



# HOW RESOLUTIONS MOVE THROUGH GENERAL CONVENTION

When our bishops and deputies (elected lay persons, priests, and deacons) gather at General Convention they pray, worship, and take counsel together through a legislative process. The legislative process begins when resolutions are proposed by authorized committees, commissions, and task forces that meet between sessions of General Convention, and by Deputies, Bishops, Provinces, or Dioceses of The Episcopal Church.

## DRAFTING

(OFFSITE)

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OFFICIAL COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS, TASK FORCES, ETC. SUBMIT **REPORTS** AND ASSOCIATED **A** RESOLUTIONS. THEY COME TOGETHER AS THE "BLUE BOOK."

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ADDITIONAL RESOLUTIONS ARE RECEIVED FROM OTHER SOURCES. EACH IS NUMBERED AND ASSIGNED A LETTER (A,B,C,D) ACCORDING TO ITS PROPOSER:

**A** from OFFICIAL BODIES, **B** from BISHOPS, **C** from DIOCESES and PROVINCES, and **D** from DEPUTIES.



RESOLUTIONS ARE CATEGORIZED BY TOPIC; ASSIGNED TO ONE OF 20+ LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES; ASSIGNED A HOUSE OF INITIAL ACTION (HIA); AND ENTERED INTO AN ONLINE VIRTUAL BINDER.

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THE PRESIDING BISHOP AND PRESIDENT OF THE HOUSE OF DEPUTIES APPOINT BISHOPS AND DEPUTIES TO SERVE ON THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES.

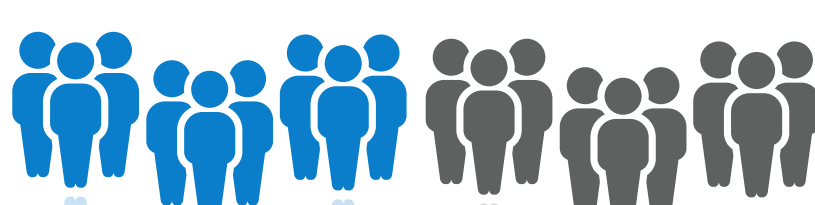


## RECOMMENDING

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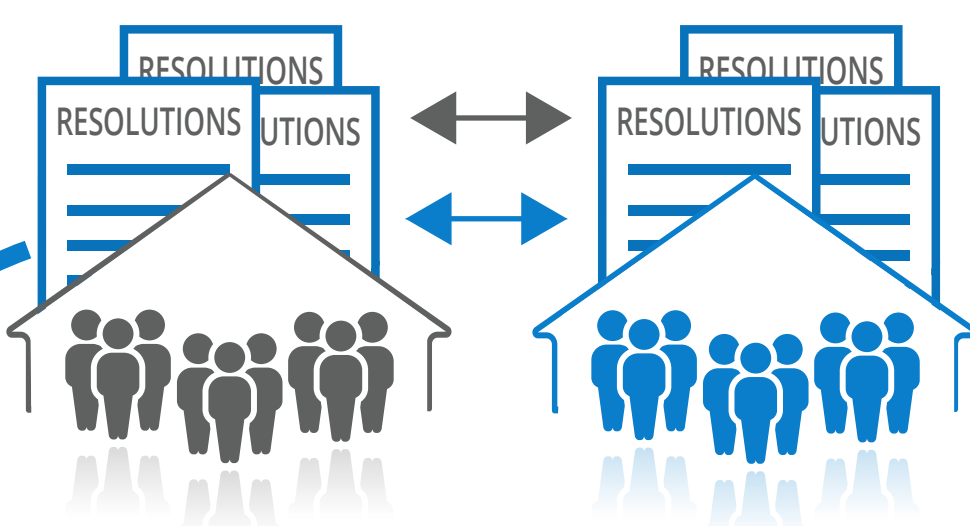
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES MEET (USUALLY BISHOPS AND DEPUTIES TOGETHER) TO REVIEW RESOLUTIONS, HOLD HEARINGS, AND MAKE DECISIONS ABOUT WHETHER TO ACCEPT, AMEND, COMBINE, or OFFER A NEW RESOLUTION.



BISHOPS AND DEPUTIES IN THEIR LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES SEPARATELY MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THEIR HOUSE ON HOW TO VOTE ON THE RESOLUTION.

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## DECIDING

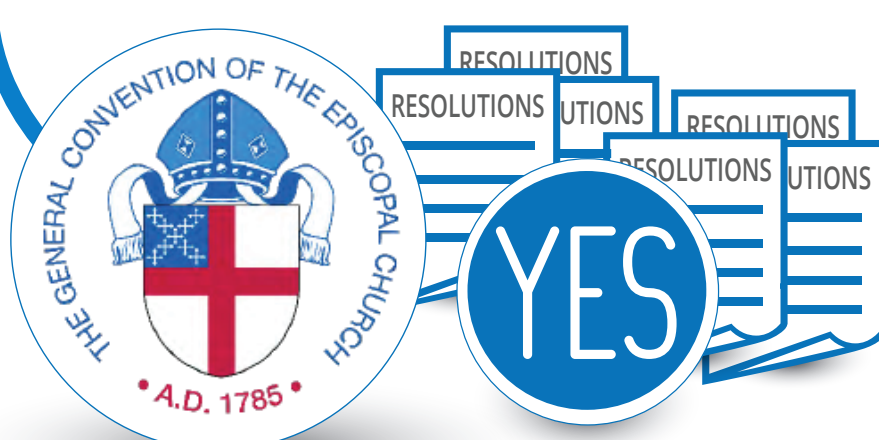


HOUSE OF INITIAL ACTION (HOUSE IN WHICH FIRST CONSIDERED) RECEIVES RESOLUTIONS, WITH VOTING RECOMMENDATIONS, AND DEBATES AND VOTES WHETHER OR NOT TO ADOPT.

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THE OTHER HOUSE RECEIVES ADOPTED RESOLUTIONS, WITH VOTING RECOMMENDATIONS, AND DEBATES AND VOTES WHETHER OR NOT TO CONCUR.

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RESOLUTIONS, WHEN ADOPTED AND CONCURRED BY BOTH THE HOUSE OF DEPUTIES AND THE HOUSE OF BISHOPS, BECOME THE OFFICIAL ACTS OF GENERAL CONVENTION.