as follows:
 - 5 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.
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D034 Amend Canon IV.19.4 - Suspending Statute of Limitations

Proposer	The Rev. Dr. Molly James
Topic	Canons
Endorsed by	Getz, Ms. Pauline; Montagno, The Rev. Karen
Sponsored by	Perschall, Ms. Amanda ; Hamilton, Mr. Curtis
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Review Status	Did not pass review - see review report
Final Status	Concurred
C&C / RoO change?	Yes
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, That the 79th General Convention amend Canon IV.19.4 to read as follows:
- 2 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:
- 3 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;
- 4 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
- 5 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.
- 6 (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.
- 7 (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.

- 8 (e 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.
 - 9 (d 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.
 - 10 (e 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.
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D035 Amend Canon III.9 regarding Reconciliation and Mediation Between Clergy

Proposer	The Rev. Dr. Molly James
Topic	Canons
Endorsed by	Getz, Ms. Pauline; Montagno, The Rev. Karen
Sponsored by	Perschall, Ms. Amanda ; Hamilton, Mr. Curtis
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HiA / Leg. Cttee	HB / 15 - Ministry
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Final Status	Rejected
C&C / RoO change?	Yes
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That Canon III.9 be amended to add the following section:
- 2 *Sec. 16. Reconciliation of Disagreements affecting the Collegial Relationship between Clergy serving in the same Diocese*
- 3 *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.*

D036 BCP Revision: Inclusive & Expansive Language

Proposer	The Rev. Deon Johnson
Topic	Book of Common Prayer
Endorsed by	Kitch-Peck, Ms. Sophie; Varghese, The Rev. Winnie
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
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C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, That the 79th General Convention recognize the urgent pastoral and evangelical need for revision of the 1979 Book of Common Prayer, particularly in regard to the use of inclusive and expansive language for humanity and divinity, continuing work which began even as the 1979 BCP was being developed; and be it further
- 2 *Resolved*, That the 79th General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to undertake a thorough revision of the Book of Common Prayer 1979, leading to a proposed revision of the Book of Common Prayer for trial use no later than the 81st General Convention in accordance with the Constitution Article X(b) and a proposed revision of the Book of Common Prayer in accordance with the Constitution Article X no later than the 82nd General Convention, to meet the contemporary needs of The Episcopal Church, including employing inclusive and expansive language for humanity and divinity; and be it further
- 3 *Resolved*, That the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music report its progress to the 80th General Convention; and be it further
- 4 *Resolved*, That the 79th General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of \$ \$1,917,025 for the implementation of this resolution, as requested in Resolution A068.

D037 Expand Clergy Compensation Report

Proposer	The Rev. Nora Smith
Topic	Canons
Endorsed by	Dafler Meaux, The Rev. Amy; Logue, The Rev. Canon Frank
Sponsored by	
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Final Status	Concurred
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	Church Pension Fund
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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
- 2 *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.

D038 Civil Rights and Equality for All in Israel

Proposer	The Very Rev. Dr. Koshy Mathews
Topic	Middle East
Endorsed by	Grieves, The Rev. Canon Brian; Smith, Mr. Newland
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HD / 07 - Social Justice and International Policy
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Review Status	Passed review
Final Status	Not Concurred
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, 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
- 2 *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
- 3 *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
- 4 *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; e. distribution of resources and social welfare; f. access to land; g. educational resources; h. availability of health resources; i. political participation, including freedom of speech and the right to dissent.

D039 Regarding Occupation and Apartheid

Proposer	The Very Rev. Dr. Koshy Mathews
Topic	Middle East
Endorsed by	Hallanan, The Rev. Sunny; Smith, Mr. Newland
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HD / 07 - Social Justice and International Policy
Current Status	House of Bishops sent Message for Information
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Review Status	Passed review
Final Status	Not Concurred
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, That the 79th General Convention of the Episcopal Church condemn 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.; *and be it further*
- 2 *Resolved*, That the Convention direct the Office of Government Relations to inform US legislators and members of the Executive Branch of ~~the~~ *US U.S.* government of our concern about these laws and to convey ~~them~~ *our concern* to their counterparts in the Israeli government; and be it further
- 3 *Resolved*, That the Convention condemn the system of military justice applied in the occupied Palestinian territories that subjects Palestinians to detention without charges or counsel, detain minors without parental presence, deprive their right of peaceful assembly, and ~~condones results~~ *in* lethal violence against unarmed Palestinians without *effective* accountability; and be it further
- 4 *Resolved*, That the Convention call 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.; *and be it further*
- 5 Resolved, That the Convention support 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
- 6 *Resolved*, That the Convention urge members of The Episcopal Church to pray, reflect and ~~frankly and~~ openly discuss ~~whether~~ *how* 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 ~~struggle~~ *strive* for human dignity and freedom for all people in the region.

D040 The Status of Women Church Musicians

Proposer	The Rev. Terri Grotzinger
Topic	Women
Endorsed by	Wirth, The Rev. Canon Bradley; Russell, Ms. Laura
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HB / 12 - Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music
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Review Status	Passed review
Final Status	Concurred
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, 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
- 2 *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.

D041 Protecting Jerusalem

Proposer	The Rev. David C Wacaster
Topic	Middle East
Endorsed by	Brown, Ms. Anne; Syler, The Rev. Gregory
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HD / 07 - Social Justice and International Policy
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Final Status	Take No Further Action
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, That the 79th General Convention of the Episcopal Church, in solidarity with the heads of the Christian communities in Jerusalem, condemn the unilateral action of the President of the United States to move the Embassy of the United States from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem, deeming it a grave violation of International Law and longstanding international consensus; locating the Embassy in Jerusalem is damaging to the unique identity of Jerusalem as the holy city of the three Abrahamic faiths and is hostile to the Palestinian Christian and Muslim residents of the city; and be it further
- 2 *Resolved*, That the General Convention assert its conviction that Jerusalem is a universal holy city with no privilege granted to any faith or secular tradition over another; 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
- 3 *Resolved*, That, because the General Convention deems the crisis facing Jerusalem a matter of urgent significance to the faith and heritage of every member of the Church, special efforts be made to apprise the members of the Church of the General Convention's foregoing resolves and to educate them as to the long-festering conflict that has brought the Holy City to this point; and be it further
- 4 *Resolved*, That the General Convention urge the House of Bishops to disseminate as soon as is practicable a Pastoral Letter explaining the prophetic nature of the position of the Church on the status of Jerusalem, and encouraging study, reflection and action on the part of all Episcopalians to support Jerusalem's prophetic identity as the Holy City of Peace.

D042 Amend Canon I.4.1

Proposer	The Rev. Adam Trambley
Topic	Canons
Endorsed by	Parish, The Rev. Nurya; Gunn, The Rev. Canon Scott
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. 29-31
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HD / 04 - Governance and Structure
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C&C / RoO change?	Yes
Referrals	Interim Body
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, That Canon I.4.1(d), (e), (f), (g), (h), and (i) are hereby amended to read as follows:
- 2 (d) The Executive Council shall be *elected by the General Convention. The Executive Council shall be* composed (a) of ~~20~~ *twenty at-large* members ~~elected by the General Convention~~, of whom four shall be Bishops, four shall be Presbyters or Deacons, and ~~12~~ *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 18 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; (e d) of the following ex officii 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 t~~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.
- 3 (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.

- 4 (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.*
- 5 (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 officio* 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.
- 6 (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.
- 7 (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.~~

D043 Welcoming the Church of South India

Proposer	The Rev. Winnie Varghese
Topic	Courtesy
Endorsed by	Wong, The Hon. Warren; Mathews, The Very Rev. Dr. Koshy
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HB / 19 - Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations
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C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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
 - 2 *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
 - 3 *Resolved*, That all Dioceses, Parishes, and other Episcopal communities be encouraged to seek fellowship with CSI communities within their geographical area of ministry.
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D044 Tools for Effective Shareholder Engagement for Human Rights

Proposer	The Rev. Winnie Varghese
Topic	Socially Responsible Investment
Endorsed by	O'Neal, Ms. Yvonne; Smith, The Rev. Nora
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HD / 18 - Stewardship & Socially Responsible Investing
Current Status	House of Deputies sent Message for Information
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Review Status	Passed review
Final Status	Take No Further Action
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, That the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church affirm the following criteria for evaluating the impact of our investments and the use of our money, to inform our shareholder engagement and, when warranted, the divestment of Episcopal Church resources from corporations that are complicit in state violence and violations of human rights, and that we commend this criteria to the Committee on Corporate Social Responsibility to implement with regard to The Episcopal Church's stated policy on corporations that are profiting from human rights abuses associated with the military industry, the prison industry (including for-profit prisons and immigration detention centers), border control, militarized local policing, and violations of international human rights law and agreements anywhere in the world, including the United States of America and the Occupied Territories of Palestine:
- 2 **Salience**, defined as the the severity of a violation. This term is taken from the UN Guiding Principles for Business and Human Rights Reporting Framework, measuring the severity of the negative impact of a company's activities and/or business relationships. Salience measures the impact on people, not on the company's revenues.
- 3 **Significance**, defined as the degree of the company's involvement in a violation. It is assessed on a case by case basis, and would include both the significance of the company's activities to a human rights violation and the significance of that relationship to the company itself. For example, unlike the supply of an off-the-shelf product, supplying specifically designed crucial equipment and services would constitute a significant involvement.
- 4 **Responsiveness**, defined by the company's responsiveness to multi-stakeholder engagement, as well as the continuity of the said corporate activities. Responsiveness is assessed by monitoring the dialogue efforts with a company on the relevant issues as well as all changes in corporate policies or activities

D045 Pension Equity for Lay Employees

Proposer	Ms. Diane Butler
Topic	Employee Benefits
Endorsed by	Varghese, The Rev. Winnie; Goodman, The Very Rev. Mark
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HD / 17 - Church Pension Fund
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Final Status	Concurred
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	Church Pension Fund
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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
- 2 *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.

D046 Expansive-Language Liturgical Resources

Proposer	The Rev. Debra Bennett
Topic	Liturgy
Endorsed by	Kitch-Peck, Ms. Sophie; Johnson, The Rev. Deon
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HB / 12 - Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music
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C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1** *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
- 2** *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
- 3** *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.

D047 Compassionate Care of Victims of Sexual Abuse by Clergy

Proposer	Ms. Pauline Getz
Topic	Structure
Endorsed by	Lynch, The Rev. Gwynn; Mathewson, The Rev. Colin
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HD / 03 - Safeguarding and Title IV
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Final Status	Concurred
C&C / RoO change?	Yes
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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:
 - 2 • reporting clergy misconduct is a courageous and sacrificial act, demonstrating love for and trust in the church;
 - 3 • such reporting is an act of service to the church;
 - 4 • a victim has a right to expect our faith communities to respond with the love and compassion of Christ.
- 5 *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 peresons should include a range of resources and assistance from highly qualified professional providers; and be it further
- 6 *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
- 7 *Resolved*, That Canon IV.8.1 be amended to read as follows:
 - 8 **CANON 8: Of Pastoral Response**
 - 9 **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.*

D048 Review of Disability Language in the Constitution and Canons

Proposer	Ms. Charis Hill
Topic	Inclusive Language
Endorsed by	Geiszler-Ludlum, Ms. Joan; Clarke, Mr. Myles B.
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. 1, 31
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Current Status	House of Deputies sent Message for Information
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Review Status	Passed review
Final Status	Concurred
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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
 - 2 *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.
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D049 Churchwide Fund for Clergy Education

Proposer	The Rev. Philip Dinwiddie
Topic	Theological Education
Endorsed by	Schellhammer, The Rev. Judith; Anderson, Ms. Elizabeth
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. 41
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HB / 15 - Ministry
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Review Status	Did not pass review - see review report
Final Status	Rejected
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, 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:
 - 2 1. The Priest Development Plan shall be designed and administered by the Trustees and officers of the Church Pension Fund, following best industry practices;
 - 3 2. The Priest Development Plan shall provide benefits to financially support postulants and candidates to the priesthood;
 - 4 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;
 - 5 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;
 - 6 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;
 - 7 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

8 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

9 And be it further

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

11 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.*

12 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.*

D050 Solidarity with Victims of Religious Persecution

Proposer	The Rev. Dr. Titus Presler
Topic	Human Rights
Endorsed by	O'Neal, Ms. Yvonne; Quick, The Rev. Judy
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
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C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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
- 2 *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
- 3 *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
- 4 *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
- 5 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
- 6 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
- 7 *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

8 *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.

D051 Support Recommitment to Iran Nuclear Deal

Proposer	The Rev. Dr. Titus Presler
Topic	International Relations
Endorsed by	Lawton, Ms. Sarah; Brown, Ms. Anne
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
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C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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
- 2 *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
- 3 *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
- 4 *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
- 5 *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
- 6 *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

- 7 *Resolved*, That this General Convention encourage the church's Office of Government 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
 - 8 *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.
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D052 Amend Canon I.18.7

Proposer	The Rev. Philip Dinwiddie
Topic	Canons
Endorsed by	Russell, The Rev. Cn. Susan; Hayes, Mr. Christopher
Sponsored by	Baker, The Rev. Stannard
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. 59
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C&C / RoO change?	Yes
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, That Canon I.18.7 is hereby amended to read as follows:
 - 2 Sec. 7. It shall be within the discretion of any Member of the Clergy of this Church *to solemnize or bless any marriage or to decline to solemnize or bless any marriage in accordance with the Canons of this Church.*
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D053 Stewardship of Creation with Church-Owned Land

Proposer	The Rev. Nurya Parish
Topic	Environment
Endorsed by	Berlenbach, The Rev. Kirk; Diehl, Mr. Jeff
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HB / 20 - Environmental Stewardship and Care of Creation
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Final Status	Concurred
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, That the 79th General Convention recommend 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
- 2 *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
- 3 *Resolved*, That the General Convention request 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
- 4 *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
- 5 *Resolved*, That the appointed body report back to the 80th General Convention.

D054 Expand YASC and EVIM Support

Proposer	Ms. Martha Bedell Alexander
Topic	Budget
Endorsed by	Presler, The Rev. Dr. Titus; Skimina, Mr. Timothy
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
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C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 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.
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D055 Coordination of Ecumenical and Interreligious Work

Proposer	The Rev. Sharon Alexander
Topic	Structure
Endorsed by	James, The Rev. Dr. Molly; Mead, The Rev. Matthew
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HB / 19 - Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations
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C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 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.

D056 Amend Canons I.20 and III.10.2(a)(3) - Full Communion Relationships

Proposer	The Rev. Sharon Alexander
Topic	Canons
Endorsed by	James, The Rev. Dr. Molly; Smith, The Rev. Nora
Sponsored by	
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C&C / RoO change?	Yes
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, That the 79th General Convention amend Canon I.20 to read as follows:
- 2 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:*
- 3 (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)*,
- 4 (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
- 5 (c) the Mar Thoma Syrian Church of Malabar *(via the Mar Thoma Church - Episcopal Church Agreement of 1979)*.
- 6 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.
- 7 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.

8 And be it further

9 *Resolved*, That Canon III.10.2(a)(3) be amended to read as follows:

10 (3) The provisions of ~~this Section~~ *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 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.*

11 (i) ~~those duly constituted Dioceses, Provinces, and regional Churches in communion with the See of Canterbury,~~

12 (ii) ~~the Old Catholic Churches of the Union of Utrecht,~~

13 (iii) ~~the Philippine Independent Church, and~~

14 (iv) ~~the Mar Thoma Syrian Church of Malabar~~

15 (v) ~~the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.~~

D057 Impairment Commission - Training on Alcohol and Substance Misuse

Proposer	Mr. William Powel
Topic	Substance Abuse
Endorsed by	Getz, Ms. Pauline; Freeman, Ms. Jane
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HD / 16 - Churchwide Leadership
Current Status	House of Bishops sent Message for Information
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Review Status	Passed review
Final Status	Concurred
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	Executive Council
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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:
 - 2 Be trained in prior resolutions of the General Convention regarding impairment;
 - 3 Recognize impairment; and
 - 4 Provide tools for reporting incidents involving impaired clergy and remove barriers that impede individuals from reporting; and be it further
 - 5 *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).
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D058 Impairment Commission - Rapid Response Team for Crisis Intervention

Proposer	Mr. William Powel
Topic	Substance Abuse
Endorsed by	Getz, Ms. Pauline; Freeman, Ms. Jane
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HD / 16 - Churchwide Leadership
Current Status	House of Bishops sent Message for Information
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Review Status	Passed review
Final Status	Concurred
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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.
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D059 Impairment Commission - Training on Alcohol/ Substance Misuse for Church Leadership

Proposer	Mr. William Powel
Topic	Substance Abuse
Endorsed by	Getz, Ms. Pauline; Freeman, Ms. Jane
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HD / 16 - Churchwide Leadership
Current Status	House of Bishops sent Message for Information
Version	Final text
Review Status	Passed review
Final Status	Concurred
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	HOB Committee on Pastoral Development; Executive Council
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, That the 79th General Convention:
 - 2 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
 - 3 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
 - 4 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
 - 5 *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.
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D060 Establish a Covenant with the Diocese of Cuba

Proposer	Canon Paul Ambos
Topic	Covenant
Endorsed by	Russell, The Rev. Daniel Scott; Blackman, Ms. Wendy
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HD / 06 - The Episcopal Church in Cuba
Current Status	House of Deputies sent Message for Information
Version	Final text
Review Status	Did not pass review - see review report
Final Status	Take No Further Action
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church does agree and covenant with *La Iglesia Episcopal de Cuba Diócesis Anglicana*, and does commit itself to this covenant for the planning of admitting it into union with the General Convention of The Episcopal Church as a Diocese, as follows:
 - 2 Preamble: At the meeting of its Synod in February 2015, *La Iglesia Episcopal de Cuba Diócesis Anglicana* (IEC) authorized, and in the subsequent Synod ratified, a formal Declaration "to start a process that would make the Cuban Diocese an integral part of the Episcopal Church [TEC]". The parties to this Covenant acknowledge that additional work is needed to prepare both TEC and IEC for IEC to be admitted as a Diocese in union with General Convention. The parties therefore covenant as follows:
 - 3 1. That IEC confirms its intention to become a full member Diocese of TEC in union with the General Convention.
 - 4 2. That there will be established a Joint Committee of Consultation to be made up of members of IEC to be designated by IEC and members of TEC to be designated by TEC. The Committee's tasks will be to plan, consult, cooperate, and offer advice as to the actions to be taken both before the General Convention of TEC can admit IEC as a Diocese and after such admission becomes effective.
 - 5 3. That immediately upon this Covenant coming into force, clergy and employees of congregations in IEC shall become eligible to participate going forward in the International Clergy Pension Plan or a related plan to be developed by the Church Pension Fund in consultation with TEC and IEC. The General Convention will request a budget allocation to continue current pension payments to existing retirees. TEC and IEC will cooperate in developing a plan to fund retroactive unpaid pension premiums to the extent feasible.

- 6 4. That IEC may seek and TEC will encourage the development of Companion
Diocese relationships between IEC and Dioceses of TEC.
- 7 5. That TEC will provide block-grant funding to IEC to support its mission, in an
amount no less than \$300,000 per triennium while this Covenant is in force.
- 8 6. That all Bishops of IEC shall be invited to be collegial members of the House of
Bishops of TEC.
- 9 7. That this Covenant will become effective upon approval by both the Synod of IEC
and the General Convention of TEC. It will be stated in both the English and
Spanish languages, but in the case of any difference in interpretation the English
version shall control.
- 10 8. That this Covenant shall be subject to review not less than once every three years
to enable changes and modifications as may become necessary, and will continue in
force until agreement by both parties to terminate.
- 11 And be it further
- 12 *Resolved*, That in accordance with the terms of item 8 of the Covenant, the Executive Council be
authorized to act on behalf of TEC; and be it further
- 13 *Resolved*, That the review in item 8 of the Covenant shall include any reports and
recommendations by the members of the Joint Committee of Consultation referred to in item 2 of
the Covenant; and be it further
- 14 *Resolved*, That the members of the Joint Committee of Consultation representing TEC be
appointed pursuant to the provisions of TEC Resolution 2012-A111; and be it further
- 15 *Resolved*, That because of the importance of the work of the Church in Cuba, Program, Budget
and Finance be requested to consider budget allocations for the triennium 2019-2021 for the
block grant for the Church in Cuba of \$350,000 to cover the increased cost of clergy salaries and
other missionary expenses and to cover the pension cost of retired clergy and clergy expected to
retire during the triennium; and be it further
- 16 *Resolved*, That Program, Budget and Finance be requested to consider a budget allocation for the
triennium 2019-2021 of \$50,000 for continuing costs of consultation between the Executive
Council and the Diocese of Cuba.
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D061 Develop Episcopal Gap Year Program

Proposer	Mr. Timothy Skimina
Topic	Budget
Endorsed by	Harris, Ms. Pamela; Quick, The Rev. Judy
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HB / 05 - World Mission
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Version	Final text
Review Status	Passed review
Final Status	Concurred
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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
- 2 *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
- 3 *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
- 4 *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.

D062 Companionship with Sudanese Christians

Proposer	The Rev. Lauren Stanley
Topic	World Mission
Endorsed by	Alexander, Ms. Martha Bedell; O'Neal, Ms. Yvonne
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HB / 05 - World Mission
Current Status	House of Deputies sent Message for Information
Version	Final text
Review Status	Passed review
Final Status	Concurred
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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
- 2 *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.

D063 Supporting Christians in Iraq

Proposer	Mr. George Vosburgh
Topic	Human Rights
Endorsed by	Wendt, Ms. Elizabeth; Mathews, The Very Rev. Dr. Koshy
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HB / 05 - World Mission
Current Status	House of Deputies sent Message for Information
Version	Final text
Review Status	Passed review
Final Status	Concurred
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	Office of Government Relations
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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
 - 2 *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
 - 3 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
 - 4 Resolved, That the Secretary of the General Convention inform the Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf of this action.
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D064 Amend Canon IV.14.12(a) and IV.14.12(b)

Proposer	The Rev. Canon Paul Stephens
Topic	Canons
Endorsed by	Johnstone, The Rev. Canon. Elise; Logue, The Rev. Canon Frank
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. 155
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HD / 03 - Safeguarding and Title IV
Current Status	House of Bishops sent Message for Information
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Review Status	Passed review
Final Status	Concurred
C&C / RoO change?	Yes
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

1 *Resolved*, That Canon IV.14.12(a) is hereby amended to read as follows:

2 (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.*

3 And be it further

4 *Resolved*, That Canon IV.14.12(b) is hereby amended to read as follows:

5 (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.*

D065 Use of Alternative Psalters in Public Worship

Proposer	The Rev. Jack Zamboni
Topic	Liturgy
Endorsed by	Ambos, Canon Paul; Cavaliere, Captain Louis
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HB / 12 - Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music
Current Status	House of Deputies sent Message for Information
Version	Final text
Review Status	Did not pass review - see review report
Final Status	Referred to an Interim Body
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, 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.
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D066 Discerning a Call to the Episcopate

Proposer	The Rev. Nora Smith
Topic	Budget
Endorsed by	Alexander, The Rev. Sharon; Sherrod, Ms. Katie
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HD / 16 - Churchwide Leadership
Current Status	House of Bishops sent Message for Information
Version	Final text
Review Status	Did not pass review - see review report
Final Status	Not Concurred
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, 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
- 2 *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
- 3 *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
- 4 *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.

D067 Bias-Free and Expansive Language for God and Humanity

Proposer	The Rev. Winnie Varghese
Topic	Inclusive Language
Endorsed by	Cañas, Ms. Wendy; Lawton, Ms. Sarah
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HD / 04 - Governance and Structure
Current Status	House of Bishops sent Message for Information
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Review Status	Passed review
Final Status	Concurred
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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
- 2 *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:
- 3 Eliminate the perception of conscious or unconscious bias by the distracting use of biased language when not central to the meaning of the text.
- 4 Avoid the generic use of masculine nouns and pronouns which is increasingly unacceptable in current English usage.
- 5 Avoid the use of language that perpetuates stereotypes based on characteristics such as race, ethnicity, disability, sexual orientation, and gender identity or expression.
- 6 Avoid the assignment of gender to God, except when required by the text.
- 7 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.
- 8 Structure sentences to communicate clearly while using gender-neutral language, for example:
- 9 Omit the pronoun.
- 10 Repeat the noun.

- 11 Use a plural antecedent.
- 12 Use an article instead of a pronoun.
- 13 Use the neutral singular pronoun “one.”
- 14 Use the relative pronoun “who.”
- 15 Use the imperative mood;
- 16 And be it further
- 17 *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.

D068 Criteria and Procedures for Deciding to Engage with or Establish a No Buy List of Companies

Proposer	The Hon. Warren Wong
Topic	Socially Responsible Investment
Endorsed by	Funston, The Very Rev. Patrick; Miller, Canon Richard
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HB / 18 - Stewardship & Socially Responsible Investing
Current Status	House of Bishops sent Message for Information
Version	Final text
Review Status	Passed review
Final Status	Concurred
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	EC Committee on Corporate Social Responsibility
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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:
 - 2 (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
 - 3 (b) procedures for the Church to follow in making a decision to engage companies or to establish a No Buy list, and
 - 4 (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
 - 5 *Resolved*, That this work be completed by CCSR by March of 2020 for consideration and action by Executive Council in that year.
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D069 Gather Annual Deployment and Compensation Data for LGBT and Gender Nonbinary Clergy

Proposer	The Rev. Vanessa Stickler Glass
Topic	Clergy Deployment
Endorsed by	Lawton, Ms. Sarah; Eccles, The Very Rev. M.E.
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HB / 15 - Ministry
Current Status	House of Deputies sent Message for Information
Version	Final text
Review Status	Passed review
Final Status	Concurred
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	Office of Transition Ministry
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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.
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D070 Amend Canon I.2.(n)

Proposer	Ms. D. Rebecca Snow
Topic	Structure
Endorsed by	Ambos, Canon Paul; Rodgers, Ms. Sharon
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. 15-17
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HD / 04 - Governance and Structure
Current Status	House of Deputies sent Message for Information
Version	Final text
Review Status	Passed review
Final Status	Rejected
C&C / RoO change?	Yes
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That Canon 1.1.2.n is hereby amended to read as follows:
 - 2 (n) There shall be the following Standing Commissions:
 - 3 (1) A Standing Commission on ~~Structure, Governance,~~ Constitution and Canons. It shall be the duty of the Commission to:
 - 4 (i) 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.
 - 5 (ii) 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.

- 6 (iii) On the basis of such review, suggest to the *Executive Council and the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society* such amendments to ~~its~~ *their 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.
- 7 (iv) 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.
- 8 (v) Discharge such other duties as shall from time to time be assigned by the General Convention.
- 9 ~~(vi) 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~~
- 10 *(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.*
- 11 *(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.*
- 12 And be it further
- 13 *Resolved*, That the present subsection (2) be renumbered accordingly;

14 And be it further

15 *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.

D071 Establish State Policy Networks

Proposer	Mr. John Johnson IV
Topic	Budget
Endorsed by	Russell, Ms. Laura; Randle, Mr. Russell
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HB / 08 - Social Justice and United States Policy
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Final Status	Concurred
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	Office of Government Relations
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1** *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
 - 2** *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
 - 3** *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.
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D072 Amend Title II Canon IV

Proposer	The Very Rev. Dr. Benjamin Shambaugh
Topic	Canons
Endorsed by	Sanborn, The Rev. Calvin; Wile, Rev. Mary Lee
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. 64
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HB / 02 - Constitution and Canons
Current Status	House of Deputies sent Message for Information
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Review Status	Did not pass review - see review report
Final Status	Referred to an Interim Body
C&C / RoO change?	Yes
Referrals	Interim Body
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, 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:
 - 2 *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.
 - 3 *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.*
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D073 Amend Canon III.7.4 and Canon III.9.3

Proposer	Canon Brendan O'Sullivan-Hale
Topic	Canons
Endorsed by	Easton, The Rev. Canon Elizabeth ; Logue, The Rev. Canon Frank
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. 76-77, 87-88
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HB / 15 - Ministry
Current Status	House of Deputies sent Message for Information
Version	Final text
Review Status	Passed review
Final Status	Concurred
C&C / RoO change?	Yes
Referrals	Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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):
 - 2 *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.*
- 3 And be it further
- 4 *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:
 - 5 *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.*
- 6 And be it further
- 7 *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.

D074 Amend Canon IV.6.4

Proposer	The Rev. Kate Atkinson
Topic	Canons
Endorsed by	Morrow, Mr. Mike; Cole, Ms. L. Zoe
Sponsored by	
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Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, That the 79th General Convention amend Canon IV.6.4 as follows:

 - 2 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.

 - 3 And be it further

 - 4 *Resolved*, That the descriptive caption adjacent to Canon IV.6.4 shall be amended as follows:

 - 5 ~~Investigation.~~ *Initial Inquiry.*
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D075 Amending Title IV to Prevent Retaliation

Proposer	The Rev. Karen Montagno
Topic	Canons
Endorsed by	Getz, Ms. Pauline; James, The Rev. Dr. Molly
Sponsored by	
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C&C / RoO change?	Yes
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

1 *Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring,

2 That Canon IV.2 is hereby amended to add the following definition as follows:

Retaliation shall mean making or threatening reprisals to any person who, in good faith, brings a complaint or petition against a clergy person, either through the procedures of this Title or the procedures outlined in Title III. Such conduct shall be understood to have the purpose or effect of unreasonably interfering with the subject person's work or volunteer performance, creating an intimidating or hostile work or volunteer environment, or adversely affecting the person's life in any way.

And be it further

3 *Resolved*, That Canon IV. 4.1.(h) is hereby amended as follows:

(h) refrain from:

(1) Any act of Sexual Misconduct;

(2) holding or 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 consent of the Bishop Diocesan;

(5) any criminal act that reflects adversely on the Member of the Clergy's honesty, trustworthiness or fitness of the ministry of the Church;

(6) conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation; or

(7) habitual neglect of the exercise of the ministerial office without cause; or habitual neglect of

public worship, and of the Holy Communion, according to the order and use of the Church; and
(8) *retaliation*
(9) any Conduct Unbecoming a Member of the Clergy

D076 Amend Canons IV.3.1 and IV.6.10 to Provide Whistleblower Protection and Prohibit Retaliation

Proposer	The Rev. Karen Montagno
Topic	Canons
Endorsed by	Getz, Ms. Pauline; James, The Rev. Dr. Molly
Sponsored by	
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C&C / RoO change?	Yes
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, That Canon IV.3.1 be amended to read as follows:
- 2 Sec. 1. A Member of the Clergy shall be subject to proceedings under this Title for:
- 3 (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;
- 4 (b) failing without good cause to cooperate with any investigation or proceeding conducted under authority of this Title; ~~or~~
- 5 (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
- 6 *(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.*
- 7 And be it further
- 8 *Resolved*, That Canon IV.6.~~3~~.10 hereby be amended to read as follows:
- 9 IV. Canon 6: Of Intake and Referral of Information Concerning Offenses
- 10 Sec. 2. Information concerning Offenses may be submitted to the Intake Officer in any manner and in any form.
- 11 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.

- 12 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.
 - 13 Subsequent sections are to be renumbered.
 - 14 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.
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D077 Reduce Death Penalty Sentence

Proposer	The Rev. Bob Davidson
Topic	Criminal Justice
Endorsed by	Turner, The Rev. Scott; Garrett, The Rev. Paul
Sponsored by	
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C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	Secretary of General Convention; Office of Government Relations
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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
- 2 *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
- 3 *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
- 4 *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
- 5 *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.

D078 Authorize Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Expansive Language) for Trial Use

Proposer	The Rev. Laurie Brock
Topic	Liturgy
Endorsed by	Scriven, The Rev. Beth; Gunn, The Rev. Canon Scott
Sponsored by	
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C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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
- 2 *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
- 3 *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
- 4 *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
- 5 *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 Hatian Creole languages; and be it further
- 6 *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
- 7 *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.
- 8 The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

(Expansive Language)

9 The Word of God

10 A hymn, psalm, or anthem may be sung.

11 The people standing, the Celebrant says

12 Blessed be God: *most* holy, glorious, and undivided Trinity.

13 *or*

14 *Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

15 *People* And blessed be God's reign, now and for ever. Amen.

16 In place of the above, from Easter Day through the Day of Pentecost

17 Alleluia. Christ is risen.

18 *People* Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.

19 In Lent and on other penitential occasions

20 Blessed be God who forgives all our sins.

21 *People* God's mercy endures for ever.

22 The Celebrant may say

23 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.

24 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.

25 On other occasions the following is used

26 Lord, have mercy.

27 *Christ, have mercy.*

28 Lord, have mercy

- 29 *or this*
- 30 Kyrie eleison.
Christe eleison.
- 31 Kyrie eleison.
- 32
or this
- 33 Holy God,
- 34 Holy and Mighty,
- 35 Holy Immortal One,
- 36 Have mercy upon us.
- 37 The Collect of the Day
- 38 The Celebrant says to the people
- 39 God be with you. *or* The Lord be with you.
- 40 People And also with you.
- 41 Let us pray.
- 42 The Celebrant says the Collect.
- 43 *People Amen.*
- 44 The Lessons
- 45 The people sit. One or two Lessons, as appointed, are read, the Reader first saying
- 46 A Reading (Lesson) from _____ .
- 47 A citation giving chapter and verse may be added.
- 48 After each Reading, the Reader may say
- 49 The Word of the Lord.
- 50 or
- 51 Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

52 or

53 Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.

54 *People* Thanks be to God.

55 *or the Reader may say* Here ends the Reading (Epistle).

56 Silence may follow.

57 A psalm, hymn, or anthem may follow each Reading.

58 Then, all standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

59 The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to _____ .

60 *People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

61 After the Gospel, the Reader says

62 The Gospel of our Savior.

63 *People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

64 The Sermon

65 On Sundays and other Major Feasts there follows, all standing

66 The Nicene Creed

67 We believe in one God,

68 the Father, the Almighty,

69 maker of heaven and earth,

70 of all that is, seen and unseen.

71 We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

72 the only Son of God,

73 eternally begotten of the Father,

74 God from God, Light from Light,

75 true God from true God, begotten, not made,

76 of one Being with the Father;
77 through him all things were made.
78 For us and for our salvation
79 he came down from heaven,
80 was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
81 and became truly human.
82 For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
83 he suffered death and was buried.
84 On the third day he rose again
85 in accordance with the Scriptures;
86 he ascended into heaven
87 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
88 He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
89 and his kingdom will have no end.
90 We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
91 who proceeds from the Father,
92 who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
93 who has spoken through the prophets.
94 We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
95 We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
96 We look for the resurrection of the dead,
97 and the life of the world to come. Amen.
98 The Prayers of the People
99 *Prayer is offered with intercession for*

100 *The Universal Church, its members, and its mission*

101 *The Nation and all in authority*

102 *The welfare of the world*

103 *The concerns of the local community*

104 *Those who suffer and those in any trouble*

105 *The departed (with commemoration of a saint when appropriate)*

106 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.

107 Confession of Sin

108 A Confession of Sin is said here if it has not been said earlier. On occasion, the Confession may be omitted.

109 One of the sentences from the Penitential Order or *Enriching Our Worship 1* may be said.

110 The Deacon or Celebrant says

111 Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

112 Silence may be kept.

113 Minister and People

114 Most merciful God,

115 we confess that we have sinned against you

116 in thought, word, and deed,

117 by what we have done,

118 and by what we have left undone.

119 We have not loved you with our whole heart;

120 we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

121 We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

122 For the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ,

123 have mercy on us and forgive us;

124 that we may delight in your will,

125 and walk in your ways,

126 to the glory of your Name. Amen.

127 The Bishop when present, or the Priest, stands and says

128 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.

129 The Peace

130 *All stand. The Celebrant says to the people*

131 The peace of Christ be always with you.

132 *People* And also with you.

133 *Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of Jesus Christ.*

134 The Holy Communion

135 The Celebrant may begin the Offertory with one of the sentences provided, or with some other sentence of Scripture.

136 During the Offertory, a hymn, psalm, or anthem may be sung.

137 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.

138 The Great Thanksgiving

139 Alternative forms will be found on page 10 and following.

140 *Eucharistic Prayer A*

141 The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says

142 *Celebrant* The Lord be with you. *or* God be with you.

- 143 *People* And also with you.
- 144 *Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.
- 145 *People* We lift them to the Lord.
- 146 *Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- 147 *People* It is right to give our thanks and praise.
- 148 *Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*
- 149 It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.
- 150 Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.
- 151 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:
- 152 Celebrant and People
- 153 Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.
- 154 Hosanna in the highest.
- 155 Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
- 156 Hosanna in the highest.
- 157 The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues
- 158 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.
- 159 Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.
- 160 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.
- 161 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.”

162 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.”

163 Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

164 Celebrant and People

165 Christ has died.

166 Christ is risen.

167 Christ will come again.

168 The Celebrant continues

169 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.

170 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.

171 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.*

172 And now, as our Savior As our Savior Christ
Christ has taught us, has taught us,
we are bold to say, we now pray,

173 People and Celebrant

174 Our Father, who art in heaven,

175 hallowed be thy Name,

176 thy kingdom come,

177 thy will be done,

178 on earth as it is in heaven.

179 Give us this day our daily bread.

180 And forgive us our trespasses,
181 as we forgive those
182 who trespass against us.
183 And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
184 For thine is the kingdom,
185 and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.
186 Our Father in heaven,
187 hallowed be your Name,
188 your kingdom come,
189 your will be done,
190 on earth as in heaven.
191 Give us today our daily bread.
192 Forgive us our sins
193 as we forgive those
194 who sin against us.
195 Save us from the time of trial,
196 and deliver us from evil.
197 For the kingdom, the power,
198 and the glory are yours,
199 now and for ever. Amen.
200 The Breaking of the Bread
201 The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.
202 A period of silence is kept.

203 Then may be sung or said

204 [Alleluia.] Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

205 Therefore let us keep the feast. [Alleluia.]

206 In Lent, Alleluia is omitted, and may be omitted at other times except during Easter Season.

207 In place of, or in addition to, the preceding, some other suitable anthem may be used.

208 Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation or similar words.

209

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

210 *and may add* Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you,

211 and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

212 The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.

213 The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words

214

The Body (Blood) of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. [Amen.]

215

or with these words

216

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [Amen.]

217 The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [Amen.]

218 During the ministration of Communion, hymns, psalms, or anthems may be sung.

219 When necessary, the Celebrant consecrates additional bread and wine, using the provided form in the Additional Directions of the Book of Common Prayer.

220 After Communion, the Celebrant says

221 Let us pray.

222

Celebrant and People

223 Eternal God,

224 you have graciously accepted us as living members
225 of our Savior Jesus Christ,
226 and you have fed us with spiritual food
227 in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
228 Send us now into the world in peace,
229 and grant us strength and courage
230 to love and serve you
231 with gladness and singleness of heart;
232 through Christ our Savior. Amen.
233 or the following
234 Almighty and everliving God,
235 we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
236 of the most precious Body and Blood
237 of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
238 and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
239 that we are living members of the Body of Christ,
240 and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
241 And now, send us out
242 to do the work you have given us to do,
243 to love and serve you
244 as faithful witnesses of Christ our Savior.
245 To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
246 be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.
247 The Bishop when present, or the Priest, may bless the people. The Deacon, or the Celebrant,

dismisses them with these words

248 Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

249 *People* Thanks be to God.

250 or this

251 *Deacon* Go in peace to love and serve *Jesus Christ* our Savior.

252 *People* Thanks be to God.

253 or this

254 *Deacon* Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

255 *People* Thanks be to God.

256 or this

257 *Deacon* Let us bless the Lord.

258 *People* Thanks be to God.

259 From the Easter Vigil through the Day of Pentecost “Alleluia, alleluia” is added to any of the dismissals.

260 Alternative Forms of the Great Thanksgiving

261 *Eucharistic Prayer B*

262 The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says

263 *Celebrant* The Lord be with you. or God be with you.

264 *People* And also with you.

265 *Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

266 *People* We lift them to the Lord.

267 *Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

268 *People* It is right to give our thanks and praise.

269 Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

- 270 It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.
- 271 Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.
- 272 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:
- 273 *Celebrant and People*
- 274 Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
- 275 Hosanna in the highest.
- 276 Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
- 277 Hosanna in the highest.
- 278 The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues
- 279 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.
- 280 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.
- 281 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."
- 282 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."
- 283 Therefore, according to his command, O Father,
- 284 Celebrant and People
- 285 We remember Christ's death,

286 We proclaim Christ's resurrection,

287 We await Christ's coming in glory;

288 The Celebrant continues

289 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.

290 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.

291 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.

292 Continue with the Lord's Prayer on page ____.

293

Eucharistic Prayer D

294 The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says

295 *Celebrant* The Lord be with you. *or* God be with you.

296 *People* And also with you.

297 *Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

298 *People* We lift them to the Lord.

299 *Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

300 *People* It is right to give our thanks and praise.

301 *Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

302 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),

303 *Celebrant and People*

304 Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

305 Hosanna in the highest.

306 Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

307 Hosanna in the highest.

308 The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues

309 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.

310 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.

311 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.

312 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.

313 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."

314 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.”

315 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.

316 Celebrant and People

317 We praise you, we bless you,

318 we give thanks to you,

319 and we pray to you, Lord our God.

320 The Celebrant continues

321 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.

322 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.

323 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.

324 [Remember (NN. and) all who minister in your Church.]

325 [Remember all your people, and those who seek your truth.]
[Remember _____.]

326 [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.]

327 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

328 and give you glory through Jesus Christ our Savior.

329 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.*

330 Continue with the Lord's Prayer on page ____.

331 Proper Prefaces

332 Preface of the Lord's Day

333 To be used on Sundays as appointed, but not on the succeeding weekdays

334 *1. Of God the Father*

335 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.

336 or this

337 *2. Of God the Son*

338 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.

339 or the following

340 *3. Of God the Holy Spirit*

341 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.

342 Prefaces for Seasons

343 To be used on Sundays and weekdays alike, except as otherwise appointed for Holy Days and Various Occasions

344 *Advent*

345 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.

346 *Incarnation*

347 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.

348 *Epiphany*

349 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.

350 *Lent*

351 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.

352 *or this*

353 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.

354 *Holy Week*

355 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.

356 *Easter*

357 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.

358 *Ascension*

359 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.

360 *Pentecost*

361 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.

362 *Prefaces for Other Occasions*

363 *Trinity Sunday*

364 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.

365 *All Saints*

366 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.

367 *A Saint*

368 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.

369 *or this*

370 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.

371 *or this*

372 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.

373 *Apostles and Ordinations*

374 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.

375 *Dedication of a Church*

376 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.

377 *Baptism*

378 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.

379 *Marriage*

380 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.

381 *Commemoration of the Dead*

382 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.

D079 Clarify Orders and Sentences in Title III, Title IV, and Title V

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RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, That Canon III.7.9 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 2 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
- 3 *Resolved*, That Canon III.9.11 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 4 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 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
- 5 *Resolved*, That Canon III.12.7(c) is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 6 Sec. 7. (c) In the case of the release and removal of a Priest from the ordained Ministry of this Church as provided in this Canon, a declaration of release and removal shall be pronounced by the Bishop in the presence of two or more Priests, and shall be entered in the official records of the Diocese in which the Priest being released and removed is canonically resident. The Bishop who pronounces the declaration of release and removal as provided in this Canon shall give

notice thereof in writing to every Member of the Clergy, each Vestry, the Secretary of the Convention and the Standing Committee of the Diocese in which the Priest was canonically resident; and to all Bishops of this Church, the Ecclesiastical Authority of each Diocese of this Church, the Presiding Bishop, the Recorder of *Ordinations*, the Secretary of the House of Bishops, the Secretary of the ~~General Convention~~*House of Deputies, the President of the House of Deputies*, The Church Pension Fund, and the ~~Board~~*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

7 *Resolved*, That Canon III.12.7(b) is hereby amended to read as follows:

8 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

9 *Resolved*, That Canon IV.4.1(d) is hereby amended to read as follows:

10 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

11 *Resolved*, That Canon IV.12.12 is hereby amended to read as follows:

12 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

13 *Resolved*, That Canon IV.14.5 is hereby amended to read as follows:

14 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

15 *Resolved*, That Canon IV.14.8 is hereby amended to read as follows:

16 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-five~~ 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.

17 (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.

18 (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

19 *Resolved*, That Canon IV.14.10 is hereby amended to read as follows:

20 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~~*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 ~~thirty~~*five* days following the date on which the Order is issued *and sent to the parties required by canon.*; and be it further

21 *Resolved*, That Canon IV.14.12 is hereby amended to read as follows:

22 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:

23 (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.

24 (b) In the case of any Accord or Order pertaining to a Bishop, the ~~Presiding Bishop~~*president of the Disciplinary Board for Bishops* shall give notice of the ~~Accord or Order~~*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 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.*

25 (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.*

26 (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

27 *Resolved*, That Canon IV.15.2 is hereby amended to read as follows:

28 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

29 *Resolved*, That Canon IV.17.6 is hereby amended to read as follows:

30 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 ~~the Conciliator or the president signs~~ the 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

31 *Resolved*, That Canon IV.18 is hereby amended to read as follows:

32 CANON 18: Of Modification and Remission of ~~Orders~~*Sentences*

33 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.

- 34 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.
- 35 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.
- 36 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.
- 37 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.
- 38 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

39 *Resolved*, That Canon IV.19.3 is hereby amended to read as follows:

40 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

41 *Resolved*, That Canon IV.19.10(f) is hereby amended to read as follows:

42 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

43 *Resolved*, That Canon IV.19.23 is hereby amended to read as follows:

44 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

45 *Resolved*, That Canon IV.19.26 is hereby amended to read as follows:

46 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

47 *Resolved*, That Canon IV.19.30(b) is hereby amended to read as follows:

48 (b) The Bishop Diocesan shall:

49 (1) 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

50 (2) 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

51 *Resolved*, That Canon V.4.1(a)(2) is hereby amended to read as follows:

52 Sec. 1. (a)(2) upon any restriction on exercise of ministry; placement on Administrative Leave;

or pronouncement of a Sentence pursuant to entry of 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;

D080 Recommendation for Ecumenical Agreements

Proposer	Ms. Pauline Getz
Topic	Ecumenism
Endorsed by	James, The Rev. Dr. Molly; Montagno, The Rev. Karen
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RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 79th General Convention direct the ~~Executive Council Coordinating Committees (???)~~ to include language in the several *full communion partner* agreements that govern the *orderly* exchange of clergy between ~~denominations~~ *full communion partners* to ~~allow and encourage~~ *require* bishops to communicate information regarding any and all disciplinary actions in a cleric's history, *and be it further*
 - 2 *Resolved*, That ~~enter into~~ new agreements *be made* specifically for the exchange of information about involved clergy.
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D081 Helping Communities Affected by Change in Energy Use

Proposer	The Rev. Paula Jackson
Topic	Economic Justice
Endorsed by	Reed, Mr. David; Scott, The Rev. Marshall
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Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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
- 2 *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
- 3 *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.

D082 Create Task Force on Title IV Revisions

Proposer	Canon Julie Dean Larsen
Topic	Structure
Endorsed by	Bradford, Mr. D.C. "Woody"; Nishibayashi, Ms. Kathryn
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HD / 03 - Safeguarding and Title IV
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Review Status	Did not pass review - see review report
Final Status	Concurred
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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.
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D083 Amend Canon III.10.2

Proposer	Canon Paul Ambos
Topic	Canons
Endorsed by	Duncan, Canon Noreen; Snow, Ms. D. Rebecca
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. 102
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HB / 15 - Ministry
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Review Status	Did not pass review - see review report
Final Status	Rejected
C&C / RoO change?	Yes
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, That the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church amend Canon III.10.2 by adding a new subsection (d) to read as follows:
- 2 *(d) Bishops of Anglican Communion Dioceses Admitted into Union with the General Convention*
- 3 *(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:*
- 4 *(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;*
- 5 *(ii) evidence of moral and godly character and of having met theological requirements of the Diocese;*
- 6 *(iii) the written declaration required by Article VIII of the Constitution of the Episcopal Church; and*
- 7 *(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.

8 *(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*

9 *(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:*

10 *We, being a majority of all the members of the Standing Committee of DeputiesDeputies, and having been duly convened at DeputiesDeputies, 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__.*

11 *(Signed) DeputiesDeputies_*

12 *(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.*

13 *(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.*

14 *(6) The provisions of Canon III.10.2(a) & (c) shall not apply to Bishops.*

D084 Commemoration of Emily Malbone Morgan

Proposer	The Rev. Gail Avery
Topic	Lesser Feasts/Fasts
Endorsed by	Atkinson, The Rev. Kate; Rich, The Rev. Sue
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HB / 12 - Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music
Current Status	House of Bishops sent Message for Information
Version	Final text
Review Status	Did not pass review - see review report
Final Status	Take No Further Action
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, That the 79th General Convention restore to the revision of Lesser Feasts and Fasts, 2018, the commendation of Emily Malbone Morgan on May 3; and be it further
- 2 *Resolved*, That the propers assigned be:
- 3 Collect
- 4 Gracious God, we thank you for the life and witness of Emily Malbone Morgan, who established the Society of the Companions of the Holy Cross so that women who live in the world might devote themselves to Intercessory prayer, thanksgiving and simplicity of life. Help us to follow her example in prayer, simplicity, ecumenism and witness to social justice, for the glory of your Name, through Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*.
- 5 Lessons
- 6 Exodus 1:15-21
- 7 Psalm 84
- 8 1 Thessalonians 5:16-25
- 9 Matthew 5:13-16
- 10 And be it further
- 11 *Resolved*, That the biography read as follows:
- 12 In 1884 Emily Malbone Morgan founded the Society of the Companions of the Holy Cross (SCHC), a dispersed, vowed community of women. The aims of the SCHC are thanksgiving,

Intercessory prayer, and simplicity, with particular concern for social justice, mission in GOD's world, the unity of all God's people, and peace and reconciliation. Drawn to monastic practices like many Episcopal women of their time, the early Companions developed a unique for active lives in the secular world, grounding their work for social justice in daily prayer. They became a strong force for social justice reform during the social Gospel era at the turn of the twentieth century. There are now about 800 Companions, both lay and ordained, in 34 Chapters in the United States and around the world.

- 13 The SCHC was founded on May 3,1884.
 - 14 A primary inspiration for Morgan was her friendship with Adelyn Howard, who was home bound because of illness. She sought Morgan's support for both spiritual companionship and as a means by which she could offer Intercessory prayers for others. Meeting her friend's needs, Morgan called together a small group of women for prayer and companionship. From that beginning, the Society of the Companions of the Holy Cross came into being.
 - 15 Miss Morgan had a particular concern for women working in the textile mills who endured dangerous working conditions and suffered oppression and exhaustion. In response, she, with the help of a growing number of Companions, developed summer respite houses across northeastern United States. They were places where these working women and their children could have time away for physical and spiritual renewal and refreshment. She wrote a number of books so that the resulting income could be used to support these vacation houses.
 - 16 In 1914, the Society built Adelynrood in Byfield, Massachusetts. It serves as a Retreat and Conference Center, offering hospitality in the form of programs, retreats and outreach.
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D085 Communion Relationship with Church of Sweden

Proposer	The Rev. Canon. Elise Johnstone
Topic	Ecumenism
Endorsed by	Mather, Mrs. Ashley ; Gerbracht, Dr. Frederick
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HB / 19 - Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations
Current Status	House of Deputies sent Message for Information
Version	Final text
Review Status	Passed review
Final Status	Concurred
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	Presiding Bishop
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 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.

D086 Inclusive Practices for Diverse Representation

Proposer	Dr. Dawn Conley
Topic	Diversity
Endorsed by	Braman, Mr. Ron; Kitch-Peck, Ms. Sophie
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HD / 04 - Governance and Structure
Current Status	House of Bishops sent Message for Information
Version	Final text
Review Status	Did not pass review - see review report
Final Status	Concurred
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	Office of the General Convention
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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.
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D087 Parents Nursing or Bottle-Feeding Children

Proposer	Ms. Michael Funston
Topic	Rules of Order
Endorsed by	Replogle, The Rev. Jenny; Western, Ms. Meghan
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. 201
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HD / 01 - Rules of Order/HOD
Current Status	House of Deputies sent Message for Information
Version	Final text
Review Status	Passed review
Final Status	Adopted by House of Deputies
C&C / RoO change?	Yes
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, That House of Deputies Rules of Order IV(A) is hereby amended as follows:
- 2 (A) Floor Privileges. No one will be admitted to the floor except Deputies, officers of the House, and:
 - 3 (1) the Treasurer of the General Convention;
 - 4 (2) other persons authorized by the President or Secretary, to assist in the conduct of the business of the House;
 - 5 (3) other persons invited or authorized by the President;
 - 6 (4) *infants under one year of age with a parent or guardian who is a deputy*;
 - 7 (5) *children over one-year-old who require nursing or bottle-feeding only while feeding*;
 - 8 (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.*
- 9 *Be it also*
- 10 *Resolved, That House of Deputies Rules of Order IV is hereby amended to create section (G) as follows:*
- 11 *(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.*

D088 Dialogue with South Sudanese Anglican Diaspora

Proposer	The Rev. Marshall Scott
Topic	Structure
Endorsed by	Logue, The Rev. Canon Frank; Sisson, Dr. Ed
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HB / 19 - Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations
Current Status	House of Deputies sent Message for Information
Version	Final text
Review Status	Did not pass review - see review report
Final Status	Concurred
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	Presiding Bishop
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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
 - 2 *Resolved*, That this task force report to the Executive Council at least once each year during the coming triennium; and be it further
 - 3 *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
 - 4 *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.
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D089 Supporting Non-Discrimination and Civil Rights

Proposer	Ms. Sarah Lawton
Topic	Discrimination
Endorsed by	Gaines, Ms. Carolyn; Metoyer, The Rev. Eric
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HB / 08 - Social Justice and United States Policy
Current Status	House of Deputies sent Message for Information
Version	Final text
Review Status	Passed review
Final Status	Concurred
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	Office of Government Relations
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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
- 2 *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
- 3 *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
- 4 *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
- 5 *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.

D090 Engaging the Church in Advocacy for Disability Rights

Proposer	The Rev. Patrick Miller
Topic	Disabled Persons
Endorsed by	Arana, Ms. Clementine; Baker, The Very Rev. Dr. Brian
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HB / 08 - Social Justice and United States Policy
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Version	Final text
Review Status	Passed review
Final Status	Concurred
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	Office of Government Relations
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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
 - 2 *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
 - 3 *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.
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D091 Ending the Silence

Proposer	The Rev. Jedediah Fox
Topic	Discipline
Endorsed by	Wesch, The Rev. Kate; Duquette, Ms. Rachel
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HD / 03 - Safeguarding and Title IV
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Review Status	Did not pass review - see review report
Final Status	Concurred
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1** *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,
- 2** *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,
- 3** *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
- 4** *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.

D092 Amend Canon III.1.2 - Non-Discrimination in Access to Discernment Process

Proposer	Mr. Erick Perez
Topic	Canons
Endorsed by	Romero, Mr. Brian; Cañas, Ms. Wendy
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. 67
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HB / 15 - Ministry
Current Status	House of Deputies sent Message for Information
Version	Final text
Review Status	Passed review
Final Status	Concurred
C&C / RoO change?	Yes
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, That Canon III.1.2 be amended to read as follows:
- 2 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.

D093 Representative Planning Teams

Proposer	Ms. Ariana Gonzalez-Bonillas
Topic	Diversity
Endorsed by	McKellar, Mrs. Andrea; Nishibayashi, Ms. Kathryn
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HD / 04 - Governance and Structure
Current Status	House of Bishops sent Message for Information
Version	Final text
Review Status	Did not pass review - see review report
Final Status	Concurred
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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
- 2 *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.

D094 Fellowship for Non-domestic Diocese

Proposer	Sr. José Ramon Juarez
Topic	Budget
Endorsed by	Cañas, Ms. Wendy; Shannon, Mrs. Sonya
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HD / 04 - Governance and Structure
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Version	Final text
Review Status	Passed review
Final Status	Referred to an Interim Body
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	Interim Body
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, 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
 - 2 *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
 - 3 *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
 - 4 *Resolved*, That these funds will be made available at each General Convention beginning in the 2018-2021 Triennium.
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D095 HBCU Direct Giving Pilot Program

Proposer	Mr. Myles B. Clarke
Topic	Budget
Endorsed by	Hill, Ms. Charis; McMillin, The Rev. Canon Andrea
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HD / 14 - Christian Formation and Discipleship
Current Status	House of Deputies sent Message for Information
Version	Final text
Review Status	Passed review
Final Status	Rejected
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1** *Resolved*, 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
- 2** *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
- 3** *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.

D096 Support for Good Governance

Proposer	Mr. Byron Rushing
Topic	International Relations
Endorsed by	Boyce, Mr. William; Simon, Mr. James
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HD / 07 - Social Justice and International Policy
Current Status	House of Bishops sent Message for Information
Version	Final text
Review Status	Passed review
Final Status	Concurred
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	Office of Government Relations
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, That the 79th General Convention be concerned about a worldwide surge in autocratic governments; and be it further
 - 2 *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
 - 3 *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
 - 4 *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.
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D097 Establish an Advisory Council on Disability and Deaf Access

Proposer	Ms. Charis Hill
Topic	Structure
Endorsed by	Baker, The Very Rev. Dr. Brian; McKeefry Delmas, The Rev. Hailey
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HD / 04 - Governance and Structure
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Final Status	Concurred
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, That the 79th General Convention reaffirm and renew its previous commitments to Resolutions 2003-DO51 and 2015-DO43, 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
- 2 *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
- 3 *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
- 4 *Resolved*, That the Task Force include such progress in their report to the 80th General Convention on their work, and be it further
- 5 *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.

D098 Increase Focus and Engagement in Latin America and the Caribbean

Proposer	Mr. Adam Lees
Topic	Mission Strategy
Endorsed by	Holinger, Ms. Alice; Allen-Herron, The Rev. Dawn
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HB / 05 - World Mission
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Final Status	Concurred
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	Office of Government Relations
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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
- 2 *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
- 3 *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
- 4 *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.

D099 Women Musicians in the Church

Proposer	The Very Rev. Dr. Benjamin Shambaugh
Topic	Women
Endorsed by	Butler, Ms. Diane; Stanitis, Mr. Richard
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HB / 12 - Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music
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Review Status	Passed review
Final Status	Take No Further Action
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, That the 79th General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to study the status of female musicians in the Episcopal Church, specifically considering the following:
 - 2 The status of resources within congregations and dioceses for the development of young musicians, specifically young women musicians;
 - 3 Assistance for the encouragement of women who wish to become stipendiary church musicians,
 - 4 The percentage of women who are full-time stipendiary musicians compared to men;
 - 5 The percentage of women who are included in the final slate of candidates; and
 - 6 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;
 - 7 And be it further
 - 8 *Resolved*, That the General Convention direct the Standing Committee on Liturgy and Music to report its findings to the 80th General Convention; and be it further
 - 9 *Resolved*, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Commission on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of \$5,000 for the implementation of this resolution.
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D100 Amend Title IV.1, IV.3, and IV.6

Proposer	Ms. Pauline Getz
Topic	Canons
Endorsed by	Perschall, Ms. Amanda ; James, The Rev. Dr. Molly
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HD / 03 - Safeguarding and Title IV
Current Status	House of Bishops sent Message for Information
Version	Final text
Review Status	Did not pass review - see review report
Final Status	Referred to an Interim Body
C&C / RoO change?	Yes
Referrals	Interim Body
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring, That Canon IV.1 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 2 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.*
- 3 And be it further
- 4 *Resolved*, That Canon IV.3 is hereby added to read as follows:
- 5 Sec. 1 A Member of the Clergy shall be subject to proceedings under this Title for:
- 6 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;
- 7 failing without good cause to cooperate with any investigation or proceeding conducted under authority of this Title; or
- 8 intentionally and maliciously bringing a false accusation or knowingly providing false testimony or false evidence in any investigation or proceeding under this Title.

- 9 Sec. 2 A Member of the Clergy shall be accountable for any breach of the Standards of Conduct set forth in Canon IV.4.
- 10 *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).*
- 11 ~~Sec. 3~~ *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.
- 12 And be it further
- 13 *Resolved*, That Canon IV.6 is hereby amended to add:
- 14 Sec. 1 Each Diocese shall provide for and publicize methods and means of reporting information concerning Offenses.
- 15 Sec. 2 Information concerning Offenses may be submitted to the Intake Officer in any manner and in any form.
- 16 *Sec 3. In the event of an offense committed by a lay person, information concerning the offense shall be brought to the Intake officer.*
- 17 ~~Sec. 3~~ *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.
- 18 ~~Sec. 4~~ *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.
- 19 ~~Sec. 5~~ *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.

- 20 *Sec. 7. When the matter involves a lay person, it proceeds according to the provisions of Canon 6. Sec 6, with the following provisions.*
- 21 *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.*
- 22 *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.*
- 23 ~~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.
- 24 ~~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.
- 25 ~~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.

- 26 ~~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.
- 27 ~~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.
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D101 Study the Practice of Open Communion

Proposer	The Rev. Calvin Sanborn
Topic	Book of Common Prayer
Endorsed by	Spahr, Mr. Mark; Ranadive Pooley, The Rev. Nina
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HB / 12 - Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music
Current Status	House of Bishops sent Message for Information
Version	Final text
Review Status	Passed review
Final Status	Take No Further Action
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, That the General Convention of The Episcopal Church instruct the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music study the practice of open communion as it prepares to undertake the revision of the Book of Common Prayer 1979.
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X001 Appointment of Michael Barlowe as Secretary of General Convention

Proposer	The Rev. Dr. James Simons
Topic	Appointments/Elections
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HD / 22 - Dispatch of Business/HOD
Current Status	House of Bishops sent Message for Information
Version	Final text
Review Status	Passed review
Final Status	Concurred
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	Confirms The Reverend Canon Michael Barlowe as Secretary of the General Convention.

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, that The Reverend Canon Michael Barlowe, having been duly elected Secretary of the House of Deputies, be made Secretary of the General Convention.
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X002 Special Order Calendar for the House of Deputies

Proposer	The Rev. Dr. James Simons
Topic	Procedural Motion
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HD / 22 - Dispatch of Business/HOD
Current Status	House of Deputies sent Message for Information
Version	Final text
Review Status	Passed review
Final Status	Adopted by House of Deputies
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, That the Special Order Calendar for the House of Deputies be as follows:
- 2 Thursday, July 5 (1st Day)
 - 8:00 am – 9:00 am Legislative Session
 - 4:30 pm – 6:30 pm Legislative Session
 - 4:40 pm – 4:55 pm Recognition of International, Ecumenical, and Anglican Guests; Remarks by Dr. Ragies Masiwa Gunda of Zimbabwe and Dr. Joanildo Burrity of Brazil.
- 3 Friday, July 6 (2nd Day)
 - 10:30 am – 12:00 pm Joint Session on Racial Reconciliation
 - 3:30 pm – 5:30 pm Legislative Session
 - 3:45 pm – 3:50 pm Introduction of the Young Adult Festival participants with remarks by a participant.
 - 3:50 pm 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.
 - 4:00 – 5:00 pm Special Order of Business for Resolutions on Prayer Book Revision.
- 4 Saturday, July 7 (3rd Day)
 - 10:30 am – 1:00 pm Legislative Session
 - 10:45 am – 11:00 am Report on Resolution 2015-A150 by Deputy Polly Getz of San Diego and Chair of the Standing Commission on Structure, Governance.
 - 11:00 am – 12:00 pm Special Order of Business for Resolutions on Trial Use of Marriage Liturgies.
 - 12:45 pm – 12:55 pm Remarks by Philip and April Schentrup, parents of Carmen Schentrup,

followed by prayers led by the Chaplain.

2:30 pm – 4:00 pm Joint Session on Evangelism

5 Sunday, July 8 (4th Day)

3:15 pm – 7:00 pm Legislative Session

3:30 pm Elections: 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.

4:15 pm – 5:15 Special Order of Business on Resolutions regarding Palestine & Israel.

5:30 pm – 5:45 pm Remarks by Mr. Robert W. Radtke, President of Episcopal Relief and Development.

6 Monday, July 9 (5th Day)

10:30 am – 1:00 pm Legislative Session

10:45 am – 10:55 am Introduction of the Official Youth Presence with remarks by a Member of OYP.

2:15 pm – 5:00 pm Legislative Session

2:30 pm Explanation by the Parliamentarian and the Secretary of the Process for Nominations from the Floor for Vice President of the House of Deputies.

7 Tuesday, July 10 (6th Day)

10:30 am – 12:00 pm Joint Session on Care of Creation

2:15 pm – 5:00 pm Legislative Session

2:30 pm Elections: Vice President of the House of Deputies; Members of the Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of a Presiding Bishop.

8 Wednesday, July 11 (7th Day)

10:30 am – 1:00 pm Legislative Session

2:15 pm – 3:15 pm Joint Session: Program, Budget & Finance

3:45 pm – 5:00 pm Legislative Session

4:00 pm – 4:05 pm Welcome and greetings from the newly-elected president of the Episcopal Church Women.

7:30 pm – 9:30 pm Reserved for Legislative Session

9 Thursday, July 12 (8th day)

9:00 am – 1:00 pm Legislative Session

2:15 pm – 6:00 pm Legislative Session

10 Friday, July 13 (9th Day)

8:00 am – 1:00 pm Legislative Session

2:30 pm – 6:30 pm Legislative Session

X003 Confirmation of Appointments to the Board of Archives

Proposer	The Rev. Dr. James Simons
Topic	Appointments/Elections
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HD / 22 - Dispatch of Business/HOD
Current Status	House of Bishops sent Message for Information
Version	Final text
Review Status	Passed review
Final Status	Concurred
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	Confirms the appointments for the Board of Archives of: Dr. Heather Calloway (Easton) Lawrence Hitt, II (Colorado) Margaret Evans Porter (New Hampshire) The Rev. W. Keith McCoy (New Jersey)

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, that the General Convention confirm the appointments for six-year terms on the Board of Archives of:
 - 2 Dr. Heather Calloway (Easton)
Lawrence Hitt, II (Colorado)
Margaret Evans Porter (New Hampshire)
The Rev. W. Keith McCoy (New Jersey)
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X004 Confirming Appointments for the Board for Transition Ministry

Proposer	The Rev. Dr. James Simons
Topic	Appointments/Elections
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HD / 22 - Dispatch of Business/HOD
Current Status	House of Bishops sent Message for Information
Version	Final text
Review Status	Passed review
Final Status	Concurred
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	Confirms the appointments to the Board for Transition Ministry of: Anne Rudacille Schmidt (Dallas) Ellen McVey (Eastern Michigan) The Rev. Dr. Gary W. Butterworth (Western North Carolina) The Rev. Victor H. Conrado (Chicago)

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, that the General Convention confirm the appointments for six-year terms on the Board for Transition Ministry of:
 - 2 Anne Rudacille Schmidt (Dallas)
Ellen McVey (Eastern Michigan)
The Rev. Dr. Gary W. Butterworth (Western North Carolina)
The Rev. Victor H. Conrado (Chicago)
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X005 House Organized

Proposer	The Rt. Rev. Wendell Gibbs
Topic	Procedural Motion
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HB / 22 - Dispatch of Business/HOB
Current Status	House of Bishops sent Message for Information
Version	Final text
Review Status	Passed review
Final Status	Adopted by House of Bishops
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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.
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X006 Special Order for the Consideration of Resolutions on Prayer Book Revision

Proposer	The Rev. Dr. James Simons
Topic	Procedural Motion
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HD / 22 - Dispatch of Business/HOD
Current Status	House of Deputies sent Message for Information
Version	Final text
Review Status	Passed review
Final Status	Adopted by House of Deputies
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, 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.
 - 2 1. Total time of the discussion shall be 60 minutes.
 - 3 2. The first 15 minutes of discussion shall be for clarifying questions only.
 - 4 3. Then follows 15 minutes of debate, wherein no motions to amend will be entertained.
 - 5 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.
 - 6 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.
 - 7 6. The Resolution to be debated, A068, will be placed on Day 2 Legislative Calendar.
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X007 House Organized

Proposer	The Rev. Dr. James Simons
Topic	Procedural Motion
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HD / 22 - Dispatch of Business/HOD
Current Status	House of Deputies sent Message for Information
Version	Final text
Review Status	Passed review
Final Status	Adopted by House of Deputies
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of Deputies is organized and ready to proceed to business, with the The Rev. Gay Clark Jennings, President of the House of Deputies, in the Chair, with Byron Rushing as Vice-Chair, and the Rev. Canon Michael Barlowe as Secretary.
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X009 Special Order of Business for Consideration of Resolution B012

Proposer	The Rev. Dr. James Simons
Topic	Procedural Motion
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HD / 22 - Dispatch of Business/HOD
Current Status	House of Deputies sent Message for Information
Version	Final text
Review Status	Passed review
Final Status	Adopted by House of Deputies
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *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.

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 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.
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X010 Special Order Amending X006

Proposer	The Rev. Dr. James Simons
Topic	Procedural Motion
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HD / 22 - Dispatch of Business/HOD
Current Status	Resolution Filed
Version	Final text
Review Status	Passed review
Final Status	No Action
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of Deputies set a Special Rule of Order for debate on A068 amending X006 that debate on each proposed amendment will be limited to 6 minutes.

X011 Special Order for D019, Ending Church Complicity in the Occupation

Proposer	The Rev. Dr. James Simons
Topic	Procedural Motion
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HD / 22 - Dispatch of Business/HOD
Current Status	House of Deputies sent Message for Information
Version	Final text
Review Status	Passed review
Final Status	Adopted by House of Deputies
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, 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,

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 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.
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X013 Confirmation of Election to the Executive Council (Clergy)

Proposer	The Rt. Rev. Wendell Gibbs
Topic	Appointments/Elections
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HB / 22 - Dispatch of Business/HOB
Current Status	House of Bishops sent Message for Information
Version	Final text
Review Status	Passed review
Final Status	Adopted by House of Bishops
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	Confirms the election of clergy members to the Executive Council of the Rev. Devon Anderson and the Rev. Anne E. Kitch.

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 The House of Bishops confirms the election by the House of Deputies of Devon Anderson and Anne E. Kitch as clergy members of the Executive Council.
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X014 Confirmation of Election to the Executive Council (Lay)

Proposer	The Rt. Rev. Wendell Gibbs
Topic	Appointments/Elections
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HB / 22 - Dispatch of Business/HOB
Current Status	House of Bishops sent Message for Information
Version	Final text
Review Status	Passed review
Final Status	Adopted by House of Bishops
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 The House of Bishops confirms the election by the House of Deputies of
 - 2 Liza Anderson
 - 3 Pauline (Polly) Getz
 - 4 Andrea McKeller
 - 5 Diane B. Pollard
 - 6 Rose Sconiers
 - 7 Sarah Stonesifer
 - 8 as lay members of the Executive Council.
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X015 Confirmation of Election as Trustees of the Church Pension Fund

Proposer	The Rt. Rev. Wendell Gibbs
Topic	Appointments/Elections
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HB / 22 - Dispatch of Business/HOB
Current Status	House of Bishops sent Message for Information
Version	Final text
Review Status	Passed review
Final Status	Adopted by House of Bishops
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 The House of Bishops confirms the election by the House of Deputies of
 - 2 Rosalie Simmonds Ballentine
 - 3 Diane M. Jardine Bruce
 - 4 Sam Candler
 - 5 Clifton Daniel III
 - 6 Delbert Glover
 - 7 Julio Holguin
 - 8 Ryan Kusumoto
 - 9 Kathryn Weathersby McCormick
 - 10 Yvonne O'Neal
 - 11 Solomon Owayda
 - 12 Austin K. Rios
 - 13 Linda Watt
 - 14 as Trustees of the Church Pension Fund.
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X017 Confirmation of Election as Trustees of The General Theological Seminary (Clergy)

Proposer	The Rt. Rev. Wendell Gibbs
Topic	Appointments/Elections
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HB / 22 - Dispatch of Business/HOB
Current Status	House of Bishops sent Message for Information
Version	Final text
Review Status	Passed review
Final Status	Adopted by House of Bishops
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 The House of Bishops confirms the election by the House of Deputies of Thomas (Tommy) Dillon and James Koderer as Trustees of The General Theological Seminary in the clerical order.
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X018 Confirmation of Election as Trustees of The General Theological Seminary (Lay)

Proposer	The Rt. Rev. Wendell Gibbs
Topic	Appointments/Elections
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HB / 22 - Dispatch of Business/HOB
Current Status	House of Bishops sent Message for Information
Version	Final text
Review Status	Passed review
Final Status	Adopted by House of Bishops
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 The House of Bishops confirms the election by the House of Deputies of Michael Braxton and Diane Audrick Smith as Trustees of The General Theological Seminary in the lay order.

X019 Election of Bishops for The General Theological Seminary Board

Proposer	The Rt. Rev. Wendell Gibbs
Topic	Appointments/Elections
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HB / 22 - Dispatch of Business/HOB
Current Status	House of Bishops Committee Report Entered
Version	Final text
Review Status	Passed review
Final Status	No Action
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 The House of Bishops has elected the Rt. Rev Daniel Gutierrez, Bishop of Pennsylvania, and the Rt. Rev. Kevin Brown, Bishop of Delaware, as Bishop Members of The General Theological Seminary Board. This election requires confirmation by the House of Deputies.
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X020 Confirmation for the General Board of Examining Chaplains

Proposer	The Rev. Dr. James Simons
Topic	Appointments/Elections
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HD / 22 - Dispatch of Business/HOD
Current Status	House of Deputies sent Message for Information
Version	Final text
Review Status	Passed review
Final Status	Adopted by House of Bishops
C&C / RoO change?	No
Referrals	
Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, Pursuant to Canon III.15.1, the House of Deputies confirms the election by the House of Bishops of the following candidates for the General Board of Examining Chaplains:
- 2 Lay:
Beth Bojarski
Rachel Erdman
Janet Roth

Faculty:
Calvin Lane
Gregory Robbins
Kara Slade
- 3 Presbyter:
The Rev. Miranda Hassett
The Rev. Milquella Rosanna Mendoza-Marmolejos
The Rev. Mark Story
- 4 Bishops:
The Rt. Rev. Thomas Breidenthal
The Rt. Rev. DeDe Duncan-Probe

X021 Confirmation of the Trustees of GTS (Bishops)

Proposer	The Rev. Dr. James Simons
Topic	Appointments/Elections
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C&C / RoO change?	No
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Summary	

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 The House of Deputies informs the House of Bishops that it has on this date considered the message of the House of Bishops concerning the Election of Trustees of the General Theological Seminary (GTS), the action is to Confirm:
 - 2 Kevin S. Brown
Daniel G.P. Gutierrez
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X022 Special Order of Debate for the General Convention Budget

Proposer	The Rev. Dr. James Simons
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RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, 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.

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 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.
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X023 Solidarity with the Gwich'in People

Proposer	The Rt. Rev. Wendell Gibbs
Topic	Courtesy
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RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, That the House of Bishops of 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
 - 2 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
 - 3 *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
 - 4 *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.
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X024 Confirmation of Executive Council (Bishops)

Proposer	The Rev. Dr. James Simons
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RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 The House of Deputies informs the House of Bishops that it has on this date considered the message of the House of Bishops concerning the Election of Executive Council and pursuant to Title I, Canon 4, Section 2(a)-(b), and the action is to confirm:

Scott B. Hayashi

Anne Elliott Hodges-Copple

X025 Recorder of Ordinations

Proposer	The Rt. Rev. Wendell Gibbs
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RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, that the House of Bishops has nominated the Church Pension Fund as Recorder of Ordinations and requests election by the House of Deputies as required in Canon I.1.6.a.
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X026 Nominations for Custodian of the Book of Common Prayer & Historiographer

Proposer	The Rev. Dr. James Simons
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RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 The Presiding Bishop announced the nominations of Juan Cabrero Oliver for Custodian of the Book of Common Prayer and Bruce Mullins for Historiographer.