

Resolutions of the 81st General Convention



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The Episcopal Church

Introduction

This document contains the full text of all resolutions of the 81st General Convention as known July 26th 2024. The final and certified form of the legislation will be available in the Journal of the 81st General Convention which, when ready, will be available on the journal page of the General Convention website [here](#). Subsequently the Archives of The Episcopal church will update the “[Acts of Convention](#)” on their website to display the concurred resolutions from the 81st General Convention. For permanent links to the text of the resolutions refer to the [Acts of Convention](#). Text of the resolutions can also be viewed in the [virtual binder](#) (<https://vbinder.net>), but only until the 81st general convention data is removed to prepare for the 82nd General Convention.

There was a total of 396 resolutions sent to legislative committees of the 81st General Convention. 193 resolutions were concurred. 15 resolutions were referred to an Interim Body. 47 resolutions were adopted by the House of Bishops and 59 by the House of Deputies (one house resolutions pertain only to that house and are therefore not acts of convention, but instead acts of that specific house). There were 80 resolutions where the General Convention took no further action, rejected or did not concur. There were two resolutions that had no final action as they were not completed. A table of the final statuses for every resolution can be found [here](#) as an excel file, or in the [Summary of Actions](#) report for the 81st General Convention.

Resolutions Statistics

Concurred	193
Adopted by HoB	47
Adopted by HoD	59
Concurred with referral to an Interim Body	15
Rejected	14
Take No Further Action	61
Not Concurred	5
No Action	2
Total	<hr/> 396

A001 - General Convention Daily Agenda

Final Status: Concurred as Amended

Proposed by: Joint Standing Committee on Planning and Arrangements

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 21 - Dispatch of Business

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Concur

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention function through the following activities:

1. **Formal legislative sessions of the two Houses;**
2. **Joint sessions for presentations of the proposed budget and the Presiding Bishop Nominees;**
3. **Meetings of the legislative committees of the two Houses; and**
4. **Open Hearings to be conducted, as needed, by legislative committees**

And be it further

Resolved, That the schedule and daily timetable of the 81st General Convention held in Louisville, Kentucky be:

Thursday, June 20, 2024

11:00 am -4:00 pm Senior Volunteer Gathering & Training

Friday, June 21, 2024

9:00 am – 6:00 pm Registration & Deputy Certification

2:00 pm – 3:30 pm President of the House of Deputies Nominees Forum

**4:00 pm – 6:00 pm Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop
Meet the Nominees**

Saturday, June 22, 2024

9:00 am – 5:00 pm Registration & Deputy Certification

9:00 am – 12:00 pm Legislative Committee Meetings & Hearings

**2:00 pm – 3:00 pm Presiding Bishop/ President of the House of Deputies Presentation to
General Convention**

3:30 pm – 5:00 pm Orientation for Bishops & Deputies

7:00 pm – 9:00 pm Revival

Sunday, June 23, 2024

7:00 am – 8:00 am Deputy Certification

7:00 am – 8:30 am Legislative Committee Meetings & Hearings

8:30 am – 10:30 am Opening Eucharist

11:00 am - 12:00 pm Legislative Session

1:00 pm – 1:30 pm Deputy Certification

2:00 pm – 6:00 pm Legislative Session

7:00 pm – 9:00 pm Episcopal Church Women 50th Triennial Anniversary Party

Monday, June 24, 2024

7:00 am – 7:30 am Deputy Certification

7:00 am – 8:30 am Legislative Committee Meetings & Hearings

9:00 am – 10:00 am Morning Prayer

10:30 am - 12:00 pm Joint Session on the Budget

1:00 pm – 1:30 pm Deputy Certification

2:00 pm – 6:00 pm Legislative Session

6:00 pm – 11:00 pm Diocese of Kentucky Night

Tuesday, June 25, 2024

7:00 am – 7:30 am Deputy Certification

7:00 am – 8:30 am Legislative Committee Meetings & Hearings

9:00 am – 10:00 am Morning Prayer

10:30 am - 12:00 pm Joint Session on Presiding Bishop Nominees

1:00 pm – 1:30 pm Deputy Certification

2:00 pm – 6:00 pm Legislative Session

Wednesday, June 26, 2024

7:00 am – 7:30 am Deputy Certification

7:00 am – 8:00 am Legislative Committee Meetings & Hearings

8:30 am – 10:30 am Holy Eucharist

11:00 am Presiding Bishop Election

11:00 am - 12:00 pm Legislative Session

1:00 pm – 1:30 pm Deputy Certification

2:00 pm – 6:00 pm Legislative Session

6:00 pm – 6:30 pm Deputy Certification (if needed)

7:00 pm – 9:00 pm Reserved for Legislative Session

Thursday, June 27, 2024

7:00 am – 7:30 am Deputy Certification

7:00 am – 8:30 am Vice President of the House of Deputies Nominees Forum

9:00 am - 12:00 pm Morning Prayer & Legislative Session

1:00 pm – 1:30 pm Deputy Certification

2:00 pm – 6:00 pm Legislative Session

6:00 pm – 6:30 pm Deputy Certification (if needed)

7:00 pm – 9:00 pm Reserved for Legislative Session

Friday, June 28, 2024

7:00 am – 7:30 am Deputy Certification

8:30 am – 10:30 am Holy Eucharist

11:00 am - 12:00 pm Legislative Session

1:00 pm – 1:30 pm Deputy Certification

2:00 pm – 6:00 pm Legislative Session

6:00 pm Sine Die

A002 - Site for the 83rd General Convention

Final Status: Concurred as Amended

Proposed by: Joint Standing Committee on Planning and Arrangements

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 03 - Governance & Structure

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Concur

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the following sites be considered for the 83rd General Convention (2030): **Kansas City, Missouri (Diocese of West Missouri); Minneapolis, Minnesota (Diocese of Minnesota); Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania (Diocese of Pittsburgh); Portland, Oregon (Diocese of Oregon); and San Juan, Puerto Rico (Diocese of Puerto Rico).**

A003 - Amend Canon III.11.1 regarding Screening of Nominees for Episcopal Elections

Final Status: Rejected

Proposed by: Secretary of General Convention

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 02 - Constitution & Canons

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Reject

Resolution Text

Resolved, That Canon III.11.1 is hereby amended by adding new subsections c and d and renumbering the remaining subsections as follows:

<Amended text as it would appear if adopted and concurred. Scroll below the line of asterisks (***) to see the version showing all deleted and added text.>**

III.11.1

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. With respect to the election of a Bishop Suffragan, the Diocese shall establish a nominating process either by Canon or by the adoption of rules and procedure for the election of the Bishop Suffragan at a regular or special Diocesan Convention with sufficient time preceding the election of the Bishop Suffragan.

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.

1. If either option in Sec. 1.b is chosen, a special Joint Nominating Committee shall be appointed unless the Diocesan Convention has otherwise provided for the nominating process. The Committee shall be composed of three persons from the Diocese, appointed by its Standing Committee, and three members of the electoral body, appointed by the President of that body. The Joint Nominating Committee shall elect its own officers and shall nominate three persons whose names it shall communicate to the Presiding Officer of the electoral body. The Presiding Officer shall communicate the names of the nominees to the electoral body at least three weeks before the election when the names shall be formally placed in nomination. Opportunity shall be given for nominations from the floor or by petition, in either case with provision for adequate background checks.

2. If either option in Sec. 1.b is chosen, the evidence of the election shall be a certificate signed by the Presiding Officer of the electoral body and by its Secretary, with a testimonial signed by a constitutional majority of the body, in the form required in Canon III.11.3, which shall be sent to the Standing Committee of the Diocese on whose behalf the election was held. The Standing Committee shall thereupon proceed as set forth in Canon III.11.3.

c. Prior to any person's name being placed 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:

1. conducted a thorough background check of each nominee according to criteria established by the Standing Committee. Such background check to include but not be limited to criminal records, credit checks, reference checks, sex offender registry checks, verification of education, employment and ordination and review of all complaints, charges and allegations while an ordained person;

2. each nominee evaluated by a licensed medical doctor approved by the Standing Committee;

3. each nominee evaluated by a licensed psychologist approved by the Standing Committee, with psychiatric referral if desired or necessary;

4. each nominee evaluated for substance, chemical and alcohol use and abuse whether as part of the medical examination, psychological examination or otherwise by professionals approved by the Standing Committee;

All such background checks and evaluations shall be conducted specifically for the election being conducted and not for any prior election or other process or purpose.

d. Reports of all background checks, medical, psychological and substance, chemical or alcohol use and abuse evaluations shall be initially provided simultaneously to the Standing Committee President of the electing diocese or nominating body under Canon III.11.1.b.1 and to the Presiding Bishop. After the consecration and ordination of the bishop elected President of the Standing Committee or nominating body under Canon III.11.1.b.1 shall promptly deliver to The Archives of The Episcopal Church a copy of all the reports of all background checks, medical, psychological and substance, chemical, and alcohol use and abuse and other addictive patterns

evaluations obtained during the process for permanent retention. The President of the Standing Committee or nominating body under Canon III.11.1.b.1 shall destroy all other copies of the reports provided to, or created within, the electing diocese other than one copy for the permanent records of the diocese.

e. 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.

f. No Diocese shall elect a Bishop within thirty days before a meeting of the General Convention.

<Proposed amended resolution text showing exact changes being made:>

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2. If either option in Sec. 1.b is chosen, the evidence of the election shall be a certificate signed by the Presiding Officer of the electoral body and by its Secretary, with a testimonial signed by a constitutional majority of the body, in the form required in Canon III.11.3, which shall be sent to the Standing Committee of the Diocese on whose behalf the election was held. The Standing Committee shall thereupon proceed as set forth in Canon III.11.3.

c. *Prior to any person's name being placed 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:*

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- 2. each nominee evaluated by a licensed medical doctor approved by the Standing Committee;*
- 3. each nominee evaluated by a licensed psychologist approved by the Standing Committee, with psychiatric referral if desired or necessary;*
- 4. each nominee evaluated for substance, chemical and alcohol use and abuse ~~and other addictive patterns~~ whether as part of the medical examination, psychological examination or otherwise by professionals approved by the Standing Committee;*

All such background checks and evaluations shall be conducted specifically for the election being conducted and not for any prior election or other process or purpose.

d. *Reports of all background checks, medical, psychological and substance, chemical or alcohol use and abuse evaluations shall be initially provided simultaneously to the Standing Committee President of the electing diocese or nominating body under Canon III.11.1.b.1 and to the Presiding Bishop. After the consecration and ordination of the bishop elected President of the Standing Committee or nominating body under Canon III.11.1.b.1 shall promptly deliver to The Archives of The Episcopal Church a copy of all the reports of all background checks, medical, psychological and substance, chemical, and alcohol use and abuse and other addictive patterns evaluations obtained during the process for permanent retention. The President of the Standing Committee or nominating body under Canon III.11.1.b.1 shall destroy all other copies of the reports provided to, or created within, the electing diocese other than one copy for the permanent records of the diocese.*

~~**e.**~~ **e.** *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.*

~~**f.**~~ **f.** *No Diocese shall elect a Bishop within thirty days before a meeting of the General Convention.*

A004 - Amend the House of Deputies Rule of Order XV.A.3 to Conform it to Current Practice Regarding the Form of Nominations from the Floor of the House

Final Status: Adopted with Amendment HoD

Proposed by: Secretary of General Convention

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: Yes

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 01 - Rules of Order/HoD

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Adopt with Amendment

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the House of Deputies amend the House of Deputies Rule of Order XV.A.3 to read as follows:

<Amended text as it would appear if adopted and concurred. Scroll below the line of asterisks (***) to see the version showing all deleted and added text.>**

XV: Elections

A. Nominations

3. Each nomination must be submitted to the Secretary, in a form determined by the Secretary of the House, consistent with the form adopted by the Joint Standing Committee on Nominations. The Secretary will publish all nominations by the end of the third legislative day.

<Proposed amended Resolution Text showing exact changes being made:>

XV: Elections

A. Nominations

3. Each nomination must be submitted to the Secretary, in a form *determined by the Secretary of the House, consistent with the form* adopted by the Joint Standing Committee on Nominations. The Secretary will publish all nominations by the end of the third legislative day.

A005 - Amend the House of Deputies Rules of Order by Adding a New Rule VII.F Referral to the Constitutions and Canons Legislative Committee

Final Status: Adopted Substitute HoD

Proposed by: Secretary of General Convention

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: Yes

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 01 - Rules of Order/HoD

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Adopt Substitute

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the House of Deputies amend the House of Deputies Rules of Order to add a new Rule VII.F to read as follows:

<Amended text as it would appear if adopted and concurred. Scroll below the line of asterisks (***) to see the version showing all deleted and added text.>**

VII: Resolutions and memorials

F. Referrals to the Constitution and Canons Legislative Committee

Any resolution amending the Constitution and Canons must comply with Canon V.1.1 as follows:

1. The President will designate a Review Committee on Constitution and Canons. The Review Committee may be an existing Legislative Committee, other committee, or special committee.
2. Any resolution amending the Constitution and Canons will be referred to the Review Committee for a review and report. The resolution may also be referred to a separate substantive Legislative Committee.

3. The Review Committee will prepare a report ensuring that the Resolution:
 - i. is in proper constitutional or canonical form;
 - ii. achieves consistency and clarity in the Constitution and Canons; and
 - iii. includes all amendments to the Constitution or Canons necessary to effect the proposed change.
4. The President may request that the Review Committee report on the substance of the resolution to the House.

<Proposed amended resolution text showing exact changes being made:>

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- 2. Any resolution amending the Constitution and Canons will be referred to the Review Committee for a review and report. The resolution may also be referred to a separate substantive Legislative Committee.*
- 3. The Review Committee will prepare a report ensuring that the Resolution:*
 - i. is in proper constitutional or canonical form;*
 - ii. achieves consistency and clarity in the Constitution and Canons; and*
 - iii. includes all amendments to the Constitution or Canons necessary to effect the proposed change.*
- 4. The President may request that the Review Committee report on the substance of the resolution to the House.*

A006 - Feasibility Study of a Fund to Pay Congregations' Future Benefit Obligations

Final Status: Concurred as Amended

Proposed by: Secretary of General Convention

Has Budget Implications: Yes

Cost: \$20,000.00

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: Yes

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 12 - Agencies & Boards

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Concur

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society (DFMS) shall conduct a feasibility study of the steps, resources, and time necessary to establish a fund to pay some or all of the pension and health plan obligations of clergy and lay professionals deploying to predominantly non-white congregations, particularly to congregations whose economic viability has likely been impaired by historic discrimination; and be it further

Resolved, That the study estimate the funding needed to pay the annual estimated benefit obligations of 100, 500, and 1,000 clergy and lay professionals to deploy to such non-white congregations, as well as the estimated funding needed to permanently endow such a fund for each of those increased deployment levels; and be it further

Resolved, That study results be provided to Executive Council by September 1, 2025 and published that month.

A007 - Invitation to CPF to Forecast Effects of Reduced Pension Assessment Obligations on Clergy Deployment and on Benefit Levels

Final Status: Took No Further Action

Proposed by: Secretary of General Convention

Has Budget Implications: Yes

Cost: \$25,000.00

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 12 - Agencies & Boards

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Take No Further Action

Resolution Text

Resolved, That General Convention request the Church Pension Fund, using its current economic forecast assumptions, by September 1, 2023, provide to Executive Council the Church Pension Fund's best estimates (in writing) concerning (a) the effects, if any, that a reduction of the clergy pension assessment rate of 18% down to 15% would have on the size and ethnicity of the congregations to which clergy (full and part-time) are deployed over the next ten years, with particular attention to historically non-white and to small congregations, and (b) the effect such a reduction in the pension assessment rate would have on future clergy retirement and other benefits; and be it further

Resolved, That for the purposes of this resolution, the term "small congregation" shall mean a congregation whose pledge and plate income is in the lowest twenty percent for their diocese, and without significant income-generating resources of their own, and the term "deployment" shall include not only changes in the number of personnel deployed to such congregations but also an increase in the number of compensated hours they work; and be it further

Resolved, That the Executive Council shall contract with appropriate actuarial consultants to conduct appropriate peer review of the Church Pension Fund forecasts and shall report the results of that peer review to Executive Council; 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 \$25,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

Aoo8 - Study of Benefit Obligation Effects on Clergy and Lay Professional Deployment

Final Status: Took No Further Action

Proposed by: Secretary of General Convention

Has Budget Implications: Yes

Cost: \$40,000.00

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 12 - Agencies & Boards

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Take No Further Action

Resolution Text

Resolved, That, the General Convention Office initiate a study, with appropriate outside consultant support, for delivery to Executive Council by September 1, 2023 and for publication that month, for the purpose of determining the extent to which the obligation to pay pension and health plan contributions for clergy and lay professionals at the current contribution rates discourages deployment of clergy and lay professionals to historically non-white and small congregations, as compared to the statistical average congregation in The Episcopal Church; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention Office and its outside consultant are authorized and encouraged to use existing appropriate data sources, including data as may be reasonably requested from the Church Pension Fund in this work, and data from other denominations; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention Office and its outside consultant be encouraged to seek additional data by means of surveys of: Bishops and Diocesan deployment personnel, and Non-white congregations, clergy, and lay leaders; and be it further

Resolved, That to the extent reasonably feasible using existing labor economic models, the Study also estimate how many more full and part-time paid clergy and lay professionals would be

deployed to non-white and small congregations if these obligations were completely funded (or reimbursed) from another source; and be it further

Resolved, That for the purposes of this resolution, the term “small congregation” shall mean a congregation whose pledge and plate income is in the lowest twenty percent for their diocese, and without significant income-generating resources of their own, and the term “increasing deployment” shall mean increases in the number of personnel deployed to such congregations as well as an increase in the number of compensated hours they work; and be it further

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

A009 - Accepting the agreement "Sharing the Gifts of Communion" between The Episcopal Church and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Bavaria

Final Status: Rejected

Proposed by: Secretary of General Convention

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 14 - Ecumenical & Interreligious Relations

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Reject

Supporting Documents: [tec-elkb-sharing-the-gift-of-communion-updated-2202202](#)

[tec-elkb-compartir-los-dones-de-la-comuni3n-actualizado-22022022](#)

[Commentary on Sharing the Gifts of Communion \(the Augsburg Agreement\)](#)

[Comentario sobre Compartir los Dones de la comuni3n \(el Acuerdo de Augsburg\)](#)

Resolution Text

Adopt A037 as a consolidated substitute

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention of The Episcopal Church receive and commend [Sharing the Gifts of Communion](#) as set forth following as the basis for a relationship of full communion to be established between The Episcopal Church and the Evangelisch-Lutherische Kirche in Bayern (ELKB) (Evangelical Lutheran Church in Bavaria); and be it further

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention of The Episcopal Church accept the affirmation of Sharing the Gifts of Communion that our churches are in full communion with each other; and be it further

Resolved, That the Presiding Bishop appoint four members to the Continuation Committee called for in Sharing the Gifts of Communion to represent The Episcopal Church in the ongoing work of furthering our relationship; and be it further

Resolved, That Title 1, Canon 20, Section 1 be amended by adding a new subsection as follows:

<Amended text as it would appear if adopted and concurred. Scroll below the line of asterisks (***) to see the version showing all deleted and added text.>**

d. The Evangelisch-Lutherische Kirche in Bayern (ELKB) (via the acceptance of Sharing the Gifts of Communion of 2022)

<Proposed amended resolution text showing exact changes being made:>

d. The Evangelisch-Lutherische Kirche in Bayern (ELKB) (via the acceptance of Sharing the Gifts of Communion of 2022)

A010 - Recognition of Apartheid in Israel/Palestine

Final Status: Rejected

Proposed by: Secretary of General Convention

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 06 - Social Justice & International Policy

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Reject

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention of The Episcopal Church recognize that the State of Israel's legal system as it pertains to the treatment of its non-Jewish citizens and residents of Occupied Territories, particularly Palestinians, correspond to the definitions of apartheid elaborated in the International Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of Apartheid and set out in the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court; and be it further

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention affirm that apartheid is antithetical to the Gospel message and to our Baptismal Covenant to "strive for justice and peace among all people and respect the dignity of every human being;" and be it further

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention call on the Office of Government Relations to represent ending the Israeli government's apartheid as a policy priority of The Episcopal Church and to influence policy and legislation on this issue; and be it further

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention, recognizing the Western roots of the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict, as well as the historical evils of anti-Semitism, call on The Episcopal Church to commit itself to a practice and promotion of healing and reconciliation for the benefit of and among all God's people.

~~That the 81st General Convention of The Episcopal Church, acknowledging our continuing struggle in the United States to achieve racial equality, recognize that the State of Israel has passed laws that discriminate against its non-Jewish citizens, particularly Palestinians, and that its military occupation of East Jerusalem and the West Bank and blockade of Gaza impose~~

~~prejudicial treatment of Palestinians and privilege Israeli settlers, contravening international law and human rights; and be it further~~

~~*Resolved,* That the General Convention recognize that these discriminatory laws and treatment correspond to the definitions of apartheid elaborated in the International Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of Apartheid and set out in the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court; and be it further~~

~~*Resolved,* That the General Convention affirm that apartheid is antithetical to the Gospel message and to our Baptismal Covenant to “strive for justice and peace among all people and respect the dignity of every human being;” and be it further~~

~~*Resolved,* That the General Convention of The Episcopal Church call on the U.S. government to withhold military funding from the State of Israel until Israel eliminates apartheid laws, respects Palestinian human rights, and stops violating international law.~~

A011 - Confronting Apartheid

Final Status: Took No Further Action

Proposed by: Secretary of General Convention

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 06 - Social Justice & International Policy

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Take No Further Action

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the General Convention of The Episcopal Church, acknowledging our continuing struggle with systemic racism in the United States, recognize that the State of Israel has passed laws that discriminate against its non-Jewish citizens, particularly Palestinians, and that its military occupation of East Jerusalem and the West Bank and blockade of Gaza impose prejudicial treatment of Palestinians and privilege Israeli settlers, contravening international law and human rights; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention recognize that these discriminatory laws and treatment correspond to the definitions of apartheid elaborated in the International Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of Apartheid and set out in the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention affirm that apartheid is antithetical to the Gospel message and to our Baptismal Covenant to "strive for justice and peace among all people and respect the dignity of every human being"; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention recognizing the Western roots of the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict in 20th century colonialist exploits, as well as in the historical evils of anti-Semitism, commits itself to a practice and promotion of healing and reconciliation for the benefit of and between all God's people, especially those most affected by the actions of the West.

A012 - On Opposing Israel's Apartheid

Final Status: Took No Further Action

Proposed by: Secretary of General Convention

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 06 - Social Justice & International Policy

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Take No Further Action

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the General Convention of The Episcopal Church recognize that Israel's discriminatory legal system and treatment of the Palestinians correspond to the definitions of apartheid elaborated in the International Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of Apartheid and set out in the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention condemn Israel's apartheid system as antithetical to the Gospel message and to our Baptismal Covenant to "strive for justice and peace among all people and respect the dignity of every human being;" and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention, recognizing the complicity of the U.S. government in supporting and protecting Israel in its apartheid practices against the Palestinians, and deeming that support antithetical to America's fundamental values, call on the President and the U.S. Congress to condemn and oppose Israel's apartheid by all appropriate means, replacing economic aid to Israel with economic aid to the Palestinians.

A013 - Amending HoD Rule of Order XIV [Recording Vote Totals in the Journal]

Final Status: Adopted Substitute HoD

Proposed by: Secretary of General Convention

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: Yes

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 01 - Rules of Order/HoD

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Adopt Substitute

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the House of Deputies of the 81st General Convention amends Section XIV.E.5 and add a new subsection F of the House Rules of Order as follows:

<Amended text as it would appear if adopted and concurred. Scroll below the line of asterisks (***) to see the version showing all deleted and added text.>**

5. Posting the results. The results of all Votes by Orders will be posted promptly in a manner that is readily accessible to the House and the public and includes how each order in each Diocese voted.

F. Publishing votes in the Journal. The tally of the results of all recorded votes, whether a standard electronic vote or a vote by orders, shall be recorded in the Journal of Convention. Standard electronic votes shall record the total number of votes cast in favor and opposed. Votes by Orders shall be reported by the total number by orders of deputations voting for, against, or divided.

<Proposed amended resolution text showing exact changes being made:>

5. ~~Publishing~~ *Posting* the results. The results of all Votes by Orders will be posted promptly in a manner that is readily accessible to the House and the public and includes how each order in each Diocese voted.

F. Publishing votes in the Journal. The tally of the results of all recorded votes, whether a standard electronic vote or a vote by orders, shall be recorded in the Journal of Convention. Standard electronic votes shall record the total number of votes cast in favor and opposed. Votes by Orders shall be reported by the total number by orders of deputations voting for, against, or divided.

A014 - Addition of Laurence Whipp to Lesser Feasts and Fasts

Final Status: Took No Further Action

Proposed by: Secretary of General Convention

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 10 - Prayer Book, Liturgy & Music

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Take No Further Action

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention authorize the inclusion of Lawrence Whipp in *Lesser Feasts and Fasts*.

A015 - Owning a Commitment to Reparations

Final Status: Concurred as Amended

Proposed by: Secretary of General Convention

Has Budget Implications: Yes

Cost: \$150,000.00

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: Yes

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: Yes

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 05 - Racial Truth-Telling, Reckoning & Healing

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Concur

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention of The Episcopal Church (TEC) establish a Task Force to research and make recommendations on Reparations, including the creation of a Reparation Fund. The Task Force will be appointed by the Presiding Officers, consisting of 3 bishops, 3 clergy (including at least 1 deacon), and 3 lay people, whose total membership would be at least two-thirds Persons of Color; and be it further

Resolved, That the Task Force will be overseen by the Executive Council; and be it further

Resolved, That the charge to the Task Force is the study of and response to the historic and ongoing legacy of the displacement of Indigenous peoples and of chattel slavery, and the resulting systemic and institutional racism that prevails today; and to include the recommendation for a fund from TEC assets, the purpose of which is a sustained, meaningful, and tangible response; and be it further

Resolved, That December 31, 2026, will be the target date for the Task Force to accomplish the study and make recommendations in a report submitted to the 82nd General Convention; and be it further

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention requests the Executive Council Joint Standing Committee on Finance to consider a budget of \$150,000 during the 2024-2027 triennium for the above preliminary work.

A016 - Reaffirm and Commit to the Goal of a Permanent Location of an Archives for The Episcopal Church

Final Status: Concurred as Substituted

Proposed by: Secretary of General Convention

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: Yes

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 12 - Agencies & Boards

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Concur

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention acknowledge the 2006 and 2012 General Conventions have already twice identified the acute need for a permanent historical records depository and research center, in Resolutions 2006-A143 and 2012-A162; and recognize the current Austin location is an interim, temporary, and increasingly costly solution subject to rent increases under any renewed lease next year; and be it further

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention affirm that in order to carry out The Episcopal Church's efforts to address its past racial injustices, and in order to carry out TEC's work more effectively, a prompt Executive Council decision is urgently needed on the location of a permanent historical records depository and research center, particularly given the extensive search and diligence efforts that have already occurred over the past several years; and be it further

Resolved, That Executive Council shall decide on the permanent location of the Archives of The Episcopal Church no later than July 1, 2025, making use of the extensive financial and real estate diligence work done to date, together with any additional timely diligence deemed appropriate by the Presiding Officers; and be it further

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention commend the Presiding Officers, the Acting Chief Operating Officer, the Executive Officer of the General Convention Office, and the Archives Advisory Committee for their identification to Executive Council of a proposed

location meeting the requirements for an appropriate and accessible site within the United States, adequate for the present and future needs of the historical records of this Church, as contemplated by Canon 1.5 and described in Keeping Archives, Keeping Faith: Archives Board Report to Executive Council (June 2019); and be it further

Resolved, **That the 81st General Convention heartily commend the work of the Archives staff for transferring more than 8,000 cubic feet of records, representing over 200 years of Episcopal history, from the Seminary of the Southwest to an interim location in Austin during the pandemic, while also maintaining the digital archive and providing research assistance; and be it further**

Resolved, **That General Convention thank the Archives staff for their ongoing hard work, dedication and commitment, particularly during this ongoing period of transition following the March 2022 retirement of the previous Archivist, including service to the 80th and this 81st General Convention during this interim period.**

A017 - Creation of a Staff Position for Director of LGBTQI and Women's Ministries

Final Status: Took No Further Action

Proposed by: Secretary of General Convention

Has Budget Implications: Yes

Cost: \$300,000.00

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 11 - Formation & Discipleship

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Take No Further Action

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention of The Episcopal Church direct the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society to establish a staff position, Director of LGBTQI and Women's Ministries, which would implement and expand upon the work identified by the Task Force to Study Sexism in The Episcopal Church and Develop Anti-Sexism Training, including to

- deploy, expand, and share the anti-sexism training modules developed by the Task Force;
- implement resolution D030 ("Develop Resources and Training for Welcoming and Supporting Transgender and Non-Binary Persons and Families") by collecting and developing multilingual, multicultural churchwide resources to support our dioceses, provinces, churchwide leaders, and congregations in living into our commitments to welcome and support people and communities of diverse genders, including transgender, non-binary, and Two-Spirit people;
- offer trainings (in person and online) and create networks to form and mobilize women and people of diverse gender identities and sexualities, both lay and ordained, who can in turn lead faith-rooted trainings at the diocesan congregational levels to support the local church in addressing gender equality and in welcoming people of diverse genders and sexual orientations;

- collect and disseminate data relevant to gender and sexual orientation equality within The Episcopal Church, in collaboration with relevant agencies and boards of the Church, such as the Office of Transition Ministries and the Church Pension Group)

And be it further

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

A018 - Task Force on Pacifism and Just War

Final Status: Concurred as Amended

Proposed by: Secretary of General Convention

Has Budget Implications: Yes

Cost: \$5,000.00

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: Yes

Directs an Interim Body: Yes

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 07 - Social Justice & United States Policy

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Concur

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention authorize the establishment of a Task Force on Pacifism and Just War to deepen understanding of the Church's pacifist and just war traditions, including the Anglican Communion's distinctive contributions to these traditions, among military chaplains, missionaries, seminarians, clergy, congregations, and others engaged in the Church's global mission, for application to contemporary war, peace and human rights issues; and be it further

Resolved, That the Task Force draw upon the experience and expertise garnered from the Military Chaplains Just War Education Project funded through the 2020-21 Constable Grant program to prepare a report recommending educational programs, public policy positions, and outreach initiatives consistent with the Task Force's mandate for consideration by the 82nd General Convention; and be it further

Resolved, That this Task Force be appointed jointly by the President of the House of Deputies and the Presiding Bishop, in consultation with the Standing Commission on World Mission, and consist of three bishops, three priests or deacons, and six laypersons from a diverse representation of the Church, and include military chaplains and those living in jurisdictions outside the United States; and be it further

Resolved, That \$5,000 be budgeted for work of the Task Force over the next triennium.

A019 - Create a Task Force on Senior Wellness and Positive Aging

Final Status: Concurred as Amended

Proposed by: Secretary of General Convention

Has Budget Implications: Yes

Cost: \$30,000.00

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: Yes

Directs an Interim Body: Yes

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: Yes

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 16 - Safety, Wellness & Mental Health

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Concur

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention authorize the creation of a Task Force on Senior Wellness and Positive Aging, among its goals to:

- Identify the major challenges to positive aging;
- Communicate with congregations, dioceses, and provinces to collect information about their approaches to these challenges;
- Explore networks in which the Task Force can be a meaningful partner;
- Coordinate with the Presiding Bishop's staff to ascertain facets of their ministries in which the Task Force might have a useful role to play;
- Review existing General Convention policy on aging and senior wellness to identify gaps and opportunities, and consult with the Office of Government Relations to identify areas where political advocacy could be useful. Consider developing resolutions for Executive Council and General Convention that identify advocacy priorities for positive aging and senior wellness.
- Initiate conversation with leading non-profit senior care providers and advocates, particularly those affiliated with The Episcopal Church;

And be it further

Resolved, That the Task Force will produce a resource of best practices for congregations, dioceses and provinces to support their ministries to persons in the second half of life as they strive to participate meaningfully and creatively in life-long learning and to engage constructively in the communities in which they live; and be it further

Resolved, That this Task Force will report annually to The Executive Council and to the 82nd General Convention; and be it further

Resolved, That this task force be appointed jointly by the Presiding Officers, with between 10 and 14 members, two to four of whom shall be bishops, two to four of whom shall be clergy, and not more than six lay persons, with the members having some professional, pastoral or medical background in senior care and wellness; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request that the Executive Council Joint Subcommittee on Finance consider a budget allocation of \$30,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

A020 - Establish a Standing Commission on Care of Creation and Environmental Racism

Final Status: Concurred with Referral to an Interim Body

Proposed by: Task Force on Care of Creation and Environmental Racism

Has Budget Implications: Yes

Cost: \$1,412,500.00

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 03 - Governance & Structure

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Concur with Referral to an Interim Body

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention amend Canon I.1.2.n by adding a new subsection 6 thereto, to read as follows:

I.1.2.n

6. A Standing Commission on Care of Creation and Environmental Racism shall be created to continue the work of the Advisory Council (GC 2015), Task Force (GC 2018), and Task Force (GC 2022). Establishment of this Standing Commission will be an important step in acknowledging that care of creation and response to environmental injustices is an integral and ongoing work of God's people and church.

It shall be the duty of the Commission to:

- i. Support programs that respond to eco-justice concerns, address systemic environmental racism, and work to alleviate environmental burdens on indigenous communities and actively respond to the call for environmental reparations.*
- ii. Continue to lead the church in responding to the moral and ethical implications of climate change, biodiversity loss and local environmental degradation.*

iii. Expand, support and promote the Creation Care Covenant recognizing that this work seeks to align with the loving, liberating and life giving work of evangelism and beloved community.

iv. Provide expertise on programs that respond to the climate crisis and eco-justice including a carbon offset program, efforts for just transition, land based carbon capture initiatives, increase and utilize the capabilities of the Episcopal Asset Map.

v. Continue the creation care and ecojustice grants program and ecojustice fellows program to accomplish the above objectives.

vi. Develop theological materials and liturgical resources to support church wide creation efforts.

v. Recommend strategies to Executive Council and DFMS for the development and support of networks concerning eco-justice and care of creation.

vii. As requested, provide policy support to Executive Council and the Office of Governmental Relations on environmental and eco-justice matters. And be it further

Resolved, that General Convention approve a budget of \$1, 412, 500 to complete the tasks noted above.

A021 - Create a Care of Creation Loan Program for Episcopal Dioceses

Final Status: Concurred as Amended

Proposed by: Task Force on Care of Creation and Environmental Racism

Has Budget Implications: Yes

Cost: \$3,000,000.00

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: Yes

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: Yes

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 15 - Environmental Stewardship & Care of Creation

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Concur

Supporting Documents: [Episcopal Covenant to Care of Creation](#)

Resolution Text

***Resolved,* That the 81st General Convention of The Episcopal Church (TEC) direct Executive Council to allocate \$3 million in unrestricted TEC endowment funds as a loan portfolio to establish and fund a Care of Creation loan program for dioceses to use to help fund capital projects to assist TEC dioceses, institutions, and congregations in moving their operations towards carbon net zero compliance by 2030 (2022-A087), and that \$30,000 annually be allocated to pay for professional underwriting review of such proposed loans launch this effort; and be it further**

***Resolved,* That this General Convention direct the Executive Council to assign responsibility for oversight of these assets to its Economic Justice Loan Committee (EJLC) for such loans; and be it further**

***Resolved,* That in implementing this loan program, the ELJC will consult with the Task Force on Creation Care and Environmental Racism (or its successor) and will employ EJLC best practices developed to date by the Treasurer's Office.**

A022 - Support the Anglican Communion Forest Initiative

Final Status: Took No Further Action

Proposed by: Task Force on Care of Creation and Environmental Racism

Endorsed by: Standing Commission on World Mission

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 15 - Environmental Stewardship & Care of Creation

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Take No Further Action

Resolution Text

Resolved, That in support of The Anglican Consultative Council resolution passed at ACC 18 in Ghana in February, 2023, we recognize that the integrity of creation is under threat and at risk of collapse and there is urgent need to reduce our carbon footprint and protect biodiversity; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church affirms the potential of the Communion Forest initiative launched as a legacy of the 2022 Lambeth Conference; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church join with other Churches of the Communion to join in this initiative to be ambitious in using their God-given assets, to weave creation care into the spiritual and liturgical life of the Church; and be it further

Resolved, That we commend the collaboration of the Anglican Alliance and Anglican Communion Environmental Network, and encourages the dioceses, seminaries, congregations and other ministries in The Episcopal Church to share with them information about their existing and new activities.

A023 - Authorize and Support the use of the Best Practices Guide and Model Anti-Harassment Policy

Final Status: Concurred as Amended

Proposed by: Interim Body to Oversee the Continuing Development of Anti-Harassment Best Practices, Model Policy Examples and Varied Training Materials

Has Budget Implications: Yes

Cost: \$75,000.00

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: Yes

Directs Dioceses: Yes

Directs Executive Council: Yes

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 16 - Safety, Wellness & Mental Health

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Concur

Supporting Documents: [Best Practices Guide and Model Anti-Harassment Policy](#)

[Guía de Mejores Prácticas y Política Modelo contra el Acoso](#)

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention adopt the [Best Practices Guide and Model Anti-Harassment Policy](#) available through Praesidium Academy as a support document on this resolution or viewable as a supplementary material in the Report to the 81st General Convention of the Interim Body to Oversee the Continuing Development of Anti-Harassment Best Practices, Model Policy Examples and Varied Training Materials; and be it further

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention direct the Executive Council to provide for the support and encouragement of the use and adaptation of the Model Policy to Prevent Harassment by dioceses, congregations, and affiliated institutions; and be it further

Resolved, That the Best Practices Guide and Model Policy be hosted on the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society [DFMS] Safe Church website. The website shall be adapted and monitored so that it becomes a site for on-going creation and curation of feedback from experimental use and local adaptation of the Best Practices Guide and Model Policy throughout TEC during the next triennium; and be it further

***Resolved,* That dioceses, congregations, and affiliated institutions report their feedback and recommendations for further development on the basis of their practice to the DFMS hosted Safe Church website; and be it further**

***Resolved,* That the 81st General Convention commit itself to the financial support of the continuing development of these materials, and training, as an element of its efforts to advance clergy wellness and reduce liability, as well as to the ability of all members of the Church to live into the Baptismal Covenant, seeking and serving Christ in all persons; and be it further**

***Resolved,* That the 81st General Convention request that the Executive Council Joint Subcommittee on Finance consider a budget allocation of \$75,000 for the implementation of this resolution.**

A024 - Limit on Confidential Settlement Agreements

Final Status: Concurred as Substituted

Proposed by: Interim Body to Oversee the Continuing Development of Anti-Harassment Best Practices, Model Policy Examples and Varied Training Materials

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: Yes

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 18 - Title IV Disciplinary Canons

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Concur

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention enact Canon IV.14.14 as follows:

<Amended text as it would appear if adopted and concurred. Scroll below the line of asterisks (***) to see the version showing all deleted and added text.>**

Sec. 14. No Accord or civil settlement agreement may prevent or restrict the disclosure of factual information related to any alleged Offense under this Title. Notwithstanding this Section, an Accord or civil settlement agreement may preclude the disclosure of the identity of an alleged Injured Person, or of an amount paid to settle a claim or obtain a release of civil liability.

<Proposed amended resolution text showing exact changes being made:>

Sec. 14: *No Accord or civil settlement agreement may prevent or restrict the disclosure of factual information related to any alleged Offense under this Title. Notwithstanding this Section, an Accord or civil settlement agreement may preclude the disclosure of the identity of an alleged Injured Person, or of an amount paid to settle a claim or to obtain a release of civil liability.*

A025 - Amending Canon IV.13.4

Final Status: Concurred with Referral to an Interim Body

Proposed by: Interim Body to Oversee the Continuing Development of Anti-Harassment Best Practices, Model Policy Examples and Varied Training Materials

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 18 - Title IV Disciplinary Canons

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Concur with Referral to an Interim Body

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention amend Canon IV. 13. 4 as follows:

<Amended text as it would appear if adopted and concurred. Scroll below the line of asterisks (***) to see the version showing all deleted and added text.>**

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 Accord must be consented to by the Hearing Panel, and if approved, 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.

<Proposed amended resolution text showing exact changes being made:>

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 Accord must be consented to by the Hearing Panel, and if approved*, 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.

A026 - Establishing a Database for Title IV Outcomes on the Office of Transitional Ministry Profiles of Clergy

Final Status: Concurred with Referral to an Interim Body

Proposed by: Interim Body to Oversee the Continuing Development of Anti-Harassment Best Practices, Model Policy Examples and Varied Training Materials

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 18 - Title IV Disciplinary Canons

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Concur with Referral to an Interim Body

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention authorize the establishment of a Title IV data base on the Office of Transitional Ministry (OTM) website, of which will hold all pastoral responses, pastoral directions, Accords, and decisions regarding clergy discipline, for the purpose of transparency, integrity, and accountability of all clergy search processes in The Episcopal Church; and be it further

Resolved, That each Diocese shall send all mentioned materials to the Office of Transitional Ministry within thirty days of their becoming effective; and be it further

Resolved, That the OTM staff be charged with the responsibility of data entry and updates of any materials.

A027 - Increase recruitment, hiring, appointment, retention, and representation of People of Color in church positions

Final Status: Concurred as Amended

Proposed by: Executive Council Committee on Anti-Racism & Reconciliation

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: Yes

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 05 - Racial Truth-Telling, Reckoning & Healing

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Concur

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention of The Episcopal Church (“TEC”) hereby commit to developing greater representation and retention of People of Color in all church positions; and be it further

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention direct TEC staff in the Office of Racial Justice and Reconciliation, in partnership with others, to complete the development of and dissemination of a set of guidelines and best practices to all parishes, dioceses, and institutions for the recruitment, hiring, appointment, retention, and representation of People of Color in hired and appointed church positions; and be it further

Resolved, That TEC strongly urges all parishes, dioceses, and institutions to follow these guidelines and best practices reporting the results of their efforts through the annual parochial report.

A028 - Support for Freedom to Consider Ethical Issues in Investing

Final Status: Concurred as Amended

Proposed by: Executive Council Committee on Corporate Social Responsibility

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 13 - Stewardship & Socially Responsible Investing

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Concur

Supporting Documents: [The CCSR Story](#)

[La historia de la CCSR](#)

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention reaffirm its commitment to and encouragement across the Church of faithful and ethically responsible investing addressing ethical concerns for social, environmental and governance matters, including climate change and human rights, commonly referred to as ESG (Environment, Social, Governance) investing, as set forth in General Convention resolution 2022-A073; and be it further

Resolved, That General Convention consistent with The Episcopal Church's long practice of aligning its investments with the values of Jesus Christ as expressed in General Convention and Executive Council resolutions, through such means as corporate engagement through dialogue, filing and voting on shareholder resolutions, voting in director elections, and divestment and affirmative investment, including ESG (Environment, Social, Governance) investing, lament, condemn and oppose proposals and actions of some federal, state and local legislatures and agencies, and attorneys general, to suppress and outlaw the consideration of all financial and other factors relevant to investing and the use of ethical criteria, including ESG investing, to assess investment risks and opportunities.

A029 - Divest from Fossil Fuels

Final Status: Concurred

Proposed by: Executive Council Committee on Corporate Social Responsibility

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: Yes

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 13 - Stewardship & Socially Responsible Investing

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Concur

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention express appreciation that the Investment Committee of Executive Council has acted responsibly to implement General Convention resolution 2015-C045, calling for divestment of fossil fuel companies from the investment portfolio of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society (DFMS) and for reinvestment of DFMS assets in clean energy alternatives; and be it further

Resolved, That, having learned that the Church Commissioners of the Church of England and, separately, the Church of England Pensions Board announced on June 22, 2023 that each will divest from all fossil fuel investments by the end of 2023, and noting that more than eight years have passed since the adoption of resolution 2015-C045, this General Convention direct that any and all investments in companies in fossil fuel industries remaining in the DFMS portfolio be sold by December 31, 2024; and be it further

Resolved, That all institutional investors across The Episcopal Church be requested to take note of the decisions of General Convention that DFMS is (a) to divest fully and finally from all companies in fossil fuel industries by December 31, 2024, and (b) to reinvest divested fossil fuel company assets in clean energy alternatives, and that all such institutional investors be encouraged to adopt the same target for full and final divestment of such fossil fuel company investments and also to reinvest such assets in clean energy alternatives.

A030 - No Investment in Certain Weapons

Final Status: Concurred as Amended

Proposed by: Executive Council Committee on Corporate Social Responsibility

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: Yes

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 13 - Stewardship & Socially Responsible Investing

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Concur

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention of The Episcopal Church direct the Executive Council Committee on Corporate Social Responsibility to create and administer a DFMS Weapons No Buy List based on the following DFMS No Investment in Certain Weapons Policy: That DFMS shall not invest in any company or corporation that is materially engaged or involved in the production, use, or stockpiling, or the sale, transfer, or export of, any weapon or weapons system, or any key component thereof, whether now existing or developed hereafter, that can cause or lead to mass or indiscriminate injury or death to civilians or widespread destruction of civilian infrastructure, including, without limitation, biological weapons, chemical weapons, nuclear weapons, weapons that injure by fragments which are not detectable in the human body (non-detectable fragment weapons), incendiary weapons, blinding laser weapons, anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, and lethal autonomous weapons, or any other weapons or weapons systems or key components thereof that are excessively injurious or have indiscriminate effects; and be it further

Resolved, That this General Convention recommend the DFMS No Investment in Certain Weapons Policy as indicated in the DFMS Weapons No Buy List to each institutional investor in The Episcopal Church for adoption as investment policy for that institutional investor and direct that this resolution be shared with all institutional investors in The Episcopal Church.

A031 - Translate Reconciliation Resources into Spanish

Final Status: Concurred as Amended

Proposed by: Executive Council Committee on Anti-Racism & Reconciliation

Has Budget Implications: Yes

Cost: \$50,000.00

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: Yes

Directs Dfms Staff: Yes

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 05 - Racial Truth-Telling, Reckoning & Healing

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Concur

Resolution Text

Resolved, That this 81st General Convention of The Episcopal Church (“TEC”) hereby strongly encourage Language Coordinator Services work with the Office of Ethnic Ministries and the Office of Racial Reconciliation, the Office of Ethnic Ministries, the Office of Racial Reconciliation, and the Standing Commission on Formation and Ministry Development to create racial reconciliation resources in Spanish that will further the Church’s efforts toward dismantling racism and achieving racial justice and healing; and be it further

Resolved, That the sum of \$50,000 be allocated by the Executive Council Joint Standing Committee on Finance for carrying out this work.

A032 - Hire a Chief Equity Officer

Final Status: Took No Further Action

Proposed by: Executive Council Committee on Anti-Racism & Reconciliation

Has Budget Implications: Yes

Cost: \$0.00

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 05 - Racial Truth-Telling, Reckoning & Healing

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Take No Further Action

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention of The Episcopal Church (“TEC”) hereby acknowledge that the work of dismantling racism and achieving racial justice and healing toward racial reconciliation is equity work requiring a constant focus regardless of who is in leadership positions of the Church; and be it further

Resolved, That TEC hire a Chief Equity Officer to assist in the establishment of greater representation and retention of PoC in all church positions and advise church leadership on equitable operational practices; and be it further

Resolved, That, this Chief Equity Officer report to the Presiding Bishop; and be it further

Resolved, That TEC compensate this Chief Equity Officer on par with the compensation for Chief Equity Officers of organizations of similar size.

A033 - Renew ECCAR

Final Status: Took No Further Action

Proposed by: Executive Council Committee on Anti-Racism & Reconciliation

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 05 - Racial Truth-Telling, Reckoning & Healing

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Take No Further Action

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention of The Episcopal Church (“TEC”) reaffirm the importance of the work of the Executive Council Committee on Anti-Racism and Reconciliation (ECCAR) to support the Church to live into existing General Convention resolutions starting with the 70th General Convention toward becoming a church committed to ending institutional and other forms of racism which necessitate the acceptance of abandonment of privilege and the sharing of power within our polity, within our society, and throughout the world; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church recognizes that the work of dismantling racism and achieving racial justice and healing has made progress in improving the awareness of the sin of racism in the Church and that the work of dismantling racism and achieving racial justice and healing is far from completed; and be it further

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention of The Episcopal Church recognizes no entity of the Church has been identified to carry on the efforts currently in the mandate of Executive Council Committee on Anti-Racism and Reconciliation; and be it further

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention of The Episcopal Church continue the existence of the Executive Council Committee on Anti-Racism & Reconciliation for another nine years

A034 - Promoting Equitable Formation for Future Church Leaders through Dismantling Racism and Achieving Racial Justice and Healing Education in Seminaries and Schools of Theological Education

Final Status: Concurred as Amended

Proposed by: Executive Council Committee on Anti-Racism & Reconciliation

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: Yes

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 05 - Racial Truth-Telling, Reckoning & Healing

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Concur

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention of The Episcopal Church (“TEC”) recognize that the formation of future church leaders through seminary and schools of theological education holds immense potential to create lasting change in promoting justice, inclusion, and healing; and be it further;

Resolved, That TEC strongly urge all Episcopal seminaries and schools of theological education to incorporate dismantling racism and achieving racial justice and healing education into their curricula based on tenants passed by the Church in resolution 2018-A044 Set Essential Components of AntiRacism and Racial Reconciliation Training and described in the Framework for Anti-Racism and Reconciliation Training; and be it further

Resolved, That TEC urge that seminaries and schools of theological education regularly assess and review the effectiveness of their dismantling racism and achieving racial justice and healing education programs and provide annual reports to The Episcopal Church indicating progress, challenges, and adjustments made to enhance the impact of the training; and be it further

Resolved, That TEC encourage dioceses and provinces to support their seminaries and schools of theological education in implementing dismantling racism and achieving racial justice and healing education; and be it further

Resolved, That All Episcopal seminaries and schools of theological education are strongly encouraged to integrate the required dismantling racism and achieving racial justice and healing education into their curricula within the next academic year following the adoption of this resolution.

A035 - Establish Model Policies for Anti/Racism/Racial Reconciliation Work

Final Status: Concurred as Amended

Proposed by: Executive Council Committee on Anti-Racism & Reconciliation

Has Budget Implications: Yes

Cost: \$50,000.00

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: Yes

Directs an Interim Body: Yes

Directs Dfms Staff: Yes

Directs Dioceses: Yes

Directs Executive Council: Yes

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 05 - Racial Truth-Telling, Reckoning & Healing

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Concur

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention of The Episcopal Church (“TEC”) recommit itself to the work of the Church as articulated first at the 70th General Convention in 1991-D113 which called the Church to address racism inside our church, within society, and in our world; and be it further

Resolved, That TEC acknowledge that the times and circumstances demand that the Church better articulate a clear and firm commitment to Dismantling Racism, Racial Healing, and Justice and Reconciliation in a manner similar to how the Church addresses the protection of children and youth (commonly referred to as “Safe Church”); and be it further

Resolved, That the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies, not later than March 1, 2025, jointly appoint a Special Task Force of one bishop, three clergy, three lay persons with experience in the use and development of Model Policies for Racial Reconciliation and Healing to create a set of Model Policies for Dismantling Racism, Racial Reconciliation, and Healing that addresses the following:

- **A screening and selection process for all clergy, lay employees, and lay leaders who require training on racial reconciliation according to the Church’s teachings**

- **The articulation of behavioral standards for clergy, lay employees, and lay volunteers considering:**
 - a. **The prohibition of offensive language or actions to people of color**
 - b. **The prohibition of any racially derogatory materials (magazines, cards, videos, films, clothing, etc.) on the Church premises or at Church events**
- **Education and training for all clergy, lay employees, and lay leaders considering:**
 - a. **Training be completed every 3 years.**
 - b. **Specialized training for those who recruit, screen, or select persons to leadership positions**
 - c. **Guidelines for delivering anti-racism/reconciliation training to different racial audiences as begun by the Executive Council Committee on Anti-Racism and Reconciliation as supplements to the Framework for Anti-Racism & Reconciliation Training - engaging the Office of Ethnic Ministries to develop Ethnic-oriented Supplements to the Framework for Anti-Racism Training**
- **Making the current Racial Justice Audit a permanent effort**
- **Identification of a diocesan Racial Reconciliation Officer who will track and possibly coordinate racial reconciliation efforts across the diocese**
- **Guidelines for accountability describing consequences when responding to concerns of:**
 - a. **Discriminatory behavior toward people of color**
 - b. **Lack of adherence to existing racial reconciliation resolutions**

And be it further

Resolved, That the creation of these Model Policies for Racial Reconciliation and Healing be completed by September 30, 2025; and be it further

Resolved, That the Model Policies for Racial Reconciliation and Healing be promulgated after they are approved by the Special Task Force; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church Center appoint a point of contact person for dioceses to obtain information about complying with the Model Policies for Racial Reconciliation and Healing; and be it further

Resolved, That by the 82nd General Convention, dioceses are urged to create Guidelines for Racial Reconciliation and Healing to conform to the Model Policies for Racial Reconciliation and Healing with due regard to applicable local laws on the subject matters of the Model Policies for Racial Reconciliation and Healing; and be it further

Resolved, That all dioceses are encouraged to annually confirm, in writing or by email, to a designated office in The Episcopal Church Center, that the diocese's Guidelines conform to the Model Policies for Racial Reconciliation and Healing; and be it further

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention direct the Executive Council Budget Committee to allocate \$50,000 for the work of this Task Force.

A036 - Amend Canons to Use Approved Common Terminology to Describe Anti-Racism Work

Final Status: Concurred

Proposed by: Executive Council Committee on Anti-Racism & Reconciliation

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: Yes

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 02 - Constitution & Canons

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Concur

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention of The Episcopal Church (“TEC”) acknowledge the expansion of its focus beyond anti-racism to racial reconciliation as confirmed in resolution 2018-B004 Urge Common Terminology to Describe Anti-Racism Work; and be it further

Resolved, That Canon Title III.6.5.g.4 be amended to read as follows and voted on at the 81st General Convention:

<Amended text as it would appear if adopted and concurred. Scroll below the line of asterisks (***) to see the version showing all deleted and added text.>**

Canon III.6.5.g.4

4. the Church’s teaching on dismantling racism and achieving racial justice and healing.

<Proposed amended resolution text showing exact changes being made:>

Canon III.6.5.g.4

4. the Church’s teaching on *dismantling racism and achieving racial justice and healing*.

And be it further

Resolved, That Canon III.7.11.a.2 be amended to read as follows and voted on at the 81st General Convention:

<Amended text as it would appear if adopted and concurred. Scroll below the line of asterisks (***) to see the version showing all deleted and added text.>**

III.7.11.a.2

2. Evidence of appropriate background checks, certifications and proof of completion of applicable trainings including abuse prevention and dismantling racism and achieving racial justice and healing trainings;

<Proposed amended resolution text showing exact changes being made:>

III.7.11.a.2

2. Evidence of appropriate background checks, certifications and proof of completion of applicable trainings including abuse prevention and ~~anti-racism~~ *dismantling racism and achieving racial justice and healing* trainings;

And be it further

Resolved, That Canon III.8.5.h.4 be amended to read as follows and voted on at the 81st General Convention:

<Amended text as it would appear if adopted and concurred. Scroll below the line of asterisks (***) to see the version showing all deleted and added text.>**

Canon III.8.5.h.4

4.the Church's teaching on dismantling racism and achieving racial justice and healing.

<Proposed amended resolution text showing exact changes being made:>

Canon III.8.5.h.4

4.the Church's teaching on *dismantling racism and achieving racial justice and healing*.

And be it further

Resolved, That Canon III.9.13.a.2 be amended to read as follows and voted on at the 81st General Convention:

<Amended text as it would appear if adopted and concurred. Scroll below the line of asterisks (***) to see the version showing all deleted and added text.>**

Canon III.9.13.a.2

2. Evidence of appropriate background checks, certifications and proof of completion of applicable trainings including abuse prevention and dismantling racism and achieving racial justice and healing trainings;

<Proposed amended resolution text showing exact changes being made:>

Canon III.9.13.a.2

2. Evidence of appropriate background checks, certifications and proof of completion of applicable trainings including abuse prevention and ~~anti-racism~~ *dismantling racism and achieving racial justice and healing* trainings;

And be it further

Resolved, That Canon III.10.1.c.4 be amended to read as follows and voted on at the 81st General Convention:

<Amended text as it would appear if adopted and concurred. Scroll below the line of asterisks (***) to see the version showing all deleted and added text.>**

Canon III.10.1.c.4

4.training regarding the Church's teaching on dismantling racism and achieving racial justice and healing.

<Proposed amended resolution text showing exact changes being made:>

Canon III.10.1.c.4

4.training regarding the Church's teaching on *dismantling racism and achieving racial justice and healing*.

And be it further

Resolved, That Canon III.12.8.a.2 be amended to read as follows and voted on at the 81st General Convention:

<Amended text as it would appear if adopted and concurred. Scroll below the line of asterisks (***) to see the version showing all deleted and added text.>**

Canon III.12.8.a.2

2. Evidence of appropriate background checks, certifications and proof of completion of applicable trainings including abuse prevention and dismantling racism and achieving racial justice and healing trainings;

<Proposed amended resolution text showing exact changes being made:>

Canon III.12.8.a.2

2. Evidence of appropriate background checks, certifications and proof of completion of applicable trainings including abuse prevention and ~~anti-racism~~ *dismantling racism and achieving racial justice and healing* trainings;

A037 - Accepting the agreement "Sharing the Gifts of Communion" between The Episcopal Church and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Bavaria

Final Status: Concurred

Proposed by: Standing Commission on Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: Yes

Requests New Interim Body: Yes

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 14 - Ecumenical & Interreligious Relations

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Concur

Supporting Documents: [tec-elkb-sharing-the-gift-of-communion-updated-22022022](#)

[Commentary on Sharing the Gifts of Communion \(the Augsburg Agreement\)](#)

[tec-elkb-compartir-los-dones-de-la-comuni3n-actualizado-22022022](#)

[Comentario sobre Compartir los Dones de la comuni3n \(el Acuerdo de Augsburg\)](#)

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention of The Episcopal Church receive and commend [Sharing the Gifts of Communion \(Augsburg Agreement\)](#) as set forth following as the basis for a relationship of full communion to be established between The Episcopal Church and the Evangelisch-Lutherische Kirche in Bayern (ELKB) (Evangelical Lutheran Church in Bavaria); and be it further

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention of The Episcopal Church accept the affirmation of *Sharing the Gifts of Communion (Augsburg Agreement)* that our churches have the basis for full communion with each other, to be inaugurated through a service of reconciliation between the two churches; and be it further

Resolved, That the Presiding Bishop appoint four members to the Continuation Committee called for in *Sharing the Gifts of Communion (Augsburg Agreement)* to represent The Episcopal Church in the ongoing work of furthering our relationship; and be it further

Resolved, That Title 1, Canon 20, Section 1 be amended by adding a new subsection e. as follows:

<Amended text as it would appear if adopted and concurred. Scroll below the line of asterisks (*****) to see the version showing all deleted and added text.>

e. The Evangelisch-Lutherische Kirche in Bayern (ELKB) (via the acceptance of *Sharing the Gifts of Communion [Augsburg Agreement]* of 2022).

<Proposed amended resolution text showing exact changes being made:

e. *The Evangelisch-Lutherische Kirche in Bayern (ELKB) (via the acceptance of Sharing the Gifts of Communion [Augsburg Agreement] of 2022).*

A038 - Practical Guidance for Interreligious Relations

Final Status: Concurred

Proposed by: Standing Commission on Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 14 - Ecumenical & Interreligious Relations

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Concur

Supporting Documents: [Holding Difference Together](#)

[Mantener unidas las diferencias](#)

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention of The Episcopal Church adopt “[Holding Difference Together: Episcopal Theological and Practical Guidelines for Interreligious Relations](#)” as a resource for use by dioceses, parishes, and other Episcopal communities to develop and maintain interreligious relationships through conversation, collaboration, or other joint service or ministry initiatives with their neighbors of other faiths.

A039 - Practical Guidance for Episcopal-Jewish Relations

Final Status: Concurred

Proposed by: Standing Commission on Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: Yes

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 14 - Ecumenical & Interreligious Relations

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Concur

Supporting Documents: [Christian-Jewish Relations Theological and Practical Guidance for Episcopalians](#)

[Relaciones judeo-cristianas Guía teológica y práctica para episcopales](#)

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention of The Episcopal Church adopt “[Christian-Jewish Relations: Theological and Practical Guidance for the Episcopal Church](#)” as a resource for use by dioceses, parishes, and other Episcopal communities as they develop and maintain healthy and respectful relationships through conversation, collaboration, or other joint service or ministry initiatives with their Jewish neighbors.

A040 - Practical Guidance for Christian-Muslim Relations

Final Status: Concurred

Proposed by: Standing Commission on Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 14 - Ecumenical & Interreligious Relations

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Concur

Supporting Documents: [Christian-Muslim Relations: Theological and Practical Guidance for Episcopalians](#)

[Relaciones entre cristianos y musulmanes: Orientación teológica y práctica para episcopales](#)

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention of The Episcopal Church adopt “Christian-Muslim Relations: Theological and Practical Guidance for the Episcopal Church” as a resource for use by dioceses, parishes, and other Episcopal communities as they develop and maintain healthy and respectful relationships with their Muslim neighbors through conversation, collaboration, or other joint service or ministry initiatives.

A041 - Create a Task Force on The Episcopal Church-Anglican Communion Relationships

Final Status: Concurred as Amended

Proposed by: Standing Commission on Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations

Endorsed by: Standing Commission on World Mission

Has Budget Implications: Yes

Cost: \$30,000.00

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: Yes

Directs an Interim Body: Yes

Directs Dfms Staff: Yes

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 03 - Governance & Structure

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Concur

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention, pursuant to Joint Rule VII, create a task force on The Episcopal Church-Anglican Communion relationships, to work in collaboration with the Presiding Bishop, and whose mandate includes, but is not limited to, (1) conducting a study of issues impairing relationships of communion between The Episcopal Church and other Provinces of the Anglican Communion, and the development of proposals for engaging constructively across differences; (2) proposing systematic ways for The Episcopal Church to respond to theological statements issued by the instruments of the Communion; (3) proposing a means of establishing clear guidance for representatives of The Episcopal Church to the triennial meetings of the Anglican Consultative Council; and (4) supporting the work of the Offices of Ministry Beyond The Episcopal Church as it relates to relationships with our Anglican Communion partners; and (5) encouraging The Episcopal Church's participation in the life, councils, and budget of the Anglican Communion, its Office, and its programs; and be it further

Resolved, That the task force begin its work no later than January 1, 2025, with the task force concluding its work at the conclusion of the 82nd General Convention, unless its mandate is extended by the 82nd Convention; and be it further

Resolved, That the task force report annually to the Executive Council's Joint Standing Committee on Ministry Beyond The Episcopal Church and a report with recommendations to the 82nd General Convention; and be it further

Resolved, That the membership of this task force be appointed by the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies and include up to three Bishops appointed by the Presiding Bishop; up to three Clergy and up to three Lay Persons appointed by the President of the House of Deputies; up to two members of the Standing Commission on World Mission (SCWM) appointed by the SCWM; up to two members of the Standing Commission on Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations (SCEIR), appointed by the SCEIR; and up to four representatives with expertise in the history and polity of the Anglican Communion; and be it further

Resolved, That the Presiding Bishop appoint a member of staff from the Presiding Bishop's Office to serve as consultant to the task force; and be it further

Resolved, That \$30,000 be budgeted for the implementation of this resolution.

A042 - Commend PCUSA-TEC Dialogue

Final Status: Concurred

Proposed by: Standing Commission on Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations

Endorsed by: Standing Commission on World Mission

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: Yes

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 14 - Ecumenical & Interreligious Relations

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Concur

Supporting Documents: [Episcopal-Presbyterian Agreement on Sharing of Ministries - with glossary](#)

[Convenio Episcopal-Presbiteriano sobre la Comparticion Local de Ministerios](#)

Resolution Text

Resolved, That this 81st General Convention receives with gratitude the revised “**Episcopal-Presbyterian Agreement on Local Sharing of Ministries**” which was prepared and distributed by The Episcopal Church-Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Dialogue; and be it further

Resolved, That this Convention gladly affirms the growing number of local ministries between The Episcopal Church and the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) that are enriching the **Body of Christ**; and be it further

Resolved, That this Convention authorizes the continuing bi-lateral dialogue between The **Episcopal Church and the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)**; and be it further

Resolved, That this Convention encourages and strongly supports prayerful consideration by all Episcopalians over this coming triennium as we work towards closer relations with the **Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)**.

A043 - Amend Constitution Article VIII regarding Clergy in Local Ecumenical Partnerships - [First Reading]

Final Status: Concurred as Amended

Proposed by: Standing Commission on Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: Yes

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 02 - Constitution & Canons

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Concur

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention amend Article VIII of the Constitution by adding the following paragraph at the end of the existing article:

<Amended text as it would appear if adopted and concurred. Scroll below the line of asterisks (***) to see the version showing all deleted and added text.>**

Of Clergy in Local Ecumenical Partnerships

Local Ecumenical Partnerships (LEPs) are ministries that may be formed between Episcopal dioceses and their parallels in other Christian denominations in order to provide shared pastoral leadership.

An ordained minister in good standing of one of the constituent denominations identified in the canons may be appointed by the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese to serve in this Church on a temporary basis as part of a Local Ecumenical Partnership as governed by the relevant canons.

<Proposed amended resolution text showing exact changes being made:>

Of Clergy in Local Ecumenical Partnerships

Local Ecumenical Partnerships (LEPs) are ministries that may be formed between Episcopal dioceses and their parallels in other Christian denominations in order to provide shared pastoral leadership.

An ordained minister in good standing of one of the constituent denominations identified in the canons may be appointed by the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese to serve in this Church on a temporary basis as part of a Local Ecumenical Partnership as governed by the relevant canons.

A044 - Develop Sustainable Congregational Revitalization Ministries

Final Status: Concurred as Substituted

Proposed by: Advisory Group on Congregational Revitalization

Has Budget Implications: Yes

Cost: \$500,000.00

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: Yes

Directs Dfms Staff: Yes

Directs Dioceses: Yes

Directs Executive Council: Yes

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 08 - Congregational Vitality & Data-Driven Initiatives

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Concur

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention, a people grounded in the resurrection and new life, and a conviction that the world needs the life-giving expression of the Gospel unique to The Episcopal Church; acknowledge and grieve the losses many of our faith communities and dioceses are facing, and the future we all face as a Church if the trends of decline and diminished capacity continue unabated; and be it further,

Resolved, That we recognize this is an urgent conversation already taking place at every level of our Church, and that the vitality of our congregations, faith communities, and whole Church must be named as a top priority requiring substantial time, governance, personnel, formation, and financial resources accordingly; and be it further

Resolved, That we recognize the unique mission context of each diocese and congregation, including indigenous and non-English speaking communities, and those outside the contiguous 48 states, and that vitality initiatives require local expertise, and significant attention and resources directed toward them; and be it further

Resolved, That the Presiding Bishop, President of the House of Deputies, Executive Council, House of Bishops and dioceses convene groups to wholeheartedly engage the church in God's mission and vitality to (1) collect data-driven information and resources

useful to churches and dioceses considering redevelopment, including stories of success and failure, (2) identify any gaps in the information available and hurdles to redevelopment, (3) make recommendations on how to leverage existing church property and financial assets to further the work of mission and ministry, including congregational redevelopment, church planting, and evangelism, (4) establish and resource a group, network, or para-church organization that can assist in these efforts, (5) access and make available external resources that already exist for this work; and be it further

Resolved, **That the Presiding Bishop and President of the House of Deputies invite leaders that represent the diversity of the Church and with experience in the development of church property, church planting, church revitalization, and entrepreneurial ministry, such as The Episcopal Church Building Fund, Trinity Wall Street Mission Real Estate and Development (MRED), Episcopal Parish Network, ecumenical partners, and others outside The Episcopal Church to be part of this work; and be it further**

Resolved, **That the Presiding Bishop and President of the House of Deputies identify groups to collect, evaluate, disseminate, and encourage the development of data-driven resources and best practices for church planting, church revitalization, church closures, and church assets; to work with other groups to publicize the availability of these resources to The Episcopal Church, its dioceses, and congregations; and to seek feedback regarding resources needed (and used) by the widest possible variety of groups within the Church; and be it further**

Resolved, **That the Presiding Bishop and President of the House of Deputies take personal responsibility for convening the bodies needed to begin this work, ensure that whenever the House of Bishops and the Executive Council meet that this most urgent concern is addressed, and direct the Executive Council to publish an annual report to the Church and present a full report to the 82nd General Convention on progress for the first triennium; and be it further**

Resolved, **That given this work is a top priority and necessitates significant redirection of resources, the 81st General Convention strongly urges the presiding officers to protect funds already allocated for congregational vitality and data-driven initiatives and if necessary, to, redirect funds from short-term reserves to carry forward this work.**

A045 - Celebrate and Support the Planting of New Episcopal Worshipping Communities

Final Status: Concurred as Amended

Proposed by: Advisory Group on Congregational Revitalization

Has Budget Implications: Yes

Cost: \$1,692,000.00

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: Yes

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: Yes

Directs Dioceses: Yes

Directs Executive Council: Yes

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 09 - Evangelism & the Future Church

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Concur

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention and The Episcopal Church continue churchwide support for the planting of new worshipping communities, the training and recruiting of church planters, and the fostering of a church-wide network of support for new missional development that was originally funded by GC2018-A005, GC2018-A032, and GC2018-A095; and be it further

Resolved, That the Church continue to prioritize establishing New Episcopal Worshipping Communities that are especially committed to mission and evangelism engaging under-represented groups, including youth and young adults, disabled persons, members of LGBTQIA communities, BIPOC communities, poor and working-class people, people with a high-school diploma or less, and/or people with little or no church background or involvement; and be it further

Resolved, That the budget for sustaining this new ministry development be \$1,692,000.00 for 2025-2027 to be allocated as follows:

- \$92,000.00 to identify and support existing programs to train clergy and lay leaders in planting congregations,

- **\$200,000.00 to provide mentorship/coaching/training for planters of congregations,**
- **\$100,000.00 for the continuing development and implementation of a program to train bilingual/bi-cultural lay and ordained leaders in church planting for various cultural contexts,**
- **\$1,300,000.00 for grants to new and existing church plants, to be administered by the Advisory Group on Church Planting and Revitalization in consultation with the Churchwide Office Staff Officer for church planting;**

And be it further

Resolved, That the Convention urge The Episcopal Church Development Office establish an advisory group to study the possibility of creating an endowment for church plants; and be it further

Resolved, That Dioceses receiving money for planting new congregations under this program be required to contribute significant, resource appropriate, and local funding to support the costs of any new plants; and be it further

Resolved, That the bishop or a diocesan advocate representing any diocese receiving funds take part in a cohort of church planting dioceses to share best practices and methods of supporting mission developers. Those dioceses not receiving grant funds are also invited to participate in the diocesan cohort; and be it further

Resolved, That the Presiding Bishop and President of the House of Deputies establish an Advisory Group on Church Planting and Revitalization to serve until the 82nd General Convention of not more than twelve (12) people, consisting of those with experience in revitalizing 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 revitalizers, and developing a network of coaches, and working with staff on training church revitalizers; and be it further

Resolved, That this Convention embrace the future of our Church by, after this Triennia, moving the funding for a church-wide office staff-person to oversee the planting network (Staff Officer for Church Planting) into the continuing budget for the Presiding Bishop's staff; and be it further

Resolved, That the Budget Committee of Executive Council consider a budget allocation of \$1,692,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

A046 - Support Starting New Bi-Cultural and Multi-Cultural Ministries

Final Status: Concurred as Amended

Proposed by: Advisory Group on Congregational Revitalization

Has Budget Implications: Yes

Cost: \$500,000.00

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: Yes

Directs Dfms Staff: Yes

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: Yes

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 09 - Evangelism & the Future Church

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Concur

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention and The Episcopal Church celebrate and actively support the work of our missionaries for Ethnic Ministries and the vital work they are doing to support bi-cultural and multicultural ministries; and be it further

Resolved, That in support of these new ministries taking place in existing congregations with partnership and support from that congregation where possible, the Church continue to follow the best practices identified by the Ethnic Ministry offices even as we continue to learn based on our experience and the work of our ecumenical partners; and be it further

Resolved, That the budget for development of sustainable congregational revitalization throughout the Church will be \$500,000 for 2024-2027 be allocated as follows:

- \$350,000 for bi-cultural and multi-cultural ministry grants for that will include ministries in existing congregations with partnership and support from that congregation where possible, to be administered by the Advisory Group on Church Planting and Revitalization in consultation with the Churchwide Office Staff Officer for church planting.
- \$100,000 to provide in support of churchwide gatherings for lay and ordained leaders doing this bi-cultural and multi-cultural ministry in their dioceses, and

- **\$50,000 to provide mentorship/coaching/training for lay and ordained leaders engaged in bi-cultural and multi-cultural ministry.**

And be it further

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention direct the Advisory Group on Church Planting and Revitalization to carry out provisions of this resolution, including making recommendations to Executive Council about grants to be awarded, helping to identify potential revitalizers, and developing a network of coaches, and working with staff on training church revitalizers; and be it further

Resolved, That the Budget Committee of Executive Council consider a budget allocation of \$500,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

A047 - Amend Title I regarding Local Ecumenical Partnerships

Final Status: Concurred with Referral to an Interim Body

Proposed by: Standing Commission on Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: Yes

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 02 - Constitution & Canons

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Concur with Referral to an Interim Body

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention amend Title I of the Canons by adding the following Canon 21.

<Amended text as it would appear if adopted and concurred. Scroll below the line of asterisks (***) to see the version showing all deleted and added text.>**

Canon 21: Of Local Ecumenical Partnerships

Sec 1. Local Ecumenical Partnerships (LEPs) are ministries that may be formed between Episcopal dioceses and their parallels in other Christian denominations in order to provide shared pastoral leadership.

Sec. 2 LEPs may be formed with denominations:

- a. Who are in a full communion relationship with this church, or
- b. Whose apostolicity, ordained ministers and sacraments have been formally recognized by action of General Convention, or
- c. Who are member judicatories of Churches Uniting in Christ (CUIC) or its successor organization(s).

Sec. 3. LEPs may encompass congregations, chaplaincies, missions, or other ecclesial bodies.;

Sec. 4. LEPs are governed by formal, written agreements between the Ecclesiastical Authority of an Episcopal diocese and the equivalent authorities of other Christian Denominations as qualified in this canon. Such agreements should include provisions for, but are not limited to:

- a. The process for calling ordained leadership
- b. The terms of ordained leadership, including but not limited to:
 - 1. Method of paying compensation, insurance, and other benefits.
 - 2. Process for revocation of license and/or employment;
 - 3. Handling of Ecclesiastical Discipline
- c. The parameters of ecclesial function regarding worship, governance, sacraments, etc.
- d. A time frame and process for regular review of the agreement

Sec. 5. A LEP may be served by clergy ordained in and in good standing of any denomination who are part of the formal agreement and approved of by the Ecclesiastical Authority.

Sec. 6. Ordained ministers of denominations who are not in full communion with this church are authorized to exercise ministry only within the LEP, and do not retain any credentials within this Church after leaving its ministry.

<Proposed amended resolution text showing exact changes being made:>

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- a. *The process for calling ordained leadership*

b. *The terms of ordained leadership, including but not limited to:*

- 1. Method of paying compensation, insurance, and other benefits.*
- 2. Process for revocation of license and/or employment;*
- 3. Handling of Ecclesiastical Discipline*

c. *The parameters of ecclesial function regarding worship, governance, sacraments, etc.*

d. *A time frame and process for regular review of the agreement*

Sec. 5. *A LEP may be served by clergy ordained in and in good standing of any denomination who are part of the formal agreement and approved of by the Ecclesiastical Authority.*

Sec. 6. *Ordained ministers of denominations who are not in full communion with this church are authorized to exercise ministry only within the LEP, and do not retain any credentials within this Church after leaving its ministry.*

A048 - Adoption of the Proposal for the Exchangeability of the Diaconate in The Episcopal Church and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Final Status: Concurred as Amended

Proposed by: Standing Commission on Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 14 - Ecumenical & Interreligious Relations

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Concur

Supporting Documents: [Proposal for Exchangeability of the Diaconate: The Episcopal Church and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America](#)

[Propuesta de Intercambiabilidad del Diaconado: La Iglesia Episcopal y la Iglesia Evangélica Luterana de EE. UU.](#)

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention adopt the “Proposal for the Exchangeability of the Diaconate” in The Episcopal Church and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

A049 - Affirming the Goal of Full Communion between The Episcopal Church and the United Methodist Church

Final Status: Concurred as Amended

Proposed by: Standing Commission on Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: Yes

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 14 - Ecumenical & Interreligious Relations

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Concur

Supporting Documents: [United Methodist Episcopal Dialogue](#)

[Episcopal Diocesan Ecumenical and Interreligious Officers](#)

[Supporting Full Communion Between the United Methodist and Episcopal Churches](#)

[A Theological Foundation for Full Communion between The Episcopal Church and The United Methodist Church](#)

[A Gift to the World, Co-Laborers for the Healing of Brokenness](#)

[Un don para el mundo-colaboradores en la reparación de la ruptura](#)

Resolution Text

Resolved, That this 81st General Convention affirm previous resolutions 2018-A041, 2018-A261, and 2006-A055 for The Episcopal Church to continue dialogue with The United Methodist Church with the goal of reaching full communion; and be it further

Resolved, That this Convention celebrate with The United Methodist Church the historic and sweeping changes to the Book of Discipline and Social Principles made at their 2024 General Conference regarding the “ordination and marriage of homosexual persons,” advancing towards our common goals of an open and inclusive church for all God’s people; and be it further

Resolved, That this Convention joyfully anticipate advancing towards full communion with The United Methodist Church as outlined in The Episcopal Church-United Methodist

Dialogue 2010 document, “A Theological Foundation for Full Communion between The Episcopal Church and The United Methodist Church” and then summarized in 2018’s “A Gift to the World, Co-Laborers for the Healing of Brokenness” and affirmed for implementation by the vote of the 2024 United Methodist General Conference; and be it further

Resolved, **That this Convention encourage all Episcopalians to utilize the many resources available to understand the substance of the dialogue and its goal of full communion; and be it further**

Resolved, **That this Convention encourage and support 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;” and be it further**

Resolved, **That this Convention encourage The Episcopal Church-United Methodist Dialogue to continue its work towards full communion, including but not limited to such matters as a “Principles for the Orderly Exchange of Ministers” document and a plan for liturgical recognition and reconciliation of orders.**

A050 - Publishing and Sharing Resources for Disability Access and Inclusion

Final Status: Concurred

Proposed by: House of Deputies Committee on the State of the Church

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: Yes

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 17 - Accessibility & Inclusion

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Concur

Supporting Documents: [Report to the 80th General Convention of the Task Force on Disability & Deaf Access](#)

[Informe a la 80ª Convención General del Grupo de trabajo sobre discapacidad y acceso para sordos](#)

[Diocese of Oxford - Deaf Church and Disability](#)

Resolution Text

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church recognize that all people are children of God and that our Baptismal Covenant requires us to recognize the dignity of every human being; and be it further

Resolved, That disabled and Deaf people have been historically and systemically excluded from Church life and business throughout Church history; and be it further

Resolved, That the Church has committed itself to voluntary compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act through creation of a Task Force on Disability and Deaf Access in 2018; and be it further

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention direct The Episcopal Church Center to publicize, through The Episcopal Church website and by other appropriate means, to dioceses, congregations, and Christian Formation leaders, a Best Practices Guide for voluntary means of creating an accessible Church and a disability sensitivity and awareness training for all to use as resources in furtherance of an accessible Church.

A051 - Amend Canons I.2.4.a Data Collection for the Church

Final Status: Concurred

Proposed by: House of Deputies Committee on the State of the Church

Endorsed by: Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution, and Canons

Has Budget Implications: Yes

Cost: \$75,000.00

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: Yes

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: Yes

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 02 - Constitution & Canons

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Concur

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention amend Canon I.2.4.a to add item 7 as follows:

<Amended text as it would appear if adopted and concurred. Scroll below the line of asterisks (***) to see the version showing all deleted and added text.>**

7. Make provision for the analysis of appropriate data about this Church's mission, its opportunities, and challenges. An annual report, published freely to the Church, will include such data as to allow for data-informed decisions by the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, the General Convention, the Executive Council, dioceses, congregations, and local leaders.

<Proposed amended resolution text showing exact changes being made:>

7. Make provision for the analysis of appropriate data about this Church's mission, its opportunities, and challenges. An annual report, published freely to the Church, will include such data as to allow for data-informed decisions by the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, the General Convention, the Executive Council, dioceses, congregations, and local leaders.

And be it further

Resolved, That all dioceses, congregations, and other church institutions are urged to cooperate with all research endeavors sponsored by the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society by responding to requests for data; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention will provide a budget allocation of \$75,000 to carry out this work in the first triennium.

A052 - Amend Canon IV.2, Canon IV.4.1.d, and Canon IV.8 to add Restorative Covenant as a possible outcome of Conciliation

Final Status: Concurred as Amended

Proposed by: Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: Yes

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 18 - Title IV Disciplinary Canons

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Concur

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention amend Canon IV.2 to read as follows.

<Amended text as it would appear if adopted and concurred. Scroll below the line of asterisks (***) to see the version showing all deleted and added text.>**

Canon IV.2 (following definition of Respondent):

Restorative Covenant means an agreement between one or more Complainant(s) and/or Injured Person(s) and a subject Member of the Clergy that results from a facilitated conversation patterned after Canon IV.10.1, 2 and 4, that resolves the issues in a matter pending under this Title, and to which the Reference Panel has consented.

Canon IV.2 (following definition of **Pastoral Relationship**):

Pastoral Response means a response offered by the Bishop Diocesan that embodies respect, care, and concern for affected persons and Communities. The response must be designed so as to promote healing, repentance, forgiveness, restitution, justice, amendment of life and reconciliation among all involved or affected. A pastoral response may conclude a matter under this Title in lieu of or in conjunction with disciplinary action. A pastoral response may also conclude a matter under this Title through a Restorative Covenant.

<Proposed amended resolution text showing exact changes being made:>

Canon IV.2 be amended to add the following, in appropriate alphabetical order:

Restorative Covenant means an agreement between one or more Complainant(s) and/or Injured Person(s) and a subject Member of the Clergy that results from a facilitated conversation patterned after Canon IV.10.1, 2 and 4, that resolves issues in a matter pending under this Title, and to which the Reference Panel has consented.

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And be it further

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention amend Canon IV.4.1.d to read as follows:

<Amended text as it would appear if adopted and concurred. Scroll below the line of asterisks (***) to see the version showing all deleted and added text.>**

Canon IV.4.1.d:

d. abide by the requirements of any applicable Accord or Order; any applicable Pastoral Direction, restriction on ministry, or placement on Administrative Leave issued under Canon IV.7; or Restorative Covenant entered into under Canon IV.8.6;

<Proposed amended resolution text showing exact changes being made:>

Canon IV.4.1.d:

d. abide by the requirements of any applicable Accord or Order; ~~or~~ any applicable Pastoral Direction, restriction on ministry, or placement on Administrative Leave issued under Canon IV.7; *or Restorative Covenant entered into under Canon IV.8.6;*

And be it further

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention amend Canon IV.8 (Of Pastoral Response) to include a sixth section to read as follows:

<Amended text as it would appear if adopted and concurred. Scroll below the line of asterisks (***) to see the version showing all deleted and added text.>**

IV.8

Sec. 6. The Bishop Diocesan may seek a facilitated conversation patterned after Canon IV.10.1, 2 and 4 between one or more Complainants and/or Injured Persons and a subject Member of the Clergy that results in a Restorative Covenant as defined in Canon IV.2. Within a reasonable time after commencement of a facilitated conversation, the Conciliator shall report the results of the conversation to the Reference Panel, which shall refer the matter under Canon IV.6.8 as appropriate. If the conversation results in a Restorative Covenant that, in the Reference Panel's judgment, resolves all of the issues in a pending matter, the matter is concluded.

<Proposed amended resolution text showing exact changes being made:>

IV.8

Sec. 6. *The Bishop Diocesan may seek a facilitated conversation patterned after Canon IV.10.1, 2 and 4 between one or more Complainants and/or Injured Persons and a subject Member of the Clergy that results in a Restorative Covenant as defined in Canon IV.2. Within a reasonable time after commencement of a facilitated conversation, the Conciliator shall report the results of the conversation to the Reference Panel, which shall refer the matter under Canon IV.6.8 as appropriate. If the conversation results in a Restorative Covenant that, in the Reference Panel's judgment, resolves all of the issues in a pending matter, the matter is concluded.*

A053 - Amend Canons IV.2, IV.8.1, and IV.8.5 Regarding the Role of Intake officers

Final Status: Concurred as Amended

Proposed by: Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: Yes

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 18 - Title IV Disciplinary Canons

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Concur

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention amend Canons IV.2 to read as follows:

<Amended text as it would appear if adopted and concurred. Scroll below the line of asterisks (***) to see the version showing all deleted and added text.>**

Canon IV.2

Intake Officer means 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. The following individuals may not serve as an Intake Officer: (a) any Bishop; (b) any member of the Standing Committee of the Diocese where the matter is pending. Every Diocese must have at least one Intake Officer who has no direct employment or compensation relationship with the Diocese where the matter is pending.

<Proposed amended resolution text showing exact changes being made:>

Canon IV.2

Intake Officer ~~shall mean~~ *means* 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. ;*The following individuals may not serve as*

an Intake Officer: (a) any Bishop; (b) any member of the Standing Committee of the Diocese where the matter is pending. Every Diocese must have at least one Intake Officer who has no direct employment or compensation relationship with the Diocese where the matter is pending.

And be it further.

That the 81st General Convention amend Canon IV.8.1 to read as follows:

<Amended text as it would appear if adopted and concurred. Scroll below the line of asterisks (***) to see the version showing all deleted and added text.>**

Canon 8: Of Pastoral Response

Sec. 1. The Bishop Diocesan shall provide for appropriate pastoral response whenever any report is made to the Intake Officer. Such pastoral response shall embody respect, care, and concern for affected persons and Communities. The response shall be designed so as to promote healing, repentance, forgiveness, restitution, justice, amendment of life and reconciliation among all involved or affected. If the report involves an allegation of Sexual Misconduct, the Bishop Diocesan shall provide for a professional pastoral care assessment in order to provide an appropriate pastoral response. The pastoral response will include all affected persons and communities. The pastoral care response will be based on the professional pastoral care assessment.

<Proposed amended resolution text showing exact changes being made:>

Canon 8: Of Pastoral Response

Sec. 1. The Bishop Diocesan shall provide for appropriate pastoral response whenever any report is made to the Intake Officer. Such pastoral response shall embody respect, care, and concern for affected persons and Communities. The response shall be designed so as to promote healing, repentance, forgiveness, restitution, justice, amendment of life and reconciliation among all involved or affected. If the report involves an allegation of Sexual Misconduct, the Bishop Diocesan *shall is encouraged to provide for a professional pastoral care assessment in order to provide an appropriate pastoral response. The pastoral response will include all affected persons and communities. The pastoral care response will be based on the professional pastoral care assessment* ~~pastoral response that will include the provision of assistance by a mental health professional with appropriate skills for meaningful response to affected persons.~~

And be it further.

Resolved, that the 81st General Convention amend Canon IV.8.5 to read as follows:

<Amended text as it would appear if adopted and concurred. Scroll below the line of asterisks (***) to see the version showing all deleted and added text.>**

Canon IV.8.5

Sec. 5. The Bishop Diocesan may designate one or more persons to be responsible for the implementation of the pastoral response. Such person must not be the Intake Officer. The duties of such person may include coordination of pastoral care and coordination of communications between the Bishop Diocesan and Advisors.

<Proposed amended resolution text showing exact changes being made:>

Canon IV.8.5

Sec. 5. The Bishop Diocesan may designate ~~a person~~ *one or more persons* to be responsible for the implementation of the pastoral response. Such person ~~may~~ *must not* be the Intake Officer. The duties of such person may include coordination of pastoral care and coordination of communications between the Bishop Diocesan and Advisors.

A054 - Amend Canons IV.2, IV.11, IV.12, and IV.13 regarding the Church Attorney

Final Status: Concurred as Amended

Proposed by: Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: Yes

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 18 - Title IV Disciplinary Canons

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Concur

Resolution Text

Resolved, That Canon IV.2 shall be amended as follows:

<Amended text as it would appear if adopted and concurred. Scroll below the line of asterisks (***) to see the version showing all deleted and added text.>**

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. 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.

<Proposed amended resolution text showing exact changes being made:>

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.

And be it further.

Resolved, That Canon IV.11 shall be amended as follows:

<Amended text as it would appear if adopted and concurred. Scroll below the line of asterisks (***) to see the version showing all deleted and added text.>**

Canon 11: Of Investigations

Sec. 1. In each Diocese there shall be one or more Investigators.

Sec. 2. The Reference Panel or the Church Attorney may request the Investigator to investigate all facts pertinent to the factual claims of the intake report. The Investigator shall use appropriate investigative means, with due consideration to pastoral sensitivities, and shall complete the investigation as expeditiously as possible.

Sec. 3. An Investigator engaged by the Reference Panel shall present the findings of the investigation in writing to the Reference Panel. The Reference Panel may meet with the Investigator and shall consider the report to determine whether to: (a) take no action other than appropriate pastoral responses pursuant to Canon IV.8; (b) refer the matter to the Bishop Diocesan for consideration of proceedings under Canon IV.9; (c) refer the matter to conciliation pursuant to Canon IV.10; (d) require further investigation; or (e) refer the matter to the Conference Panel pursuant to Canon IV.12, or to the Hearing Panel pursuant to Canon IV.13. The determination shall be approved by a majority vote of the Reference Panel.

Sec. 4. If the Reference Panel's determination is to refer for further investigation, the Investigator shall make such further investigation as the Reference Panel directs and shall submit a supplemental report of findings to the Reference Panel. The Reference Panel shall then reconvene and proceed as provided in Canon IV.11.3.

Sec. 5. An Investigator engaged by the Church Attorney shall be overseen by the Church Attorney and shall present the findings of the investigation to the Church Attorney in a format(s) required by the Church Attorney. In connection with such investigations, the Church Attorney and,

at the discretion of the Church Attorney, the Investigator shall have access to the personnel, books and records of the Diocese and its constituent parts.

Sec. 6. All investigations shall be confidential until such time as information obtained may be utilized by the Church Attorney, the Bishop Diocesan or the Panels. All persons, prior to being interviewed by the Investigator, shall be advised of the confidential nature of the investigation and when such information may be shared during the course of the proceedings.

<Proposed amended resolution text showing exact changes being made:>

Canon 11: Of Investigations

Sec. 1. In each Diocese there shall be one or more Investigators.

Sec. 2. *The Reference Panel or the Church Attorney may request* ~~Upon referral of an intake report~~ the Investigator shall to investigate all facts pertinent to the factual claims of the intake report. The Investigator shall use appropriate investigative means, with due consideration to pastoral sensitivities, and shall complete the investigation as expeditiously as possible.

Sec. 3. ~~The~~ *An Investigator engaged by the Reference Panel* shall present the findings of the investigation in writing to the Reference Panel. The Reference Panel may meet with the Investigator and shall consider the report to determine whether to: (a) take no action other than appropriate pastoral responses pursuant to Canon IV.8; (b) refer the matter to the Bishop Diocesan for consideration of proceedings under Canon IV.9; (c) refer the matter to conciliation pursuant to Canon IV.10; (d) require further investigation; or (e) refer the matter to the Conference Panel pursuant to Canon IV.12, or to the Hearing Panel pursuant to Canon IV.13. The determination shall be approved by a majority vote of the Reference Panel.

Sec. 4. If the *Reference Panel's* determination is to refer for further investigation, the Investigator shall make such further investigation as the Reference Panel directs and shall submit a supplemental report of findings to the Reference Panel. The Reference Panel shall then reconvene and proceed as provided in Canon IV.11.3.

Sec. 5. *An Investigator engaged by the Church Attorney shall be overseen by the Church Attorney and shall present the findings of the investigation to the Church Attorney in a format(s) required by the Church Attorney. In connection with such investigations, the Church Attorney and, at the discretion of the Church Attorney, the Investigator shall have access to the personnel, books and records of the Diocese and its constituent parts.*

Sec. 5- 6. All investigations shall be confidential until such time as information obtained may be utilized by the Church Attorney, the Bishop Diocesan or the Panels. All persons, prior to being interviewed by the *Investigator* ~~investigator~~, shall be advised of the confidential nature of the investigation and when such information may be shared during the course of the proceedings.

And be it further.

Resolved, That Canon IV.12.1 shall be amended as follows:

<Amended text as it would appear if adopted and concurred. Scroll below the line of asterisks (*****) to see the version showing all deleted and added text.>

Canon 12: Of Conference Panels

Sec. 1. Upon referral of a matter to a Conference Panel, the president of the Disciplinary Board shall forward to the Church Attorney the intake report, all of the Investigator's reports and any other writings or other file materials created or collected by the Disciplinary Board or any panel thereof during the intake, investigative or referral process. After reviewing this material, the Church Attorney shall determine whether to proceed with the matter or decline to advance proceedings in the matter.

If proceeding with the matter, the Church Attorney shall prepare a written statement, describing each alleged Offense separately, with reasonable particularity sufficient to apprise the Respondent of the acts, omissions or conditions which are the subject of the proceedings. The Church Attorney shall then forward the materials received from the president of the Disciplinary Board, together with the written statement, to the Conference Panel.

If declining to advance proceedings in the matter, the Church Attorney shall refer the matter back to the Reference Panel in a written decision stating the reasons therefor. This document and any related conversation between the Church Attorney and the Reference Panel shall remain confidential between the Church Attorney and the Reference Panel. The Reference Panel shall then consider the options for action set out in Canon IV.6.8 and Canon IV.11.3.

<Proposed amended resolution text showing exact changes being made:>

Canon 12: Of Conference Panels

Sec. 1. Upon referral of a matter to a Conference Panel, the president of the Disciplinary Board shall forward to the Church Attorney the intake report, all of the Investigator's reports and any other writings or other file materials created or collected by the Disciplinary Board or any panel thereof during the intake, investigative or referral process. *After reviewing From this material, the Church Attorney shall determine whether to proceed with the matter or decline to advance proceedings in the matter.*

If proceeding with the matter, the Church Attorney shall prepare a written statement, describing each alleged Offense separately, with reasonable particularity sufficient to apprise the Respondent of the acts, omissions or conditions which are the subject of the proceedings. The Church Attorney shall then forward the materials received from the president of the Disciplinary Board, together with the written statement, to the Conference Panel.

If declining to advance proceedings in the matter, the Church Attorney shall refer the matter back to the Reference Panel in a written decision stating the reasons therefor. This document and any related conversation between the Church Attorney and the Reference Panel shall remain confidential between the Church Attorney and the Reference Panel. The Reference Panel shall then consider the options for action set out in Canon IV.6.8 and Canon IV.11.3.

And be it further.

Resolved, That Canon IV.13 shall be amended as follows:

<Amended text as it would appear if adopted and concurred. Scroll below the line of asterisks (***) to see the version showing all deleted and added text.>**

Canon 13: Of Hearing Panels

Sec. 1. When the Reference Panel decides pursuant to Canon IV.11.3 to refer a matter to the Hearing Panel, the President of the Disciplinary Board shall within three days of the decision notify the Disciplinary Board and the Church Attorney. When the Conference Panel decides to refer a matter to the Hearing Panel, the president of the Conference Panel shall within three days of that decision notify the president of the Disciplinary Board and the Church Attorney.

Sec. 2. Within 10 days of receipt of a referral from the Conference Panel, or 30 days when from the Reference Panel, to the Hearing Panel for proceedings, the Church Attorney shall determine whether to proceed with the matter or decline to advance proceedings in the matter.

a. If proceeding with the matter, the Church Attorney shall provide to the Hearing Panel the statement of the alleged Offense(s), updated as needed. No other material from any prior proceedings under Title IV shall be provided to the Hearing Panel. Upon receipt of the Church Attorney's communication, the Hearing Panel shall within seven days issue a notice to the Respondent, to the Respondent's Advisor, to Respondent's counsel, if any, and to the Church Attorney.

1. The notice shall describe the nature and purpose of the proceeding, contain a copy of the written statement prepared by the Church Attorney, disclose the names of all persons to whom the notice is sent, advise the Respondent that a written response to the notice must be filed by the Respondent with the Hearing Panel within thirty days of the mailing date of the notice and advise the Respondent of the provisions of Canon IV.19.6.
2. A copy of the notice shall be sent to the Complainant and to the Complainant's Advisor.
3. Unless additional time is approved for good cause by the Hearing Panel, the Respondent shall within 30 days of the mailing date of the notice file with the Hearing Panel and deliver to the Church Attorney a written response signed by the Respondent.

b. If declining to advance proceedings in the matter, the Church Attorney shall submit to the members of the Conference Panel and the Bishop Diocesan a written decision stating the reasons therefor, which may include (1) the unavailability of clear and convincing evidence sufficient to overcome the presumption of innocence set out in Canon IV.19.16, or (2) the Church Attorney's opinion that resolution of the matter through the mechanism of a Hearing Panel would not be the most effective means for achieving the goals of Title IV. If the Church Attorney's stated reason for declining to advance proceedings is the latter reason, the Church Attorney shall also propose with reasonable specificity alternate mechanisms for resolving the matter and justification therefor. In evaluating the Church Attorney's submission, the Conference Panel shall provide the Intake Officer, 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 Bishop Diocesan, the Chancellor, and the Church Attorney an opportunity to be heard on the matter. After its review and in consultation with the Bishop Diocesan, the Conference Panel shall issue a decision (a) dismissing all or some of the issues in the matter, potentially with conditions such as compliance with a Pastoral Direction issued by the Bishop Diocesan, or (b) rejecting the Church Attorney's declination and ordering the matter to proceed. If dismissing all or some of the issues of the matter, the Conference Panel, with the assistance of legal counsel pursuant to IV.19.22, shall issue an Order explaining the decision and stating that the dismissal is with or without prejudice.

<Proposed amended resolution text showing exact changes being made:>

Canon 13: Of Hearing Panels

Sec. 1. *When the Reference Panel decides pursuant to Canon IV.11.3 to refer a matter to the Hearing Panel, the President of the Disciplinary Board shall within three days of the decision notify the Disciplinary Board and the Church Attorney. When the Conference Panel decides to refer a matter to the Hearing Panel, the president of the Conference Panel shall within three days of that decision notify the president of the Disciplinary Board and the Church Attorney.*

Sec. 2. *Within 10 days of receipt of a referral from the Conference Panel, or 30 days when from the Reference Panel, to the ~~for~~ Hearing Panel for proceedings, the Church Attorney shall determine whether to proceed with the matter or decline to advance proceedings in the matter.*

a. *If proceeding with the matter, the Church Attorney shall provide to the Hearing Panel the statement of the alleged Offense(s), updated as needed. No other material from any prior proceedings under Title IV shall be provided to the Hearing Panel. Upon receipt of the Church Attorney's communication, the Hearing Panel shall within seven days issue a notice to the Respondent, to the Respondent's Advisor, to Respondent's counsel, if any, and to the Church Attorney.*

a 1. *The notice shall describe the nature and purpose of the proceeding, contain a copy of the written statement prepared by the Church Attorney, disclose the names of all persons to whom the notice is sent, advise the Respondent that a written response to the notice must be filed by the Respondent with the Hearing Panel within thirty days of the mailing date of the notice and advise the Respondent of the provisions of Canon IV.19.6.*

b 2. *A copy of the notice shall be sent to the Complainant and to the Complainant's Advisor.*

c 3. *Unless additional time is approved for good cause by the Hearing Panel, the Respondent shall within 30 days of the mailing date of the notice file with the Hearing Panel and deliver to the Church Attorney a written response signed by the Respondent.*

b. *If declining to advance proceedings in the matter, the Church Attorney shall submit to the members of the Conference Panel and the Bishop Diocesan a written decision stating the*

reasons therefor, which may include (1) the unavailability of clear and convincing evidence sufficient to overcome the presumption of innocence set out in Canon IV.19.16, or (2) the Church Attorney's opinion that resolution of the matter through the mechanism of a Hearing Panel would not be the most effective means for achieving the goals of Title IV. If the Church Attorney's stated reason for declining to advance proceedings is the latter reason, the Church Attorney shall also propose with reasonable specificity alternate mechanisms for resolving the matter and justification therefor. In evaluating the Church Attorney's submission, the Conference Panel shall provide the Intake Officer, 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 Bishop Diocesan, the Chancellor, and the Church Attorney an opportunity to be heard on the matter. After its review and in consultation with the Bishop Diocesan, the Conference Panel shall issue a decision (a) dismissing all or some of the issues in the matter, potentially with conditions such as compliance with a Pastoral Direction issued by the Bishop Diocesan, or (b) rejecting the Church Attorney's declination and ordering the matter to proceed. If dismissing all or some of the issues of the matter, the Conference Panel, with the assistance of legal counsel pursuant to IV.19.22, shall issue an Order explaining the decision and stating that the dismissal is with or without prejudice.

A055 - Amend Canons IV.2, IV.11.1, and IV.17.2.e regarding Investigators

Final Status: Concurred

Proposed by: Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: Yes

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 18 - Title IV Disciplinary Canons

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Concur

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention amend Canons IV.2 as follows.

<Amended text as it would appear if adopted and concurred. Scroll below the line of asterisks (***) to see the version showing all deleted and added text.>**

Canon IV.2

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.

<Proposed amended resolution text showing exact changes being made:>

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.~~

And be it further.

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention amend Canon IV.11.1 as follows.

<Amended text as it would appear if adopted and concurred. Scroll below the line of asterisks (***) to see the version showing all deleted and added text.>**

Canon IV.11.1

Sec. 1. In each Diocese there shall be one or more Investigators. An Investigator is appointed by and acts under the direction of the Reference Panel until a referral is made pursuant to Canon IV.11.3; after such referral, an Investigator may be appointed by and shall be overseen by and report to the Church Attorney.

<Proposed amended resolution text showing exact changes being made:>

Sec. 1. In each Diocese there shall be one or more Investigators. *An Investigator is appointed by and acts under the direction of the Reference Panel until a referral is made pursuant to Canon IV.11.3; after such referral, an Investigator may be appointed by and shall be overseen by and report to the Church Attorney.*

And be it further.

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention amend Canon IV.17.2.e as follows.

<Amended text as it would appear if adopted and concurred. Scroll below the line of asterisks (***) to see the version showing all deleted and added text.>**

Canon IV.17.2.e

e. Investigator shall mean any person who is qualified to serve as an Investigator under this Title, selected by the Reference Panel or Church Attorney.

<Proposed amended resolution text showing exact changes being made:>

e. Investigator shall mean any person who is qualified to serve as an Investigator under this Title, selected by ~~the Disciplinary Board for Bishops~~ *the Reference Panel or Church Attorney.*

A056 - Amend Canon IV.5.4 on the Election of Members of the Court of Review

Final Status: Concurred

Proposed by: Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: Yes

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 18 - Title IV Disciplinary Canons

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Concur

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention amend Canon IV.5.4 to read as follows.

<Amended text as it would appear if adopted and concurred. Scroll below the line of asterisks (***) to see the version showing all deleted and added text.>**

IV.5.4

d. The Clergy and lay members and alternates on the Court of Review shall be elected by the House of Deputies at a regular meeting of the General Convention.

e. Except for a member filling a vacancy, the term of office of a member of the Court of Review shall begin at the adjournment of the regular meeting of the General Convention at which the member was elected and expire upon the adjournment of the second regular meeting of the General Convention following.

f. Members of the Court of Review shall serve staggered terms of office such that the terms of one-half of the members expire at each regular meeting of the General Convention. The Joint Standing Committee on Nominations shall make its nominations in a manner that supports this staggering of terms.

g. Any member who has served 12 or more consecutive years shall not be eligible for reelection to the Court of Review until the next regular meeting of the General Convention following the one

at which the member was not eligible for reelection to the Court of Review. A person's service as an alternate shall not count against these term limitations.

And renumbering all that follows.

<Proposed amended resolution text showing exact changes being made:>

d. The Clergy and lay members and alternates on the Court of Review shall be elected by the House of Deputies at a regular meeting of the General Convention.

~~4.~~ **e.** Except for a member filling a vacancy, the term of office of a member of the Court of Review shall begin at the adjournment of the regular meeting of the General Convention at which the member was elected and expire upon the adjournment of the second regular meeting of the General Convention following.

~~2.~~ **f.** Members of the Court of Review shall serve staggered terms of office such that the terms of one-half of the members expire at each regular meeting of the General Convention. The Joint Standing Committee on Nominations shall make its nominations in a manner that supports this staggering of terms.

~~3.~~ **g.** Any member who has served 12 or more consecutive years shall not be eligible for reelection to the Court of Review until the next regular meeting of the General Convention following the one at which the member was not eligible for reelection to the Court of Review. A person's service as an alternate shall not count against these term limitations.

A057 - Amend Canon IV.17.6 Regarding Suspension of a Bishop

Final Status: Concurred

Proposed by: Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: Yes

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 18 - Title IV Disciplinary Canons

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Concur

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention amend Canons IV.17.6 to read as follows:

<Amended text as it would appear if adopted and concurred. Scroll below the line of asterisks (***) to see the version showing all deleted and added text.>**

IV.17.6

Sec. 6. Where the Respondent is a Bishop, an Accord or Order may provide for the suspension or deposition of the Respondent. In such event, the Sentence of suspension or deposition shall be pronounced by the president of the Disciplinary Board for Bishops. The president shall have no discretion to decline to pronounce the Sentence or to pronounce a lesser Sentence. Where an Accord provides for the suspension or deposition of a Respondent who is a Bishop, the president shall pronounce Sentence within thirty days after the date on which the Conciliator or the president signs the Accord. Where an Order provides for the suspension or deposition of a Respondent who is a Bishop, the president shall pronounce Sentence not sooner than forty days following the issuance of the Order and not later than sixty days following the issuance of the Order. Notwithstanding anything in this section to the contrary, no Sentence shall be pronounced while an appeal of the matter is pending. However, the president may, while an appeal is pending, place restrictions upon the exercise of the Respondent's ministry, or place the Respondent on Administrative Leave, or continue any such restriction or Administrative Leave as was in effect at the time of the issuance of the Order. Unless otherwise expressly provided in writing in the restriction on ministry or Sentence of suspension, a Bishop under a restriction on ministry or Sentence of suspension shall not exercise any authority of his or her office and the

Standing Committee will serve as the Ecclesiastical Authority. A Sentence of suspension of a Bishop lasting longer than six months shall terminate the pastoral relation between the Bishop and the Diocese unless (i) the Standing Committee by two-thirds vote requests of the Disciplinary Board for Bishops within thirty days that the relation continue and (ii) the Disciplinary Board for Bishops approves such request, except in the case of a Sentence of suspension for a Bishop Provisional serving as provided by Canon III.13 which shall result in the termination of the agreement with the Diocese. If the pastoral relation has not been terminated, religious services and sacramental ministrations shall be provided for that Diocese as though a vacancy exists. This Section shall not prohibit the application of Canon III.12.11.

<Proposed amended resolution text showing exact changes being made:>

Sec. 6. ~~The provisions of Canons IV.14.1.d and IV.14.6.c pertaining to recommendations that a Respondent be suspended or deposed from ministry shall not apply where the Respondent is a Bishop.~~ Where the Respondent is a Bishop, an Accord or Order may provide for the suspension or deposition of the Respondent. In such event, the Sentence of suspension or deposition shall be pronounced by the president of the Disciplinary Board for Bishops. The president shall have no discretion to decline to pronounce the Sentence or to pronounce a lesser Sentence. Where an Accord provides for the suspension or deposition of a Respondent who is a Bishop, the president shall pronounce Sentence within thirty days after the date on which the Conciliator or the president signs the Accord. Where an Order provides for the suspension or deposition of a Respondent who is a Bishop, the president shall pronounce Sentence not sooner than forty days following the issuance of the Order and not later than sixty days following the issuance of the Order. Notwithstanding anything in this section to the contrary, no Sentence shall be pronounced while an appeal of the matter is pending. However, the president may, while an appeal is pending, place restrictions upon the exercise of the Respondent's ministry, or place the Respondent on Administrative Leave, or continue any such restriction or Administrative Leave as was in effect at the time of the issuance of the Order. *Unless otherwise expressly provided in writing in the restriction on ministry or Sentence of suspension, a Bishop under a restriction on ministry or Sentence of suspension shall not exercise any authority of his or her office and the Standing Committee will serve as the Ecclesiastical Authority. A Sentence of suspension of a Bishop lasting longer than six months shall terminate the pastoral relation between the Bishop and the Diocese unless (i) the Standing Committee by two-thirds vote requests of the Disciplinary Board for Bishops within thirty days that the relation continue and (ii) the Disciplinary Board for Bishops approves such request, except in the case of a Sentence of suspension for a Bishop Provisional serving as provided by Canon III.13 which shall result in the termination of the agreement with the Diocese. If the pastoral relation has not been terminated, religious services and sacramental ministrations shall be provided for that Diocese as though a vacancy exists. This Section shall not prohibit the application of Canon III.12.11.*

A058 - Amend Canons IV.6.8, IV.6.10, and IV.11.3 on Pastoral Response Without Disciplinary Action

Final Status: Concurred

Proposed by: Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: Yes

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 18 - Title IV Disciplinary Canons

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Concur

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention amend Canon IV.6.8 to read as follows:

<Amended text as it would appear if adopted and concurred. Scroll below the line of asterisks (***) to see the version showing all deleted and added text.>**

IV.6.8

Sec. 8. The Reference Panel shall meet as soon as possible after receiving the intake report to determine how to refer the report. Referral options are (a) to conclude the matter with an appropriate pastoral response pursuant to Canon IV.8; (b) Conciliation pursuant to Canon IV.10; (c) investigation pursuant to Canon IV.11; (d) to the Conference Panel pursuant to Canon IV.12; or (e) referral for possible agreement with the Bishop Diocesan regarding terms of discipline pursuant to Canon IV.9. Referral decisions shall require the approval of a majority of the Reference Panel. The Reference Panel shall establish a schedule for each approved option and the President of the Disciplinary Board shall be responsible for monitoring each such schedule.

<Proposed amended resolution text showing exact changes being made:>

Sec. 8. The Reference Panel shall meet as soon as possible after receiving the intake report to determine how to refer the report. Referral options are (a) ~~no action required other than appropriate pastoral response pursuant to Canon IV.8;~~ *to conclude the matter with an appropriate*

pastoral response pursuant to Canon IV.8; (b) Conciliation pursuant to Canon IV.10; (c) investigation pursuant to Canon IV.11; (d) to the Conference Panel pursuant to Canon IV.12; or (e) referral for possible agreement with the Bishop Diocesan regarding terms of discipline pursuant to Canon IV.9. Referral decisions shall require the approval of a majority of the Reference Panel. The Reference Panel shall establish a schedule for each approved option and the President of the Disciplinary Board shall be responsible for monitoring each such schedule.

And be it further.

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention amend Canon IV.6.10 to read as follows:

<Amended text as it would appear if adopted and concurred. Scroll below the line of asterisks (***) to see the version showing all deleted and added text.>**

IV.6.10

Sec. 10. If the determination of the Reference Panel is to conclude the matter with 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. 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.6.9.

<Proposed amended resolution text showing exact changes being made:>

Sec. 10. If the determination of the Reference Panel is to ~~take no action other than~~ *conclude the matter with* 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.6.9.

And be it further.

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention amend Canon IV.11.3 to read as follows:

<Amended text as it would appear if adopted and concurred. Scroll below the line of asterisks (***) to see the version showing all deleted and added text.>**

IV.11.3

Sec. 3. The Investigator shall present the findings of the investigation in writing to the Reference Panel. The Reference Panel may meet with the Investigator and shall consider the report to determine whether to: (a) conclude the matter with an appropriate pastoral response pursuant to

Canon IV.8; (b) refer the matter to the Bishop Diocesan for consideration of proceedings under Canon IV.9; (c) refer the matter to conciliation pursuant to Canon IV.10; (d) require further investigation; or (e) refer the matter to the Conference Panel pursuant to Canon IV.12, or to the Hearing Panel pursuant to Canon IV.13. The determination shall be approved by a majority vote of the Reference Panel.

<Proposed amended resolution text showing exact changes being made:>

Sec. 3. The Investigator shall present the findings of the investigation in writing to the Reference Panel. The Reference Panel may meet with the Investigator and shall consider the report to determine whether to: (a) ~~take no action other than appropriate pastoral responses pursuant to Canon IV.8; conclude the matter with an appropriate pastoral response pursuant to Canon IV.8;~~ (b) refer the matter to the Bishop Diocesan for consideration of proceedings under Canon IV.9; (c) refer the matter to conciliation pursuant to Canon IV.10; (d) require further investigation; or (e) refer the matter to the Conference Panel pursuant to Canon IV.12, or to the Hearing Panel pursuant to Canon IV.13. The determination shall be approved by a majority vote of the Reference Panel.

A059 - Create an Official List of Recognized Religious Orders and Christian Communities

Final Status: Concurred

Proposed by: Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: Yes

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 19 - Title III Ministry

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Concur

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention amend Canon III.14.1.b to read as follows:

<Amended text as it would appear if adopted and concurred. Scroll below the line of asterisks (***) to see the version showing all deleted and added text.>**

Title III.14.1

b. To be officially recognized, a Religious Order must have at least six professed members, and must be approved by the Standing Committee on Religious Communities of the House of Bishops and be registered with the Committee. The Standing Committee on Religious Communities will keep the official list of recognized Religious Orders.

<Proposed amended resolution text showing exact changes being made:>

Title III.14.1

b. To be officially recognized, a Religious Order must have at least six professed members, and must be approved by the Standing Committee on Religious Communities of the House of Bishops and be registered with the Committee. *The Standing Committee on Religious Communities will maintain the official list of recognized Religious Orders.*

And be it further.

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention amend Canon III.14.2.b to read as follows:

<Amended text as it would appear if adopted and concurred. Scroll below the line of asterisks (***) to see the version showing all deleted and added text.>**

Title III.14.2

b. To be officially recognized such a Christian Community must have at least six full members in accordance with their Rule and Constitution, and must be approved by the Standing Committee on Religious Communities of the House of Bishops and be registered with the Committee. The Standing Committee on Religious Communities will keep the official list of recognized Christian Communities.

<Proposed amended resolution text showing exact changes being made:>

Title III.14.2

b. To be officially recognized such a Christian Community must have at least six full members in accordance with their Rule and Constitution, and must be approved by the Standing Committee on Religious Communities of the House of Bishops and be registered with the Committee. *The Standing Committee on Religious Communities will keep the official list of recognized Christian Communities.*

A060 - Amend Canon I.1.2.n.1.vi: Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons

Final Status: Concurred

Proposed by: Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: Yes

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 03 - Governance & Structure

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Concur

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention amend Canon I.1.2.n.1.vi.

<Amended text as it would appear if adopted and concurred. Scroll below the line of asterisks (***) to see the version showing all deleted and added text.>**

I.1.2.n.1.vi

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 and other governing bodies for which The Episcopal Church may be legally responsible to determine the necessity for their continuance and the effectiveness of their functions and, where appropriate, to bring about a coordination of their efforts. Whenever a proposal is made for the creation of a new, or changing of the affiliation of a, Committee, Commission, Board, or body for which The Episcopal Church may be legally responsible, it will, wherever feasible, be referred to this Standing Commission for its consideration and advice.

<Proposed amended resolution text showing exact changes being made:>

I.1.2.n.1.vi

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 *and other governing bodies for which The Episcopal Church may be legally responsible* to determine the necessity for their continuance and the effectiveness of their functions and, *where appropriate*, to bring about a coordination of their efforts. Whenever a proposal is made for the creation of a new, *or changing of the affiliation of a*, Committee, Commission, Board, *or Agency body for which The Episcopal Church may be legally responsible*, *it will shall*, wherever feasible, be referred to this Standing Commission for its consideration and advice.

A061 - Amend the following Canons I.12.3, III.6.6.c, III.8.6.d, III.8.6.7.c, III.10.5.d, III.11.3.b, and III.11.3.c based on 2022-A039

Final Status: Concurred

Proposed by: Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: Yes

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 19 - Title III Ministry

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Concur

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention amend Canon I.12.3.

<Amended text as it would appear if adopted and concurred. Scroll below the line of asterisks (***) to see the version showing all deleted and added text.>**

I.12.3

Sec. 3. Any document required to be signed by members of the Standing Committee or by the Clerical members thereof, or by any other body consisting of several members may be signed in counterparts each of which shall be deemed an original. Testimonials required for ordination and required to be given by a Standing Committee under any of these Canons must be signed by a majority of the whole Committee and may be signed electronically and signed in counterparts.

<Proposed amended resolution text showing exact changes being made:>

I.12.3

Sec. 3. Any document required to be signed by members of the Standing Committee or by the Clerical members thereof, or by any other body consisting of several members may be signed in counterparts each of which shall be deemed an original. *Testimonials required for ordination and*

required to be given by a Standing Committee under any of these Canons must be signed by a majority of the whole Committee and may be signed electronically and signed in counterparts.

And be it further.

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention amend Canon III.6.6.c.

<Amended text as it would appear if adopted and concurred. Scroll below the line of asterisks (***) to see the version showing all deleted and added text.>**

III.6.6.c

c. On the receipt of such certificates, the Standing Committee, if a majority of all members consent, shall certify that the Canonical requirements for ordination to the Diaconate under this Canon have been met, that there is no sufficient objection on medical, psychological, moral, or spiritual grounds and that they recommend ordination. The Standing Committee shall evidence such certification, by a testimonial, addressed to the Bishop in the form specified below and signed by the consenting members of the Standing Committee in conformity with Canon I.12.3.

<Proposed amended resolution text showing exact changes being made:>

III.6.6.c

c. On the receipt of such certificates, the Standing Committee, if a majority of all members consent, shall certify that the Canonical requirements for ordination to the Diaconate under this Canon have been met, that there is no sufficient objection on medical, psychological, moral, or spiritual grounds and that they recommend ordination. The Standing Committee shall evidence such certification, by a testimonial, addressed to the Bishop in the form specified below and signed by the consenting members of the Standing Committee *in conformity with Canon I.12.3.*

And be it further.

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention amend Canon III.8.6.d.

<Amended text as it would appear if adopted and concurred. Scroll below the line of asterisks (***) to see the version showing all deleted and added text.>**

III.8.6.d

d. On the receipt of such certificates, the Standing Committee, a majority of all the members consenting, shall certify that the canonical requirements for ordination to the Diaconate under this Canon have been met and there is no sufficient objection on medical, psychological, moral, or spiritual grounds and that they recommend ordination, by a testimonial addressed to the Bishop in the form specified below and signed by the consenting members of the Standing Committee in conformity with Canon I.12.3.

<Proposed amended resolution text showing exact changes being made:>

III.8.6.d

d. On the receipt of such certificates, the Standing Committee, a majority of all the members consenting, shall certify that the canonical requirements for ordination to the Diaconate under this Canon have been met and there is no sufficient objection on medical, psychological, moral, or spiritual grounds and that they recommend ordination, by a testimonial addressed to the Bishop in the form specified below and signed by the consenting members of the Standing Committee *in conformity with Canon I.12.3.*

And be it further.

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention amend Canon III.8.7.c.

<Amended text as it would appear if adopted and concurred. Scroll below the line of asterisks (***) to see the version showing all deleted and added text.>**

III.8.7.c

c. On the receipt of such certificates, the Standing Committee, a majority of all the members consenting, shall certify that the canonical requirements for ordination to the Priesthood have been met and there is no sufficient objection on medical, psychological, moral, or spiritual grounds and that they recommend ordination, by a testimonial addressed to the Bishop in the form specified below and signed by the consenting members of the Standing Committee in conformity with Canon I.12.3.

<Proposed amended resolution text showing exact changes being made:>

III.8.7.c

c. On the receipt of such certificates, the Standing Committee, a majority of all the members consenting, shall certify that the canonical requirements for ordination to the Priesthood have been met and there is no sufficient objection on medical, psychological, moral, or spiritual grounds and that they recommend ordination, by a testimonial addressed to the Bishop in the form specified below and signed by the consenting members of the Standing Committee *in conformity with Canon I.12.3.*

And be it further.

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention amend Canon III.10.5.d.

<Amended text as it would appear if adopted and concurred. Scroll below the line of asterisks (***) to see the version showing all deleted and added text.>**

III.10.5.d

d. Upon receipt of the items set out in subsection .c of this Canon to the satisfaction of the Presiding Bishop, the Presiding Bishop, without delay, shall notify every Bishop of this Church exercising jurisdiction and every Standing Committee of this Church of the Presiding Bishop's

receipt of those items, and request from each a statement of consent, or withholding of consent, to the reception of the Bishop into The Episcopal Church. Each Bishop with jurisdiction and each Standing Committee shall within 90 days of the sending of the notification respond to the Presiding Bishop or the Presiding Bishop's designee indicating their consent or their withholding of consent. The Standing Committee's Testimonial shall conform to Canon I.12.3.

<Proposed amended resolution text showing exact changes being made:>

III.10.5.d

d. Upon receipt of the items set out in subsection .c of this Canon to the satisfaction of the Presiding Bishop, the Presiding Bishop, without delay, shall notify every Bishop of this Church exercising jurisdiction and every Standing Committee of this Church of the Presiding Bishop's receipt of those items, and request from each a statement of consent, or withholding of consent, to the reception of the Bishop into The Episcopal Church. Each Bishop with jurisdiction and each Standing Committee shall within 90 days of the sending of the notification respond to the Presiding Bishop or the Presiding Bishop's designee indicating their consent or their withholding of consent. *The Standing Committee's Testimonial shall conform to Canon I.12.3.*

And be it further.

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention amend Canon III.11.3.b.

<Amended text as it would appear if adopted and concurred. Scroll below the line of asterisks (***) to see the version showing all deleted and added text.>**

III.11.3.b

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, in conformity with Canon I.12.3:

<Proposed amended resolution text showing exact changes being made:>

III.11.3.b

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, *in conformity with Canon I.12.3:*

And be it further.

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention amend Canon III.11.3.c by striking the following:

~~**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.~~

A062 - Amend Canon I.4.2.j Mutual Ministry Review

Final Status: Not Concurred

Proposed by: Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 03 - Governance & Structure

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Not Concur

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention amend Canon I.4.2.j by amending the following.

<Amended text as it would appear if adopted and concurred. Scroll below the line of asterisks (***) to see the version showing all deleted and added text.>**

j. The Officers of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society and the Officers of the Executive Council, and a committee of six members of Executive Council who are not officers, shall engage in a mutual ministry review to be completed not later than twelve months before the next scheduled General Convention. The mutual ministry review shall be facilitated by a consultant selected by the Chair and the Vice-Chair.

<Proposed amended resolution text showing exact changes being made:>

j. The Officers of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society and the Officers of the Executive Council, and a committee of six members of Executive Council who are not officers, shall engage in a mutual ministry review ~~every eighteen months~~, *to be completed not later than twelve months before the next scheduled General Convention. The mutual ministry review shall be* facilitated by a consultant selected by the Chair and the Vice-Chair.

A063 - Amend Canons I.2.2 : Term of Office of the Presiding Bishop

Final Status: Concurred as Amended

Proposed by: Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: Yes

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 02 - Constitution & Canons

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Concur

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention amend Canon I.2.2 to read as follows:

<Amended text as it would appear if adopted and concurred. Scroll below the line of asterisks (***) to see the version showing all deleted and added text.>**

Sec. 2.

a. The term of office of the Presiding Bishop, when elected under the first paragraph of Article I, Section 3 of the Constitution, will begin on the 91st day after the adjournment of the Convention at which the Presiding Bishop is elected and will end on the 91st day after the adjournment of the third successive regular meeting of the General Convention. But if the Presiding Bishop attains the age of seventy-two years before completing that term, the Presiding Bishop must resign the office to the regular meeting of the General Convention which occurs nearest before the date of attaining such age, with the resignation taking effect when a successor assumes office. At that Convention a successor will be elected, and will assume office on the 91st day after the adjournment of that General Convention. If the regular meeting of the General Convention at which the Presiding Bishop's successor is expected to be elected is postponed beyond the date originally set in accordance with Canon I.1.13.c, and if as a result of that postponement the Presiding Bishop attains the age of 72 years before a successor can be elected and assume office, then the Presiding Bishop may serve until the successor assumes office, regardless of

having attained the age of 72 years, but no later than 90 days after the adjournment of the next meeting of the General Convention.

b. When the House of Bishops elects a Presiding Bishop under the second paragraph of Article I, Section 3 of the Constitution to fill a vacancy, the Presiding Bishop so elected will take office immediately.

<Proposed amended resolution text showing exact changes being made:>

Sec. 2.

a. The term of office of the Presiding Bishop, when elected ~~according to the provisions of~~ *under the first paragraph of Article I, Section 3 of the Constitution, will begin on the 91st day after the adjournment* shall be nine years, beginning the first day of the month of November following the close of the Convention at which the Presiding Bishop is elected *and will end on the 91st day after the adjournment of the third successive regular meeting of the General Convention. But if the Presiding Bishop attains* ~~unless attaining~~ the age of seventy-two years before *completing that term, the term shall have been completed; in that case the Presiding Bishop shall* ~~must~~ resign the office to *the regular meeting of the General Convention which occurs nearest to* before the date of attaining such age, *with the resignation taking effect when a successor assumes office.* At that Convention a successor ~~shall~~ *will* be elected, and ~~shall~~ *will* assume office on the ~~first day of the month of November following the close of that~~ *91st day after the adjournment of that General Convention or immediately upon the death, retirement, or disability of the Presiding Bishop; except that when. If the regular meeting of the General Convention at which the Presiding Bishop's successor is expected to be elected is postponed beyond the date originally set in accordance with Canon I.1.13.c and if as a result of that postponement the Presiding Bishop attains the age of 72 years before a successor can be elected and assume office, then the Presiding Bishop may serve until the successor assumes office, regardless of having attained the age of 72 years, but no later than 90 days after the adjournment of the next meeting of the General Convention.*

b. ~~When a Presiding Bishop has been elected by the House of Bishops~~ *elects a Presiding Bishop to fill a vacancy, as provided for in* ~~under the second paragraph of Article I, Section 3 of the Constitution to fill a vacancy,~~ the Presiding Bishop so elected ~~shall~~ *will* take office immediately.

A064 - Amend Canon I.1.6.d Capturing Clergy Records

Final Status: Concurred

Proposed by: Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: Yes

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 02 - Constitution & Canons

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Concur

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention amend Canon I.1.6.d to read as follows:

<Amended text as it would appear if adopted and concurred. Scroll below the line of asterisks (***) to see the version showing all deleted and added text.>**

d. The Recorder shall prepare and present to each session of the General Convention a list of all Priests and Deacons ordained, received, transferred out, released and removed, returned, suspended, deposed, or restored; of all Bishops ordained, received, released and removed, returned, suspended, deposed, or restored; and of all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons who have died; such list to cover the period from the last preceding similar report of the Recorder through the thirty-first day of December immediately preceding each session of the General Convention.

<Proposed amended resolution text showing exact changes being made:>

d. The Recorder shall prepare and present to each session of the General Convention a list of all ~~Clergy~~ *Priests and Deacons* ordained, received, ~~suspended, transferred out, released and removed, returned, suspended,~~ deposed, or restored; ~~and~~ of all Bishops ~~consecrated, ordained, received, released and removed, returned, suspended, deposed, or restored;~~ and of all Bishops, *Priests, and Deacons* ~~and other Clergy~~ who have died; such list to cover the period from the last preceding similar report of the Recorder through the thirty-first day of December immediately preceding each session of the General Convention.

And be it further.

Resolved, That Canon III.1.3 be amended as follows:

<Amended text as it would appear if adopted and concurred. Scroll below the line of asterisks (***) to see the version showing all deleted and added text.>**

Sec. 3. The provisions of these Canons for the admission of Candidates for the ordination to the three Orders: Bishops, Priests and Deacons shall be equally applicable to all persons in the process.

<Proposed amended resolution text showing exact changes being made:>

Sec. 3. The provisions of these Canons for the admission of Candidates for the ordination to the three Orders: Bishops, Priests and Deacons shall be equally applicable ~~to men and women~~ *to all persons in the process.*

A065 - Amend Canon III.1.3

Final Status: Concurred

Proposed by: Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: Yes

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 19 - Title III Ministry

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Concur

Resolution Text

Resolved, That Canon III.1.3 be amended as follows:

<Amended text as it would appear if adopted and concurred. Scroll below the line of asterisks (***) to see the version showing all deleted and added text.>**

Sec. 3. The provisions of these Canons for the admission of Candidates for the ordination to the three Orders: Bishops, Priests and Deacons shall be equally applicable to all persons in the process.

<Proposed amended resolution text showing exact changes being made:>

Sec. 3. The provisions of these Canons for the admission of Candidates for the ordination to the three Orders: Bishops, Priests and Deacons shall be equally applicable ~~to men and women~~ *to all persons in the process.*

A066 - Amend Canon V.1 to create a Custodian for the Constitution and Canons of The Episcopal Church

Final Status: Concurred

Proposed by: Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: Yes

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 02 - Constitution & Canons

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Concur

Resolution Text

Resolved, That Canon V.1 is amended as follows:

<Amended text as it would appear if adopted and concurred. Scroll below the line of asterisks (***) to see the version showing all deleted and added text.>**

Canon V.1

Sec. 5. There will be a Custodian of the Constitution and Canons of The Episcopal Church, nominated by the Presiding Officers of the two Houses of the General Convention and confirmed by the Executive Council. A vacancy in the office shall be filled in the same way. The Custodian will hold office for a term beginning twelve months after the adjournment of the previous regular meeting of the General Convention and will remain in office until twelve months after the subsequent regular meeting of the General Convention, or until a successor is confirmed. The first Custodian of the Constitution and Canons of The Episcopal Church will be nominated by the Presiding Officers to be confirmed at the first Executive Council meeting following the adoption of this Canon. It will be the duty of the Custodian to certify that all digital and printed versions of the Constitution and Canons, including any amendment or amendments adopted at the most recent General Convention, conform to the Constitution and Canons as duly authorized by the General Convention.

Sec. 6 At the close of each regular meeting of the General Convention, the Custodian of the Constitution and Canons, in consultation with the chancellor to the Presiding Bishop, the chancellor to the President of the House of Deputies, and the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Standing Commission on Governance, Structure, Constitution, and Canons, will (a) certify the changes, if any, made in the Canons, including a correction of the references made in any Canon to another, and to report the same, with the proper arrangement thereof, to the Secretary of the General Convention; (b) certify in like manner the changes, if any, made in the Constitution, or proposed to be made therein under the provisions of Article XII of the Constitution, and to report the same to the Secretary of the General Convention, who shall publish them in the Journal, and (c) certify in like manner the changes, if any, made to the Joint Rules of Order. The Custodian shall also have and exercise the power of renumbering of, and correction of references to, Articles, Sections and Clauses of the Constitution required by the adoption of amendments to the Constitution at a meeting of the General Convention in the same manner as provided with respect to the Canons and the Joint Rules of Order.

Sec. 7 All Canons enacted by the General Convention, and all amendments and repeals of Canons, unless otherwise expressly ordered by act of the General Convention, shall take effect on the first day of January following the adjournment of the General Convention at which they were enacted or made.

<Proposed amended resolution text showing exact changes being made:>

Sec. 5. *There will be a Custodian of the Constitution and Canons of The Episcopal Church, nominated by the Presiding Officers of the two Houses of the General Convention and confirmed by the Executive Council. A vacancy in the office shall be filled in the same way. The Custodian will hold office for a term beginning twelve months after the adjournment of the previous regular meeting of the General Convention and will remain in office until twelve months after the subsequent regular meeting of the General Convention, or until a successor is confirmed. The first Custodian of the Constitution and Canons of The Episcopal Church will be nominated by the Presiding Officers to be confirmed at the first Executive Council meeting following the adoption of this Canon. It will be the duty of the Custodian to certify that all digital and printed versions of the Constitution and Canons, including any amendment or amendments adopted at the most recent General Convention, conform to the Constitution and Canons as duly authorized by the General Convention.*

Sec. 5. 6. ~~The Committee on Constitution and Canons of each House of the General Convention shall, at the close of each regular meeting of the General Convention, appoint two of its members~~ *At the close of each regular meeting of the General Convention, the Custodian of the Constitution and Canons, in consultation with the chancellor to the Presiding Bishop, the chancellor to the President of the House of Deputies, and the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Standing Commission on Governance, Structure, Constitution, and Canons, will (a) to certify the changes, if any, made in the Canons, including a correction of the references made in any Canon to another, and to report the same, with the proper arrangement thereof, to the Secretary of the General Convention; and (b) to certify in like manner the changes, if any, made in the Constitution, or proposed to be made therein under the provisions of Article XII of the Constitution, and to report the same to the*

Secretary of the General Convention, who shall publish them in the Journal, *and (c) certify in like manner the changes, if any, made to the Joint Rules of Order.* The ~~committee~~ Custodian shall also have and exercise the power of renumbering of, and correction of references to, Articles, Sections and Clauses of the Constitution required by the adoption of amendments to the Constitution at a meeting of the General Convention in the same manner as provided with respect to the Canons *and the Joint Rules of Order.*

Sec. 6- 7. All Canons enacted ~~during~~ *by* the General Convention of 1943, ~~and thereafter~~, and all amendments and repeals of Canons ~~then or thereafter made~~, unless otherwise expressly ordered *by act of the General Convention*, shall take effect on the first day of January following the adjournment of the General Convention at which they were enacted or made.

And be it further

Resolved, That this change will take effect immediately upon adoption.

Ao67 - Rebranding the Parochial Report

Final Status: Took No Further Action

Proposed by: Task Force to Study Congregational Vitality Indicators

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 08 - Congregational Vitality & Data-Driven Initiatives

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Take No Further Action

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention commends the rebranding of the Parochial Report to the Executive Council; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention Office continue to work with the Executive Council and other partners to refine the parochial report form by asking better, more precise, and fewer questions; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention commend Bishops, Diocesan structures, lay leaders, clergy, outside organizations, and experts in the field to commence this work outside of the parochial report process, including use of Page 5 of the parochial report form to ask questions specific to the Diocesan context; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention commend the open sharing and collaboration of information, data, research, and findings on congregational vitality across the church.

Ao68 - Amend Joint Rules of Order V.1

Final Status: Concurred

Proposed by: Joint Standing Committee on Nominations

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: Yes

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 01 - Joint Rules of Order

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Concur

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention amend Joint Rules of Order V.1 as follows:

<Amended text as it would appear if adopted and concurred. Scroll below the line of asterisks (***) to see the version showing all deleted and added text.>**

Joint Rule V.1

1. There shall be a Joint Standing Committee on Nominations, which shall submit nominations for the election of:
 - a. Trustees of The Church Pension Fund, serving as the Joint Committee referred to in Canon I.8.2.
 - b. Members of the Executive Council under Canon I.4.1.d.
 - c. The Secretary of the House of Deputies and the Treasurer of the General Convention under Canons I.1.1.j and I.1.7.a.
 - d. General Board of Examining Chaplains.
 - e. Disciplinary Board for Bishops.
 - f. Court of Review.
 - g. The Joint Nominating Committee for the election of the Presiding Bishop.

<Proposed amended resolution text showing exact changes being made:>

Joint Rule V.1

1. There shall be a Joint Standing Committee on Nominations, which shall submit nominations for the election of:
 - a. Trustees of The Church Pension Fund, serving as the Joint Committee referred to in Canon I.8.2.
 - b. Members of the Executive Council under Canon I.4.1.d.
 - c. The Secretary of the House of Deputies and the Treasurer of the General Convention under Canons I.1.1.j and I.1.7.a.
 - ~~d. Trustees of the General Theological Seminary.~~
 - e. *d.* General Board of Examining Chaplains.
 - f. *e.* Disciplinary Board for Bishops.
 - ~~g. *f.* Court of Review.~~
 - ~~h. *g.* The Joint Nominating Committee for the election of the Presiding Bishop.~~

A069 - Amend Joint Rules of Order V.4.c to fix a rounding error in the number of nominees the Joint Standing Committee on Nominations is required to nominate

Final Status: Took No Further Action

Proposed by: Joint Standing Committee on Nominations

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 01 - Joint Rules of Order

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Take No Further Action

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention amend Joint Rules of Order V.4.c as follows:

<Amended text as it would appear if adopted and concurred. Scroll below the line of asterisks (***) to see the version showing all deleted and added text.>**

Joint Rule V.4.c

c. For all other elections other than those described in parts a. and b. of this Joint Rule, for which the Joint Standing Committee on Nominations will present nominees, it will nominate a minimum number of nominees equal to one and one-half times the number of vacancies, rounding up to the nearest whole number as needed.

<Proposed amended resolution text showing exact changes being made:>

Joint Rule V.4.c

c. For all other elections other than those described in parts a. and b. of this Joint Rule, for which the Joint Standing Committee on Nominations will present nominees, it will nominate a minimum number of nominees equal to one and one-half times the number of vacancies-, *rounding up to the nearest whole number as needed.*

A070 - Research needs for the General Board of Examining Chaplains

Final Status: Concurred as Amended

Proposed by: Joint Standing Committee on Nominations

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: Yes

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 19 - Title III Ministry

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Concur

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention direct the Standing Committee on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons to research the efficacy and necessity of the current number and makeup of members of the General Board of Examining Chaplains as set forth in Canon III.15.1, and if necessary, to propose to the 82nd General Convention an amendment to the canon in order to align with that need.

A071 - Amend the Constitution and Canons Relating to Mergers of Dioceses [Of Admission of New Diocese -- Second Reading]

Final Status: Concurred

Proposed by: Secretary of General Convention

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: Yes

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 02 - Constitution & Canons

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Concur

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 80th General Convention amend Article V, Section 4 of the Constitution to read as follows:

<Amended text as it would appear if adopted and concurred. Scroll below the line of asterisks (*****) to see the version showing all deleted and added text.>

Art.V

Sec. 4. Whenever a new Diocese is formed and erected out of an existing Diocese or out of two or more existing Dioceses or parts of them, the formation process of the newly formed Diocese, including the adoption of its Constitution and Canons, shall be as set forth in the Canons.

<Proposed amended resolution text showing exact changes being made:>

Resolved, That the 80th General Convention amend Article V, Section 4 of the Constitution to read as follows:

Art.V

Sec. 4. Whenever a new Diocese is formed and erected out of an existing Diocese *or out of two or more existing Dioceses or parts of them*, ~~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 the formation process of the newly formed Diocese, including the adoption of its Constitution and Canons, shall be as set forth in the Canons.~~

~~Whenever a Diocese is formed out of two or more existing Dioceses, it shall be subject to the Constitution and Canons of that one of the said existing Dioceses to which the greater number of Members of the Clergy shall have belonged prior to the erection of such new Diocese, except as local circumstances may prevent, until the same be altered in accordance with such Constitution and Canons by the Convention of the new Diocese.~~

And be it further

Resolved, That Canon I.10 be amended to read as follows and voted on at the 81st General Convention:

<Amended text as it would appear if adopted and concurred. Scroll below the line of asterisks (***) to see the version showing all deleted and added text.>**

Can.I.10

Sec. 1. Whenever a new Diocese is proposed to be formed within the limits of any Diocese, or by the junction of two or more Dioceses, or parts of two or more Dioceses, the Ecclesiastical Authorities and the Standing Committees of the Dioceses involved in the proposed new diocese shall submit for approval to the Conventions of each Diocese involved a joint agreement of union setting forth their agreements, including the manner of determining the Bishop Diocesan and other Bishops (if any), the provisions of the Constitution and Canons of the new Diocese, and such other matters as may be necessary or proper. Upon approval by the Conventions of each of the involved Dioceses, the joint agreement of union shall be submitted for ratification by the General Convention no less than ninety days prior to the first legislative day of the next meeting of the General Convention.

Sec. 2. Promptly after ratification by the General Convention, the Ecclesiastical Authority of the new Diocese, as set forth in the joint agreement of union, shall call the first 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.

Sec. 3. Whenever one Diocese is about to be divided into two Dioceses, the Convention of such Diocese shall declare which portion or portions thereof are to be in the new Diocese, and shall make the same known to the General Convention before the ratification of such division.

Sec. 4. Whenever a new Diocese shall have organized in first 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 first Convention, and the proceedings preparatory to the formation of the proposed

new Diocese, such new Diocese shall thereupon be admitted into union with the General Convention.

Sec. 5. In the event of the erection of an Area Mission into a Diocese of this Church, as provided in Article V, Section 1 of the Constitution, the Convocation of the Area Mission shall be entitled to elect Deputies to the succeeding General Convention, and also to elect a Bishop. The jurisdiction previously assigned to the Bishop in the Area Mission shall be terminated upon the admission of the new Diocese.

Sec. 6. When a Diocese and one or more other Dioceses that were formed either by division therefrom or by erection into a Diocese or a Missionary Diocese formed by division therefrom, shall desire to be reunited into one Diocese, the proposed reunion must be initiated by the approval of the Conventions of the involved Dioceses of a joint agreement of union setting forth their agreements, including the manner of determining the Bishop Diocesan and other Bishops (if any), provisions of the Constitution and Canons of the new Diocese, and such other matters as may be necessary or proper. If the 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 approved by a majority vote in the House of Bishops, and in the House of Deputies.

Sec. 7. When the union of two or more Dioceses or portions of Dioceses or the reunion of the two or more Dioceses shall have been completed, the facts shall be certified to the Presiding Bishop and to the Secretary of the House of Deputies. Thereupon the Presiding Bishop shall notify the Secretary of the House of Bishops of any alteration in the status or style of the Bishop or Bishops concerned, and the Secretary of the House of Deputies shall strike the name of any Diocese that will cease to exist or is being renamed from the roll of Dioceses in union with the General Convention and, if appropriate, amend the name of the newly united Diocese on the roll of Dioceses in union with the General Convention.

<Proposed amended resolution text showing exact changes being made:>

Can.I.10

Sec. 1. Whenever a new Diocese is proposed to be formed within the limits of any Diocese, or by the junction of two or more Dioceses, or parts of *two or more* Dioceses, the Ecclesiastical Authorities and the Standing Committees of the Dioceses involved in the proposed new diocese

shall submit for approval to the Conventions of each Diocese involved a joint agreement of union setting forth their agreements, including the manner of determining the Bishop Diocesan and other Bishops (if any), the provisions of the Constitution and Canons of the new Diocese, and such other matters as may be necessary or proper. Upon approval by the Conventions of each of the involved Dioceses, the joint agreement of union shall be submitted for ratification by the General Convention no less than ninety days prior to the first legislative day of the next meeting of the General Convention.

Sec. 2. Promptly after ratification by the General Convention, the Ecclesiastical Authority of the new Diocese, as set forth in the joint agreement of union, shall call the ~~Primary~~ *first* 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.

Sec. 3. Whenever one Diocese is about to be divided into two Dioceses, the Convention of such Diocese shall declare which portion *or portions* thereof *are is* to be in the new Diocese, and shall make the same known to the General Convention before the ratification of such division.

Sec. 4. Whenever a new Diocese shall have organized in *first* ~~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 *first* ~~Primary~~ Convention, and the proceedings preparatory to the formation of the proposed new Diocese, such new Diocese shall thereupon be admitted into union with the General Convention.

Sec. 5. In the event of the erection of an Area Mission into a Diocese of this Church, as provided in Article V, Section 1 *of the Constitution*, the Convocation of the Area Mission shall be entitled to elect Deputies to the succeeding General Convention, and also to elect a Bishop. The jurisdiction previously assigned to the Bishop in the Area Mission shall be terminated upon the admission of the new Diocese.

Sec. 6. When a Diocese and one or more other Dioceses that were formed either by division therefrom or by erection into a Diocese or a Missionary Diocese formed by division therefrom, shall desire to be reunited into one Diocese, the proposed reunion must be initiated by the approval of the Conventions of the involved Dioceses of a joint agreement of union setting forth their agreements, including the manner of determining the Bishop Diocesan and other Bishops (if any), provisions of the Constitution and Canons of the new Diocese, and such other matters as may be necessary or proper. If the 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 approved by a majority vote in the House of Bishops, and in the House of Deputies.

Sec. 7. When the union of two or more Dioceses or portions of Dioceses or the reunion of the two or more Dioceses shall have been completed, the facts shall be certified to the Presiding Bishop and to the Secretary of the House of Deputies. Thereupon the Presiding Bishop shall notify the Secretary of the House of Bishops of any alteration in the status or style of the Bishop or Bishops concerned, and the Secretary of the House of Deputies shall strike the name of any Diocese that will cease to exist or is being renamed from the roll of Dioceses in union with the General Convention and, if appropriate, amend the name of the newly united Diocese on the roll of Dioceses in union with the General Convention.

A072 - Amend Article X of the Constitution of The Episcopal Church [Of the Book of Common Prayer -- Second Reading]

Final Status: Concurred

Proposed by: Secretary of General Convention

Has Budget Implications: Yes

Cost: \$30,000.00

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: Yes

Requests New Interim Body: Yes

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 02 - Constitution & Canons

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Concur

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 80th General Convention of The Episcopal Church repeal Article X in its entirety and replace it with the following:

Article X: Of The Book of Common Prayer

Sec. 1. *The Book of Common Prayer is understood to be those liturgical forms and other texts authorized by the General Convention in accordance with this article and the Canons of this Church.*

The Book of Common Prayer in this Church is intended to be communal and devotional prayer enriched by our church's cultural, geographical, and linguistic contexts. The Book of Common Prayer shall contain both public worship and private devotion.

The Book of Common Prayer, as now established or hereafter amended by the General Convention, shall be in use in all the Dioceses of this Church.

Sec. 2. *No alteration thereof or addition thereto shall be made unless the General Convention approve the same on first reading in one regular meeting of the General Convention and, by resolve so directing, be sent by the Secretary of the General Convention to the Secretary of the Convention of every Diocese, to be made known to the Diocesan Convention at its next regular meeting, and be adopted on second reading without alteration 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 an affirmative vote by orders in the House of Deputies in accordance with Article I, Sec. 5 of this Constitution, except that concurrence in the affirmative 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.

Sec. 3. *No alteration thereof or addition thereto shall be made unless it has previously been authorized for Trial Use in accordance with this Article and the Canons of this Church.*

Sec. 4. *The General Convention may at any one meeting, by a majority of the whole number of the Bishops entitled to vote in the House of Bishops, and by a majority of the Clerical and Lay Deputies of all the Dioceses entitled to representation in the House of Deputies, voting by orders as previously set forth in this Article:*

a. Amend the Table of Lessons and all Tables and Rubrics relating to the Psalms.

b. Authorize for Trial Use such alterations or additions in whole or in part to the established Book of Common Prayer as may be proposed in accord with the Canons of this Church and duly undertaken by and implemented according to the directives of the General Convention.

c. Authorize for use throughout this Church, as provided by Canon, alternative and additional liturgies to supplement those provided in the Book of Common Prayer.

Sec. 5. *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.*

And be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention direct the President of the House of Deputies and the Presiding Bishop to appoint a working group of nine members to include the Custodian of The Book of Common Prayer, some members of Committee 12 of the 80th General Convention, some members of a Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music, and others as needed to review the Canons relevant to the implementation of this Article and propose revisions to the 81st General Convention. An initial framework is provided as a starting point for this work; and be it further

Resolved, That an allocation of \$30,000 be made to support the work of the working group.

A073 - A Standing Commission for Human Health and Wellness

Final Status: Concurred with Referral to an Interim Body

Proposed by: Task Force on Individuals with Mental Illness

Has Budget Implications: Yes

Cost: \$75,000.00

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: Yes

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 03 - Governance & Structure

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Concur with Referral to an Interim Body

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention amend Canon I.1.2.n by adding a new subsection 6 thereto, to read as follows:

I.1.2.n

6. A Standing Commission on Human Health and Wellness. It shall be the duty of the Commission to

i. Develop and recommend policies, strategies, programs, and resources to the General Convention and The Episcopal Church that support and strengthen the church's ministry with all God's people as they seek to maintain and improve their physical, mental, spiritual, relational, and emotional health.

ii. Coordinate the development of resources to strengthen human flourishing and to support ministries of hope and healing of both physical and mental health.

iii. Facilitate the development of basic skills among all members of the church for care, support, inclusion, and advocacy for people wrestling with physical and mental health challenges.

iv. Develop and oversee training for all clergy and key lay leaders in mental health ministry.

- v. *Draw together the insights, best practices, and resources developed by varied Church bodies to address matters of human health and wellness, including work done on ministry in relation to substance use, suicide prevention, trauma and recovery, neurodivergence, developmental disability, challenges in aging, pain, and chronic illness, and to strengthen the response of faith communities in partnership with broad-based and local organizations.*
- vi. *Expand resources and encourage practices of ministry that support mental and physical health, assist faith communities to establish habits and structures of welcome, inclusion, encouragement, empowerment, and advocacy for persons of all ages facing mental, physical, relational, emotional, and spiritual health challenges, and provide helpful aids for healthy living.*
- vii. *Collaborate with other commissions, ecumenical partners, invested experts, and public agencies and organizations to create optimal resources and trainings.*
- viii. *Collaborate in seeking of funding sources and grants, and in deployment of funds, that support training for clergy, lay leaders, and faith communities.*
- ix. *Partner with other Church bodies in education and advocacy about social and economic conditions that either strengthen or harm human health and wellness, such as access to housing, healthy food, education, work with dignity, and health services, as well as freedom from violence, stigma, and racism.*
- x. *Oversee the creation and content review of a sustained web presence that provides a gateway through links to robust resources for support and advocacy for human health and wellness.*
- xi. *Direct curriculum on mental health ministry for clergy, postulants, and lay leaders, in consultation with the Standing Commission on Formation and Ministry Development and other Church partners as appropriate.*
- xii. *Coordinate with networks and initiatives related to health and wellness both within and beyond The Episcopal Church, including but not limited to the Assembly of Episcopal Healthcare Chaplains, Allies for Recovery in The Episcopal Church, the Union of Black Episcopalians, the Episcopal Community Service in America, CREDO, St. Francis Ministries, the Interfaith Network on Mental Illness, NAMI's FaithNet, Lutheran Family Services, and varied faith-based wellness programs.*

And be it further.

Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance to allocate \$75,000 to fund the work of the Standing Commission for the 2024-2027 triennium.

A074 - Completing Mental Health Ministry Curriculum for Clergy

Final Status: Concurred as Amended

Proposed by: Task Force on Individuals with Mental Illness

Has Budget Implications: Yes

Cost: \$34,000.00

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: Yes

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 16 - Safety, Wellness & Mental Health

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Concur

Supporting Documents: [Outline for Curriculum to Educate and Train Episcopal Clergy in Ministry Related to Mental Health and Mental Illness](#)

[Borrador del Plan de Estudios para Educar y Capacitar al Clero Episcopal del Ministerio Relacionado con la Salud y las Enfermedades Mentales](#)

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st Convention of The Episcopal Church direct the Executive Council to continue and complete the development of all sections of the Mental Health Ministry Curriculum for the education and training of Episcopal clergy in ministering individuals, families, congregations, and communities experiencing mental health challenges in the church; and be it further,

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention request that the Executive Council Budget Committee consider a budget allocation of \$20,000 for the implementation of this resolution; and be it further,

Resolved, That all ten curriculum modules be translated into all relevant languages in use by The Episcopal Church (including sign language and closed captioning for any video materials); and be it further,

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention request that the Executive Council Budget Committee consider a budget allocation of \$14,000 for that work in this triennium.

A075 - A Directive for Clergy Mental Health Ministry Training

Final Status: Concurred as Amended

Proposed by: Task Force on Individuals with Mental Illness

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: Yes

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 16 - Safety, Wellness & Mental Health

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Concur

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention encourage the President of the House of Deputies to assign to Executive Council the task of beginning training clergy and postulants in the curriculum for Mental Health Ministry as previously directed in 2022-A109, and reporting to the 82nd Convention on the number of clergy trained and offering a proposal for implementation of training requirement.

A076 - Strengthening of Churchwide Training in Mental Health First Aid

Final Status: Concurred as Amended

Proposed by: Task Force on Individuals with Mental Illness

Has Budget Implications: Yes

Cost: \$324,800.00

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: Yes

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 16 - Safety, Wellness & Mental Health

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Concur

Supporting Documents: [Sub-Committee on Mental Health First Aid Training](#)

[Subcomité de Capacitación en Primeros Auxilios para la Salud Mental](#)

Resolution Text

***Resolved,* That the 81st General Convention of The Episcopal Church authorize and fund the Executive Council to provide for the training of additional Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) instructors in The Episcopal Church to provide local, diocesan, and provincial trainings in both Adult, Youth, and Teen-2-Teen Mental Health First Aid, to expand the existing MHFA trainer pool and thus increase access to training for clergy and lay leaders across all Provinces of The Episcopal Church, with training to be completed by May 2027, so that they will become available as resource trainers for the dioceses in each Province; and be it further**

***Resolved,* That the 81st General Convention request that the Executive Council Joint Subcommittee on Budget allocate \$102,000 from The Episcopal Church triennium budget appropriation for the funding of this work; and be it further**

***Resolved,* That the 81st General Convention recommend the exploration with cultural humility of MHFA International resources with the intent to expand MHFA training with non-English-speaking countries and communities to provide trainer coverage as needed for all Provinces; and be it further**

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention authorize the deployment of MHFA instructors, including basic travel-related support, across the next three trienniums to train all active priests and deacons by 2033 for an estimated cost of \$159,000; and be it further

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention request that the Executive Council Joint Subcommittee on Budget allocate \$53,000 to support these travel costs for MHFA instructors in this triennium; and be it further

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention request that the Executive Council Joint Subcommittee on Budget allocate \$10,800 for the generation of printed instructional resources for the diocesan MHFA trainings.

A077 - Additional Guidance for Inclusive and Metaphorical Language

Final Status: Took No Further Action

Proposed by: Task Force on Individuals with Mental Illness

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 10 - Prayer Book, Liturgy & Music

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Take No Further Action

Supporting Documents: [Guidelines for expansive and inclusive language](#)

[Directrices para un lenguaje expansivo e inclusivo](#)

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to include additional guidance in The Guidelines for Expansive and Inclusive Language regarding non-stigmatized language in the inclusive language section and non-ableist language in the metaphorical language section when drafting revisions and new liturgical materials; and be it further

Resolved, That when liturgical materials in languages other than English are developed for use in The Episcopal Church that they follow, to the greatest degree possible, the spirit and intent of these guidelines; and be it further

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention commend these guidelines to all persons who write or speak on behalf of the church for their serious reflection and consideration; and be it further

Resolved, That these guidelines be referred to Dioceses, Interim Bodies of General Convention, Executive Council and related bodies, Provinces, Church Publishing, and other organizations of the church for serious reflection and consideration when writing, speaking, or educating on behalf of the church.

A078 - Promote Equity and to Reduce Differences in Mental Health Outcomes

Final Status: Concurred

Proposed by: Task Force on Individuals with Mental Illness

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: Yes

Directs Dioceses: Yes

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 16 - Safety, Wellness & Mental Health

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Concur

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention of The Episcopal Church hereby encourage that Congress enact legislation on the following package of policies that would serve to promote equity and to reduce differences in mental health outcomes: address implicit bias and unconscious bias in mental health diagnostics and treatment; address data challenges; address Social Determinants of Health; and invest in mental healthcare professional diversity; better mental healthcare treatment available; and be it further

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention of The Episcopal Church urge Episcopalians to prayerfully consider how they can support individuals with mental illness and their caregivers; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church call on all elected and appointed officials to advocate for policies to raise the quality and availability of mental health coverage for all people in states and local areas; and be it further

Resolved, That this Convention charges the dioceses and parishes of The Episcopal Church with advocating for those same policies in their communities and states; and be it further

Resolved, That this Convention transmit a message to each diocese of The Episcopal Church with a copy of this resolution before each Diocesan Convention following the 81st General Convention; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church recognize that issues with mental illness, access to diagnosis and effective treatment, and lack of appropriate treatment for untreated or under-treated pain affect all communities, and there is a disproportionate effect on persons of color, persons with disabilities, and those affected by poverty; and be it further

Resolved, That congregations be urged to pray weekly during the Prayers of the People for those affected by mental illness and their families; and be it further

Resolved, That the individuals involved in undertaking this work remain cognizant of its relationship to other issues of serious concern to The Episcopal Church: gun violence prevention, substance use, suicide prevention, and trauma related to gender, sexual identity, or military service; and be it further

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention, consistent with established policies and procedures, refer this Resolution to the Office of Government Relations, so that it may take all actions necessary to accomplish the intentions and purposes of this resolution.

A079 - Mental Health Sunday

Final Status: Concurred

Proposed by: Task Force on Individuals with Mental Illness

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: Yes

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 16 - Safety, Wellness & Mental Health

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Concur

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention of The Episcopal Church designate as Mental Health Awareness Sunday the Sunday closest to October 10th, which is World Mental Health Day; and be it further

Resolved, That the common objective is to raise awareness of the impact that stigma has on preventing open dialogue about mental health and mental illness with our families, our Church, and our communities; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church encourage the education of its clergy and laity on how to support individuals with mental illness and their caregivers; and be it further

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention of The Episcopal Church send this resolution to each Diocese of The Episcopal Church to post a reminder through their primary communication channels to encourage participation in Mental Health Awareness Sunday; and be it further

Resolved, That we add our voices and prayers with those around the world seeking care and attention to treat mental illness.

Ao80 - Create a Task Force on Countering the Colonial Mindset

Final Status: Concurred as Amended

Proposed by: Standing Commission on World Mission

Has Budget Implications: Yes

Cost: \$150,000.00

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: Yes

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: Yes

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 04 - World Mission

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Concur

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention reckon with the history and present reality of colonialism in The Episcopal Church and its dual identity as a former colony and a colonizing power; and be it further

Resolved, That General Convention recognize the following working definition of the colonial mindset as: “the living legacy of colonialism in the 21st century exemplified by the supremacy of Western/European mindsets, modes of thinking, cultural and economic systems, and bodies in former colonial states and their partners”; and be it further

Resolved, That General Convention create a Task Force on Countering the Colonial Mindset, whose mandate include, but be not limited to, researching and highlighting historic and present realities of the colonial mindset in our common life, and establishing educational materials for dioceses, churches, and mission partners to use in their work and ministry; and be it further

Resolved, That the task force begin its work no later than January 1, 2025 and conclude its work at the conclusion of the 82nd General Convention with the submission of a report with recommendations to the 82nd General Convention; and be it further

Resolved, That the membership of this task force be appointed by the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies and include up to two Bishops appointed by the Presiding Bishop; up to four Clergy and up to ten Lay Persons appointed by the

President of the House of Deputies, with special consideration given to inclusion of persons from non-domestic diocese, Indigenous persons, youth and young adults, mission agencies, and faculty from accredited Episcopal seminaries or Episcopal/Anglican formation centers within university systems and partners with specialties in Colonialism and Missiology; and be it further

Resolved, The General Convention request the Executive Council to allocate \$10,000 to create such a task force and publish educational materials for countering the colonial mindset for use by dioceses, churches, and mission partners.

A081 - Combat Rising Religious Nationalism

Final Status: Concurred as Amended

Proposed by: Standing Commission on World Mission

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: Yes

Directs Dioceses: Yes

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 07 - Social Justice & United States Policy

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Concur

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention acknowledge the urgent, troubling, and deeply rooted issue of religious nationalism, the intersection of religious extremism and nationalist ideologies, both domestically and globally; and be it further,

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church as a part of the Body of Christ lament the negative impact of religious nationalism in promoting violence against the personhood and the social, cultural, and historical order of marginalized groups; and be it further

Resolved, That General Convention encourage individuals, congregations, dioceses and other communities within the Church to educate themselves about this critical issue and its negative impact on marginalized groups; that this effort be undertaken in collaboration with the Office of Government Relations, utilizing their established program on de-radicalization to ensure a coordinated and effective response; and be it further

Resolved, That General Convention urge The Episcopal Church and its mission-related entities, in partnership with inter-religious, ecumenical, and Anglican Communion partners, to combat rising religious nationalism by reporting associated incidents of violence and intimidation to the public and to the appropriate authorities.

Ao82 - Support the Episcopal Veterans Network

Final Status: Concurred as Amended

Proposed by: Standing Commission on World Mission

Has Budget Implications: Yes

Cost: \$90,000.00

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 16 - Safety, Wellness & Mental Health

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Concur

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention acknowledge and recognize the burgeoning Episcopal Veterans Network which is a volunteer initiative within and beyond The Episcopal Church to minister to the material, mental, social and spiritual needs of veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces and their families; and be it further

Resolved, That General Convention recognize that the Episcopal Veterans Network is to be governed by a volunteer steering committee of diverse clergy and lay people, in coordination with the Standing Commission on World Mission, the Office of the Suffragan Bishop for Armed Forces and Federal Ministries and other church bodies which may intersect with this work; and be it further

Resolved, That General Convention encourage all parishes, dioceses, and jurisdictions to become familiar with the Episcopal Veterans Network and its resources, and to encourage other veterans' ministries to join the Network in order to better serve the veterans in their communities; and be it further

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention commends to the Church this Network's work and encourages parishes to use the Feast of St. Martin of Tours or the Sunday closest to that date (November 11) to highlight the work of the Church on behalf of Veterans.

Ao83 - Affirm Anglican Connections

Final Status: Concurred

Proposed by: Standing Commission on World Mission

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 04 - World Mission

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Concur

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention affirm our continued relationship with the broader Anglican Communion as reflected through the work of the Anglican Consultative Council and the other Instruments of Communion; and be it further

Resolved, That General Convention give thanks for, and encourage participation in, the many networks which exist in the Anglican Communion such as in the areas of youth, family, indigenous, peace and justice, women, environment, health and community, safe church, interfaith concerns, church planting and colleges and universities; and be it further

Resolved, That General Convention affirm the need to continue to work across theological, cultural and social differences, and encourage that all Episcopal leaders take time to consider the proposal from the Inter-Anglican Standing Commission on Faith, Unity and Order (IASCFUO) presented at the meeting of the Anglican Consultative Council (ACC-18) in February 2023; and be it further

Resolved, That General Convention encourage the use of the Anglican Cycle of Prayer Calendar issued by the Anglican Communion Office across The Episcopal Church thus uniting Anglicans around the world in prayer.

A084 - Join The Communion Forest Initiative

Final Status: Concurred as Amended

Proposed by: Standing Commission on World Mission

Endorsed by: Task Force on Care of Creation and Environmental Racism

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: Yes

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 15 - Environmental Stewardship & Care of Creation

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Concur

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention, endorse the Anglican Consultative Council's Communion Forest resolution, number 5.c., passed at ACC 18 in Ghana in February 2023, the text of which reads:

The Anglican Consultative Council:

1. recognises that the integrity of creation is under threat and at risk of collapse; and there is urgent need to reduce our carbon footprint and protect biodiversity;
2. affirms the potential of the Communion Forest initiative launched as a legacy of the 2022 Lambeth Conference;
3. invites Churches of the Communion to join in this initiative to be ambitious in using their God-given assets; to weave creation care into the spiritual and liturgical life of the Church; and
4. commends the collaboration of the Anglican Alliance and Anglican Communion Environmental Network, and encourages Churches of the Communion to share with them information about their existing and new activities. And be it further

Resolved, That General Convention urge its Provinces, Dioceses, Congregations and other institutions of The Episcopal Church (TEC), as well as members of TEC, to undertake

appropriate projects in support of the Communion Forest initiative, efforts that may include:

Placement of conservation easements on land, forests, wetlands, and waters to protect biodiversity and to prevent additional emissions of greenhouse gases such as carbon dioxide and methane;

Planting and protection of trees to conserve soil, improve biodiversity, and sequester carbon;

Protect marginal and indigenous communities from exploitation and displacement arising from resource extraction projects;

Join with other TEC institutions and with other faith communities in these efforts;

And such other efforts to reduce emissions, protect biodiversity, and protect people whose homes, health, and livelihoods may be threatened by unwise resource extraction projects, as may best fit the circumstances.

A085 - Support for the Global Mission Advocates Network

Final Status: Concurred as Amended

Proposed by: Standing Commission on World Mission

Has Budget Implications: Yes

Cost: \$75,000.00

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: Yes

Directs Dfms Staff: Yes

Directs Dioceses: Yes

Directs Executive Council: Yes

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 04 - World Mission

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Concur

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the General Convention commend the dioceses who have appointed a **Global Mission Advocate** pursuant to Resolution A016 from the 80th General Convention; and be it further

Resolved, That General Convention strongly encourage each diocese, jurisdiction, **Episcopal seminary**, and diocesan school of ministry to appoint one person to serve as a **Global Mission Advocate**; and be it further

Resolved, That General Convention direct dioceses to support the mission and work of their appointed **Global Mission Advocates**, working with the Office of Global Partnerships and the Standing Commission on World Mission, by providing opportunities for sharing within the diocese about the importance of global mission and the range of resources available, and by providing financial support for attendance at the triennial in-person meeting of the **Global Mission Advocates Network**; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request the Executive Council to allocate \$10,000 to financially support the in-person gathering in the next triennium of the **Global Mission Advocates Network**.

Ao86 - Create a Task Force for Youth Formation and World Mission

Final Status: Concurred as Substituted

Proposed by: Standing Commission on World Mission

Has Budget Implications: Yes

Cost: \$30,000.00

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: Yes

Directs an Interim Body: Yes

Directs Dfms Staff: Yes

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 11 - Formation & Discipleship

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Concur

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention acknowledges the importance of Christian formation among all the baptized and especially our youth in the expression of God's love through acts of service to our neighbors in local and international communities; and be it further

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention direct the Standing Commissions on Formation and Ministry Development and World Mission to create a comprehensive report to define and develop such concepts as mission, global mission, and their intersection with youth formation to be presented at the 82nd General Convention for its consideration; and be it further

Resolved, That the Department of Faith Formation and the Offices of Global Partnership and Youth Ministries collaborate to identify and share already available resources and opportunities with the wider church - provinces, dioceses and congregations - for our youth to engage in and be formed within global mission contexts; and be it further

Resolved, That a Task Force be created to receive the work already generated by the aforementioned interim bodies and to report its recommendations to the 82nd General Convention. The Task Force shall consist of 14 number of people, consisting of 2 bishops, 2 priests, 2 deacons, 4 lay members, and 4 youth ages 13-21 with demonstrated leadership

in their local churches and communities. At least 4 members shall have experience supervising global mission trips, and at least 4 members shall be from dioceses whose primary language is not English; and be it further

Resolved, **That the General Convention requests a budget allocation of \$30,000 for the implementation of this resolution.**

Ao87 - Collect Data on Meeting Sustainable Development Goals

Final Status: Concurred as Substituted

Proposed by: Standing Commission on World Mission

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: Yes

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: Yes

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 04 - World Mission

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Concur

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention of The Episcopal Church, direct the Office of Global Partnerships to facilitate the creation of a churchwide data survey with Episcopal members, entities and partners and to collect data on participation in the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) as a measure of how The Episcopal Church contributes to meeting these goals; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church has continually worked to eradicate poverty in response to Jesus' call to care for the least of these, a mandate of our Gospel; and be it further

Resolved, That the Church recognize that since the eradication of poverty is the main goal of the SDGs, our work aligns naturally with these goals to which we already contribute because of our faith's call to action; and be it further

Resolved, That the current SDG framework, as established by Agenda 2030 adopted by the United Nations in 2015 and endorsed by our Church that same year, is set to conclude in 2030 and consequently, the United Nations will be collecting data to determine how these goals have been met; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church Representative to the United Nations engage with the United Nations processes to collect data and report on The Episcopal Church's engagement with the United Nations; and be it further

Resolved, That data collected be shared publicly as a means to encourage and ignite further participation across the Church, inform future action and that the progress towards this data collection be reported to the 82nd and 83rd General Conventions for such uses; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request the Executive Council to allocate \$25,000 for the development of the survey and the report.

Ao88 - Consult with the Office of Global Partnerships

Final Status: Concurred

Proposed by: Standing Commission on World Mission

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: Yes

Directs Dioceses: Yes

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 04 - World Mission

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Concur

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention commend the work and mission of the Office of Global Partnerships, specifically the faithful ministry of its partnership officers for Africa, Asia and the Pacific, Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean, and the Middle East; and be it further

Resolved, That General Convention strongly encourage all dioceses, parishes, individuals and organizations engaging in or considering global mission in these geographic areas to connect and consult with the Office of Global Partnerships (and the regional partnership officers) as partners in mission in order to more fully and deeply fulfill the mission of the Church to seek and serve Christ in all people and uphold and advocate for the values of God's liberating love throughout the world.

Ao89 - Address Violence Against Women and Girls

Final Status: Concurred as Amended

Proposed by: Standing Commission on World Mission

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: Yes

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 16 - Safety, Wellness & Mental Health

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Concur

Supporting Documents: [16 Days of Activism Toolkit \(webpage\)](#)

[La Justicia de Dios: Teología y Violencia de Género \(pdf\)](#)

[God's Justice: Theology and Gender Based Violence \(pdf\)](#)

[God's Justice: Theology and Gender Based Violence \(webpage\)](#)

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention affirm and uplift ongoing efforts to educate and empower advocacy among all the baptized in accordance with our scriptural, theological and moral understanding for gender equity, mutual respect and human dignity; and be it further

*Resolved, That all the baptized use resources available to them, including **God's Justice: Theology and Gender Based Violence**, a resource produced by the Office of Gender Justice in the Anglican Communion, as a means of ongoing formation that fuels transformation; and be it further*

Resolved, That Episcopal institutions and individuals participate in opportunities for activism and advocacy, including but not limited to, engaging with the Office of Government Relations (OGR) on issues of gender justice and gender-based violence and taking action on action alerts through OGR's Episcopal Public Policy Network, as well as through The Episcopal Church's work at the UN and UNCSW and by participating in the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence sponsored by United Nations Women

**and encouraging use of Episcopal Relief and Development's 16 Days of Activism Toolkit;
and be it further**

***Resolved,* That these resources be deployed and used in congregations during this triennium as trial use, with the hope of including them in Praesidium Academy's Safe Church training modules in the next triennium.**

A090 - Authorization of 1979 Book of Common Prayer

Final Status: Took No Further Action

Proposed by: Task Force on Communion Across Difference

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 10 - Prayer Book, Liturgy & Music

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Take No Further Action

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention amend Canon II.3 by adding a new Section 9 thereto, to read as follows:

<Amended text as it would appear if adopted and concurred. Scroll below the line of asterisks (***) to see the version showing all deleted and added text.>**

II.3

Sec. 9. The Book of Common Prayer as accepted by the General Convention of this Church in 1979 is authorized for regular use at any service in all dioceses of this Church.

<Proposed amended resolution text showing exact changes being made:>

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Sec. 9. *The Book of Common Prayer as accepted by the General Convention of this Church in 1979 is authorized for regular use at any service in all dioceses of this Church.*

A091 - Definition of doctrine

Final Status: Not Concurred

Proposed by: Task Force on Communion Across Difference

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 02 - Constitution & Canons

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Not Concur

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention amend the definition of "Doctrine" in Canon IV.2 to read as follows:

<Amended text as it would appear if adopted and concurred. Scroll below the line of asterisks (***) to see the version showing all deleted and added text.>**

IV.2.

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. For the purposes of this canon, the Book of Common Prayer and any Book of Common Prayer memorialized by General Convention are understood as sufficient statements of the doctrine of this Church.

<Proposed amended resolution text showing exact changes being made:>

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A092 - Access to ordination and deployment

Final Status: Concurred

Proposed by: Task Force on Communion Across Difference

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: Yes

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 02 - Constitution & Canons

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Concur

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention amend Canon III.1 adding new sections 3 and 4 and renumbering all subsequent sections, as follows:

<Amended text as it would appear if adopted and concurred. Scroll below the line of asterisks (*****) to see the version showing all deleted and added text.>

III.1

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.

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, immigration status, 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.

Sec 3. 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 their conscientiously-held theological belief that marriage is a covenant between a man and a woman, or that marriage is a covenant between two people. No right to employment, licensing, ordination, call, deployment, or election is hereby established. In dioceses where the bishop exercising ecclesiastical authority (or, where applicable, ecclesiastical supervision) is unable, for reasons of conscientiously-held theological belief, to ordain a person who holds one of the above-named theological beliefs, the bishop exercising ecclesiastical authority (or ecclesiastical supervision) shall invite another bishop of this Church to provide access to the discernment process for ordination.

Sec. 4. No priest or deacon shall be denied licensure or canonical residence in any diocese of this Church because of their conscientiously-held theological belief that marriage is a covenant between a man and a woman, or that marriage is a covenant between two persons. No right to canonical residence or licensing is hereby established.

Sec 5. The provisions of these Canons for the admission of Candidates for the Ordination to the three Orders: Bishops, Priests and Deacons shall be equally applicable to men and women.

<Proposed amended resolution text showing exact changes being made:>

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unable, for reasons of conscientiously-held theological belief, to ordain a person who holds one of the above-named theological beliefs, the bishop exercising ecclesiastical authority (or ecclesiastical supervision) shall invite another bishop of this Church to provide access to the discernment process for ordination.

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Sec. 3. Sec 5. The provisions of these Canons for the admission of Candidates for the Ordination to the three Orders: Bishops, Priests and Deacons shall be equally applicable to men and women.

A093 - Add provisions of 2018-B012 to canons

Final Status: Concurred as Amended

Proposed by: Task Force on Communion Across Difference

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: Yes

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 02 - Constitution & Canons

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Concur

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention amend Canon I.19.3 to add a new subsection e thereto, to read as follows:

<Amended text as it would appear if adopted and concurred. Scroll below the line of asterisks (***) to see the version showing all deleted and added text.>**

I.19.3

e. Bishops exercising ecclesiastical authority, or where appropriate ecclesiastical supervision, who hold a theological position that does not embrace marriage for same sex couples, will 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 subsection c.

<Proposed amended resolution text showing exact changes being made:>

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And be it further

Resolved, That Canon III.12.3.a be amended to add a new subsection 3 thereto, to read as follows:

<Amended text as it would appear if adopted and concurred. Scroll below the line of asterisks (***) to see the version showing all deleted and added text.>**

III.12.3

a. 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 other community of faith, the bishop exercising ecclesiastical authority (or ecclesiastical supervision) will invite another bishop of this Church to provide pastoral support to the couple, the Member of the Clergy involved and the congregation or other community of faith.

<Proposed amended resolution text showing exact changes being made:>

III.12.3

a. 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 other community of faith, the bishop exercising ecclesiastical authority (or ecclesiastical supervision) will invite another bishop of this Church to provide pastoral support to the couple, the Member of the Clergy involved and the congregation or other community of faith.

A094 - Communion Across Difference

Final Status: Took No Further Action

Proposed by: Task Force on Communion Across Difference

Has Budget Implications: Yes

Cost: \$75,000.00

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 03 - Governance & Structure

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Take No Further Action

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention directs the Presiding Bishop and President of the House of Deputies to appoint a third Task Force on Communion Across Difference consisting of not more than 12 people, who represent the cultural, generational, racial, ethnic and theological diversity in the Church, including especially members from dioceses outside 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 hold that marriage is a “covenant between two people” in the presence of God (Resolution 2018-A085), and that all of those appointed seek a pathway toward mutual flourishing in The Episcopal Church; and be it further

Resolved, That the Task Force will seek to build on the Blue Book reports of the previous two triennia, continuing to seek a lasting path forward for mutual flourishing consistent with this Church’s polity and the 2015 “Communion across Difference” statement of the House of Bishops, affirming (1) the clear decision of General Convention that Christian marriage is a covenant open to two people of the same sex or of the opposite sex, (2) General Convention’s firm commitment to make provision for all couples asking to be married in this Church to have access to authorized liturgies; and also affirming (3) the indispensable place that the minority who hold to this Church’s historic teaching on marriage have in our common life, whose witness our Church needs; and be it further

Resolved, That the Task Force consult widely with members of this Church who represent its diversity of cultural background, age, race, gender, gender identity, and sexual orientation, particularly its members in countries other than the United States; and also with representatives from the Anglican Communion, our full-communication 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 82nd General Convention, ending its term at that time except by further action of General Convention; and be it further

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

A095 - Continue the Task Force on Indigenous Liturgy

Final Status: Concurred as Amended

Proposed by: Task Force on Indigenous Liturgy

Has Budget Implications: Yes

Cost: \$300,000.00

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 05 - Racial Truth-Telling, Reckoning & Healing

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Concur

Resolution Text

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church acknowledge that Indigenous People have been a part of The Episcopal Church since Jamestown in 1607, and that the Church has labeled Indigenous ways pagan and forced Indigenous people to abandon traditional ways and languages; and be it further

Resolved, That the work of the Task Force on Indigenous Liturgy, established by 2022-A141, continue through the 2025-2027 triennium and be funded for \$300,000 to continue the work in order to meet both in healing talking circles and by Zoom to listen deeply, share profoundly, and continue the process of being integrated with the context, language, and identity of The Episcopal Church.

A096 - Task Force on Equipping a Church Grounded in Justice as Christian Ministry

Final Status: Not Concurred

Proposed by: Task Force on Imagining a Church Grounded in Social Justice as Christian Ministry

Has Budget Implications: Yes

Cost: \$40,000.00

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 11 - Formation & Discipleship

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Not Concur

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention *commend the work of the Task Force on Imagining a Church Grounded in Social Justice as Ministry and direct the appointment of a successor new* task force *to be created for a term of six years or two triennia, to carry on and deepen the work begun by the Task Force on Imagining a Church Grounded in Social Justice as Ministry (Mandate A078 of the 80th general Convention) with a diverse group to include 2 bishops, 2 priests, 2 deacons, and 10 laypersons, and recommend the appointment of some members from the previous A078 Task Force in order to maintain some continuity. The new Task Force can begin immediately to address the work enumerated below and report to the 83rd General Convention; and be it further*

Resolved, That the work of the ~~newly created~~ *successor* task force include the following in order to

a) consider what the church must look like *if when our work is grounded in the Gospel and we put our vocation to love God and our neighbor and to be repairers of the breach at the center of our work;*

b) continue the work of the previous task force in reaching out to local, diocesan, and churchwide groups that are doing social justice and racial reconciliation work focused on systemic change, in

order to understand what resources and gifts we already have in this work and where the gaps are;

c) work with churchwide staff to support the creation of ~~a digital~~ *Online Formation* hub to connect to and provide a one-stop place for church members to reach existing ~~justice formation~~ resources, *including justice resources*;

d) develop an experiential model for listening to and documenting the experiences of justice workers at our local levels; and

e) liaise with relevant interim bodies on consideration of these questions and how to address the institutional barriers to change in the church;

f) be charged with making recommendations to the 83rd General Convention for specific ways that the Church can equip and train local leaders to do justice work *that is grounded in the Gospel* and coordinate networks of justice work across our provinces and churchwide;

And be it further

Resolved, That because the funding for the task force is allocated elsewhere, no budget allocation is requested for this work. the General Convention requests the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance to consider a budget allocation (excluding meeting expense already in GCO budget) of \$40,000 to primarily address the development of a digital hub including accessibility, training, and maintenance for the implementation of this resolution.

A097 - Developing a Common Framework for Anti-Racism Training

Final Status: Took No Further Action

Proposed by: Task Force on Imagining a Church Grounded in Social Justice as Christian Ministry

Has Budget Implications: Yes

Cost: \$55,000.00

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 05 - Racial Truth-Telling, Reckoning & Healing

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Take No Further Action

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention, recognize that widely different criteria have been used across the Church to determine if the completion of anti-racism training defined by Canon Article III.6.5.g Training and General Convention Resolution has been satisfied; and that this work has been inspired by the collaborative efforts with the Executive Committee on Anti-Racism (ECCAR); and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church (TEC) recognize that in order to maintain a common theological framework and pastorally congruent response regarding our commitment to dismantle the sin of racism, specific components must be included in any Anti-racism or Racial Reconciliation training designed to fulfill the canonical requirement for all persons seeking ordination and all persons specified in General Convention Resolution 2000-B049; and be it further

Resolved, That the specific components that must be included in any Anti-racism or Racial Reconciliation training to be interactive, offer opportunity for reflection and include as follows:

- 1) A Historical Component - to include Canonical Requirements, Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society's Historical Commitment found in General Convention resolutions, "The Church's Contemporary Response to Racism", and "Becoming Beloved Community",

2) An Information OR Didactic Component - to include learning about the Baptismal Covenant, the Hebrew & New Testament Prophetic traditions, and the History of White Supremacy. Systemic Power, Classism, Sexism and other Intersectional Oppressions, The Doctrine of Discovery, Racism, Internalized Racial Superiority & Microaggressions and Internalized Racial Oppression must be interrogated and challenged. A guide for analyzing and dismantling unintentional institutional racism is an important component if we are to fulfill the intentions of the racial reconciliation resolutions. The hope will be that participants become co-conspirators and agents of Racial Reconciliation and healing in The Episcopal Church and beyond.

3) Activities will include Prayer, Respectful Communication Guidelines, Power Analysis and other activities as indicated to accomplish learning objectives for historical and informational components.

4) The training will reflect common learning objectives and appropriate adult pedagogy including a process/method for reinforcing the training so that it is not a standalone “one and done” course such as the creation and nurturing of an antiracist identity for individuals and institutions;

And be it further

Resolved, That Executive Council’s Committee on Anti-Racism (ECCAR) create an Anti-racism Certification Framework include a master tracking database/mechanism to ensure consistency even as clergy and lay leaders transition across dioceses and TEC-level ministries and to more completely define the above components; and be it further

Resolved, That TEC staff be directed to work with the Executive Committee on Anti-Racism (ECCAR) to implement a certification process that would allow for on-line testing of clergy, laity, and trainers to ensure the consistent fulfillment of the spirit of the requirement for anti-racism training across the Church according to the Anti-racism Certification Framework defined by the Executive Council Committee on Anti-Racism; and be it further

Resolved, That TEC staff provide an annual report to ECCAR on the status of use and effectiveness of the certification process; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention requests the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance to consider a budget allocation (excluding meeting expense) of \$55,000 for the curriculum planning, scope of the effort, and development of the RFP for the tracking module of this resolution.

A098 - Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation

Final Status: Concurred as Substituted

Proposed by: Task Force on Imagining a Church Grounded in Social Justice as Christian Ministry

Has Budget Implications: Yes

Cost: \$40,000.00

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: Yes

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: Yes

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 15 - Environmental Stewardship & Care of Creation

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Concur

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention recognize and salute the efforts of the COP 28 [Conference of the Parties (COP)] to bring about the phase-out of fossil fuels in order to combat harmful climate change and its many damaging effects on vulnerable countries, communities, and people; and be it further

Resolved, That this General Convention direct representatives of The Episcopal Church to seek further steps towards the phase-out of fossil fuels in future international negotiations, including the upcoming COP 29 meetings scheduled for Baku, November 2024, as well as in implementing legislation and regulations in the United States; and be it further

Resolved, That this General Convention direct the Office of Government Relations to support public policy steps to reduce the adverse impacts of a fossil fuel phase-out on people and communities reliant on such industries for jobs, investment, and tax revenue; steps consistent with General Convention Resolution 2018-D081; and be it further

Resolved, That Provinces, Dioceses, Congregations, and all other institutions of The Episcopal Church be strongly encouraged: to review in detail their use of fossil fuels, including fossil-fuel fired electricity, for transportation, heating and cooling, and other purposes as well as their financial reliance, if any, on investments in fossil fuel extraction,

production, and refining; to create, by September 30, 2026, a plan for the reduction in use and eventual phase-out of their use of out fossil fuels and fossil fuel generated electricity in their operations and divestment of fossil-fuel based investments, with the target date for completion of December 31, 2034; to post their plan and periodic updates on their websites and to report this information to the Office of Creation Care in a form and at a frequency provided by that office; and be it further

Resolved, That by December 31, 2025, the Office of Creation Care create standard materials and guidance for dioceses and congregations to use in preparing such plans and update reports; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request the Executive Council to consider a budget allocation (excluding meeting expense already in GCO budget) of \$40,000 to primarily address the development of website updates, forms development, and identify staff support the implementation of this resolution.

A099 - Task Force for Indigenous Justice To Increase Advocacy Groups Reflecting Creation Care and Environmental Justice Ministries

Final Status: Concurred as Amended

Proposed by: Task Force on Imagining a Church Grounded in Social Justice as Christian Ministry

Has Budget Implications: Yes

Cost: \$30,000.00

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: Yes

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: Yes

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 15 - Environmental Stewardship & Care of Creation

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Concur

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention authorize a task force for Indigenous Justice to be formed for the following triennium. Membership in the Task Force will represent the indigenous demographic with 2 Bishops, and at least two presbyters, two deacons, and two laity not to exceed 16 members; and be it further

Resolved, That an initial focus of the Indigenous Justice task force be on eco-justice; and be it further

Resolved, That in the next triennium the Indigenous Justice task force will work to promote the recognition of sovereignty for Indigenous People in the negotiations of the United Nations climate summits (the Conference of Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, the COPs); and be it further

Resolved, That four of its members be also appointed to the Task Force in Imagining a Church Grounded in Creation Healing and Christian Ministry by the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies; and be it further

Resolved, That the Executive Council Budget Committee allocate \$10,000 (excluding meeting expense already in GCO budget) to support this work.

A100 - Adopt Cost Controls in Denominational Health Plan

Final Status: Took No Further Action

Proposed by: Task Force to Advise the Church on Denominational Health Plans

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 12 - Agencies & Boards

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Take No Further Action

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention urge the Church Pension Group to take actions to make the health insurance plans offered by The Episcopal Church Medical Trust self-sufficient and self-funding at each offered benefit level to the extent possible and appropriate; and be it further

Resolved, That the Church Pension Group be urged to offer health insurance benefit offerings in The Episcopal Church Medical Trust comparable to those offered by the benefit agencies of similar denominations including, but not limited to, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, the United Methodist Church, the Presbyterian Church USA, and the United Church of Christ, and to continue collaborating with them when feasible for achieving greater purchasing power in the provision of prescription drug benefit offerings.

A101 - Revise DHP Pricing Structures for Equitable Access

Final Status: Concurred as Substituted

Proposed by: Task Force to Advise the Church on Denominational Health Plans

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: Yes

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 12 - Agencies & Boards

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Concur

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention reaffirm The Episcopal Church's commitment to maintaining parity in health benefits offered to clergy and lay employees of The Episcopal Church and its dioceses, congregations, institutions and communities; and be it further

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention urge Church Pension Group to take actions to make the health insurance plans offered by The Episcopal Church Medical Trust self-sufficient and self-funding at each offered benefit level to the extent possible and appropriate; and be it further

Resolved, That the Church Pension Group be urged to offer health insurance benefit offerings in The Episcopal Church Medical Trust comparable to those offered by the benefit agencies of similar denominations including, but not limited to, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, the United Methodist Church, the Presbyterian Church USA, and the United Church of Christ, and to continue collaborating with them when feasible for achieving greater purchasing power in the provision of prescription drug benefit offerings; and be it further

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention urge the Church Pension Group, in consultation with the CPG Client Council, the House of Bishops, and other pertinent stakeholders, to adopt methods to provide equitable churchwide pricing of plans offered by The Episcopal Church Medical Trust, including by taking into account additional factors that may increase equity such as (a) the relative ability of each covered community

to pay for needed benefits, and (b) the prevailing cost of comparable coverage within the area covered by each group; and be it further

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention urge the Church Pension Group to adopt a pricing structure that will ensure the ability of the Navajoland Area Mission and the Dioceses of Alaska, North Dakota, and South Dakota to provide plans through The Episcopal Church Medical Trust to their qualifying lay and clergy employees and their dependents, most especially to those who presently only receive coverage through the Indian Health Service (IHS) of the United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

A102 - Churchwide Education Efforts to Control Healthcare Costs

Final Status: Concurred

Proposed by: Task Force to Advise the Church on Denominational Health Plans

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 12 - Agencies & Boards

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Concur

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention urge the Church Pension Group to continue its education efforts around health insurance benefit selection, with more purposeful attention given to the benefits offered to employees, covered communities, and the whole church through greater use of the Medicare Small Employer Exception by employees age 65 or older in eligible communities; the need for group administrators to exercise discretion in the number of benefit levels offered within a group; and the benefits to employees and covered communities through the adoption and use of Consumer Directed Health Plans (CDHPs) and associated Health Savings Accounts, and methods by which institutions may transition their employees to such plan offerings.

A103 - Amend Canon III.11.8

Final Status: Concurred

Proposed by: Court of Review

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: Yes

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 02 - Constitution & Canons

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Concur

Resolution Text

Resolved, That Canon III.11.8 is hereby amended to read as follows:

<Amended text as it would appear if adopted and concurred. Scroll below the line of asterisks (***) to see the version showing all deleted and added text.>**

III.11.8

a. Within ten days after the election of a Bishop Diocesan, a Bishop Coadjutor, or a Bishop Suffragan by a Diocesan Convention, delegates constituting no less than ten percent of the number of delegates casting votes on the final ballot may file with the Secretary of the Convention written objections to the election process, setting forth in detail all alleged irregularities. Within ten days after receipt thereof, the Secretary of the Convention shall forward copies of the same to the Bishop Diocesan, the Chancellor and Standing Committee of the Diocese, and to the Presiding Bishop, who shall request the Court of Review to investigate the complaint. At its sole discretion, the Court may use an investigator of its choosing. The Court of Review may invite response by the Bishop Diocesan, the Chancellor, the Standing Committee and any other persons within the Diocese for which the Bishop was elected. The Court may provide for a pastoral response to any affected parties, as it deems appropriate. Within 60 days after receipt of the request, the Court of Review shall send a written report of its findings to the Presiding Bishop, a copy of which report the Presiding Bishop, within fifteen days, shall cause to be sent to the Bishop Diocesan, the Chancellor, the Standing Committee and the Secretary of the Convention of the electing Diocese. The

Secretary shall send a copy of the report to each of the delegates who filed objection to the election process.

b. The report of the Court of Review shall be sent to the Standing Committees of the several Dioceses, with the Certificate of the Secretary of the electing Convention relating to consent to ordain. Likewise, the Presiding Bishop shall include the report in the communication to the Bishops exercising jurisdiction. The 120 day period for Standing Committees and Bishops to consent to the election begins with these communications.

<Proposed amended resolution text showing exact changes being made:>

III.11.8

a. Within ten days after the election of a Bishop Diocesan, a Bishop Coadjutor, or a Bishop Suffragan by a Diocesan Convention, delegates constituting no less than ten percent of the number of delegates casting votes on the final ballot may file with the Secretary of the Convention written objections to the election process, setting forth in detail all alleged irregularities. Within ten days after receipt thereof, the Secretary of the Convention shall forward copies of the same to the Bishop Diocesan, the Chancellor and Standing Committee of the Diocese, and to the Presiding Bishop, who shall request the Court of Review to investigate the complaint. *At its sole discretion, the Court may use an investigator of its choosing.* The Court of Review may invite response by the Bishop Diocesan, the Chancellor, the Standing Committee and any other persons within the Diocese for which the Bishop was elected. *The Court may provide for a pastoral response to any affected parties, as it deems appropriate.* Within ~~45~~ 60 days after receipt of the request, the Court of Review shall send a written report of its findings to the Presiding Bishop, a copy of which report the Presiding Bishop, within fifteen days, shall cause to be sent to the Bishop Diocesan, the Chancellor, the Standing Committee and the Secretary of the Convention of the electing Diocese. The Secretary shall send a copy of the report to each of the delegates who filed objection to the election process.

b. The report of the Court of Review shall be sent to the Standing Committees of the several Dioceses, with the Certificate of the Secretary of the electing Convention relating to consent to ordain. Likewise, the Presiding Bishop shall include the report in the communication to the Bishops exercising jurisdiction. The 120 day period for Standing Committees and Bishops to consent to the election begins with these communications.

A104 - Amend Canon IV.6.9

Final Status: Took No Further Action

Proposed by: Court of Review

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 18 - Title IV Disciplinary Canons

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Take No Further Action

Resolution Text

Resolved, That Canon IV.6.9 is hereby amended to read as follows:

<Amended text as it would appear if adopted and concurred. Scroll below the line of asterisks (***) to see the version showing all deleted and added text.>**

IV.6.9.

Absent extraordinary circumstances, and notwithstanding any other provision of this Title, all matters reported to an Intake Officer shall reach final, non-appellate, resolution within 15 months of the initial Intake Report date. 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. The Intake Officer shall report at least monthly to the Respondent, the Respondent's Advisor, the Respondent's Counsel, if any, the Complainant, the Complainant's Advisor and the Complainant's Counsel, if any, on the progress in the matter. The President of the Disciplinary Board, following consultation with the relevant panels, may, in their sole discretion, reasonably adjust any time periods specified in this Title related to matters before panels, for the purposes of ensuring timely progress.

<Proposed amended resolution text showing exact changes being made:>

IV.6.9.

*Absent extraordinary circumstances, and notwithstanding any other provision of this Title, all matters reported to an Intake Officer shall reach final, non-appellate, resolution within 15 months of the initial Intake Report date. The Reference Panel shall monitor the progress of each referral on a monthly basis to ensure that the matter is progressing in a timely fashion. Until such time as the matter is referred to a Hearing Panel, if the Reference Panel determines that the matter has reached an impasse or is not progressing in a timely fashion, it may re-refer the matter. ~~Once a matter is referred to a Hearing Panel, Canon IV.15.1 shall govern any issue regarding the progress of the matter.~~ The Intake Officer shall report at least monthly to the Respondent, the Respondent's Advisor, the Respondent's Counsel, if any, the Complainant, the Complainant's Advisor and the Complainant's Counsel, if any, on the progress in the matter. *The President of the Disciplinary Board, following consultation with the relevant panels, may, in their sole discretion, reasonably adjust any time periods specified in this Title related to matters before panels, for the purposes of ensuring timely progress.**

A105 - Amend Canon IV.5.4.g

Final Status: Concurred as Amended

Proposed by: Court of Review

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: Yes

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 18 - Title IV Disciplinary Canons

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Concur

Resolution Text

Resolved, That Canon IV.5.4.g is hereby amended to read as follows:

<Amended text as it would appear if adopted and concurred. Scroll below the line of asterisks (***) to see the version showing all deleted and added text.>**

IV.5.4.g

g. No Bishop or Clergy member of the Court of Review may serve in any matter originating from the Diocese in which such Bishop or Clergy member is canonically resident or is then currently licensed to serve, and no lay member may serve in a matter originating from the Diocese of the lay member's primary residence or a Diocese in which the lay member is then currently active.

<Proposed amended resolution text showing exact changes being made:>

IV.5.4.g

g. ~~Whenever a matter is referred to the Court of Review, the President must appoint a Panel for that case consisting of one Bishop, two Members of the Clergy, and two lay persons.~~ No Bishop or Clergy member of the Court of Review may serve in any matter originating from the Diocese in which such Bishop or Clergy member is canonically resident or is then currently licensed to serve, and no lay member may serve in a matter originating from the Diocese of the lay member's primary residence or a Diocese in which the lay member is then currently active. ~~In such event, the President shall appoint another member of the Court from the same Order to serve; if no other member is available to serve, the President must appoint an alternate of the same Order to serve.~~

A106 - Amend Canon IV.15.5.a

Final Status: Concurred as Amended

Proposed by: Court of Review

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: Yes

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 18 - Title IV Disciplinary Canons

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Concur

Resolution Text

Resolved, That Canon IV.15.5.a is hereby amended to read as follows:

<Amended text as it would appear if adopted and concurred. Scroll below the line of asterisks (***) to see the version showing all deleted and added text.>**

Sec. 5. The standards for and conditions of appeal to the Court of Review shall be as follows:

- a. Where an Order is issued against a Respondent who fails to appear before the Hearing Panel or who otherwise fails to participate in proceedings before the Hearing Panel, such Order shall be upheld unless a review of the record on appeal shows the Hearing Panel made a clear error that substantially prejudiced the Respondent. The Court of Review shall review the facts and record in the light most favorable to the Respondent.

<Proposed amended resolution text showing exact changes being made:>

Sec. 5. The standards for and conditions of appeal to the Court of Review shall be as follows:

- a. Where an Order is issued against a Respondent who fails to appear before the Hearing Panel or who otherwise fails to participate in proceedings before the Hearing Panel, such Order shall be upheld unless a review of the record on appeal shows the Hearing Panel made a clear error ~~in issuing such Order,~~ *that substantially prejudiced the Respondent.* The Court of Review shall review the facts and record in the light most favorable to the Respondent.

A107 - Amend Canon IV.19.12

Final Status: Concurred with Referral to an Interim Body

Proposed by: Court of Review

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 18 - Title IV Disciplinary Canons

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Concur with Referral to an Interim Body

Resolution Text

Resolved, That Canon IV.19.12 is hereby amended to read as follows:

<Amended text as it would appear if adopted and concurred. Scroll below the line of asterisks (***) to see the version showing all deleted and added text.>**

Sec. 12. In all proceedings under this Title whenever a Respondent or a Complainant is required or permitted to appear or to participate or to be heard or to be present, they each shall have the right to be accompanied by and to be represented by counsel of their choice. Counsel representing respondents may not withdraw from their representation without both providing notice to the Respondent and the Church Attorney, and receiving permission to withdraw from the Panel to whom the matter is currently referred. Respondent shall be permitted the opportunity to be heard concerning the withdrawal of counsel. Notwithstanding Respondent's right to be accompanied by and represented by counsel of their choice, any counsel determined to have previously withdrawn from representation without permission of the relevant Panel shall not be eligible to represent respondents in Title IV matters within The Episcopal Church. Whenever any notice or other document is provided to or served upon a Respondent or a Complainant under this Title, such shall also simultaneously be provided to or served upon their respective counsel, if Respondent or Complainant, as the case may be, has notified the Bishop of the identity and contact information for such counsel. Nothing in this Title shall be construed as requiring any Respondent to be represented by counsel. Anything in this Title required or permitted to be done by the Respondent's counsel may be done by the Respondent personally.

<Proposed amended resolution text showing exact changes being made:>

Sec. 12. In all proceedings under this Title whenever a Respondent or a Complainant is required or permitted to appear or to participate or to be heard or to be present, they each shall have the right to be accompanied by and to be represented by counsel of their choice. *Counsel representing respondents may not withdraw from their representation without both providing notice to the Respondent and the Church Attorney, and receiving permission to withdraw from the Panel to whom the matter is currently referred. Respondent shall be permitted the opportunity to be heard concerning the withdrawal of counsel. Notwithstanding Respondent's right to be accompanied by and represented by counsel of their choice, any counsel determined to have previously withdrawn from representation without permission of the relevant Panel shall not be eligible to represent respondents in Title IV matters within The Episcopal Church.* Whenever any notice or other document is provided to or served upon a Respondent or a Complainant under this Title, such shall also simultaneously be provided to or served upon their respective counsel, if Respondent or Complainant, as the case may be, has notified the Bishop of the identity and contact information for such counsel. Nothing in this Title shall be construed as requiring any Respondent to be represented by counsel. Anything in this Title required or permitted to be done by the Respondent's counsel may be done by the Respondent personally.

A108 - Proposal of Changes to Title I, Canon 17

Final Status: Concurred as Amended

Proposed by: Task Force on the State of Membership in The Episcopal Church

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: Yes

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 02 - Constitution & Canons

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Concur

Resolution Text

Resolved, That Title I, Canon 17 be amended as follows:

<Amended text as it would appear if adopted and concurred. Scroll below the line of asterisks (***) to see the version showing all deleted and added text.>**

Canon 17: Of Regulations Respecting the Laity

Sec. 1.

- a. All persons who have received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism with water in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, whether in this Church or in another Christian Church, and whose Baptisms have been duly recorded in this Church, are Members thereof.
- b. Members sixteen years of age and over are to be considered Adult Members.
- 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. This may be a requirement for specific leadership roles as defined by the Constitution and Canons of this Church and its constituent bodies.

d. Any person who is baptized in this Church as an adult and receives the laying on of hands by the Bishop at Baptism is to be considered, for the purpose of this and all other Canons, as both baptized and confirmed; also,

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

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

Any baptized person who received the laying on of hands by a Bishop of this Church at Confirmation or Reception is to be considered, for the purpose of this and all other Canons, as both baptized and confirmed.

Sec. 2.

a. All Members of this Church who have received Holy Communion in this Church at least three times during the previous year are considered to be Communicants of this Church.

b. For the purposes of statistical consistency throughout the Church, Communicants sixteen year of age and over are considered to be Adult Communicants.

c. In cases of pastoral sensitivity, with the approval of the Bishop, these requirements may be waived for good cause.

Sec. 3. All Members of this Church who for the previous year have been faithful in corporate worship, unless for good cause prevented, and have been faithful in working, praying, and giving for the spread of the Kingdom of God, are to be considered Communicants in Good Standing.

Sec. 4.

a. A Member of this Church shall procure a Letter of Transfer to transfer their membership from the congregation in which their membership is recorded to another Congregation. This Letter of Transfer shall indicate that the person is recorded as a Member of this Church and whether or not such a Member:

1. is a Communicant,
2. is recorded as being a Communicant in Good Standing;
3. has been confirmed or received by a Bishop of this Church or a Bishop in full communion with this Church.

Upon acknowledgment that a Member who has received such a Letter of Transfer has been enrolled in another congregation of this or another Church, the Member of the Clergy in

charge or Warden issuing the Letter of Transfer shall remove the name of the person from the parish register.

b. The Member of the Clergy in charge or Warden of the congregation to which such membership is surrendered shall record in the parish register the information contained on the presented Letter of Transfer, and then notify the Member of the Clergy in charge or Warden of the congregation which issued the Letter of Transfer that the person has been duly recorded as a Member of the new congregation.

c. If a Member of this Church, not having such Letter of Transfer, desires to become a Member of a new congregation, that person shall be directed by the Member of the Clergy in charge of the said congregation to procure a Letter of Transfer from the former congregation, although on failure to produce such Letter of Transfer through no fault of the person applying, appropriate entry may be made in the parish register upon the evidence of membership status sufficient in the judgment of the Member of the Clergy in charge or Warden.

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.

<Proposed amended resolution text showing exact changes being made:>

Canon 17: Of Regulations Respecting the Laity

Sec. 1.

a. All persons who have received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism with water in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, whether in this Church or in another Christian Church, and whose Baptisms have been duly recorded in this Church, are ~~members~~ *Members* thereof.

b. Members sixteen years of age and over are to be considered Adult Members.

c. It is expected that all ~~adult members~~ *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. *This may be a requirement for specific leadership roles as defined by the Constitution and Canons of this Church and its constituent bodies.*

d. Any person who is baptized in this Church as an adult and receives the laying on of hands by the Bishop at Baptism is to be considered, for the purpose of this and all other Canons, as both baptized and confirmed; also,

Any person who is baptized in this Church as an adult and at some time after the Baptism receives the laying on of hands by the Bishop in Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows is to be

considered, for the purpose of this and all other Canons, as both baptized and confirmed; also,

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

Any baptized person who received the laying on of hands by a Bishop of this Church at Confirmation or Reception is to be considered, for the purpose of this and all other Canons, as both baptized and confirmed.

Sec. 2.

a. All ~~members~~ Members of this Church who have received Holy Communion in this Church at least three times during the preceding year are to be considered Communicants of this Church.

b. For the purposes of statistical consistency through this Church, Communicants sixteen years of age and over are to be considered ~~adult communicants~~ *Adult Communicants*.

c. *In cases of pastoral sensitivity, with the approval of the Bishop, these requirements may be waived for good cause.*

Sec. 3. All ~~communicants~~ *Members* of this Church who for the previous year have been faithful in corporate worship, unless for good cause prevented, and have been faithful in working, praying, and giving for the spread of the Kingdom of God, are to be considered ~~communicants in good standing~~ *Communicants in Good Standing*.

Sec. 4.

a. A ~~member~~ *Member* of this Church ~~removing from the congregation in which that person's membership is recorded~~ shall procure a ~~certificate of membership~~ *Letter of Transfer to transfer their membership from the congregation in which their membership is recorded to another Congregation. This Letter of Transfer shall indicate* ~~indicating that~~ *that the person is recorded as a member (or adult member)* *Member* of this Church and whether or not such a ~~member~~ *Member*:

1. is a ~~communicant~~ *Communicant*;
2. is recorded as being ~~in good standing~~ *a Communicant in Good Standing*;
3. has been confirmed or received by a Bishop of this Church or a Bishop in full communion with this Church.

Upon acknowledgment that a ~~member~~ *Member* who has received such a ~~certificate~~ *Letter of Transfer* has been enrolled in another congregation of this or another Church, the Member of the Clergy in charge or Warden issuing the ~~certificate~~ *Letter of Transfer* shall remove the name of the person from the parish register.

b. The Member of the Clergy in charge or Warden of the congregation to which such ~~certificate membership~~ is surrendered shall record in the parish register the information contained on the presented ~~certificate of membership~~ *Letter of Transfer*, and then notify the Member of the Clergy in charge or Warden of the congregation which issued the ~~certificate~~ *Letter of Transfer* that the person has been duly recorded as a ~~member~~ *Member* of the new congregation. ~~Whereupon the person's removal shall be noted in the parish register of the congregation which issued the certificate.~~

c. If a ~~member~~ *Member* of this Church, not having such a ~~certificate~~ *Letter of Transfer*, desires to become a ~~member~~ *Member* of a *new* congregation in the place to which he or she has ~~removed~~, that person shall be directed by the Member of the Clergy in charge of the said congregation to procure a *Letter of Transfer* ~~certificate~~ from the former congregation, although on failure to produce such *Letter of Transfer* a ~~certificate~~ through no fault of the person applying, appropriate entry may be made in the parish register upon the evidence of membership status sufficient in the judgment of the Member of the Clergy in charge or Warden.

d. Any ~~communicant~~ *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.

A109 - Commend and Expand Liturgical Resources in Recognition of the End of Slavery

Final Status: Concurred as Amended

Proposed by: Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: Yes

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 10 - Prayer Book, Liturgy & Music

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Concur

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to make available at episcopalcommonprayer.org liturgical materials it has collected lamenting the historic evil of slavery and celebrating the emancipation of enslaved peoples; and be it further

Resolved, That the SCLM continue to collect and develop liturgical materials in consultation with church leaders in nations, commonwealths, or convocations of churches where The Episcopal Church has dioceses or convocations and where slavery is a part of the national history; and be it further

Resolved, That the SCLM present these materials to the 82nd General Convention for consideration for inclusion in The Book of Occasional Services (or other appropriate location); and be it further

Resolved, That dioceses and congregations be encouraged to develop local commemorations lamenting slavery and its effects and celebrating emancipation on days deemed appropriate by them and to submit them to the SCLM through the portal on episcopalcommonprayer.org.

A110 - Clarify Distinction Between Biblical and Modern Israel

Final Status: Concurred as Amended

Proposed by: Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: Yes

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 06 - Social Justice & International Policy

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Concur

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention commit to clarifying, in liturgy and through education a basic distinction between biblical Israel and the modern State of Israel, in order to avoid a conflation of the two, and to reduce such confusion as contributes to the harmful effects of those religious ideologies popularly known as Christian Zionism, distinct from historic Jewish Zionism; and be it further

Resolved, that this resolution be referred to the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music, and that they be instructed to develop educational resources regarding problematic or potentially confusing hymns and liturgical texts, including instances in the Book of Common Prayer; and be it further

Resolved, that the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music report back to the 82nd General Convention with its findings, including the educational resources.

A111 - Develop resources and models for online/in person hybrid worship

Final Status: Concurred as Amended

Proposed by: Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music

Has Budget Implications: Yes

Cost: \$50,000.00

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: Yes

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: Yes

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 10 - Prayer Book, Liturgy & Music

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Concur

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention of The Episcopal Church direct the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to develop resources and models for online/in person hybrid worship that reflect best practices, the variety of settings in which Episcopal churches are located and the technology, budgets and bandwidth available to them; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request the Executive Council Budget Committee to allocate \$10,000 during the triennium for the work outlined above.

A112 - Authorize use of the "Expanded Revised Common Lectionary Daily Readings"

Final Status: Concurred as Amended

Proposed by: Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: Yes

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 10 - Prayer Book, Liturgy & Music

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Concur

Supporting Documents: [Publications page of the Consultation on Common Texts](#)

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention authorize for additional use in the Daily Offices under Article X.c of the Constitution the "Expanded Revised Common Lectionary Daily Readings," prepared by the Consultation on Common Texts (CCT), for use until the 82nd General Convention; and be it further

Resolved, That the SCLM solicit, receive, and consider feedback during this triennium, to be reported to the 82nd General Convention.

A113 - Affirm Flexibility of Idiom for Authorized Liturgies

Final Status: Concurred as Substituted

Proposed by: Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: Yes

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 10 - Prayer Book, Liturgy & Music

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Concur

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to prepare a contemporary-language version of Rite I prayers not currently available in the contemporary idiom and report to the 82nd General Convention.

A114 - Authorize for use Expansive Language Versions of Eucharistic Prayer C

Final Status: Concurred as Amended

Proposed by: Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: Yes

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: Yes

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 10 - Prayer Book, Liturgy & Music

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Concur

Supporting Documents: [Expansive Language Versions of Eucharistic Prayer C](#)

[Versiones en Lenguaje Expansivo de la Oración Eucarística C](#)

Resolution Text

Resolved, ;That the 81st General Convention authorize for trial use throughout this church under Article X.b, subject to consent of the Bishop or the Ecclesiastical Authority, expansive-language versions of Eucharistic Prayer C (dialogic and fixed response), as found in the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music Blue Book Report pages 11-17, with the following revisions

SCLM Blue Book Report page 11: After the line “the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns,” add the phrase “the planets in their courses”

SCLM Blue Book Report page 12: Delete the line “On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread, said the blessing,” and insert in its place “Blessed are you, Lord our God, for sending us Jesus, the Christ, who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread, said the blessing,”

And be it further

Resolved, That the period of authorized use of these texts shall extend to the 82nd General Convention; and be it further

Resolved, That these texts be provided to the church at no cost via electronic distribution; and be it further

Resolved, That the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music be directed to engage a dynamic equivalence translation of these texts into the Spanish, French, and Kreyol languages; and be it further

Resolved, That the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music be directed to develop a process for evaluation of the ongoing use of these texts among the dioceses and congregations of this church, and report to the 82nd General Convention; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request the Executive Council Budget Committee to allocate \$9000 for translation.

A115 - Authorized use of alternative texts for the Good Friday liturgy

Final Status: Concurred as Substituted

Proposed by: Task Force on Indigenous Liturgy

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: Yes

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: Yes

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 10 - Prayer Book, Liturgy & Music

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Concur

Supporting Documents: [Alternative Texts for the Good Friday Liturgy](#)

[Textos alternativos para la liturgia del Viernes Santo](#)

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention authorize for use throughout the Church under Article X.c until the 82nd General Convention, with the consent of the Bishop or the Ecclesiastical Authority, the Alternative Texts for the Good Friday Liturgy, Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music (SCLM) Blue Book report pp. 18-27, with the following revisions:

SCLM Blue Book Report p. 19: Revise Epistle to read “Ephesians 1:3-14 or Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9”

SCLM Blue Book Report p. 19: In the rubric that begins “The Passion Gospel may be read,” add the following sentence: “The Notes at the end of this liturgy include suggested translations of the Passion Gospel.”

SCLM Blue Book Report p. 23: In the first collect, change “O God of Abraham and Sarah” to “O God of Abraham [and Sarah and Hagar]”

SCLM Blue Book Report p. 23: Revise “For the contemptuous and the scornful” to read “For those who are contemptuous or scornful”

SCLM Blue Book Report p. 26: In the concluding collect, replace “sinner” with “sinners” and “Gather” with “Father”

SCLM Blue Book Report p. 26: Revise the first note, adding italicized text and deleting text that is struck through, as follows: “The options for the reading from the epistles are designed to provide alternative perspectives on the meaning of the death of Jesus Christ. The traditional first reading from the Letter to the Hebrews (10:1-25), not included in this alternative liturgy, frames the death of Jesus as the final sacrifice offered to God. Jesus Christ becomes both the sacrifice and the high priest offering the sacrifice. The first alternative reading from the Letter to the Ephesians (1:3-14) situates the death of Jesus Christ within a larger arc of salvation history. God the Father chose his Son before creation to be for humans the means by which they attain redemption as children of God. This happens through the death of Jesus Christ, which secures the forgiveness of sins. In the reading from Hebrews (4:14-16, 5:5-7), currently an option in the Book of Common Prayer, the image of Jesus Christ as an interceding high priest does not call into question the validity of the Temple sacrifices given by God to the Jewish people to offer as worship. The source of salvation rests in Christ’s obedience to God the Father, which those who follow Christ call upon for their own salvation.”

SCLM Blue Book Report p. 26: In the third note, add the following sentence: “Congregations are encouraged to consider the introductory material and emended Passion according to John available from the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America as ‘Seasonal Rites for the Three Days,’ which is available for free download with copyright permission for congregational use.”

SCLM Blue Book Report p. 26: In the fourth note, revise the third sentence, adding italicized text and deleting text that is struck through, to read as follows: “While such a prayer has never been in The Episcopal Church’s Book of Common Prayer, it A prayer to this effect was in the 1789 and 1892 Prayer Books of The Episcopal Church and changed in the 1928 Book of Common Prayer. It is a legacy to which we are accountable, given that it at times inspired violence against Jews.”

And be it further

***Resolved,* That the Alternative Texts for the Good Friday Liturgy be provided to the church at no cost via electronic distribution; and be it further**

***Resolved,* That the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music be directed to engage a dynamic equivalence translation of the Alternative Texts for the Good Friday Liturgy into Spanish, French, and Kreyol languages; and be it further**

***Resolved,* That the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music be directed to develop a process for evaluation of the use of the Alternative Texts for the Good Friday Liturgy among the dioceses and congregations of this Church and report to the 82nd General Convention; and be it further**

***Resolved,* That the General Convention request the Executive Council Budget Committee to allocate \$2500 for translation.**

A116 - Marriage Rites for Inclusion in the Book of Common Prayer (First Reading)

Final Status: Concurred as Substituted

Proposed by: Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: Yes

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: Yes

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 10 - Prayer Book, Liturgy & Music

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Concur

Supporting Documents: [Marriage Rites for Inclusion in the Book of Common Prayer](#)

[Ritos matrimoniales para su inclusión en el Libro de Oración Común](#)

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention authorize for trial use under Article X.b the following revisions to the Book of Common Prayer 1979:

BCP pp. 349 and 381: Following the Preface of Marriage, add the rubric “or this”, followed by Preface of Marriage, Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music (SCLM) Blue Book report p. 39

BCP p. 423: Revise the title to read “The Celebration and Blessing of a Marriage I”

BCP p. 433: Revise the title to read “The Blessing of a Civil Marriage I”

BCP p. 435: Revise the title to read “An Order for Marriage I”

Following BCP p. 438, add The Celebration and Blessing of a Marriage, SCLM Blue Book report pp. 28-36; The Blessing of Civil Marriage, SCLM Blue Book report pp. 36-37; An Order of Marriage, SCLM Blue Book report pp. 37-38; and Additional Directions, SCLM Blue Book Report, pp. 38-39; with the following revisions:

SCLM Blue Book Report p. 28: Revise the first paragraph Concerning the Service as follows: “At least one of the parties must be a baptized Christian; the ceremony must

be attested by at least two witnesses; and the marriage must conform to the laws of the State and the canons of this Church.”

SCLM Blue Book Report p. 29: Revise the title to read “The Celebration and Blessing of a Marriage II”

SCLM Blue Book Report p. 35: Replace “Preface of the Season” with “Preface of Marriage, or of the Season”

SCLM Blue Book Report p. 36: Revise the title to read “The Blessing of a Civil Marriage II”

SCLM Blue Book Report p. 37: Revise the title to read “An Order for Marriage II”

SCLM Blue Book Report p. 37: Replace the first paragraph of An Order of Marriage with the following text: “If it is desired to celebrate a marriage otherwise than as provided in the Book of Common Prayer or any authorized alternative thereto, this Order is used.”

SCLM Blue Book Report p. 37: Revise paragraph 3 of An Order of Marriage as follows: “The laws of the State and the canons of this Church having been complied with, the couple, together with their witnesses, families, and friends assemble in the church or in some other convenient place.”

Blue Book Report p. 37: Revise #1 of An Order of Marriage as follows: “The teaching of the Church concerning Holy Matrimony, as it is declared in the formularies and canons of this Church, is briefly stated.”

And be it further

Resolved, That these liturgies authorized for trial use be made available electronically at no cost; and be it further

Resolved, That the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music be directed to engage a dynamic equivalence translation of these texts into the Spanish, French, and Kreyol languages; and be it further

Resolved, That the liturgies The Celebration and Blessing of a Marriage, The Blessing of a Civil Marriage, and An Order for Marriage as authorized in The Book of Common Prayer 1979 continue to be authorized for use in all dioceses of The Episcopal Church; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request the Executive Council Budget Committee to allocate \$12,000 for translation.

A117 - Withdraw Rev. William Porcher DuBose from the Lesser Feasts and Fasts Calendar -- Second Reading

Final Status: Concurred

Proposed by: Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 10 - Prayer Book, Liturgy & Music

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Concur

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention authorize the deletion of William Porcher DuBose from the Calendar of the Church and liturgical propers from Lesser Feasts and Fasts.

A118 - Authorize the Commemoration of Harriet Ross Tubman -- Second Reading

Final Status: Took No Further Action

Proposed by: Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 10 - Prayer Book, Liturgy & Music

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Take No Further Action

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention authorize the addition of Harriet Ross Tubman to the Calendar of the Church.

A119 - Authorize the Commemoration of Frederick Howden, Jr. -- Second Reading

Final Status: Took No Further Action

Proposed by: Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 10 - Prayer Book, Liturgy & Music

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Take No Further Action

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention authorize the addition of Frederick Howden Jr. to the Calendar of the Church.

A120 - Authorize the Commemoration of Simeon Bachos, the Ethiopian Eunuch -- Second Reading

Final Status: Took No Further Action

Proposed by: Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 10 - Prayer Book, Liturgy & Music

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Take No Further Action

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention authorize the addition of Simeon Bachos, the Ethiopian Eunuch, to the Calendar of the Church.

A121 - Authorize the Commemoration of the Consecration of Barbara Clementine Harris -- Second Reading

Final Status: Concurred as Substituted

Proposed by: Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: Yes

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 10 - Prayer Book, Liturgy & Music

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Concur

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the commemoration of the Consecration of Barbara Clementine Harris, authorized for trial use by the 80th General Convention (Resolution 2022-C023) be now finally authorized for February 11 and entered into the Calendar of the Church Year (BCP p. 19ff.) and in future revisions of Lesser Feasts and Fasts; and be it further

Resolved, That the commemoration of Simeon Bachos, the Ethiopian Eunuch, authorized for trial use by the 80th General Convention (Resolution 2022-A008) be now finally authorized for August 26 and entered into the Calendar of the Church Year (BCP p. 19ff.) and in future revisions of Lesser Feasts and Fasts; and be it further

Resolved, That the commemoration of Frederick Howden, Jr. on December 11, authorized for trial use by the 80th General Convention (Resolution 2022-A008) be now finally authorized and entered into the Calendar of the Church Year (BCP p. 19ff.) and in future revisions of Lesser Feasts and Fasts; and be it further

Resolved, That this General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to edit the biographies for these commemorations, attending to clarity, historical accuracy and timelessness.

A122 - Withdraw the trial use commemoration of Episcopal Deaconesses

Final Status: Took No Further Action

Proposed by: Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 10 - Prayer Book, Liturgy & Music

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Take No Further Action

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention authorize the deletion of the trial use commemoration of Episcopal Deaconesses from the Calendar of the Church.

A123 - Authorize the trial use Commemoration of Adeline Blanchard Tyler and her Companions -- First Reading

Final Status: Took No Further Action

Proposed by: Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 10 - Prayer Book, Liturgy & Music

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Take No Further Action

Supporting Documents: [Commemoration of Adeline Blanchard Tyler and her Companions](#)

[Commemoración de Adeline Blanchard Tyler y sus Compañeras](#)

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention authorize the trial use addition of Adeline Blanchard Tyler and her Companions to the Calendar of the Church on November 4th; and be it further

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music edit these propers for inclusion in Lesser Feasts and Fasts.

A124 - Authorize the trial use Commemoration of Lili'uokalani of Hawai'i -- First Reading

Final Status: Took No Further Action

Proposed by: Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 10 - Prayer Book, Liturgy & Music

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Take No Further Action

Supporting Documents: [Commemoration of Lili'uokalani of Hawai'i](#)

[Commemoración de Lili'uokalani de Hawai'i](#)

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention authorize the trial use addition of Lili'uokalani of Hawai'i to the Calendar of the Church on January 29; and it further

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music edit these propers for inclusion in Lesser Feasts and Fasts.

A125 - Add Optional Fast Days to Lesser Feasts and Fasts

Final Status: Concurred with Referral to an Interim Body

Proposed by: Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: Yes

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 10 - Prayer Book, Liturgy & Music

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Concur with Referral to an Interim Body

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to research possible optional fasts days for inclusion in Lesser Feasts and Fasts, and to bring draft propers to the 82nd General Convention.

A126 - Transfer dates of commemorations in Lesser Feasts and Fasts

Final Status: Concurred as Amended

Proposed by: Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: Yes

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 10 - Prayer Book, Liturgy & Music

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Concur

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention authorize for trial use under Article X.b for the triennium 2024-2027 the following transfers of dates in Lesser Feasts and Fasts.

Cornelius the Centurion: Transfer from February 4 to October 20.

Martyrs of Japan: Transfer from February 5 to February 6

Theodora: Transfer from February 11 to February 12

Mary of Egypt: Transfer from April 3 to March 30

Remigius of Rheims: Transfer from October 1 to October 2

Nicholas Ferrar: Transfer from December 1 to December 8

First Book of Common Prayer: Fix date on June 13

A127 - Establish a Working Group to Update Biographies in Lesser Feasts and Fasts

Final Status: Concurred as Amended

Proposed by: Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: Yes

Directs an Interim Body: Yes

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: Yes

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 10 - Prayer Book, Liturgy & Music

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Concur

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention authorize the creation of a diverse working group of not more than nine members including at least three church historians to review the biographies in Lesser Feasts and Fasts, taking note of changes in scholarship that have occurred since many of the biographies were first approved, and make any appropriate revisions, to be appointed by the chair of the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music; and be it further

Resolved, That the working group also examine any role that figures commemorated on the calendar might have had in oppressive systems contrary to our Baptismal Covenant including (but not limited to) the slave trade, indigenous boarding schools, and segregation, and recommend ways to appropriately address any concerns that are identified; and be it further

Resolved, That the working group report through the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music, and be given up to two triennia to fully complete its work; and be it further

Resolved, that the General Convention request the Executive Council Budget Committee to allocate \$30,000 for this work during this triennium.

A128 - Concerning minor edits to Lesser Feasts and Fasts

Final Status: Took No Further Action

Proposed by: Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 10 - Prayer Book, Liturgy & Music

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Take No Further Action

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention authorizes the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to make minor corrections to grammar, typos, and errors of fact in each edition of Lesser Feasts and Fasts, following Canon I.1.2.n.2.ix. Such minor corrections need not take the form of a General Convention resolution, but should be noted in the next edition of the Blue Book Report. Major revisions to bios, collects, or readings would continue to come before General Convention.

A129 - Lectionary for Lesser Feasts and Fasts

Final Status: Concurred

Proposed by: Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 10 - Prayer Book, Liturgy & Music

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Concur

Supporting Documents: [Lectionary for Lesser Feasts and Fasts](#)

[Leccionario para Fiestas y Ayunos Menores](#)

Resolution Text

Resolved, **That the 81st General Convention authorize the lectionary for Lesser Feasts and Fasts which can be found as a support document on this resolution and also in the report to the 81st General Convention of Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music.**

A130 - Developing alternative hymn texts

Final Status: Concurred as Amended

Proposed by: Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music

Has Budget Implications: Yes

Cost: \$200,000.00

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: Yes

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: Yes

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 10 - Prayer Book, Liturgy & Music

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Concur

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention authorize the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to work during the forthcoming triennium to develop a digital collection of alternative versions of hymns that address issues of colonialist, racist, white supremacist, imperialistic, and nationalistic language, as identified in Resolution 2022-A126; and be it further

Resolved, That for hymn texts for which the copyright is held by Church Publishing Incorporated, the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music develop a digital collection of alternative hymn texts, to be made available to congregations for their use, and to be published by Church Publishing Incorporated; and be it further

Resolved, That for hymn texts in the public domain, the 81st General Convention invite the people to submit alternative versions of hymn texts via the Submissions page on episcopalcommonprayer.org, and that such alternate hymn texts be shared via that website's protocols, for use and evaluation; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request the Executive Council Budget Committee to allocate \$50,000 for this work.

A131 - Creation of a Supplement to The Hymnal 1982

Final Status: Rejected

Proposed by: Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music

Has Budget Implications: Yes

Cost: \$750,000.00

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 10 - Prayer Book, Liturgy & Music

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Reject

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention ~~authorize~~ direct the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to work with Church Publishing Incorporated during the forthcoming triennium to develop a new hymnal supplement; report on its progress to the 82nd General Convention, and be it further

Resolved, ~~That the sum of \$ 750,000 be appropriated for this work.~~ That the General Convention request the Executive Council Budget Committee to allocate \$ 750,000 for this work.

A132 - Establishing an Online Hub for Continuing Formation and Ministry Resources

Final Status: Concurred as Substituted

Proposed by: Standing Commission on Formation and Ministry Development

Has Budget Implications: Yes

Cost: \$0.00

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: Yes

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: Yes

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 11 - Formation & Discipleship

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Concur

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention reiterates its commitment to the establishment of an Online Hub for Continuing Formation and Ministry Resources; and be it further

Resolved, That this Online Hub will serve as a central repository of vetted resources, ensuring that leaders have access to adaptable materials for their specific contexts, fostering ongoing formation, and addressing the current void left by the absence of sustained denominational-level work; and be it further

Resolved, That the Online Hub, curated by subject-area experts, will connect leaders with proven formation processes, materials, and networks to facilitate vocational development, thereby alleviating the need for leaders to develop tools independently; and be it further

Resolved, That this resolution emphasizes the urgency of providing leaders with a starting point for spiritual discernment, leadership development, ordination preparation, and formation for the ministry of all baptized persons, recognizing the diverse situational needs within The Episcopal Church and including resources in various languages developed by/for non-English speaking Episcopal Church communities; and be it further

Resolved, That the Executive Council, in collaboration with the Standing Commission on Formation and Ministry Development, establish an Online Hub to serve as a

comprehensive, accessible resource library for a variety of proven formation materials created by task forces, commissions, committees, and individuals for spiritual development, leadership development, and ministry across the church; and be it further

Resolved, **That the Executive Council and the Standing Commission on Formation and Ministry Development report to the 82nd General Convention on the structure of the Hub, its collection policies, and resources acquired and in use; and be it further**

Resolved, **That the General Convention requests \$40,000 (forty thousand dollars) to support the establishment and maintenance of the Online Hub for Continuing Formation and Ministry Resources in the upcoming triennium.**

A133 - Establishing a Taskforce for the Study of Fair Hiring Policies within The Episcopal Church

Final Status: Concurred with Referral to an Interim Body

Proposed by: Standing Commission on Formation and Ministry Development

Has Budget Implications: Yes

Cost: \$75,000.00

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: Yes

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 17 - Accessibility & Inclusion

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Concur with Referral to an Interim Body

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention establishes a Taskforce on Fair Hiring Policies within The Episcopal Church to conduct a comprehensive study and analysis of existing hiring practices, identify areas for improvement, and propose recommendations for implementing fair hiring policies across all levels of the Church's structure; and be it further

Resolved, That the Taskforce composition shall be inclusive and diverse, reflecting the broad spectrum of The Episcopal Church, and shall include representation from clergy, laity, and experts with experience in human resources, diversity, and inclusion. The Taskforce shall be charged with, but not limited to, the following responsibilities:

- Conducting a thorough review of current hiring policies within The Episcopal Church.
- Analyzing data on past hiring practices to identify trends, disparities, and areas for improvement.
- Consulting with stakeholders, including dioceses, congregations, and affiliated entities, to gather input and insights.
- Developing a set of recommendations and guidelines for fair hiring practices that align with the Church's commitment to justice, diversity, and inclusion;

And be it further

Resolved, That the Taskforce shall present its findings and recommendations at the 82nd General Convention, accompanied by a comprehensive report detailing the study's methodology, key findings, and proposed fair hiring policies; and be it further

Resolved, That the Taskforce may collaborate with relevant committees, commissions, and organizations within The Episcopal Church to ensure a coordinated and effective approach to implementing fair hiring policies; and be it further

Resolved, That a budget of \$75,000 be allocated to support the work of the Taskforce, covering expenses related to research, outreach, and the production of the final report.

A134 - Establishing a Task Force for the Funding and Study of Compensation and Benefits for Deacons and Non-Stipendiary Priests

Final Status: Took No Further Action

Proposed by: Standing Commission on Formation and Ministry Development

Has Budget Implications: Yes

Cost: \$60,000.00

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 12 - Agencies & Boards

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Take No Further Action

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention establishes a Task Force to Study of Compensation and Benefits for Deacons and Non-Stipendiary Priests; and be it further

Resolved, That the Task Force composition shall be diverse, inclusive, and representative of the broader Episcopal Church, including individuals with expertise in clergy compensation, finance, and those who have direct experience as deacons or non-stipendiary priests; and be it further

Resolved, That the Task Force is charged with, but not limited to, the following responsibilities:

- Conducting a thorough study of current compensation and benefit structures for deacons and non-stipendiary priests.
- Examining data on compensation trends, disparities, and challenges faced by deacons and non-stipendiary priests.
- Consulting with stakeholders, including dioceses, congregations, and relevant committees, to gather insights and recommendations.

- Developing a set of recommendations and guidelines for fair compensation and benefits that align with the Church's values and commitments;

And be it further

Resolved, That the Task Force shall seek external funding to support the execution of the study, ensuring its independence and thoroughness; and be it further

Resolved, That a budget of \$60,0000 be allocated to the Task Force to cover expenses related to research, outreach, and the production of the final report; and be it further

Resolved, That the Task Force shall present its findings and recommendations at the 81st General Convention, accompanied by a comprehensive report detailing the study's methodology, key findings, and proposed compensation and benefits guidelines; and be it further

Resolved, That the Task Force may collaborate with relevant committees, commissions, and organizations within The Episcopal Church to facilitate the implementation of recommended policies; and be it further

Resolved, That this resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

A135 - Compensation for Non-stipendiary Clergy

Final Status: Concurred as Substituted

Proposed by: Standing Commission on Formation and Ministry Development

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: Yes

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 12 - Agencies & Boards

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Concur

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention encourage each diocese to consider paying all active currently non-stipendiary clergy of any order under the age of 72, canonically resident in and serving in The Episcopal Church, and with a current letter of agreement with the congregation or entity they serve, a minimum of \$25 per month, and pay assessments on their behalf to the Church Pension Fund (CPF) to enable access to applicable benefits from the Fund, beginning January 1, 2025; and be it further

Resolved, That compensation paid under this resolution should not replace payment on behalf of the clergy by the congregation or the diocese for the expenses of Diocesan Convention, Clergy Conference, continuing education, discretionary fund, or mileage, and other expenses as may be established in the letter of agreement.

A136 - Translating the Catechism

Final Status: Not Concurred

Proposed by: Standing Commission on Formation and Ministry Development

Has Budget Implications: Yes

Cost: \$50,000.00

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 11 - Formation & Discipleship

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Not Concur

Resolution Text

*Resolved, That the 81st General Convention recognizes the need for access to the catechism in the Book of Common Prayer in languages beyond English, Spanish, French, and Haitian Kreyol and directs the ~~Task Force on Translation and Interpretation~~ *Manager of Language Services*, pursuant to Canon II.3.5 to facilitate the professional translation of An Outline of the Faith, commonly called the Catechism to Arabic, *Dinka*, Dutch, Georgian, German, *Hmong*, Italian, *Karen*, Korean, *Lakota*, Mandarin, *Navajo*, and Russian and Urdu; and be it further*

Resolved, That each translation be authorized by the Custodian of the Book of Common Prayer pursuant to Canon II.3.5; and be it further

Resolved, That said translations be made available digitally and free of copyright restriction; and be it further

Resolved, That the sum of ~~\$50,000~~ \$60,000 be appropriated for the completion of these translations and their distribution.

A137 - Create a Task Force for Youth Formation and World Mission

Final Status: Took No Further Action

Proposed by: Standing Commission on Formation and Ministry Development

Has Budget Implications: Yes

Cost: \$30,000.00

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 11 - Formation & Discipleship

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Take No Further Action

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention establish a Task Force for collaborative research, relationship-building and program development for the purpose of identifying, sharing and developing global mission opportunities for youth (ages 13-21) in The Episcopal Church; and be it further

Resolved, That the Task Force gather information on programs and resources currently in use across The Church, highlighting particularly the areas of intersection that exist between the formation of Christian identity and the expression of God's love through loving our neighbors near and far and especially in global and intercultural contexts; and be it further

Resolved, That the Task Force may be comprised of membership including, but not limited to, from Interim Bodies, relevant Episcopal Church entities, youth (ages 13-21), and representation from domestic and non-domestic dioceses with special consideration given to inclusion of persons from non-English speaking dioceses, jurisdictions, and mission areas; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request a budget allocation of \$30,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

A138 - Task Force on Parity and Equity of Lay Compensation and Benefits

Final Status: Rejected

Proposed by: Executive Council

Has Budget Implications: Yes

Cost: \$40,000.00

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 12 - Agencies & Boards

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Reject

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention call upon the Presiding Bishop and the 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 a wide range of expertise in church employment and church employment benefits for both lay people and clergy including Episcopal schools, parishes, dioceses, and other Episcopal entities. The task force shall, in consultation with the Office of General Convention and the Church Pension Group, study and report on issues regarding parity and equity of lay compensation and benefits across The Episcopal Church, including regional differences, and those based on part-time status, race, gender, class, LGBTQ+, position, authority, nature of institution (school, church, etc.) for consideration of the 84th General Convention.

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention request a budget allocation of \$40,000 for this task force, to include one in-person meeting and resources for outside consultation.

A139 - Amend Canon IV.6.4 -Intake Timeline

Final Status: Concurred as Amended

Proposed by: Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: Yes

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 18 - Title IV Disciplinary Canons

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Concur

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention amend Canon IV.6.4 to read as follows:

<Amended text as it would appear if adopted and concurred. Scroll below the line of asterisks (***) to see the version showing all deleted and added text.>**

Sec. 4. Upon receipt of such information, the Intake Officer may undertake such initial inquiry as he or she deems necessary, and shall incorporate the information into a written intake report, including as much specificity as possible. Within 45 days after receiving information concerning an Offense, the Intake Officer must provide copies of the intake report to the other members of the Reference Panel and to the Church Attorney. The 45 days may be extended with consent of the Reference Panel.

<Proposed amended resolution text showing exact changes being made:>

Sec. 4. Upon receipt of such information, the Intake Officer may undertake such initial inquiry as he or she deems necessary, and shall incorporate the information into a written intake report, including as much specificity as possible. *Within 45 days after receiving information concerning an Offense, the The Intake Officer shall must* provide copies of the intake report to the other members of the Reference Panel and to the Church Attorney. *The 45 days may be extended with consent of the Reference Panel.*

A140 - Amend Canon IV.6.8 - Reference Panel

Final Status: Concurred as Amended

Proposed by: Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: Yes

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 18 - Title IV Disciplinary Canons

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Concur

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention amend Canon IV.6.8 to read as follows:

<Amended text as it would appear if adopted and concurred. Scroll below the line of asterisks (***) to see the version showing all deleted and added text.>**

Sec. 8. The Reference Panel must meet within 45 days after receiving the intake report and must determine how to refer the report. Referral options are (a) no action required other than appropriate pastoral response pursuant to Canon IV.8; (b) Conciliation pursuant to Canon IV.10; (c) investigation pursuant to Canon IV.11; (d) to the Conference Panel pursuant to Canon IV.12; or (e) referral for possible agreement with the Bishop Diocesan regarding terms of discipline pursuant to Canon IV.9. Referral decisions shall require the approval of a majority of the Reference Panel. The Reference Panel shall establish a schedule for each approved option and the President of the Disciplinary Board shall be responsible for monitoring each such schedule.

<Proposed amended resolution text showing exact changes being made:>

Sec. 8. The Reference Panel ~~shall meet as soon as possible~~ *must meet within 45 days* after receiving the intake report ~~to~~ *and must* determine how to refer the report. Referral options are (a) no action required other than appropriate pastoral response pursuant to Canon IV.8; (b) Conciliation pursuant to Canon IV.10; (c) investigation pursuant to Canon IV.11; (d) to the Conference Panel pursuant to Canon IV.12; or (e) referral for possible agreement with the Bishop Diocesan regarding terms of discipline pursuant to Canon IV.9. Referral decisions shall require

the approval of a majority of the Reference Panel. The Reference Panel shall establish a schedule for each approved option and the President of the Disciplinary Board shall be responsible for monitoring each such schedule.

A141 - Amend Canon IV.6.9 - Monthly Reports

Final Status: Concurred as Substituted

Proposed by: Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: Yes

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 18 - Title IV Disciplinary Canons

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Concur

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention amend Canon IV.6.9, add a new Canon IV.6.10, renumber current Canon IV.6.10, add Canon IV.6.11, and renumber current Canon IV.6.11, all to read as follows:

<Amended text as it would appear if adopted and concurred. Scroll below the line of asterisks (***) to see the version showing all deleted and added text.>**

Sec. 9. Absent extraordinary circumstances, and notwithstanding any other provision of this Title, all matters reported to an Intake Officer shall reach final, non-appellate, resolution within 15 months of the initial Intake Report date. The President of the Disciplinary Board, following consultation with the relevant panels, may, in their sole discretion, reasonably adjust any time periods specified in this Title related to matters before panels, for the purpose of ensuring timely progress.

Sec. 10. The Reference Panel must monitor the progress of each referral on a monthly basis to ensure that the matter is progressing in a timely fashion. The Intake Officer will 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. Should the Intake Officer not report at least monthly, the Respondent or the Complainant may petition in writing the President of the Disciplinary Board who must provide a report in writing not later than 15 days from the date of the petition to provide the reports.

Sec. 11. 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.

Sec. 12. 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.6.11.

<Proposed amended resolution text showing exact changes being made:>

Sec. 9. *Absent extraordinary circumstances, and notwithstanding any other provision of this Title, all matters reported to an Intake Officer shall reach final, non-appellate, resolution within 15 months of the initial Intake Report date. The President of the Disciplinary Board, following consultation with the relevant panels, may, in their sole discretion, reasonably adjust any time periods specified in this Title related to matters before panels, for the purpose of ensuring timely progress.*

Sec. 9-10. The Reference Panel shall *must* 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 *will* 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. *Should the Intake Officer not report at least monthly, the Respondent or the Complainant may petition in writing the President of the Disciplinary Board who must provide a report in writing not later than 15 days from the date of the petition to provide the reports.*

Sec. 11. *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.*

Sec. 10-12. 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.6.9-11.

A142 - Amend Canon IV.6.7 – copy of notice

Final Status: Concurred as Amended

Proposed by: Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: Yes

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 18 - Title IV Disciplinary Canons

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Concur

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention amend Canon IV.6.7 to read as follows:

<Amended text as it would appear if adopted and concurred. Scroll below the line of asterisks (***) to see the version showing all deleted and added text.>**

Sec. 7. If the Intake Officer determines that the information, if true, would constitute an Offense, the Intake Officer shall promptly forward the intake report to the Reference Panel. The president shall promptly select from the Disciplinary Board, 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. The Intake Officer shall at the same time provide a copy of the notice to the Complainant and to any other person from whom the Intake Officer has received information concerning the alleged Offense.

<Proposed amended resolution text showing exact changes being made:>

Sec. 7. If the Intake Officer determines that the information, if true, would constitute an Offense, the Intake Officer shall promptly forward the intake report to the Reference Panel. The president shall promptly select from the Disciplinary Board, 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. *The Intake Officer shall at the same time provide a copy of the notice to the Complainant and to any other person from whom the Intake Officer has received information concerning the alleged Offense.*

A143 - Amend IV.17.3.b and IV.17.5 - Disciplinary Board for Bishops

Final Status: Concurred as Amended

Proposed by: Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: Yes

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 18 - Title IV Disciplinary Canons

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Concur

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention amend Canon IV.17.3.b to read as follows:

<Amended text as it would appear if adopted and concurred. Scroll below the line of asterisks (***) to see the version showing all deleted and added text.>**

b. The Disciplinary Board for Bishops consists of ten Bishops elected by the House of Bishops at a regular meeting of the General Convention, and six other Clergy (including at least one Deacon) and six Lay Persons elected by the House of Deputies at a regular meeting of the General Convention. All Lay Persons elected or appointed to serve must be confirmed adult communicants in good standing.

<Proposed amended resolution text showing exact changes being made:>

b. The Disciplinary Board for Bishops consists of ten Bishops elected by the House of Bishops at a regular meeting of the General Convention, and ~~four Priests or Deacons~~ *six other Clergy (including at least one Deacon)* and ~~four~~ *six* Lay Persons elected by the House of Deputies at a regular meeting of the General Convention. All Lay Persons elected or appointed to serve must be confirmed adult communicants in good standing.

And be it further

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention amend Canon IV.17.5 to read as follows:

<Amended text as it would appear if adopted and concurred. Scroll below the line of asterisks (***) to see the version showing all deleted and added text.>**

The Conference Panel shall consist of two Bishops, one Priest or Deacon, and one lay person. The Hearing Panel shall consist of two Bishops, one Priest or Deacon, and one lay person, except that the Hearing Panel for the Offense specified in Canon IV.4.1.h.2 pertaining to Doctrine Offenses shall consist of five Bishops only.

<Proposed amended resolution text showing exact changes being made:>

The Conference Panel shall consist of ~~three~~ two Bishops, one Priest or Deacon, and one lay person. The Hearing Panel shall consist of ~~three~~ two Bishops, one Priest or Deacon, and one lay person, except that the Hearing Panel for the Offense specified in Canon ~~IV.14.1.h.2~~ IV.4.1.h.2 pertaining to Doctrine Offenses shall consist of five Bishops only.

And be it further

Resolved, That these amendments take effect immediately.

A144 - Review the Application of Canons I.17.5 and III.1.2

Final Status: Took No Further Action

Proposed by: Task Force to Study Household & Relationship Diversity

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 17 - Accessibility & Inclusion

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Take No Further Action

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the General Convention direct the Task Force to Study Household and Relationship Diversity to review the application of Canons I.17.5 and III.1.2 across The Episcopal Church, particularly regarding marital status and family status, and additionally to study all churchwide and diocesan disciplinary canons and procedures affecting clergy and laity who disclose how they are forming family and household structures that seek to be holy, faithful and lifegiving.

A145 - Urging Pastoral Compassion and Discretion for Clergy and Laity Who Disclose Diverse Family and Household Structures

Final Status: Took No Further Action

Proposed by: Task Force to Study Household & Relationship Diversity

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 17 - Accessibility & Inclusion

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Take No Further Action

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention urge Bishops, Standing Committees, and disciplinary authorities to exercise pastoral compassion and discretion during the 2024-2027 triennium with those clergy and laity who disclose the diverse ways in which they are forming family and household structures that seek to be holy, faithful and lifegiving, pending a review by the Task Force to Study Household and Relationship Diversity of the application of Canons I.17.5, and III.1.2 across The Episcopal Church with respect to marital status and family status.

A146 - Study of Lay Discipline for Elected and Appointed Offices

Final Status: Concurred

Proposed by: Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: Yes

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 18 - Title IV Disciplinary Canons

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Concur

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons shall study and report back to the 82nd General Convention with recommended canonical changes, if any, to provide for the suspension or removal of lay persons, who are in elected or appointed offices in the church for:

1. Significant or ongoing misconduct, criminal, professional, or otherwise, including harassment; or
2. Significant or ongoing failure to abide by the Constitution and Canons of this Church or of the diocese in which the lay person is a member.

A147 - Referring Lay Disciplinary Canon Issue to Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons

Final Status: Concurred as Amended

Proposed by: Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: Yes

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 18 - Title IV Disciplinary Canons

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Concur

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the **Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons shall study and report back to the 82d General Convention with recommended canonical changes, if any, to**

1. **Authorize the Ecclesiastical Authority in the case of elected or appointed officers of a congregation or of the Diocese who are lay persons, or to authorize the Presiding Bishop in the case of elected or appointed officers of General Convention or Provinces who are lay persons, to act promptly to suspend or remove an elected or appointed officer from office in circumstances where:**
 - a. **there is credible evidence to believe that continuation of that elected or appointed lay leader in office poses a serious risk of criminal misconduct, bodily harm, or financial malfeasance, or**
 - b. **the elected lay or appointed officer has been involuntarily committed for treatment, including treatment for substance abuse; or**
 - c. **the elected lay or appointed officer, prior to their election or appointment, failed to disclose to those voting any (1) pending criminal charges or past criminal convictions or diversions for treatment, (2) past or current**

suspensions or removals from any professional bodies for misconduct, or
(3) any past or current protective order against them, or

- d. efforts by the elected or appointed lay officer to obstruct authorized inquiries into any such allegations.

Any recommendations for canonical changes authorizing such suspension or removal shall also provide for prompt post-suspension or post-removal review before a neutral decisionmaker (diocesan or provincial, as the case may be), which must include other elected or appointed lay officers. In that review, the suspended or removed lay leader will be provided the evidence against them sufficiently before the hearing in order for them to gather responsive evidence and to present their defense to claimed misconduct. The reviewing body shall have the power to reinstate the elected or appointed lay leader if the factual basis for the removal is without substantial foundation.

- 2. To study and report back with recommended canonical language, if any, to provide for background checks for lay elected or appointed officers prior to standing for election, particularly for elected or appointed lay officers with authority over financial accounts, church disciplinary proceedings, or recommendations in the approval of clergy ordinations.

A148 - Amend Canons to Underscore Support for the Episcopal Coalition for Racial Equity and Justice

Final Status: Concurred

Proposed by: Presiding Bishop Michael Curry and President Julia Ayala Harris

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: Yes

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 02 - Constitution & Canons

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Concur

Resolution Text

Resolved, That Canon 1.1.8 is hereby amended by adding new subsection b and renumbering the remaining subsection as follows:

<Amended text as it would appear if adopted and concurred. Scroll below the line of asterisks (*****) to see the version showing all deleted and added text.>

Canon 1.1.8

Sec. 8.

a. The General Convention shall adopt, at each regular meeting, a budget for The Episcopal Church, including for the contingent expenses of the General Convention, the stipend of the Presiding Bishop together with the necessary expenses of that office, the necessary expenses of the President of the House of Deputies including the staff and Advisory Council required to assist in the performance of the duties and matters related to the President's office, and the applicable Church Pension Fund assessments. To defray the expense of this budget, an assessment shall be levied upon the Dioceses of the Church in accordance with a formula which the General Convention shall adopt as part of The Episcopal Church budget. It shall be the duty of each Diocesan Convention to pay its assessment to the Treasurer of the General Convention according to the schedule established by the Executive Council.

b. The Episcopal Coalition for Racial Equity and Justice (the “Coalition”), created by the 80th General Convention, shall be funded in part with an annual draw on one-tenth of the Church’s unrestricted trusts and endowment funds as determined in the most recent audited financial statements at a percentage rate equal to the draw percentage applied to fund the Church’s budget as described in subsection 8.a of this Canon. The estimated funding amount for the Coalition shall be described in The Episcopal Church budget for informational purposes only. The funding for the Coalition shall be provided by the Treasurer after the Executive Council declares the annual draw rate. The Coalition shall report to every regular meeting of the General Convention, providing audited financial statements and reports on its ministry and participation in God’s mission.

<Proposed amended resolution text showing exact changes being made:>

Canon I.1.8

Sec. 8.

a. The General Convention shall adopt, at each regular meeting, a budget for The Episcopal Church, including for the contingent expenses of the General Convention, the stipend of the Presiding Bishop together with the necessary expenses of that office, the necessary expenses of the President of the House of Deputies including the staff and Advisory Council required to assist in the performance of the duties and matters related to the President’s office, and the applicable Church Pension Fund assessments. To defray the expense of this budget, an assessment shall be levied upon the Dioceses of the Church in accordance with a formula which the General Convention shall adopt as part of The Episcopal Church budget. It shall be the duty of each Diocesan Convention to pay its assessment to the Treasurer of the General Convention according to the schedule established by the Executive Council.

b. *The Episcopal Coalition for Racial Equity and Justice (the “Coalition”), created by the 80th General Convention, shall be funded in part with an annual draw on one-tenth of the Church’s unrestricted trusts and endowment funds as determined in the most recent audited financial statements at a percentage rate equal to the draw percentage applied to fund the Church’s budget as described in subsection 8.a of this Canon. The estimated funding amount for the Coalition shall be described in The Episcopal Church budget for informational purposes only. The funding for the Coalition shall be provided by the Treasurer after the Executive Council declares the annual draw rate. The Coalition shall report to every regular meeting of the General Convention, providing audited financial statements and reports on its ministry and participation in God’s mission.*

And be it further

Resolved, That Canon I.4.6 be amended to add a new subsection k. to read as follows:

<Amended text as it would appear if adopted and concurred. Scroll below the line of asterisks (***) to see the version showing all deleted and added text.>**

Canon I.4.6.k

k. Nothing in this Canon shall alter in any way the Church's obligation to fund the Episcopal Coalition for Racial Equity and Justice as described in Canon I.1.8.b. other than the Executive Council's determination of the annual draw from unrestricted trusts and endowment funds.

<Proposed amended resolution text showing exact changes being made:>

Canon I.4.6.k

k. Nothing in this Canon shall alter in any way the Church's obligation to fund the Episcopal Coalition for Racial Equity and Justice as described in Canon I.1.8.b. other than the Executive Council's determination of the annual draw from unrestricted trusts and endowment funds.

A149 - Amending daily session schedule for House of Deputies

Final Status: Adopted with Amendment HoD

Proposed by: HOD Special Committee on Rules of Order

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: Yes

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 01 - Rules of Order/HoD

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Adopt with Amendment

Resolution Text

Resolved, the House of Deputies amends Rule VI.C.1 of its Rules of Order as follows:

<Amended text as it would appear if adopted. Scroll below the line of asterisks (***) to see the version showing all deleted and added text.>**

Rule VI.C.

1. Business placed upon the Consent Calendar. A Consent Calendar will be maintained by the Secretary and voted upon as the first legislative order of each session.

<Proposed amended resolution text showing exact changes being made:>

Rule VI.C.

1. Business placed upon the Consent Calendar. A Consent Calendar will be maintained by the Secretary and voted upon ~~once a day~~ as the first legislative order of *each session* ~~the day~~.

And be it further,

Resolved, the House of Deputies amends Rule VI.A.1. of its Rules of Order as follows:

<Amended text as it would appear if adopted and concurred. Scroll below the line of asterisks (***) to see the version showing all deleted and added text.>**

A. Regular Order of Business

1. The regular Order of Business of each session of the House will be as follows, unless modified by the House in the schedule adopted by the House.

- i. Opening Prayer
- ii. Report of the Certification of the Minutes
- iii. Report from the Committee on Credentials
- iv. Communications from the President
- v. Messages from the House of Bishops
- vi. Report of the Committee on the Dispatch of Business
- vii. Report on Elections
- viii. Consent Calendar
- ix. Post-Deadline Resolution Motions
- x. Committee Reports and Legislation

<Proposed amended Resolution Text showing exact changes being made:>

Rule VI.A.

A. Regular Order of Business

1. The regular Order of Business of each session of the House will be as follows, unless modified by the House in the schedule adopted by the House.

- i. Opening Prayer
- ii. Report of the Certification of the Minutes
- iii. Report from the Committee on Credentials
- iv. Communications from the President
- v. Messages from the House of Bishops
- vi. Report of the Committee on the Dispatch of Business
- vii. Report on Elections
- viii. Consent Calendar*
- ix. Post-Deadline Resolution Motions*
- ~~viii.~~ *x. Committee Reports and Legislation*

A150 - Amending the motion to suspend the HOD rules of order

Final Status: Adopted by HoD

Proposed by: HOD Special Committee on Rules of Order

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: Yes

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 01 - Rules of Order/HoD

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Adopt

Resolution Text

Resolved, the House of Deputies amends Rule XIII.B.1.v.b.2 of its Rules of Order as follows:

<Amended text as it would appear if adopted. Scroll below the line of asterisks (***) to see the version showing all deleted and added text.>**

To Suspend the Rules:

- a. is used to suspend or modify the Rules of the House that interfere with a particular goal of the House;
- b. has the following characteristics:
 1. amendments are allowed;
 2. debate is allowed except if the motion relates to setting, extending, limiting, or adjusting the time for debate;
 3. a two-thirds vote is required.

<Proposed amended resolution text showing exact changes being made:>

To Suspend the Rules:

- a. is used to suspend or modify the Rules of the House that interfere with a particular goal of the House;
- b. has the following characteristics:
 - 1. amendments are allowed;
 - 2. debate is allowed *except if the motion relates to setting, extending, limiting, or adjusting the time for debate*;
 - 3. a two-thirds vote is required.

A151 - Removal from the Consent Calendar in the House of Deputies

Final Status: Rejected

Proposed by: HOD Special Committee on Rules of Order

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 01 - Rules of Order/HoD

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Reject

Resolution Text

Resolved, the House of Deputies amends Rule VI.C.3 and VI.C.4 as follows:

<Amended text as it would appear if adopted. Scroll below the line of asterisks (***) to see the version showing all deleted and added text.>**

3. Placing items on the Consent Calendar. Every Committee's Reports on Resolutions or other matters will be placed on the Consent Calendar automatically unless:

- i. it is removed in accordance with these Rules;
- ii. the Rules of Order, the Joint Rules of Order, the Canons, or the Constitution require a different procedure or vote threshold other than a simple majority for considering the resolution or matter;
- iii. the item has been set by a Special Order of Business; or
- iv. the item is one of the following:
 - a. an election;
 - b. the confirmation of the election of the Presiding Bishop

4. Who may remove items from the Consent Calendar. An item may be removed from the Consent Calendar any time before the final vote on the Calendar by:

- i. the Chair of the Committee on Dispatch of Business or a vote of the Committee on Dispatch;
- ii. any fifteen Deputies by petition presented to the Secretary before the legislative session begins;
- iii. the President of the House.

5. Recommendation by the Legislative Committee. After consultation with a representative from the Committee on Dispatch, a Legislative Committee may vote to recommend the Committee on Dispatch of Business to remove a resolution from the Consent Calendar. Upon receipt of the recommendation, the Committee on Dispatch will vote to accept or reject it at its next meeting.

<Proposed amended resolution text showing exact changes being made:>

Rule VI.C

3. Placing items on the Consent Calendar. Every Committee's Reports on Resolutions or other matters will be placed on the Consent Calendar automatically unless:

- ~~i. the committee votes to exclude it from the Consent Calendar;~~
- ii. *it is removed in accordance with these Rules;*
- iii. *ii. the Rules of Order, the Joint Rules of Order, the Canons, or the Constitution require a different procedure or vote threshold other than a simple majority for considering the item resolution or matter;*
- ~~iv. the item has been set by a Special Order of Business; or~~
- ~~v. iv. the item is one of the following:~~
 - a. an election;
 - ~~b. a Resolution of privilege or courtesy;~~
 - ε b. the confirmation of the election of the Presiding Bishop.*

4. Who may remove items from the Consent Calendar. An item may be removed from the Consent Calendar any time before the final vote on the Calendar by:

- ~~i. the Legislative Committee proposing the action;~~
- ii. *i. the Chair of the Committee on Dispatch of Business or a vote of the Committee on Dispatch;*
- ~~iii. the proposer of the Resolution or Memorial;~~

iv. ~~ii.~~ any ~~fifteen~~ ~~twenty~~ ~~three~~ Deputies by petition presented to the Secretary before the legislative session begins;

v. ~~iii.~~ the President of the House.

5. *Recommendation by the Legislative Committee. After consultation with a representative from the Committee on Dispatch, a Legislative Committee may vote to recommend the Committee on Dispatch of Business to remove a resolution from the Consent Calendar. Upon receipt of the recommendation, the Committee on Dispatch will vote to accept or reject it at its next meeting.*

~~Procedure to remove items from the Consent Calendar. An item may be removed by providing notice to the Secretary;~~

~~i. providing notice to the Secretary; or~~

~~ii. announcement on the floor of the House.~~

A152 - Resolution Submission Deadline in House of Deputies

Rules of Order

Final Status: Adopted Substitute HoD

Proposed by: HOD Special Committee on Rules of Order

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: Yes

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 01 - Rules of Order/HoD

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Adopt Substitute

Resolution Text

Resolved, the House of Deputies amends Rule VII.E of its Rules of Order and replaces it as follows:

<Amended text as it would appear if adopted. Scroll below the line of asterisks (***) to see the version showing all deleted and added text.>**

E. Resolution or Memorial Submission Deadlines. A Resolution or Memorial submitted later than 60 days prior to the first legislative day is a Post-Deadline submission and will not be considered by the House unless:

1. Fifteen Deputies submit a petition to the Secretary before the first legislative day to consider it as a Post-Deadline Resolution or Memorial;
2. a legislative committee votes to submit it as a Post-Deadline Resolution or Memorial by a two-thirds vote;
3. a Diocese or Province submits it before the first legislative day;
4. the House votes by a simple majority without debate to consider it;
5. the President of the House of Deputies proposes it;
6. it is a Resolution of privilege or courtesy;

7. it is a message from the House of Bishops; or
8. it is a special order of business.

<Proposed amended resolution text showing exact changes being made:>

~~E. Submission Deadline. No Resolution or Memorial may be first submitted to the House after the end of the second legislative day, unless it is:~~

- ~~1. a Resolution of privilege or courtesy;~~
- ~~2. proposed by a House of Deputies Legislative Committee;~~
- ~~3. proposed by the President of the House of Deputies;~~
- ~~4. a Message from the House of Bishops; or~~
- ~~5. voted on by the House to consider it.~~

E. Resolution or Memorial Submission Deadlines. A Resolution or Memorial submitted later than 60 days prior to the first legislative day is a Post-Deadline submission and will not be considered by the House unless:

- 1. Fifteen Deputies submit a petition to the Secretary before the first legislative day to consider it as a Post-Deadline Resolution or Memorial;*
- 2. a legislative committee votes to submit it as a Post-Deadline Resolution or Memorial by a two-thirds vote;*
- 3. a Diocese or Province submits it before the first legislative day;*
- 4. the House votes by a simple majority without debate to consider it;*
- 5. the President of the House of Deputies proposes it;*
- 6. it is a Resolution of privilege or courtesy;*
- 7. it is a message from the House of Bishops; or*
- 8. it is a special order of business.*

A153 - Change to House of Deputies Debate Rules

Final Status: Adopted with Amendment HoD

Proposed by: HOD Special Committee on Rules of Order

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: Yes

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 01 - Rules of Order/HoD

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Adopt with Amendment

Resolution Text

Resolved, the House of Deputies amends Rule XII.D.1-3 of its Rules of Order as follows:

<Amended text as it would appear if adopted. Scroll below the line of asterisks (***) to see the version showing all deleted and added text.>**

Rule XII

D. Time Limits

1. A total of 30 minutes is the maximum time allowed to debate on:
 - i. any matter; and
 - ii. all motions related to that matter.
2. The following time limits will govern debate:
 - i. During the first six minutes of the debate, no one may move to amend, substitute, or end the debate, unless no one wishes to speak on the matter.
 - ii. Following the first six minutes of debate, the House will automatically proceed to consider all amendments submitted on a matter in the order they were submitted. Debate on each amendment will be limited to six minutes. Once all amendments have been exhausted, debate will return to the matter.

3. During a debate on any motion or other matter, a member may:
 - i. speak up to two minutes;
 - ii. ask a question to the committee using their time for both the question and the response; and
 - iii. speak twice.

<Proposed amended resolution text showing exact changes being made:>

Rule XII

D. Time Limits

1. A total of 30 minutes is the maximum time allowed to debate on:
 - i. any matter; and
 - ii. all motions related to that matter.
2. ~~If a person rises to speak during the first six minutes of debate on a matter, no member may move the following unless no person seeks to debate on the matter:~~
 - ~~i. amend the motion or Resolution;~~
 - ~~ii. move a substitute;~~
 - ~~iii. end debate.~~

The following time limits will govern debate:

- i. During the first six minutes of the debate, no one may move to amend, substitute, or end the debate, unless no one wishes to speak on the matter.*
- ii. Following the first six minutes of debate, the House will automatically proceed to consider all amendments submitted on a matter in the order they were submitted. Debate on each amendment will be limited to six minutes. Once all amendments have been exhausted, debate will return to the matter.*

3. During a debate on any motion or other matter, a member may:
 - i. speak up to two minutes; ~~and~~
 - ii. ask a question to the committee using their time for both the question and the response; and*
 - ~~iii.~~ *iii.* speak twice.

A154 - Presubmission of Amendments in the House of Deputies

Final Status: Rejected

Proposed by: HOD Special Committee on Rules of Order

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 01 - Rules of Order/HoD

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Reject

Resolution Text

Resolved, the House of Deputies amends Rule XIII.B.3.iii of its Rules of Order as follows:

Rule XIII.B.3.iii

iii. To Amend or Substitute:

a. is used to modify or change a Resolution or motion. This would include a technical change or a substantive change that would alter the meaning or the intent of a Resolution or motion. Amendments must be related to the item in the Resolution or motion that they are trying to change. Primary amendments must be filed with the Secretary before the start of the Session at which the matter will be considered and will be published in the form received by the Secretary. The proposer may withdraw a prefiled amendment by providing notice on the floor or to the Secretary before the House considers the amendment.

b. Secondary Amendments are:

1. proposed changes to an amendment. Secondary Amendments must relate to the specific subject of an amendment and may not be used to alter other parts of a Resolution or parts not affected by an amendment.

c. has the following characteristics:

1. debate is allowed;

2. only Secondary Amendments are allowed;
3. a majority vote is required.

<Proposed amended resolution text showing exact changes being made:>

Rule XIII.B.3iii

iii. To Amend or Substitute:

a. is used to modify or change a Resolution or motion. This would include a technical change or a substantive change that would alter the meaning or the intent of a Resolution or motion. Amendments must be related to the item in the Resolution or motion that they are trying to change. ***Primary amendments must be filed with the Secretary before the start of the Session at which the matter will be considered and will be published in the form received by the Secretary. The proposer may withdraw a prefiled amendment by providing notice on the floor or to the Secretary before the House considers the amendment.***

b. Secondary Amendments are:

1. proposed changes to an amendment. Secondary Amendments must relate to the specific subject of an amendment and may not be used to alter other parts of a Resolution or parts not affected by an amendment.

c. has the following characteristics:

~~1. Primary amendments must be filed with the Secretary before the start of the Session at which the matter will be considered and will be published by the Secretary;~~

~~2. The proposer may withdraw a prefiled amendment by providing notice on the Floor or to the Secretary before the House considers the amendment;~~

~~2.~~ ~~3.~~ 1. debate is allowed;

~~4.~~ 2. only Secondary Amendments are allowed;

~~5.~~ 3. a majority vote is required.

A155 - Update the House of Deputies Rules Upon a Different Convention Schedule

Final Status: Adopted by HoD

Proposed by: HOD Special Committee on Rules of Order

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: Yes

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 01 - Rules of Order/HoD

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Adopt

Resolution Text

Resolved, the House of Deputies amends Rule XIII.B.2.iii of its Rules of Order as follows:

<Amended text as it would appear if adopted. Scroll below the line of asterisks (***) to see the version showing all deleted and added text.>**

iii. To Recall from a Committee:

a. is used to bring something out of a legislative committee and immediately to the floor of the House;

b. has the following characteristics:

1. may not be brought until the second legislative day;
2. debate is allowed;
3. no amendments are allowed;
4. a two-thirds vote is required.

<Proposed amended resolution text showing exact changes being made:>

Rule XIII.B.2

iii. To Recall from a Committee:

a. is used to bring something out of a legislative committee and immediately to the floor of the House;

b. has the following characteristics:

1. may not be brought until the ~~fourth~~ *second* legislative day;
2. debate is allowed;
3. no amendments are allowed;
4. a two-thirds vote is required.

A156 - House of Deputies Rules of Order on Written Comments

Final Status: Adopted by HoD

Proposed by: HOD Special Committee on Rules of Order

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: Yes

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 01 - Rules of Order/HoD

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Adopt

Resolution Text

Resolved, the House of Deputies amends Rule VIII.B of its Rules of Order by adding a section 5 and changing the heading title as follows:

<Amended text as it would appear if adopted. Scroll below the line of asterisks (***) to see the version showing all deleted and added text.>**

B. Legislative Committee Hearings and Written Testimony

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5. Written Testimony

i. The Secretary of the House will provide a mechanism and guidelines for anyone to submit written testimony on any Resolution, Memorial, or other matter referred to a Legislative Committee.

ii. Written testimony must be directed at a specific Resolution, Memorial, or other matter referred to a Legislative Committee.

iii. Written testimony will be published in the form that it is received.

iv. Written testimony must be submitted before the beginning of the scheduled hearing time for the Committee on the Resolution, Memorial, or other matter that the testimony is addressing.

<Proposed amended resolution text showing exact changes being made:>

B. Legislative Committee Hearings *and Written Testimony*

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5. *Written Testimony*

i. The Secretary of the House will provide a mechanism and guidelines for anyone to submit written testimony on any Resolution, Memorial, or other matter referred to a Legislative Committee.

ii. Written testimony must be directed at a specific Resolution, Memorial, or other matter referred to a Legislative Committee.

iii. Written testimony will be published in the form that it is received.

iv. Written testimony must be submitted before the beginning of the scheduled hearing time for the Committee on the Resolution, Memorial, or other matter that the testimony is addressing.

A157 - House of Deputies Rules on Legislative Committee Report Deadline

Final Status: Adopted with Amendment HoD

Proposed by: HOD Special Committee on Rules of Order

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: Yes

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 01 - Rules of Order/HoD

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Adopt with Amendment

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the House of Deputies amends Rule VIII.C of its Rules of Order by adding a section 3 as follows:

<Amended text as it would appear if adopted. Scroll below the line of asterisks (***) to see the version showing all deleted and added text.>**

3. Deadline

- i. The Legislative Committee's initial report for resolutions must be filed at least seven days before the start of the First Legislative Session unless:
 - a. the House adopts a different deadline in its order of business;
 - b. Two-thirds of the Committee votes to defer the report until the second legislative day; or
 - c. It is a Post-Deadline Resolution submitted within thirty days of the first legislative day.
- ii. If the House of Bishops modifies a Resolution or other matter, the Legislative Committee must file a new report within 24 hours of receiving the message from the House of Bishops.

<Proposed amended resolution text showing exact changes being made:>

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A158 - Addressing Church Decline and Fostering Church Revitalization

Final Status: Took No Further Action

Proposed by: 09 - Evangelism & the Future Church/HoD

Has Budget Implications: Yes

Cost: \$100,000.00

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 08 - Congregational Vitality & Data-Driven Initiatives

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Take No Further Action

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention direct every diocese which has experienced a decline in Average Sunday Attendance (ASA) between 2013 and 2022 to submit a report to the Secretary of the General Convention by June 30, 2025 that includes (1) a straight-line forecast of ASA for the following decade; (2) the diocese's efforts to halt or reverse the decline in ASA and other membership statistics, if any; and (3) all quantitative data on the efficacy of those efforts, if any; and be it further

Resolved, That the author(s), length, and format of the report is left to the discretion of each diocese but the Ecclesiastical Authority in each diocese is to signify their assent to its publication and dissemination; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the General Convention publish the reports on the General Convention website in their entirety once they are received in the language originally received, but will translate the reports as soon as possible, with the exception of large quantitative datasets for which it may not be prudent to publish on a website, but which will be made available upon request; and be it further

Resolved, That a clearing-house of resources to address decline and foster church revitalization be created by December 31, 2025; and be it further

Resolved, That a Church Revitalization Audit be done and a report submitted to the 82nd General Convention; and be it further

Resolved, That the Budget Committee of Executive Council consider a budget allocation of \$100,000 to fund the Church Revitalization Audit.

A159 - Affirm the Continuation of Ecumenical Dialogues and Membership in Ecumenical/Interfaith Organizations

Final Status: Concurred

Proposed by: Standing Commission on Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 14 - Ecumenical & Interreligious Relations

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Concur

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st 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), and the work toward full communion with the United Methodist Church (UMC); and be it further

Resolved, That this Convention joyfully affirms the continued coordinating committee work with our full communion partners, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and the Moravian Church (Northern Province and Southern Province); and be it further

Resolved, That this Convention joyfully affirms our representation and participation in Interreligious and ecumenical bodies, including, among others, the National Council of Churches (NCC), Churches Uniting in Christ (CUIC), and Christian Churches Together (CCT).

A160 - Revise Catechism in the Book of Common Prayer

Final Status: Concurred as Amended

Proposed by: 10 - Prayer Book, Liturgy & Music

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: Yes

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: Yes

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 10 - Prayer Book, Liturgy & Music

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Concur

Resolution Text

Resolved, That 81st General Convention authorize for trial use under Article X.b the amendment of the section “Other Sacramental Rites” in “An Outline of the Faith commonly called the Catechism” in The Book of Common Prayer (page 861), changing the wording in response to the question “What is Holy Matrimony” and adding a Q and A as follows:

Q. What is Holy Matrimony?

A. Holy Matrimony is Christian marriage, in which two people ~~the woman and the 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.

Q. What is required of those to be married?

A. It is required of those to be married that at least one 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

Resolved, That the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music be directed to engage a dynamic equivalence translation of this texts into the Spanish, French, and Kreyol languages; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request the Executive Council Budget Committee to allocate \$500 for translation.

A161 - The South Sudanese Anglican Diaspora in the United States

Final Status: Concurred as Amended

Proposed by: Task Force on Dialogue with South Sudanese Anglican Diaspora

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: Yes

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: Yes

Directs Executive Council: Yes

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 04 - World Mission

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Concur

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention of The Episcopal Church give thanks for the work of the Task Force on developing conversation with The Episcopal Church and the South Sudanese Anglican Diaspora in the United States; and be it further,

Resolved, that we welcome South Sudanese-American Episcopalians as our siblings in Christ, baptized members of the one Body of Christ that is the Church, and as such are also a unique cultural expression of The Episcopal Church within the United States; in turn, we appreciate that the South Sudanese-American Episcopalians and their worshiping congregations acknowledge The Episcopal Church as the historic expression of Anglicanism in the United States; and be it further

Resolved, That we acknowledge the creation of the South Sudanese Leadership Steering Group as an established Convocation in relation with the Presiding Bishop's Missioner for African Descent Ministries; and be it further

Resolved, That we encourage the ministry of the Missioner for African Descent Ministries in coordinating and working with leaders self-selected by the South Sudanese Americans to establish and achieve mutually beneficial goals and actions; and be it further

Resolved, That we encourage bishops and dioceses of The Episcopal Church to welcome and assist South Sudanese-American Episcopal worshipping communities to develop and become established by admission into union with diocesan conventions; and be it further

Resolved, That, when appropriate, The Episcopal Church receives clergy among the South Sudanese-American Episcopal communities into good standing and canonical residence in its dioceses, accepting that the South Sudanese-American clergy will ascribe to and follow the Constitution and Canons of The Episcopal Church and the dioceses in which they are located, and will give assent to the disciplines laid upon all clergy of The Episcopal Church (DFMS); and be it further

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention authorize and fund a Task Force on the South Sudanese-American Anglican Diaspora, that will consist of 7 South Sudanese-American Episcopalians and 4 other members, all appointed by the Presiding Officers; and be it further

Resolved, That this Task Force on the South Sudanese-American Anglican Diaspora further develop the relationship between The Episcopal Church and South Sudanese-American Anglican diaspora around the Church, specifically in the areas of vocational ministries, local diocesan relationships, and youth/Christian formation issues; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request Executive Council to consider a budget allocation of \$30,000 for the implementation of this resolution, to respect the cultural norm of in-person meetings.

A162 - Continuing the Task Force on the South Sudanese American Anglican diaspora

Final Status: Took No Further Action

Proposed by: Task Force on Dialogue with South Sudanese Anglican Diaspora

Has Budget Implications: Yes

Cost: \$60,000.00

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 04 - World Mission

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Take No Further Action

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention authorizes and funds an Advisory Group to continue the work of the Task Force established by the 79th General Convention in 2018 to further develop the relationship between The Episcopal Church and South Sudanese American Anglican diaspora around the Church, specifically in the areas of vocational ministries, local diocesan relationships, and youth/Christian formation issues; and be it further

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

A163 - Affirming the Ongoing Work across The Episcopal Church in Consideration of Ethical Issues in Investing

Final Status: Concurred

Proposed by: 13 - Stewardship & Socially Responsible Investing

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: Yes

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: Yes

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 13 - Stewardship & Socially Responsible Investing

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Concur

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention affirm the use of ESG investing by Executive Council's Investment Committee in its management of the investments of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society (DFMS), and affirm the work of the Executive Council's Committee on Corporate Social Responsibility (CCSR) in advocating for corporate engagement through dialogue, filing and voting on shareholder resolutions, voting in director elections, and divestment and affirmative investment, including ESG (Environment, Social, Governance) investing, as CCSR supports General Convention and Executive Council in carrying out their responsibilities for the Church's investments; and be it further

Resolved, That General Convention affirm and support the Church's advocacy for the right of all investors, whether or not they are guided by faith commitments, to consider all financial and other factors relevant to investing, to use ethical criteria, including ESG investing, to assess investment risks and opportunities, and to engage with companies, including through dialogue and voting, in making responsible investments; and be it further

Resolved, That General Convention encourage the Church to advocate publicly for the freedom to invest responsibly and against legislation that would prohibit divestment, or ESG investing, or consideration of all environmental, social and governance factors relevant to responsible investment decision making; and be it further

Resolved, That General Convention encourage active support for the rights of shareholders to raise important issues through the proxy resolution and voting process, including support for the authority of the United States Securities and Exchange Commission to rule on shareholders' access to corporate ballots; and be it further

Resolved, That General Convention direct CCSR, as part of its advocacy of responsible investing, to continue its ongoing engagement, divestment and investment work with companies that contribute to and/or benefit from human rights violations and/or environmental exploitation in areas of conflict and high risk, such as Sudan, Myanmar, the Occupied Palestinian Territories, and elsewhere; and be it further

Resolved, That General Convention commend CCSR's 53-year record of promoting corporate responsibility and encourage all dioceses and congregations to view The CCSR Story video on The Episcopal Church's website that celebrates our Church's witness, and to share the video with their people.

A164 - 2025-2027 Budget for The Episcopal Church

Final Status: Concurred as Amended

Proposed by: Executive Council

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 21 - Dispatch of Business

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Concur

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the assessment formula (Canon I.4.6.b.) for the period January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2027 is adopted based on a single assessment of each diocese. In each year the diocesan total adjusted operating income, as reported in the annual diocesan financial report (Canon I.4.6.j. and Canon I.6.4) for the year two years prior to the year to which the assessment is applied [e.g., 2025 assessments are to be based on 2023 actual income figures], shall be reduced by a \$200,000 exemption. A single assessment shall be applied to the remaining amount (balance) at a flat rate of 15%; and be it further

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention adopt the 2025-2027 budget for The Episcopal Church, as presented by the Executive Council, at total income of \$143,191,157 and total expenditures of \$143,191,157; and be it further

Resolved, That the 2025-2027 Episcopal Church budget shall be adjusted and managed as set forth in the Canons, Rules of Order, and Executive Council policies and procedures.

A165 - The Confirmation of the Presiding Bishop Elect

Final Status: Adopted by HoD

Proposed by: 20 - Confirmation of the Election of the Presiding Bishop/HoD

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 20 - Confirmation of the Election of the Presiding Bishop

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Adopt

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the House of Deputies confirms the election by the House of Bishops of the The Rt. Rev. Sean W. Rowe as Presiding Bishop.

A166 - Registration of Firearms; Licensing of Firearm Sellers, Buyers, and Users; Use of Taggants

Final Status: Concurred

Proposed by: 07 - Social Justice & United States Policy

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: Yes

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: Yes

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 07 - Social Justice & United States Policy

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Concur

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention reaffirm the gun violence resolutions of previous General Conventions and the Executive Council as summarized in Policy for Action; An Index of Episcopal Church Public Policy Resolutions; and be it further

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention acknowledge that the right to life is one of the unalienable rights on which the Republic is based; that the right to bear arms is guaranteed by the Constitution; that our unalienable and Constitutional rights are not absolute; and that governments must balance gun ownership and control of violence with the duty to ensure security and public safety; and be it further

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention strongly urge federal, state, and local, governments to pass objective, shall-issue licensing laws for sellers, buyers, and users of firearms that require a waiting period, finger printing, background check, mental health evaluation, minimum age of purchaser, training tailored to the firearm being purchased and include the proper use, maintenance, and safe storage of the firearm and that said license must be renewed periodically; and be it further

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention strongly urge the federal government to develop a system of gun registration that links domestically manufactured and imported firearms by serial number to the manufacturer, wholesaler, retailer, original owner, and all

subsequent owners and that all of the individuals in this chain of ownership must be licensed as outlined in the previous resolve above; and be it further

Resolved, **That the 81st General Convention strongly urge the federal government to work with manufacturers to develop nuclear barcode or other taggants and to require the use of these taggants in gunpowder so that the manufacturer and chain of distribution of batches of gunpowder may be traced; and be it further**

Resolved, **That copies of this Resolution be referred to the Executive Council, the Office of Government Relations, the President of the United States, members of the Federal Congress, and all dioceses for appropriate action.**

A167 - Water Rights for Indigenous Communities and Lands

Final Status: Concurred

Proposed by: 07 - Social Justice & United States Policy

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: Yes

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 07 - Social Justice & United States Policy

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Concur

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention reaffirm the work of previous General Convention regarding the protection of water in 2018-B025 that urges the Church to learn about the watersheds and aquifers in the regions in which our faith communities and institutions are located and to recognize the public trust that protects the waters and community uses in the watersheds and aquifers of the communities and regions that make up the Church; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church recognizes the 1868 treaty between the Federal Government and the Navajo nation; the Winters Doctrine established in 1908 that ruled that tribes were entitled to water to create permanent homeland on their reservations from the date they were established; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church recognize the injustice to Tribal groups of the Natives and Indigenous People's lands with regard to their need for clean potable water; and be further

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention directs the Office of Government Relationships to advocate for indigenous and native people's rights involving just use and protection of water resources.

A168 - Celebrate the Juncture of the Episcopal Dioceses of Eastern Michigan and Western Michigan

Final Status: Adopted by HoD

Proposed by: 23 - Privilege & Courtesy/HoD

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 23 - Privilege & Courtesy/HoD

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Adopt

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the House of Deputies of the 81st General Convention celebrates the juncture of the Episcopal Dioceses of Eastern Michigan and Western Michigan, and gives gratitude to all the members of the Building Bridges Steering Committee who worked diligently and tirelessly to bring about the consent for juncture between the two dioceses; and be it further

Resolved, That the House expresses gratitude to those who organized the Listening Sessions throughout both dioceses to foster the sharing of information across congregations; and be it further

Resolved, That we express gratitude to the organizers of the Season of Practice whose purpose was to begin the process of working together; and be it further

Resolved, That we express gratitude to all the people of the dioceses of Eastern Michigan and Western Michigan for their willingness to enter into this new entity to be known as the Episcopal Diocese of the Great Lakes.

A169 - Celebrate the reunification of the Dioceses of Wisconsin

Final Status: Adopted by HoD

Proposed by: 23 - Privilege & Courtesy/HoD

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 23 - Privilege & Courtesy/HoD

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Adopt

Resolution Text

Resolved, That The House of Deputies of the 81st General Convention celebrates the reunification of the three dioceses of Wisconsin, and expresses gratitude to all the members of the Steering Committee whose purpose was to take collaborative action to build connections and relationships exploring reunification, and who worked diligently and tirelessly to bring about this process; and be it further

Resolved, That the House expresses gratitude to the Communications Task Force who developed and implemented systems to foster the sharing of information; and be it further

Resolved, That we express gratitude to the Constitution and Canons Task Force for their work; and be it further

Resolved, That we express gratitude to the Finances Task Force for their work surrounding fiscal responsibility; and be it further

Resolved, That we express gratitude to the Parish and Regional Engagement Task Force whose work was to organize and convene conversations between congregations; and be it further

Resolved, That we express gratitude to the Prayer and Discernment Task Force whose focus was to lead prayerful leadership in the discernment process of reunification.

A170 - Greetings to Bonnie Anderson

Final Status: Adopted by HoD

Proposed by: 23 - Privilege & Courtesy/HoD

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 23 - Privilege & Courtesy/HoD

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Adopt

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the House of Deputies of the 81st General Convention recognizes and honors Bonnie Anderson, who served as the President of the House of Deputies from 2006-2012.

A171 - Greetings to The Rev. Gay Clark Jennings

Final Status: Adopted by HoD

Proposed by: 23 - Privilege & Courtesy/HoD

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 23 - Privilege & Courtesy/HoD

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Adopt

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the House of Deputies of the 81st General Convention recognizes and honors The Rev. Gay Clark Jennings, who served as the President of the House of Deputies from 2012-2022.

A172 - Express Appreciation for the Official Youth Presence

Final Status: Adopted by HoD

Proposed by: 23 - Privilege & Courtesy/HoD

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 23 - Privilege & Courtesy/HoD

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Adopt

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the House of Deputies of the 81st General Convention expresses a heartfelt welcome and deep appreciation to the Official Youth Presence, who are representative of the diversity of The Episcopal Church; and be it further

Resolved, That the House commends the members, mentors, and coordinators of the Official Youth Presence for participating in and contributing to the governing process of The Episcopal Church.

A173 - Express Gratitude for The Rev. Edward W. Rodman

Final Status: Adopted by HoD

Proposed by: 23 - Privilege & Courtesy/HoD

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 23 - Privilege & Courtesy/HoD

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Adopt

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the House of Deputies of the 81st General Convention give thanks for the life and witness of The Rev. Edward W. Rodman, who died on April 2nd, 2024, at his home in Framingham, Massachusetts; and be it further;

Resolved, That we remember and give thanks to God for his many decades of faithful service to The Episcopal Church, including as the John Seeley Stone Professor of Pastoral Theology and Urban Ministry at Episcopal Divinity School, Canon Missioner of the Diocese of Massachusetts, member of the Executive Council of The Episcopal Church; member of the Board of Episcopal Relief and Development, a founding member of the Union of Black Episcopalians and The Consultation, a former urban hearings coordinator for the Urban Bishops Coalition, and the coordinator of the Episcopal Urban Caucus; and be it further

Resolved, That we express gratitude for Ed's work as a strategist, advocate and activist for social and racial justice, for his many published works, and as an educator and mentor across generations in The Episcopal Church; and be it further;

Resolved, That we extend our condolences to his wife Gladys, daughters Claire, Alice and Sarah, and to his family, as we commend our brother Ed to Christ's never-failing care and love, and into the glorious company of the saints in heaven.

A174 - Commemorate Diocesan Anniversaries

Final Status: Adopted by HoD

Proposed by: 23 - Privilege & Courtesy/HoD

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 23 - Privilege & Courtesy/HoD

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Adopt

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the House of Deputies of the 81st General Convention join the dioceses of Newark (formerly Diocese of Northern New Jersey) and Western Michigan in celebrating the sesquicentennial anniversary of their admission to union with the General Convention; and be it further

Resolved, That we rejoice in the longevity, vitality, and durability of the faithful witness and ministry of these dioceses in the world.

A175 - Express Appreciation for the ECW

Final Status: Adopted by HoD

Proposed by: 23 - Privilege & Courtesy/HoD

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 23 - Privilege & Courtesy/HoD

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Adopt

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the House of Deputies of the 81st General Convention expresses appreciation for the presence and witness of the National Episcopal Church Women, its 51st Triennial Meeting and for its 150th year; and be it further;

Resolved, That ECW continues to champion women's rights, and provide ministry and children's programs to feed, educate, and provide community grants around the world; and be it further

Resolved, That we celebrate and give thanks for The Unified Gift awarded to the Orphan Care Alliance, and the Community Connection Gift awarded to the House of Hope Kentucky at this Triennial meeting.

A176 - Commend the Rev. Rachel Taber-Hamilton

Final Status: Adopted with Amendment HoD

Proposed by: 23 - Privilege & Courtesy/HoD

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 23 - Privilege & Courtesy/HoD

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Adopt with Amendment

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the House of Deputies of the 81st General Convention commend the Rev. Rachel Taber-Hamilton for her service to The Episcopal Church and to this House as Vice President; and be it further

Resolved, That we give thanks and praise to God for her leadership and ministry as Vice President; and be it further

Resolved, That we recognize her hard work and dedication as chair of the subcommittee of the Standing Commission on Governance, Structure, Constitution, and Canons that walked with The Episcopal Church in Navajoland through the process of becoming a missionary diocese; and be it further

Resolved, That we acknowledge her life-long passion for cross-cultural communication and the active inclusion of all voices and perspectives from within the Church; and be it further

Resolved, That God bless her future endeavors and leadership in the Church.

A177 - Express Gratitude for the GCO Staff and Executive Officers of the General Convention

Final Status: Adopted by HoD

Proposed by: 23 - Privilege & Courtesy/HoD

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 23 - Privilege & Courtesy/HoD

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Adopt

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the House of Deputies of the 81st General Convention express our thanksgiving for the Staff of the Executive Office of the General Convention; and be it further;

Resolved, That the House recognizes by name The Rev. Canon Michael Barlowe, Executive Officer of the General Convention; Betsey Bell, Executive Assistant to the Executive Officer; The Rev. Carrie Combs, Legislative Data Specialist; Iris DiLeonardo, Data Specialist and Meetings Assistant; Patrick Haizel, Deputy for Administration and Operations; The Rev. Molly F. James, Deputy Executive Officer of the General Convention; Brittney Laws, Meeting Coordinator; Jennifer Mendez, Administrative and Language Specialist; Brian Murray, Governance Technology Specialist; Fiona Nieman, Deputy for Convention and Meeting Planning; Twila Rios, Manager of Digital Information Systems; and be it further

Resolved, That the House recognizes The Executive Officer of the General Convention and Secretary of the General Convention, The Rev. Canon Michael Barlowe, and the Treasurer of the General Convention, Kurt Barnes for their service in this capacity.

A178 - Express Gratitude for the United Thank Offering

Final Status: Adopted by HoD

Proposed by: 23 - Privilege & Courtesy/HoD

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 23 - Privilege & Courtesy/HoD

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Adopt

Resolution Text

Resolved, That we recognize the generous contributions of the United Thank Offering the past two years, including the \$1,003,283.78 awarded for 2024 projects addressing the focus of “the stranger” Jesus mentions in Matthew 25, offering welcome and inclusivity; and be it further

Resolved, That the UTO, begun in 1883, continues to focus on promoting gratitude and supporting innovative projects that address compelling needs around the globe.

A179 - Express Gratitude for Krisita Jackson

Final Status: Adopted by HoD

Proposed by: 23 - Privilege & Courtesy/HoD

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 23 - Privilege & Courtesy/HoD

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Adopt

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the House of Deputies of the 81st General Convention give thanks for the life and witness of Krisita Jackson, who died on December 21st, 2023, in a hospital in Orlando Florida; and be it further

Resolved, That we remember and give thanks to God for her lifelong membership in The Episcopal Church as an active member in her local parish, The Episcopal Church of St. John the Baptist, Orlando, founding member of the Canon Nelson Pinder Chapter of the Union of Black Episcopalians, past secretary of the Canterbury Conference Center Board, president of the Central Deanery and member of the Diocesan Board for the Diocese of Central Florida, and three time Deputy to General Convention, serving as a member and secretary of the Privilege and Courtesy Committee and as secretary of the Black Caucus; and be it further

Resolved, That we especially recognize her work in The Daughters of the King, on the Diocesan Assembly of Central Florida DOK Board, where she served as secretary, second vice president and president, and then as the first Black national president of the DOK in 2018, serving a four-year term and guiding the membership through the COVID-19 pandemic through powerful spiritual teaching, prayer and discussion; and be it further

Resolved, That we extend our condolences to her family, the people of St. John the Baptist, Orlando, and to the Daughters of the King, as we commend our sister Krisita to Christ's never-failing care and love, and into the glorious company of the saints in heaven.

A180 - Express gratitude for the life and ministry of the Very Rev. George L.W. Werner

Final Status: Adopted by HoD

Proposed by: 23 - Privilege & Courtesy/HoD

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 23 - Privilege & Courtesy/HoD

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Adopt

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the House of Deputies of the 81st General Convention give thanks for the life and ministry of the Very Rev. George L.W. Werner, 31st President of the House of Deputies, who died on February 6, 2023; and be it further

Resolved, That we remember and give thanks to God for his many decades of faithful service to The Episcopal Church, including President and Vice President of the House of Deputies, an eight-time deputy from the Diocese of Pittsburgh; and be it further

Resolved, That we especially express gratitude for his love and dedication to The Episcopal Church as Dean of Trinity Cathedral Pittsburgh and trustee of the Church Pension Fund; and be it further

Resolved, That we extend our condolences to his family, as we commend our brother George to Christ's never-failing care and love, and into the glorious company of the saints in heaven.

A182 - Express Gratitude to Candidates in Presiding Bishop's Election

Final Status: Adopted by HoD

Proposed by: 23 - Privilege & Courtesy/HoD

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 23 - Privilege & Courtesy/HoD

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Adopt

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the House of Deputies of the 81st General Convention of The Episcopal Church express its profound gratitude to the Rt. Rev. J. Scott Barker, the Rt. Rev. Dede Duncan-Probe, the Rt. Rev. Daniel G. P. Gutiérrez, the Rt. Rev. Sean Rowe, and the Rt. Rev. Robert Wright for their integrity, courage, generous spirit and willingness to serve, modeling a high standard of leadership and a lively hope for the future of our Church; and be it further

Resolved, That their witness inspires us all.

A183 - Give Thanks to the Diocese of Kentucky

Final Status: Adopted by HoD

Proposed by: 23 - Privilege & Courtesy/HoD

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 23 - Privilege & Courtesy/HoD

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Adopt

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the House of Deputies of the 81st General Convention expresses its deep thanks to the Rt. Rev. Terry Allen White, his staff, and the people of the Diocese of Kentucky for their diligence and faithfulness in preparing for this Convention; and be it further

Resolved, That the House recognizes Amy Spicer in her serving as the Volunteer Coordinator for the 81st General Convention, working with the GCO; and be it further

Resolved, That the House thanks The Very Rev. Matthew Bradley, dean of Christ Church Cathedral, and his staff and parishioners in their hosting of related events, including the Presiding Bishop election, and for the other local congregations hosting events and activities, and be it further

Resolved, That we give thanks for the generosity, hospitality, and witness offered in and through the great diversity and strength of the people of this Diocese.

A184 - Express Gratitude to the City and People of Louisville

Final Status: Adopted by HoD

Proposed by: 23 - Privilege & Courtesy/HoD

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 23 - Privilege & Courtesy/HoD

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Adopt

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the House of Deputies of the 81st General Convention express our thanksgiving to the City of Louisville and the Honorable Craig Greenberg, Mayor, for their gracious hospitality and welcome; and be it further

Resolved, The House additionally thanks Louisville Tourism, and the KFC Yum! Center; and be it further

Resolved, That the vibrant spaces, food, music, and culture of this city have sustained us in our work and inspired us for service; and be it further

Resolved, That our appreciation extends to the many staff members of the Kentucky International Convention Center, Galt House Hotel, Hyatt Regency Louisville, Marriott Louisville Downtown, Omni Louisville Hotel, Courtyard by Marriott Louisville, the SpringHill and Fairfield Louisville Downtown, and other area hotels who have kept our facilities for meeting and working clean, comfortable, and ready for us.

A185 - Gratitude for Language Services at General Convention

Final Status: Adopted with Amendment HoD

Proposed by: 23 - Privilege & Courtesy/HoD

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 23 - Privilege & Courtesy/HoD

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Adopt with Amendment

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the House of Deputies of the 81st General Convention gives thanks and recognizes the work of Interpreters and Technicians that make communication widely possible; and be it further

Resolved, That the House extends thanks specifically to ASL interpreters Diane Lynch, Linda Stauffer, Erika Bravo and Persis Bristol; Spanish interpreters Gabriela De Castro, Cecy Alomia, Jennifer Collins, and Rosanna Andreoli; Haitian Creole interpreters Nathalie Coupet and Claudine Sada; Mandarin interpreters Sarah Chiang and Ida Shaw; technicians Alejandro Serrano-Fonseca and Michael Glass (who is not the same person as the Chancellor), and Captioners Patti White and Mary Askin.

A186 - Give Thanks to Convention Staff and Hospitality Ministers

Final Status: Adopted by HoD

Proposed by: 23 - Privilege & Courtesy/HoD

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 23 - Privilege & Courtesy/HoD

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Adopt

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the House of Deputies of the 81st General Convention give thanks to the General Convention staff, Legislative Committee Chairs, Co-Chairs, Secretaries, Aides, Translators and Liaisons; and be it further

Resolved, That our appreciation extends to the many disciples from the Diocese of Kentucky 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.

A187 - Express gratitude for the ministries of the Episcopal Camps and Conference Centers

Final Status: Adopted by HoD

Proposed by: 23 - Privilege & Courtesy/HoD

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 23 - Privilege & Courtesy/HoD

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Adopt

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the House of Deputies of the 81st General Convention give thanks for the ministry of the Episcopal Camps and Conference Centers organization on the 35th anniversary of its founding; and be it further

Resolved, That the House acknowledges the importance of the 95+ camps and conference centers throughout The Episcopal Church in the formation of many people, especially in this house, who have heard a call to lay or ordained ministry to serve the church; and be it further

Resolved, That the House honors Camp Weed in its 100th anniversary, founded in June of 1924 near St. Augustine Beach, Florida. The Diocese of Florida sponsored its first summer program with 40 children attending. The camp was named for the Rt. Rev. Edwin Gardner Weed, who was the third Bishop of Florida; and be it further

Resolved, That we extend our appreciation for the ministries of our camps and conference centers and to the board and membership of the Episcopal Camps and Conference Centers organization.

A188 - Celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the Philadelphia Eleven

Final Status: Adopted with Amendment - Floor Changes HoD

Proposed by: 23 - Privilege & Courtesy/HoD

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 23 - Privilege & Courtesy/HoD

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Adopt with Amendment – Floor changes

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the House of Deputies of the 81st General convention celebrates the 50th anniversary of the ordination of the Philadelphia Eleven and the bishops that ordained them on July 29, 1974, and offers appreciation for their ministry and the ministry of all women in The Episcopal Church; and be it further

Resolved, That the House of Deputies celebrates the 50th anniversary of the first Eucharist presided over by a woman priest in The Episcopal Church, the Rev. Alison Cheek, on November 10, 1974 at St. Stephen's and the Incarnation Episcopal Church, in Washington DC; thus launching the public ministry of Episcopal women priests in their own church; and be it further

Resolved, That we acknowledge and give thanks to the women who have been called the "Philadelphia Eleven": the Rev. Merrill Bittner, the Rev. Alla Bozarth-Campbell, the Rev. Alison Cheek, the Rev. Emily Hewitt, the Rev. Carter Heyward, the Rev. Suzanne Hiatt, the Rev. Marie Moorefield, the Rev. Jeanette Piccard, the Rev. Betty Schiess, the Rev. Katrina Swanson, and the Rev. Nancy Wittig; and be it further

Resolved, That we acknowledge and give thanks to the bishops who presided over their ordination, the Rt. Rev. Daniel Corrigan, the Rt. Rev. Robert DeWitt, and the Rt. Rev. Edward Welles II; and be it further

Resolved, That we acknowledge and give thanks to the Rev. Bill Wendt, the wardens and vestry of St. Stephen's and the Incarnation Episcopal Church, who were among the first to open the parish's doors for women priests in The Episcopal Church to nurture spiritually and sacramentally our people.

A189 - Honoring 85 Years of the Ministry of Episcopal Relief and Development

Final Status: Adopted by HoD

Proposed by: 23 - Privilege & Courtesy/HoD

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 23 - Privilege & Courtesy/HoD

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Adopt

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the House of Deputies of the 81st General Convention celebrates the 85-year, life-changing legacy of Episcopal Relief and Development, since the creation of the Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief in 1940; and be it further

Resolved, That the House of Deputies extends its deep thanks and sincere gratitude to those who have offered support and care, as members of the Episcopal Relief and Development staff, its boards, and for all who have sustained the ministry through donations, prayer and volunteerism; and be it further

Resolved, That this House of Deputies thanks its dioceses and congregations for continuing to respond to the urgent needs of our siblings across the globe by support of the ministry of Episcopal Relief and Development; and be it further

Resolved, That the mission of Episcopal Relief and Development to protect children, empower women, adapt to the effects of climate change and respond to emergencies worldwide be our guidepost as we live into our Baptismal Covenant to protect the dignity of every human being.

A190 - Extend Gratitude to the House of Deputies' Chaplain

Final Status: Adopted by HoD

Proposed by: 23 - Privilege & Courtesy/HoD

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 23 - Privilege & Courtesy/HoD

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Adopt

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the House of Deputies of the 81st General Convention extend gratitude to the Rev. Lester V. Mackenzie for his passionate, playful and pastoral ministry to the House as its Chaplain for the last four Conventions: for his prayers, his music and his constant reminder that God loves it when we pray. YO, YO, YO!!!

A191 - Express Gratitude for the General Convention Children's Program

Final Status: Adopted by HoD

Proposed by: 23 - Privilege & Courtesy/HoD

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 23 - Privilege & Courtesy/HoD

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Adopt

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the House of Deputies of the 81st General Convention gives thanks for the children's [Waves of Gratitude Day Camp](#), offering children an engaging and formative experience through a full day of meaningful activities, practicing gratitude while creating art, exploring the science of water, and interacting on field trips and with visitors to the program; and be it further

Resolved, That we express our appreciation to Sarah Petersen and those who are leading, teaching, and ministering to our children; and be it further

Resolved, That we thank the groups partnering with the children's program: United Thank Offering, Godly Play Foundation, Episcopal Relief & Development, The Office of Development, The Office of Communication, Good News Gardens, Episcopal Migration Ministries, Church Publishing Inc., Latino Ministries, The Archives of The Episcopal Church, The Partner's Path, The National Association of Episcopal Schools, Bexley Seabury Seminary and The Staff of the Presiding Bishop, along with the General Convention Budget and the support of the General Convention Office staff; and be it further

Resolved, That we are grateful for the soft space in the Convention Center sanctuary that gives our children the ability to participate fully in worship.

A192 - Express Gratitude for Ecumenical Guests

Final Status: Adopted by HoD

Proposed by: 23 - Privilege & Courtesy/HoD

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 23 - Privilege & Courtesy/HoD

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Adopt

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the House of Deputies of the 81st General Convention express its gratitude for the gift of the presence of visiting bishops, ecumenical friends and Anglican Communion guests who have come to share with us their stories, wisdom and experience; and be it further

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention reaffirm our mutual intention to work, pray and share our stories together as daughters, sons and siblings of the same Creator.

A193 - Express Gratitude to the Nomination Committee for Presiding Bishop

Final Status: Adopted by HoD

Proposed by: 23 - Privilege & Courtesy/HoD

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 23 - Privilege & Courtesy/HoD

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Adopt

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the House of Deputies of the 81st General Convention of The Episcopal Church express its profound gratitude to the Joint Nominating Committee for the next Presiding Bishop. The House commends their diligent and faithful service to our Church during a lengthy period of discovery and spiritual discernment.

A194 - Express Thanks to the Parliamentarian of the House of Deputies

Final Status: Adopted by HoD

Proposed by: 23 - Privilege & Courtesy/HoD

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 23 - Privilege & Courtesy/HoD

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Adopt

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the House of Deputies of the 81st General Convention express sincere appreciation and thankfulness to the Hon. Bryan Krislock, Parliamentarian of the House of Deputies.

A195 - The Archbishop of Canterbury and Mrs. Welby

Final Status: Adopted by HoB

Proposed by: 23 - Privilege & Courtesy/HoB

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 23 - Privilege & Courtesy/HoB

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Adopt

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the House of Bishops, meeting at this 81st General Convention of The Episcopal Church in Louisville, Kentucky, sends our greetings and the assurance of our prayers to the Most Reverend and Right Honourable Justin Welby GCVO DD, Archbishop of Canterbury, and to Mrs Welby, in deep gratitude for their life of devotion and ministry to our worldwide Anglican Communion;

and further extends our congratulations to him on being made a Knight Grand Cross of the Royal Victorian Order by His Majesty the King in recognition of his service to the Crown and to the nation in overseeing the Coronation of Their Majesties in 2023;

and further expresses our encouragement and support to the Archbishop in his commitment to maintaining and deepening the unity of the Communion, often under tremendous pressure;

and further applauds his efforts, especially in collaboration with His Holiness Pope Francis and others, to be a witness for peace in the Holy Land, Ukraine, the Sudan, and in other war-torn regions of the world, embodying thereby Our Lord's message of reconciliation.

A196 - The Diocese of Kentucky

Final Status: Adopted by HoB

Proposed by: 23 - Privilege & Courtesy/HoB

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 23 - Privilege & Courtesy/HoB

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Adopt

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the House of Bishops, meeting at this 81st General Convention of The Episcopal Church, gathered in Louisville, Kentucky, expresses our profound gratitude to our brother, the Right Reverend Terry White, Bishop of Kentucky, to the Bishop's Staff, and to all the clergy and faithful, for their warm welcome to their diocese and for their hard work in preparing for and hosting this Convention;

and further conveys our appreciation to all those members of the Diocese of Kentucky and others from across our Church 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, especially at the Diocese of Kentucky Night;

and further celebrates and upholds in prayer the ministry of the Bishop, clergy, and faithful of the diocese who are striving to love Jesus and love like Jesus in the current complex political and social realities in which they live and work.

A197 - The Dean of Christ Church Cathedral, Louisville

Final Status: Adopted by HoB

Proposed by: 23 - Privilege & Courtesy/HoB

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 23 - Privilege & Courtesy/HoB

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Adopt

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the House of Bishops, meeting at this 81st General Convention of The Episcopal Church, gathered in Louisville, Kentucky, expresses our profound gratitude to the Very Reverend Matthew Bradley, Dean of Christ Church Cathedral, and to the clergy and faithful of the Cathedral community, for their hospitality to us for the election of the Presiding Bishop, and for making us feel at home and comfortable.

A198 - The City and People of Louisville

Final Status: Adopted by HoB

Proposed by: 23 - Privilege & Courtesy/HoB

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 23 - Privilege & Courtesy/HoB

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Adopt

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the House of Bishops, meeting at this 81st General Convention of The Episcopal Church, gathered in Louisville, Kentucky, expresses our gratitude to the government and people of the City of Louisville and to the Honorable Craig Greenberg, Mayor, for their gracious hospitality and welcome;

and further extends our appreciation to the owners and staff of the local businesses that have provided hospitality to those in attendance at this convention, especially to the many staff members of the Louisville Convention Center and our hotels who have kept our facilities for meeting, working, and living clean, comfortable, and safe for us.

A199 - The Right Reverend Anthony Poggio and the ACO

Final Status: Adopted by HoB

Proposed by: 23 - Privilege & Courtesy/HoB

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 23 - Privilege & Courtesy/HoB

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Adopt

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the House of Bishops, meeting at this 81st General Convention of The Episcopal Church in Louisville, Kentucky, sends our greetings and the assurance of our prayers to the Right Reverend Anthony Poggio, Secretary-General of the Anglican Communion, and to his staff, in thanksgiving for the work of the Anglican Communion Office in supporting and strengthening the witness and unity of our beloved worldwide Anglican Communion;

and further expresses our appreciation for the 23rd Primates Meeting in Rome in May and for the renewed commitment of the Primates Meeting to make every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace among the member Churches of the Communion.

A200 - The Most Reverend Ian Earnest and the Anglican Centre in Rome

Final Status: Adopted by HoB

Proposed by: 23 - Privilege & Courtesy/HoB

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 23 - Privilege & Courtesy/HoB

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Adopt

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the House of Bishops, meeting at this 81st General Convention of The Episcopal Church in Louisville, Kentucky, sends our greetings and the assurance of our prayers to the Most Reverend Ian Earnest, Director of the Anglican Center in Rome, and expresses our gratitude to Archbishop Earnest and his staff for the work of the Centre in maintaining and deepening the relationship of the Anglican Communion with the Holy See.

A201 - The Archbishop of Utrecht and the Old Catholic Church

Final Status: Adopted by HoB

Proposed by: 23 - Privilege & Courtesy

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 23 - Privilege & Courtesy/HoB

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Adopt

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the House of Bishops, meeting at this 81st General Convention of The Episcopal Church in Louisville, Kentucky, sends our greetings and the assurance of our prayers to the Most Reverend Bernd Wallet, Archbishop of Utrecht, giving thanks for our long-standing relationship of full communion;

and further rejoices in the agreement last February of full communion between the Old Catholic Churches of the Union of Utrecht with the Malankara Mar Thoma Syrian Church, thereby drawing our three Churches into deeper unity.

A202 - The Metropolitan of the Malankara Mar Thoma Church and the MTC

Final Status: Adopted by HoB

Proposed by: 23 - Privilege & Courtesy/HoB

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 23 - Privilege & Courtesy/HoB

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Adopt

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the House of Bishops, meeting at this 81st General Convention of The Episcopal Church in Louisville, Kentucky, sends our greetings and the assurance of our prayers to the Most Reverend Dr Theodosius Mar Thoma Metropolitan, Metropolitan of the Malankara Mar Thoma Syrian Church, rejoicing in the election and consecration of three new bishops in 2023;

and expresses our thanksgiving to God for the agreement, signed in February, of full communion between the Malankara Mar Thoma Syrian Church and the Old Catholic Churches of the Union of Utrecht, thereby drawing our three Churches into deeper unity.

A203 - The Right Reverend Dr Abraham Mar Paulos Episcopa

Final Status: Adopted by HoB

Proposed by: 23 - Privilege & Courtesy/HoB

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 23 - Privilege & Courtesy/HoB

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Adopt

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the House of Bishops, meeting at this 81st General Convention of The Episcopal Church in Louisville, Kentucky, sends our greetings and the assurance of our prayers to the Right Reverend Dr. Abraham Mar Paulos Episcopa on his recent appointment as the Bishop of the Diocese of North American of the Malankara Mar Thoma Syrian Church;

and expresses our thanksgiving to God for the ministry among us of the previous diocesan bishop, the Right Reverend Dr. Isaac Mar Philoxenos Episcopa, who has completed his term as the Bishop of the Diocese of North America and assumed new duties in India.

A204 - The Leadership of the Moravian Church USA, Northern and Southern Provinces

Final Status: Adopted by HoB

Proposed by: 23 - Privilege & Courtesy/HoB

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 23 - Privilege & Courtesy/HoB

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Adopt

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the House of Bishops, meeting at this 81st General Convention of The Episcopal Church in Louisville, Kentucky, sends our greetings and the assurance of our prayers to the Reverend David Bennett, President of the Provincial Elders Conference of the Northern Province of the Moravian Church, and to the Reverend Dr. Neil Routh, President of the Provincial Elders Conference of the Southern Province of the Moravian Church;

and further gives thanks for our ongoing relationship of full communion.

A205 - The General Secretary of the World Council of Churches

Final Status: Adopted by HoB

Proposed by: 23 - Privilege & Courtesy/HoB

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 23 - Privilege & Courtesy/HoB

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Adopt

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the House of Bishops, meeting at this 81st General Convention of The Episcopal Church in Louisville, Kentucky, sends our greetings and the assurance of our prayers to the Reverend Professor Dr. Jerry Pillay, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches, and affirms our ongoing commitment to this worldwide fellowship of Churches as we seek deeper unity, a common witness, and further Christian service;

and further expresses our support of his efforts in peace-building in Ukraine, the Holy Land, and on other parts of the world torn by war and violence.

A206 - The General Secretary of the National Council of Churches

Final Status: Adopted by HoB

Proposed by: 23 - Privilege & Courtesy/HoB

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 23 - Privilege & Courtesy/HoB

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Adopt

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the House of Bishops, meeting at this 81st General Convention of The Episcopal Church in Louisville, Kentucky, sends our greetings and the assurance of our prayers to Bishop Vashti Murphy McKenzie, and rejoices in her election as President and General Secretary of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in May 2023;

and further affirms our 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.

A207 - The President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and Episcopal-Roman Catholic Dialogue

Final Status: Adopted by HoB

Proposed by: 23 - Privilege & Courtesy/HoB

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 23 - Privilege & Courtesy/HoB

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Adopt

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the House of Bishops, meeting at this 81st General Convention of The Episcopal Church in Louisville, Kentucky, rejoicing in the special relationship that has existed between our two Churches since the inception of dialogue under the leadership of Pope Saint Paul VI and the late Archbishop Michael Ramsey of Canterbury, sends our greetings and the assurance of our prayers to the Most Reverend Timothy Broglio, the Archbishop of Military Services and President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, and celebrates the work of the Anglican-Roman Catholic Dialogue-USA;

and 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 in the ministry of reconciliation and to the unity of all in Christ.

A208 - The Chairman of the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the United States of America

Final Status: Adopted by HoB

Proposed by: 23 - Privilege & Courtesy/HoB

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 23 - Privilege & Courtesy/HoB

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Adopt

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the House of Bishops, meeting at this 81st General Convention of The Episcopal Church in Louisville, Kentucky, sends our greetings and the assurance of our prayers to His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros, Primate of the Greek Orthodox Church in America and President of the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops;

and further, rejoicing in the long and significant relationship that has existed between the Orthodox Church and the Anglican Communion, looks 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 further assures the Assembly of our ongoing prayers for the healing of the current sad and difficult divisions within the communion of the Orthodox Churches.

A209 - Archbishop Elpidophoros and the 47th Biennial Clergy-Laity Congress June 30-July 4, 2024

Final Status: Adopted by HoB

Proposed by: 23 - Privilege & Courtesy/HoB

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 23 - Privilege & Courtesy/HoB

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Adopt

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the House of Bishops, meeting at this 81st General Convention of The Episcopal Church in Louisville, Kentucky, sends our greetings and the assurance of our prayers to His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros, Primate of the Greek Orthodox Church in America, rejoicing in the long and fruitful relationship between the Greek Orthodox Church in America and The Episcopal Church;

and further sends our greetings to the 47th Biennial Clergy-Laity Congress and the National Philoptochos Convention to be held in San Diego from June 30 to July 4, with our prayers that the theme of the Congress "In Christ We are One" may be an encouragement to both our Churches to a deeper and intentional exploration of the path to unity.

A210 - The Delegates of the Standing Conference of Oriental Orthodox Churches in America

Final Status: Adopted by HoB

Proposed by: 23 - Privilege & Courtesy/HoB

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 23 - Privilege & Courtesy/HoB

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Adopt

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the House of Bishops, meeting at this 81st General Convention of The Episcopal Church in Louisville, Kentucky, sends our greetings and the assurance of our prayers to His Grace Bishop David, Bishop of the Coptic Orthodox Diocese of New York and New England, President of the Standing Conference of Oriental Orthodox Churches, and the Delegates of the Conference, rejoicing in the long and significant relationship that has existed between the Oriental Orthodox Churches and the Anglican Communion;

and further assures the Conference of our prayers for a renewed and deepening relationship between The Episcopal Church and the Oriental Orthodox 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 further sends our commitment in solidarity to our Christian sisters and brothers of their Churches wherever they face persecution, violence, and displacement, especially in the Holy Land and the Middle East;

and further expresses our concern and prayers for the ongoing difficulties of the Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo Church and the Eritrean Orthodox Tewahedo Church.

A211 - The Armenian Apostolic Church Eastern Diocese

Final Status: Adopted by HoB

Proposed by: 23 - Privilege & Courtesy/HoB

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 23 - Privilege & Courtesy/HoB

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Adopt

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the House of Bishops, meeting at this 81st General Convention of The Episcopal Church in Louisville, Kentucky, sends our greetings and the assurance of our prayers to His Grace Bishop Mesrop Parsamyan, rejoicing in his episcopal ordination on October 8, 2023;

and further celebrates the long and significant relationship between our two Churches, praying for a deeper collaboration in our common witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

A212 - The 26th Presiding Bishop and Dr. Richard Schori

Final Status: Adopted by HoB

Proposed by: 23 - Privilege & Courtesy/HoB

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 23 - Privilege & Courtesy/HoB

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Adopt

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the House of Bishops, meeting at this 81st General Convention of The Episcopal Church in Louisville, Kentucky, sends our greetings, love, and ongoing gratitude to the Right Reverend Dr. Katharine Jefferts-Schori, 26th Presiding Bishop and Primate, and Dr. Richard Schori, giving thanks for her ongoing ministry and presence in our midst;

and further assures Bishop Jefferts-Schori and Dr. Schori of our continued prayers for them both, especially as Bishop Jefferts-Schori assumes her new responsibilities in the Diocese of Wyoming.

A213 - The Right Reverend Frank Tracy Griswold III, 25th Presiding Bishop

Final Status: Adopted by HoB

Proposed by: 23 - Privilege & Courtesy/HoB

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 23 - Privilege & Courtesy/HoB

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Adopt

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the House of Bishops, meeting at this 81st General Convention of The Episcopal Church in Louisville, Kentucky, gives thanks to Almighty God for the life and ministry of the late Right Reverend Frank Tracy Griswold III, 25th Presiding Bishop and Primate, who entered into God's eternal Sabbath rest on March 5, 2023;

and further sends our greetings, love, and the assurance of our prayers to Mrs. Phoebe Griswold and to their family.

A214 - Mrs. Patti Browning

Final Status: Adopted by HoB

Proposed by: 23 - Privilege & Courtesy/HoB

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 23 - Privilege & Courtesy/HoB

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Adopt

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the House of Bishops, meeting at this 81st General Convention of The Episcopal Church in Louisville, Kentucky, continuing to hold in grateful and prayerful remembrance our late 24th Presiding Bishop and Primate, the Right Reverend Edmond Lee Browning, sends our greetings, love, and the assurance of our prayers to Mrs. Patti Browning and to their family.

A215 - The Anglican Archbishop in Jerusalem and Mrs. Rafa Nauom

Final Status: Adopted by HoB

Proposed by: 23 - Privilege & Courtesy/HoB

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 23 - Privilege & Courtesy/HoB

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Adopt

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the House of Bishops, meeting at this 81st General Convention of The Episcopal Church in Louisville, Kentucky, welcomes the Most Reverend Hosam Nauom, Anglican Archbishop in Jerusalem, and his wife, Rafa, to this Convention, rejoices in his election as Primate of the Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East in 2023, and assures them of our prayers and encouragement as he leads his diocese and Province;

and further expresses our confidence in his leadership and our solidarity and support in this time of war, displacement, and uncertainty in the Holy Land and in the Middle East.

A216 - The Patriarchs and Heads of Local Churches of the Holy Land

Final Status: Adopted by HoB

Proposed by: 23 - Privilege & Courtesy/HoB

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 23 - Privilege & Courtesy/HoB

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Adopt

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the House of Bishops, gathered at this 81st General Convention of The Episcopal Church in Louisville, Kentucky, expresses to our brothers in Christ, the Patriarchs and Heads of Local Churches in Jerusalem, our solidarity and support as they lead and pastor their communities during this time of war, violence, displacement, and uncertainty;

and further joins with the Patriarchs and the Heads of the Churches in their consistent call for an end to all violence; an immediate humanitarian ceasefire in Gaza and the speedy distribution of humanitarian aid; the release of all captives; the unimpeded access of fully-equipped doctors and medical staff to tend the sick and injured; and their urgent plea for effective internationally facilitated negotiations aimed at ending and moving beyond the present cycle of violence;

and further sends our prayers and solidarity to the staff and patients of the Al-Ahli Arab Hospital, run by the Episcopal Diocese, and the clergy and faithful of Saint Porphyrios Orthodox Church and Monastery and Holy Family Catholic Church, all of them in Gaza City, as they find ways to continue their work and ministry in the shadow and devastation of ongoing war;

and further continues to express our alarm at the escalating threat to the Christian presence in the Holy City of Jerusalem and the Holy Land from Israeli radical groups who are actively seeking to undermine the Christian communities of the Holy Land, and our support of for the efforts of the Patriarchs and Heads of the Churches at both the local and international level to raise awareness of the plight of the Churches in the Holy Land;

and further commit ourselves, in solidarity with our brothers in Christ, the Patriarchs and the Heads of Local Churches of the Holy Land, to pray and work for the stability, well-being, and prosperity of the Christian communities of Jerusalem and the Holy Land as the living witnesses of our sacred history in the region.

A217 - The General Convention Secretariat, the Presiding Bishop's Staff, Legislative Leadership, and Support Leaders

Final Status: Adopted by HoB

Proposed by: 23 - Privilege & Courtesy/HoB

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 23 - Privilege & Courtesy/HoB

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Adopt

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the House of Bishops meeting at this 81st General Convention of The Episcopal Church, gathered in Louisville, Kentucky, expresses our sincere gratitude to the Reverend Canon Michael Barlowe, Executive Officer of the General Convention, to the Reverend Dr. Molly James, Deputy Executive Officer, 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 further thanks the staff of the Presiding Bishop's Office for the considerable support that they have given to this House and this Convention both before and during our meeting;

and further thanks to the Legislative Committee Chairs, Co-Chairs, Secretaries, Aides, Liaisons, IT Technicians and Communications personnel.

A218 - The Chancellor to the Presiding Bishop

Final Status: Adopted by HoB

Proposed by: 23 - Privilege & Courtesy/HoB

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 23 - Privilege & Courtesy/HoB

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Adopt

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the House of Bishops, meeting at this 81st General Convention of The Episcopal Church, gathered in Louisville, Kentucky, acknowledges and thanks Ms. Mary Kostel, Esq, Chancellor to the Presiding Bishop, for her ongoing effective and devoted service to the Presiding Bishop and the Church.

A219 - The Chaplains to the House of Bishops

Final Status: Adopted by HoB

Proposed by: 23 - Privilege & Courtesy/HoB

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 23 - Privilege & Courtesy/HoB

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Adopt

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the House of Bishops, meeting at this 81st General Convention of The Episcopal Church, gathered in Louisville, Kentucky, gives thanks to Almighty God for the gentle and generous ministry among us of our chaplains, the Reverend Ricardo Bailey, Mr. Dent Davidson, and the Very Reverend Miguelina Howell, at our meetings of the House since the last General Convention;

and further expresses our gratitude to them for their ministry during this Convention and especially on the day of the election of our new Presiding Bishop.

A220 - The Interpreters

Final Status: Adopted by HoB

Proposed by: 23 - Privilege & Courtesy/HoB

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 23 - Privilege & Courtesy/HoB

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Adopt

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the House of Bishops meeting at this 81st General Convention of The Episcopal Church, gathered in Louisville, Kentucky, expresses our happy debt to the team of interpreters, Ms. Dinorah Padro, Ms. Rosa Burkard, Ms. Christina Helmerichs, Rev. Merry Chan Ong, and Rev. Joshua Chan-Foo Ng, as well as to the CART Captioner, Ms. LaDawna Strumpf, who have worked diligently, tirelessly, and cheerfully at this Convention to turn a potential Tower of Babel into a little Feast of Pentecost and so have helped to create an environment in which we have been able to speak and be understood in the native language of each.

A221 - The Leadership of the Bishops' Spouses and Partners Community

Final Status: Adopted by HoB

Proposed by: 23 - Privilege & Courtesy/HoB

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 23 - Privilege & Courtesy/HoB

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Adopt

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the House of Bishops, meeting at this 81st General Convention of The Episcopal Church, gathered in Louisville, Kentucky, gives thanks to Almighty God for the gift to us of our spouses, partners, families, and communities, and expresses our gratitude to the leadership of the Bishops' Spouses community for their ongoing work in support of our spouses and families.

A222 - The Prime Bishop of the Philippine Independent Church and the IFI

Final Status: Adopted by HoB

Proposed by: 23 - Privilege & Courtesy/HoB

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 23 - Privilege & Courtesy/HoB

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Adopt

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the House of Bishops, meeting at this 81st General Convention of The Episcopal Church in Louisville, Kentucky, sends our greetings and the assurance of our prayers to the Most Reverend Joel Porlares, Obispo Maximo of the Iglesia Filipina Independiente, giving thanks to Almighty God for his installation as Primate on 29 June 2023;

and further gives thanks for our continued Concordat Partnership.

A223 - Create Alternative Working Group to Review Canons and Implement Changes Related to Revised Article X of the Constitution

Final Status: Concurred

Proposed by: 02 - Constitution & Canons

Has Budget Implications: Yes

Cost: \$30,000.00

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: Yes

Directs an Interim Body: Yes

Directs Dfms Staff: Yes

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 02 - Constitution & Canons

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Concur

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the General Convention direct the President of the House of Deputies and the Presiding Bishop to set aside the composition and charge of the working group defined in the resolution adopted by the 81st General Convention numbered A072 and instead appoint a working group of nine (9) members to include the Custodian of The Book of Common Prayer, three (3) members designated by the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music (one bishop, one priest or deacon, and one lay) and two (2) bishops, two (2) priests or deacons, and two (2) lay members, including at least one member of the Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons, designated by the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies, plus an ex-officio representative from Church Publishing Corporation, to:

- a. Review the Canons and any questions relevant to the implementation of the revised Article X; and
- b. Propose as needed legislation for consideration at the 82nd General Convention.

and be it further

Resolved, That an allocation of \$30,000 be made to support the work of the working group.

A224 - Amend Article X with clarifying amendments (post 2024-A072) [First Reading]

Final Status: Concurred as Amended

Proposed by: 02 - Constitution & Canons

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: Yes

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 02 - Constitution & Canons

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Concur

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention of The Episcopal Church repeal Article X, Sections 1 and 2, and replace with the following:

<Amended text as it would appear if adopted and concurred. Scroll below the line of asterisks (***) to see the version showing all deleted and added text:>**

Article X: Of The Book of Common Prayer

Sec. 1. The Book of Common Prayer is those liturgical forms, communal and devotional prayers, and other content authorized by the General Convention in accordance with this article and shall be enriched by our church's cultural, geographical, and linguistic contexts.

The Book of Common Prayer, as now established or hereafter amended by the General Convention shall be in use in all the Dioceses and other jurisdictions of this Church.

Any Book of Common Prayer, or portions thereof, memorialized by the General Convention, is authorized for use at any service in all the Dioceses and other jurisdictions of this Church.

Sec. 2. No alteration thereof or addition thereto shall be made unless the General Convention approve the same on first reading in one regular meeting of the General Convention and, by resolve so directing, be sent by the Secretary of the General Convention to the Secretary of the Convention of every Diocese and other jurisdictions, to be made known to the Diocesan

Convention at its next regular meeting, and be adopted on second reading without alteration 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 an affirmative vote by orders in the House of Deputies in accordance with Art. I, Sec. 5 of this Constitution, except that concurrence in the affirmative by the orders shall require the affirmative vote in each order by a majority of the Dioceses and other jurisdictions entitled to representation in the House of Deputies.

<Proposed amended resolution text showing exact changes being made:>

Article X: Of The Book of Common Prayer

Sec. 1. *The Book of Common Prayer is those liturgical forms, communal and devotional prayers, and other content authorized by the General Convention in accordance with this article and shall be enriched by our church's cultural, geographical, and linguistic contexts.*

The Book of Common Prayer, as now established or hereafter amended by the General Convention shall be in use in all the Dioceses and other jurisdictions of this Church.

Any Book of Common Prayer, or portions thereof, memorialized by the General Convention, is authorized for use at any service in all the Dioceses and other jurisdictions of this Church.

Sec. 2. *No alteration thereof or addition thereto shall be made unless the General Convention approve the same on first reading in one regular meeting of the General Convention and, by resolve so directing, be sent by the Secretary of the General Convention to the Secretary of the Convention of every Diocese and other jurisdictions, to be made known to the Diocesan Convention at its next regular meeting, and be adopted on second reading without alteration 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 an affirmative vote by orders in the House of Deputies in accordance with Art. I, Sec. 5 of this Constitution, except that concurrence in the affirmative by the orders shall require the affirmative vote in each order by a majority of the Dioceses and other jurisdictions entitled to representation in the House of Deputies.*

~~Article X: Of The Book of Common Prayer~~

~~**Sec. 1.** The Book of Common Prayer is understood to be those liturgical forms and other texts authorized by the General Convention in accordance with this article and the Canons of this Church.~~

~~The Book of Common Prayer in this Church is intended to be communal and devotional prayer enriched by our church's cultural, geographical, and linguistic contexts. The Book of Common Prayer shall contain both public worship and private devotion.~~

~~The Book of Common Prayer, as now established or hereafter amended by the General Convention, shall be in use in all the Dioceses of this Church.~~

Sec. 2. ~~No alteration thereof or addition thereto shall be made unless the General Convention approve the same on first reading in one regular meeting of the General Convention and, by resolve so directing, be sent by the Secretary of the General Convention to the Secretary of the Convention of every Diocese, to be made known to the Diocesan Convention at its next regular meeting, and be adopted on second reading without alteration 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 an affirmative vote by orders in the House of Deputies in accordance with Art. I, Sec. 5 of this Constitution, except that concurrence in the affirmative 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.~~

A225 - Express Gratitude to Steve Hutchinson

Final Status: Adopted by HoD

Proposed by: 23 - Privilege & Courtesy/HoD

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 23 - Privilege & Courtesy/HoD

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Adopt

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the House of Deputies of the 81st General Convention of The Episcopal Church expresses its deep gratitude to Canon Chancellor Steve Hutchinson for his many years of devoted service; and be it further

Resolved, That the House recognizes that he has served the Diocese of Utah for 42 years and is retiring after this Convention, having also served as the Chancellor of Navajoland since 2009; as the convener and member of the Western Episcopal Chancellor's Network from 1990-2024, as the current President of the Episcopal Chancellor's Network, Executive Director of Episcopal Community Services from 2002-2023, Chair of the Title IV Task Force from 2006-2009 and co-author of the Title IV website, and that this is, according to Steve and confirmed by his wife Pam, his 14th and final time serving as a Deputy in this House; and be it further

Resolved, That this House congratulate Steve on his retirement, and offers best wishes and prayers for his family in their future.

A226 - The Nominees for Election as Presiding Bishop

Final Status: Adopted by HoB

Proposed by: 23 - Privilege & Courtesy/HoB

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 23 - Privilege & Courtesy/HoB

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Adopt

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the House of Bishops, meeting at this 81st General Convention of The Episcopal Church in Louisville, Kentucky, expresses our profound gratitude to the Bishop of Nebraska, the Right Reverend Scott Barker; the Bishop of Central New York, the Right Reverend Dede Duncan-Probe; the Bishop of Pennsylvania, the Right Reverend Daniel Gutierrez; and the Bishop of Atlanta, the Right Reverend Robert Wright, for their willingness to offer themselves as nominees for election as our next Presiding Bishop;

and further expresses our attentive understanding both of the blessings and the cost of this discernment for each of them;

and further, giving thanks to Almighty God for their ongoing presence in our midst, assures them of our prayers for their dioceses, for their continued ministries.

A227 - Commend the life of Willie Howard Mays, Jr.

Final Status: Adopted by HoD

Proposed by: 23 - Privilege & Courtesy/HoD

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 23 - Privilege & Courtesy/HoD

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Adopt

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the House of Deputies of the 81st General Convention commend the life of Willie Howard Mays Jr., who recently passed away at the age of 93, who started his baseball career when professional baseball was still racially segregated playing for the Birmingham Black Barons of the Negro American League in 1948, until he joined the New York/San Francisco Giants in 1951 and later the New York Mets; and be it further

Resolved, That the House recognizes that Willie Mays distinguished himself as a generational player with his five-tool skill set and his many MLB titles, awards, and achievements; and yet arguably his real impact on our society came as an ambassador to the world with his cheerful and humble attitude in working with youth; and be it further

Resolved, That the House, particularly fitting here in Louisville, Kentucky home of the Louisville Slugger bats, celebrate the life and witness of Willie Mays, nicknamed the "Say Hey Kid" for his positive attitude, and rejoice in his life with the deputations of the dioceses in Alabama, New York, and California for his long-lasting impact on American life for his contributions both inside and outside of the game of baseball.

A228 - Express Gratitude to Paul Neuhauser

Final Status: Adopted by HoD

Proposed by: 23 - Privilege & Courtesy/HoD

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 23 - Privilege & Courtesy/HoD

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Adopt

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the House of Deputies of the 81st General Convention sends gratitude and sincerest congratulations to Mr. Paul Neuhauser for his 50 plus years of service on The Episcopal Church's ethical investment committee known by various names over the decades, currently as the Executive Council Committee on Corporate Social Responsibility; and be it further

Resolved, That the House recognize him as the writer of the first faith-based shareholder resolution in 1971 asking General Motors to leave South Africa, launching a new movement among the major Christian denominations and many Roman Catholic religious orders leading to the founding of the Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility; and be it further

Resolved, That the House applaud the seminal moment when he met with JP Morgan Bank for the fourth time convincing them they should make no more loans to South Africa, dealing a critical blow to the apartheid regime and shortly the collapse of the racist system; and be it further

Resolved, That the House rejoices with Paul, the former Deputy and Executive Council member from the Diocese of Iowa, for recognizing those who have accompanied him as members, staff and volunteers during these 50+ years so that those who stand on the shoulders of all these pioneers may continue the work ahead for the generations to come, with the work expanded to include, among many issues, care of creation, human rights globally, workers' rights, gun safety, health care, immigration policy, and diversity on corporate boards of directors.

A229 - Gratitude for the Secretariat, Voting Secretary, and Committee on Dispatch

Final Status: Adopted by HoD

Proposed by: 23 - Privilege & Courtesy/HoD

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 23 - Privilege & Courtesy/HoD

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Adopt

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the House of Deputies of the 81st General Convention of The Episcopal Church, express our sincere gratitude to all those who worked in the General Convention Secretariat, for their faithful service in support of the work of this Convention; and be it further

Resolved, That the House expresses heartfelt gratitude to The Rev. Nina R. Pooley, and appreciation for her presence and guidance as Voting Secretary before and during elections for individuals and votes on resolutions; and be it further

Resolved, That the House acknowledges and commends the work of The Rev. Emily Mellott, chair of the Committee on Dispatch, and her entire committee that guides us through our legislative work.

A230 - Thanksgiving for all who ran for elected offices at General Convention

Final Status: Adopted by HoD

Proposed by: 23 - Privilege & Courtesy/HoD

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 23 - Privilege & Courtesy/HoD

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Adopt

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the House of Deputies of the 81st General Convention express its appreciation to those who discerned a call to be considered for positions at this Convention, and expresses its gratitude for those who showed integrity, courage, generous spirit and a willingness to serve the Church in its call to care for God's beloved creation.

A231 - Commend Julia Ayala Harris

Final Status: Adopted by HoD

Proposed by: 23 - Privilege & Courtesy/HoD

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 23 - Privilege & Courtesy/HoD

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Adopt

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the House of Deputies of the 81st General Convention commend Julia Ayala Harris for her service to The Episcopal Church and to this House as President; and be it further

Resolved, That we give thanks and praise to God for her leadership, her ministry, and now her reelection as President; and be it further

Resolved, That the House of Deputies eagerly awaits and prays for our shared ministry in the governance of The Episcopal Church.

A232 - Thanksgiving for the election of the Presiding Bishop

Final Status: Adopted by HoD

Proposed by: 23 - Privilege & Courtesy/HoD

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 23 - Privilege & Courtesy/HoD

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Adopt

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the House of Deputies of the 81st General Convention rejoices at the election of The Rt. Rev. Sean Rowe as the 28th Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church and congratulates him; and be it further

Resolved, That we express gratitude for the discernment that led to his willing candidacy for his new role; and be it further

Resolved, That the House of Deputies eagerly awaits our shared ministry in the governance of The Episcopal Church, and offers prayers for him leading up to November 1st and the installation.

A233 - Amend Article I, Section 7. [Second Reading]

Final Status: Concurred

Proposed by: Secretary of General Convention

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: Yes

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 02 - Constitution & Canons

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Concur

Resolution Text

Resolved, That Article I, Section 7 of the Constitution be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 7. The General Convention shall ~~meet~~ *hold its regular meeting* not less than once in each three years, at a time and place determined in accordance with the Canons. *In the event of a change of circumstances indicating the necessity or advisability of changing the date of such regular meeting of The General Convention beyond three years, said meeting may be rescheduled as provided by Canon.* Special Meetings may be held as provided for by Canon.

A234 - Expressing Gratitude for Sharon Jones

Final Status: Adopted by HoD

Proposed by: 23 - Privilege & Courtesy/HoD

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 23 - Privilege & Courtesy/HoD

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Adopt

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the House of Deputies of the 81st General Convention of The Episcopal Church express its heartfelt gratitude to Sharon Jones for her years of dedicated service and exemplary administrative support to the Office of the Presiding Bishop, provided unwavering commitment and exceptional administrative support ensuring the smooth operation and efficiency of its functions; and be it further

Resolved, That the House recognizes her dedication, professionalism, attention to detail, and a positive attitude that has help create a supportive and collaborative environment within the office that has greatly contributed to the mission and ministry of The Episcopal Church; and be it further

Resolved, That the House extends its deepest appreciation to Sharon for her invaluable contributions and wishes her continued success and blessings in all her future.

A235 - Thanksgiving for the election of the Vice President of the House of Deputies

Final Status: Adopted by HoD

Proposed by: 23 - Privilege & Courtesy/HoD

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 23 - Privilege & Courtesy/HoD

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Adopt

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the House of Deputies of the 81st General Convention rejoices at the election of The Rev. Steve Pankey, Deputy from the Diocese of Kentucky, on being elected Vice President of the House of Deputies; and be it further

Resolved, That we express gratitude for the discernment that led to his willing candidacy for his new role; and be it further

Resolved, That the House of Deputies eagerly awaits and prays for our shared ministry in the governance of The Episcopal Church.

A236 - Our Guests from the Anglican Communion, Churches in Full Communion, other Christian Churches, and other Faith Communities

Final Status: Adopted by HoB

Proposed by: 23 - Privilege & Courtesy/HoB

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 23 - Privilege & Courtesy/HoB

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Adopt

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the House of Bishops, meeting at this 81st General Convention of The Episcopal Church in Louisville, Kentucky, recognizes and welcomes our guests who have joined us in this Convention from other parts of our Anglican Communion, Churches with which we enjoy the blessing of full communion, Churches with which we have long-standing ecumenical relationships, and those of other faith traditions with whom we share fruitful and valuable dialogue;

and further expresses our gratitude to them for making the considerable commitment to be with us at this Convention;

and further appreciates their presence as a visible sign of our mutual interdependence as those who strive to be a witness for the importance of the life of faith and the value of every human being as created in the image and likeness of God.

A237 - The Presiding Bishop of the ELCA and the Lutheran Church

Final Status: Adopted by HoB

Proposed by: 23 - Privilege & Courtesy/HoB

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 23 - Privilege & Courtesy/HoB

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Adopt

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the House of Bishops, meeting at this 81st General Convention of The Episcopal Church in Louisville, Kentucky, sends our greetings to Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, Presiding Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America, assuring her of our prayers for God's grace and strength for her in her ministry;

and further rejoices in our most recent agreement on the diaconate and the service of deacons in the ministry of our two Churches as yet another visible sign of the deeper unity between us.

A238 - The Archbishop of Uppsala and the Church of Sweden

Final Status: Adopted by HoB

Proposed by: 23 - Privilege & Courtesy/HoB

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 23 - Privilege & Courtesy/HoB

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Adopt

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the House of Bishops, meeting at this 81st General Convention of The Episcopal Church in Louisville, Kentucky, sends our greetings and the assurance of our prayers to the Most Reverend Martin Modéus, Archbishop of Uppsala;

and further gives thanks to Almighty God for the signing on March 27, 2023, of the Memorandum of Understanding establishing full communion between our two Churches;

and further looks forward to the deepening of the partnership in the mission of the Gospel between our two Churches that this new relationship makes possible.

A239 - The President of the Council of Bishops of the UMC and Episcopal-United Methodist Dialogue

Final Status: Adopted by HoB

Proposed by: 23 - Privilege & Courtesy/HoB

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 23 - Privilege & Courtesy/HoB

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Adopt

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the House of Bishops, meeting at this 81st General Convention of The Episcopal Church in Louisville, Kentucky, rejoices in the election last April of Bishop Tracy Smith Malone as President of the Council of Bishops, the first Black woman to hold this office, praying to Almighty God for grace and wisdom for her in this new responsibility;

and further gives thanks to Almighty God for the leadership of the immediate past President of the Council, Bishop Thomas Bickerton;

and further, recognizing the unique historical relationship that exists between our two Churches, celebrates the clear commitment of our two Churches in our recent national gatherings to work intentionally towards the restoration of full communion.

A240 - The Stated Clerk and Episcopal-Presbyterian Dialogue

Final Status: Adopted by HoB

Proposed by: 23 - Privilege & Courtesy/HoB

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 23 - Privilege & Courtesy/HoB

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Adopt

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the House of Bishops, meeting at this 81st General Convention of The Episcopal Church in Louisville, Kentucky, sends greetings and prayers to the Reverend Bronwen Boswell, Acting Stated Clerk of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of the USA, and to the participants in the 226th General Assembly, as they gather in Salt Lake City from June 25 to July 4;

and further affirms our shared formation in the experience and history of the Reformations of the British Isles and Europe;

and, encouraged not least by our common work in so many of our congregations, further 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.

A241 - The Bishop of Spokane

Final Status: Adopted by HoB

Proposed by: 23 - Privilege & Courtesy/HoB

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 23 - Privilege & Courtesy/HoB

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Adopt

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the House of Bishops, meeting at this 81st General Convention of The Episcopal Church in Louisville, Kentucky, sends to our sister, the Right Reverend Gretchen Rehberg, Bishop of Spokane, the assurance of our love and prayers for her as waits for her surgery;

and further affirms her in her ongoing ministry of her diocese, even in the face of real challenge;

and further looks forward to the day when she will once again be among us, restored to health and vigor.

A242 - The General Convention Coordinators and the Volunteers in the House of Bishops

Final Status: Adopted by HoB

Proposed by: 23 - Privilege & Courtesy/HoB

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 23 - Privilege & Courtesy/HoB

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Adopt

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the House of Bishops, meeting at this 81st General Convention of The Episcopal Church in Louisville, Kentucky, expresses our gratitude to Ms. Frances Wilson and Mr. Anthony Chapple, General Convention Coordinators and supervisors, and their volunteers who have served this House during this Convention;

and further rejoices that they have chosen the better part, that being door keepers in the House of Bishops is better than dwelling in the tents of ungodliness;

and further recognizes that in their vigilance in watching over our going out and our coming in, and in standing at the gates of Paradise with a sword, they have provided for us a safe and welcoming environment in which to gather and work.

A243 - Ms. Elise Keddie General Convention Coordinator

Final Status: Adopted by HoB

Proposed by: 23 - Privilege & Courtesy/HoB

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 23 - Privilege & Courtesy/HoB

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Adopt

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the House of Bishops, meeting at this 81st General Convention of The Episcopal Church in Louisville, Kentucky, expresses our gratitude to Ms. Elise Keddie, General Convention Coordinator, for her ever present help in trouble, who has kept us plugged in, turned on, and tuned in, and who has been able to make the virtual real, especially for those among us who still have no idea how our virtual binders really work.

A244 - The Right Reverend Sean Rowe Presiding Bishop-elect 2024

Final Status: Adopted by HoB

Proposed by: 23 - Privilege & Courtesy/HoB

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 23 - Privilege & Courtesy/HoB

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Adopt

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the House of Bishops, gathered at this 81st General Convention of The Episcopal Church in Louisville, Kentucky, gives thanks to Almighty God for the election of the Right Reverend Sean Rowe, Bishop of Northwestern Pennsylvania and Provisional Bishop of Western New York, as the next Presiding Bishop and Primate of our Church;

and further recognizes that he is the youngest bishop in our history to be called to this office;

and further assures our brother of our daily prayers and our firm support as we cast this mantle of leadership on his shoulders at a time of great challenge and opportunity for the Church;

and further expresses our gratitude to him for his first words to the General Convention, calling the Church to a season of relational jubilee in which we can let go of the resentment, anger, and grudges that have weakened the leadership of our Church in these pandemic and post-pandemic years, so that we may be united and courageous disciples in following Jesus into an unknown future filled with hope;

and further wholeheartedly supports his decision for a suitable service of inauguration to mark the beginning of his primacy in the Chapel of Christ the Lord at The Episcopal Church Center that is consonant with our intentional stewardship of the Church and of creation;

and further recognizes our brother's considerable and unequalled contribution to the work of this House over many years as our Parliamentarian;

and further begs in all humility to remind him, recalling the infallible words of Robert's Rules of Order, Chapter XIX Section 59:9, of which we know he is well aware, where it is written, that "a key constituent ...should be the parliamentarian...It is desirable that this person be a professional – the more seasoned in actual operating experience in the organization, the better;" and additionally, in Chapter XV section 47:48, where it is written "that the president should be free to appoint [a parliamentarian] in whom he or she has confidence," that one of his first and most urgent responsibilities is the rare privilege and obligation to replace himself as soon as may be opportune;

and further expresses our support for his spouse, Carly, and their daughter, Lauren, as they face tremendous change and the opening of new vistas in the life of their family.

A245 - The Reverend Canon Michael Barlowe

Final Status: Adopted by HoB

Proposed by: 23 - Privilege & Courtesy/HoB

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 23 - Privilege & Courtesy/HoB

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Adopt

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the House of Bishops, meeting at this 81st General Convention of The Episcopal Church in Louisville, Kentucky, expresses our sincere gratitude to the Reverend Canon Michael Barlowe, Executive Officer of the General Convention, who retires in August after the work of this General Convention is completed, from the office that he has held with such distinction for 11 years;

and further recognizes his considerable leadership in the face of huge change in the use of digital technology in the service of the Church and of the General Convention;

and further acknowledges his significant contribution to the management of the workings of the General Convention Office during the pandemic and his pivotal role in the organization of the 80th General Convention in Baltimore under unprecedented conditions;

and further remembers with thanksgiving his decades of varied and committed service to the Church as a priest before assuming his present office;

and further wishes him and his spouse, Paul, a long, happy, and healthy retirement, in which they may be of good cheer.

A246 - Celebrate the service of The Rev. Canon Michael Barlowe

Final Status: Adopted by HoD

Proposed by: 23 - Privilege & Courtesy/HoD

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 23 - Privilege & Courtesy/HoD

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Adopt

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the House of Deputies of 81st General Convention of The Episcopal Church commends The Reverend Canon Michael Barlowe as Executive Officer and his multiple years as the Secretary of the House of Deputies; and be it further

Resolved, That the House celebrates his innovative ministry, his work with hundreds of other leaders in the ongoing ministries of the church, including the Executive Council, Standing Commissions, and other interim bodies, and especially with his role in the advent of the Virtual Binder; and be it further

Resolved, That God bless Michael in his future endeavors, along with his spouse, Paul Anthony Burrows, knowing that they bear the best wishes of the House of Deputies.

A247 - The Presiding Bishop and Mrs. Sharon Curry

Final Status: Adopted by HoB

Proposed by: 23 - Privilege & Courtesy/HoB

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 23 - Privilege & Courtesy/HoB

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Adopt

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the House of Bishops, meeting at this 81st General Convention of The Episcopal Church in Louisville, Kentucky, gives thanks to Almighty God for the ministry of our beloved Presiding Bishop and Primate, the Most Reverend Michael Curry, to which office we called him at the 78th General Convention in Salt Lake City, and which he lays down in November;

and further celebrates the historic significance of his election as the first Black bishop to exercise the ministry of Presiding Bishop of this Church;

and further recognizes the enduring influence on us of his devotion to his Lord and Savior and his passionate and unwavering faithfulness to the way of love and to the demands that this love must make on the individual believer and on the Church as we seek to live more authentically as the Beloved Community;

and further commits ourselves not simply to think and imagine a world where love is the way, but to be co-creators with God to help bring that world into being;

and further expresses our deep gratitude to him for the infectious energy, invigorating preaching, effective teaching, and evident love of the Church that he has shown to us all in reviving us again;

and further marks with deep satisfaction his impact in raising the public profile of the witness of The Episcopal Church, from the morning television news broadcasts, to Saint George's Chapel, Windsor, to *Saturday Night Live*, and beyond;

and further voices our recognition of his selfless perseverance in the work before him in spite of the serious health challenges that he has faced during his tenure of office;

and further commends him to the same loving, liberating, life-giving God to whom he has been commending us over these last nine years, wishing him a long, happy, and healthy retirement;

and further makes clear our hope that in giving up his office he will not give up his voice, for, as his high school teacher Mr. Saunders used to say, a gentleman is always ready to speak a word;

and further conveys to his wife Sharon and their family our enduring gratitude to them for sharing him with us for this season of our common life.

Bo01 - Experimental Creation Care Language for the Baptismal Covenant

Final Status: Concurred as Substituted

Proposed by: Andrus, The Rt. Rev. Marc

Endorsed by: Bascom, The Rt. Rev. Cathleen C., Fisher, The Rt. Rev. Douglas

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: Yes

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 10 - Prayer Book, Liturgy & Music

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Concur

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to develop additional language for the Baptismal Covenant that expresses our Baptismal responsibility to care for creation, and report proposed revisions to the 82nd General Convention; and be it further

Resolved, That this General Convention encourage congregations that wish to experiment with such language request the permission of their ecclesiastical authority to do so.

Bo02 - Build Eco-Region Creation Networks for Crucial Impact

Final Status: Concurred as Substituted and Amended

Proposed by: Bascom, The Rt. Rev. Cathleen C.

Endorsed by: Andrus, The Rt. Rev. Marc, Fisher, The Rt. Rev. Douglas, Stebbins, The Rt. Rev. Martha E., Cowell, The Rt. Rev. Mark

Has Budget Implications: Yes

Cost: \$150,000.00

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: Yes

Directs Executive Council: Yes

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 15 - Environmental Stewardship & Care of Creation

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Concur

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention enable concrete implementation of the bold charge laid out in GC80 Resolution A087 “Net Carbon Neutrality by 2030,” which encouraged Episcopal congregations, dioceses, schools, camps, and other Episcopal institutions to pursue ambitious goals for reducing the church’s carbon footprint, mitigating climate change, and living more sustainably and gently on God’s good earth; and it do so through the formation and advancement of networks across the church dedicated to promoting action and accountability around 1) nature-based solutions, 2) renewable energy solutions, 3) agrarian, food justice and outdoor ministries – three areas where there is a) demonstrated passion and leadership and b) potential for dramatic, collective action and impact; and be it further

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention urge and equip bishops and dioceses to work together in this triennium to form three new regional networks, to be called “Eco-Region Creation Networks”, based on shared ecosystems and watersheds. The Eco-Region Creation Networks link people, projects and properties dedicated to nature-based solutions to slow climate change through preserving and restoring plant communities appropriate to their bioregion; modeling transformative agriculture and food systems; and tackling issues of water quality and supply, and are to include the pilot Episcopal

Grasslands Network (which includes the dioceses of Kansas, Western Kansas, Nebraska, Northwest Texas, South Dakota, North Dakota, Colorado, Wyoming, Idaho, Montana and Rio Grande); and be it further

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention form a Renewable Energy Network that connects and resources dioceses, faith communities, projects and leaders dedicated to reducing carbon by accelerating renewable energy use, including but not limited to solar energy. This renewable energy network would build on the church's existing partnership with the Episcopal Renewable Energy Non-profit, established by the Episcopal Diocese of San Joaquin; and be it further

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention advance the strategic development of a network devoted to agrarian, food justice and outdoor ministries (welcoming existing Provincial, Good News Gardens, and Episcopal Agrarian Ministry networks); and be it further

Resolved, That the new Eco-Region networks and Renewable Energy networks can be established through a letter to the Presiding Bishop's office, copied to provincial Presidents, from bishops of three dioceses describing their particular eco-region, current sites, and creation actions planned, and that each network identify a diocese within the network to serve as the administrative center to disburse funds and manage the network; and be it further

Resolved, That these networks share the following marks: host online and in-person gatherings to exchange best practices, share encouragement, maintain accountability and learn from experts; consciously incorporate the presence, concerns and experience of non-U.S. Episcopal communities; coordinate access to critical resources, including the Episcopal Asset Map, Restor, or other mapping tools to track progress on emission-reduction, carbon sequestration, increased biodiversity, water quality and scarcity, agricultural transformation, etc.; share, when appropriate, financial and tangible resources; pray regularly for one another and the specific areas of creation care and justice to which they are called; and support one another if extreme climate events occur; and be it further

Resolved, That each network engage a Creation Justice Fellow and/or Consultant who partners with Episcopal Church Creation Care staff to support the network in the following ways: produce communications that inform and celebrate efforts across the network; collect data about the participating members, projects and properties; plan and implement gatherings; write grant proposals and provide other administrative support as needed; and be it further

Resolved, That every diocese in The Episcopal Church be encouraged to establish a Creation Care Commission, if no such diocesan commission already exists, to work in consultation with the aforementioned networks to pursue locally discerned goals for advancing toward net carbon neutrality by 2030; and be it further,

Resolved, That the Executive Council Budget Committee allocate \$90,000 for this work, such that \$30,000 each year be assigned to support the three EcoRegion Creation Networks.

Bo03 - The Tree of Life: an Armenian Rite for Holy Cross Day

Final Status: Concurred as Substituted

Proposed by: Stebbins, The Rt. Rev. Martha E.

Endorsed by: Baskerville-Burrows, The Rt. Rev. Jennifer, Hirschfeld, The Rt. Rev. A. Robert

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: Yes

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 10 - Prayer Book, Liturgy & Music

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Concur

Supporting Documents: [The Liturgy of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross – Adapted from the Rite of the Armenian Orthodox Church](#)

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st 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”, consulting liturgical resources from the wider church, including the Rite of the Armenian Orthodox Church.”

Bo04 - Commending Safe Gun Storage

Final Status: Concurred

Proposed by: Douglas, The Rt. Rev. Ian

Endorsed by: Gutiérrez, The Rt. Rev. Daniel, Perry, The Rt. Rev. Bonnie, Beckwith, The Rt. Rev. Mark

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: Yes

Directs Dioceses: Yes

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 07 - Social Justice & United States Policy

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Concur

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention commend safe gun storage practices and support lethal means safety counseling that can prevent suicides, homicides, and unintentional gun deaths and firearm injuries; and be it further

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention urge dioceses and congregations to distribute to members of their congregations and communities information and materials that promote the safe storage of all firearms; and be it further

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention urge federal, state, and local officials to support Ethan's Law and other legislation and policies that would create federal, state, and local incentives and requirements for safe gun storage; and be it further

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention urge federal, state, and local officials to support legislation and policies that prevent children's access to guns and impose penalties on adults who allow unsecured guns to be accessed by children; and be it further

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention commend legislation and policies that offer gun owners a secure place to store firearms in times of crisis; and be it further

Resolved, That the Office of Government Relations, Episcopal Public Policy Network, dioceses, congregations, and individual Episcopalians be encouraged to advocate for increased education and funding for safe storage practices, legislation, and policies.

Bo05 - Bold Churchwide Action toward Net Carbon Neutrality by 2030

Final Status: Took No Further Action

Proposed by: Rice, The Rt. Rev. David

Endorsed by: Johnson, The Rt. Rev. Deon, Lattime, The Rt. Rev. Mark

Has Budget Implications: Yes

Cost: \$240,000.00

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 15 - Environmental Stewardship & Care of Creation

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Take No Further Action

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention enable concrete implementation of the bold charge laid out in GC80 Resolution A087 “Net Carbon Neutrality by 2030,” which encouraged Episcopal congregations, dioceses, schools, camps, and other Episcopal institutions to pursue ambitious goals for reducing the church’s carbon footprint, mitigating climate change, and living more sustainably and gently on God’s good earth; and be it further

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention charge and fund the creation or advancement of four strategic, churchwide networks, in order to promote carbon-reduction interventions in areas where there is a) demonstrated passion and leadership and b) potential for dramatic, collective action and impact; and be it further

Resolved, That one such network connect and resource dioceses, faith communities, projects and leaders dedicated to nature-based solutions that slow climate change through preserving and restoring ecosystems. This nature-based solutions network would enhance and extend the work of the existing Episcopal Grasslands Network, which currently includes the Episcopal dioceses of Kansas, Western Kansas, Nebraska, Northwest Texas, South Dakota, North Dakota, Colorado, Wyoming, Idaho and Montana; and be it further

Resolved, That one such network connect and resource dioceses, faith communities, projects and leaders dedicated to reducing carbon by accelerating renewable energy use, including but not limited to solar energy. This renewable energy network would build on the church's existing partnership with the Episcopal Renewable Energy Non-profit, established by the Episcopal Diocese of San Joaquin; and be it further

Resolved, That one such network connect and resource dioceses, faith communities, projects and leaders dedicated to promoting agrarian, food justice and outdoor ministries and encouraging sustainable, transformed relationship to land, to food and to the Holy. This network would extend existing Good News Gardens and Episcopal Agrarian Ministry networks; and be it further

Resolved, That the interim body tasked with creation care and environmental justice collaborate with the creation care staff team to identify an additional network focus area, using the criteria above (carbon-reduction interventions where the church has demonstrated passion and leadership and where there is potential for dramatic, collective action and impact); and be it further

Resolved, That these networks share the following marks: host online and in-person gatherings to exchange best practices, share encouragement, maintain accountability and learn from experts; consciously incorporate the presence, concerns and experience of non-U.S. Episcopal communities; coordinate access to critical resources, including the Episcopal Asset Map, Restor, or other mapping tools to track progress on emission-reduction, carbon sequestration, increased biodiversity, water quality and scarcity, agricultural transformation, etc.; share, when appropriate, financial and tangible resources; pray regularly for one another and the specific areas of creation care and justice to which they are called; and support one another if extreme climate events occur; and be it further

Resolved, That each network identify a diocese to serve as the administrative center and disburse funds, if no such diocesan center already exists; and be it further

Resolved, That each network engage a Creation Justice Fellow and/or Consultant who partners with Episcopal Church Creation Care staff to support the network in the following ways: produce communications that inform and celebrate efforts across the network; collect data about the participating members, projects and properties; plan and implement gatherings; write grant proposals and provide other administrative support as needed; and be it further

Resolved, That every diocese in The Episcopal Church be encouraged to establish a Creation Care Commission, if no such diocesan commission already exists, to work in consultation with the aforementioned networks to pursue locally discerned goals for advancing toward net carbon neutrality by 2030; and be it further

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention allocate an additional \$240,000 to the proposed triennial Creation Networks and Resources budget (line 168), increasing the budget to \$330,000, such that \$60,000 a year may be assigned to support the three nature-based, agrarian and yet-to-be-determined networks; and \$50,000 a year may be assigned to support the renewable energy network and the church's existing partnership with the Episcopal Renewable Energy Non-profit (EREN).

Bo06 - Include The Episcopal Church in Micronesia in the Diocese of Hawai'i

Final Status: Concurred

Proposed by: Fitzpatrick, Rt. Rev. Robert

Endorsed by: Akiyama, The Rt. Rev. Diana, Lattime, The Rt. Rev. Mark

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: Yes

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 03 - Governance & Structure

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Concur

Supporting Documents: [Diocesan Resolution re ECIM](#)

[ECIM support Letter](#)

[Updated ECIM agreement\[2\]](#)

Resolution Text

***Resolved,* That the 81st General Convention approve the expansion of the boundaries of the Diocese of Hawai'i to include Guam and Saipan, which currently comprise The Episcopal Church in Micronesia, and the extinguishment of the separate entity known as The Episcopal Church in Micronesia.**

Bo07 - Standing Committees and Ecclesiastical Authority

Final Status: Concurred

Proposed by: Whalon, The Rt. Rev. Pierre

Endorsed by: Benhase, The Rt. Rev. Scott, Fitzpatrick, Rt. Rev. Robert, Edington, The Rt. Rev. Mark

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: Yes

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 02 - Constitution & Canons

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Concur

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention require the Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons (SCSGCC) to study the matter of ecclesiastical authority as this Church conceives of it, as exercised (1) by the diocesan, coadjutor, or suffragan bishop, subject to certain canonical restrictions devolving to the standing committee; and (2) as exercised by the standing committee in the absence of a bishop, there being currently no accountability for the committee's exercise of such authority; and be it further

Resolved, That SCSGCC present its findings, including a clear overall definition of ecclesiastical authority and recommendations of action to the 82nd General Convention; and be it further

Resolved, That the SCSGCC begin its work no later than January 1, 2025, with the Standing Commission concluding its study at the conclusion of the 82nd General Convention, unless this mandate is extended by the 82nd Convention; and be it further

Resolved, That the SCSGCC report annually to the Executive Council detailing its work and present recommendations to the 82nd General Convention; and be it further

Resolved, That the SCSGCC appoint up to four representatives with expertise in the ecclesiology, history and polity of The Episcopal Church to advise it.

Boo8 - Amend Canon II.3.6.a and II.4 to clarify authorization of liturgies

Final Status: Concurred as Substituted

Proposed by: Doyle, The Rt. Rev. C. Andrew

Endorsed by: Doyle, The Rt. Rev. C. Andrew, Logue, The Rt. Rev. Frank, Ryan, The Rt. Rev. Kathryn

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: Yes

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 02 - Constitution & Canons

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Concur

Resolution Text

Resolved, That Canon II.3.6. shall be amended to add sections b, c, and d as follows:

<Amended text as it would appear if adopted and concurred. Scroll below the line of asterisks (*****) to see the version showing all deleted and added text.>

- a. Whenever the General Convention, pursuant to Article X of the Constitution, shall authorize for trial use a proposed revision of the Book of Common Prayer, or of a portion or portions thereof, the enabling Resolution shall specify the period of such trial use, the precise text thereof, and any special terms or conditions under which such trial use shall be carried out including translation.
- b. A trial use period in accordance with Article X, Section 3 of the Constitution must precede the first reading for any alteration or addition to the Book of Common Prayer under Article X, Section 2, except for changes to the Lectionary and Tables and Rubrics and the Psalter as provided for by Article X, Section 4.a.
- c. During the trial use period, the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music will review the proposed alteration or revision using principles adopted by the General Convention of this

Church and include its assessments and recommendations in a report to the General Convention.

d. The Calendar of the Church, with principal and lesser observances, is part of the Book of Common Prayer and may be revised by following the process for trial use provided for revision of the Book of Common Prayer by the Constitution and Canons of this Church.

<Proposed amended resolution text showing exact changes being made:>

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c. During the trial use period, the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music will review the proposed alteration or revision using principles adopted by the General Convention of this Church and include its assessments and recommendations in a report to the General Convention.

d. The Calendar of the Church, with principal and lesser observances, is part of the Book of Common Prayer and may be revised by following the process for trial use provided for revision of the Book of Common Prayer by the Constitution and Canons of this Church.

And be it further.

Resolved, That Canon II.4 shall be amended to add a new Canon 4 as follows, renumbering subsequent Canons under Title II:

<Amended text as it would appear if adopted and concurred. Scroll below the line of asterisks (***) to see the version showing all deleted and added text.>**

Canon 4: Of Additional Types of Liturgical Texts

Sec. 1. Article X of the Constitution defines the Book of Common Prayer and a process of trial use as a step towards inclusion in the Book of Common Prayer. In addition to the Book of Common Prayer and texts authorized for trial use as defined by this church's Constitution and Canons, Supplemental and Alternative Liturgical Resources may be set forth by the authority of this Church.

Sec. 2. Authorization and Use of Supplemental and Alternative Liturgical Resources

a. The General Convention at any one meeting, by a majority of the Bishops entitled to vote in the House of Bishops, excluding retired Bishops not present, and by a majority of the Clerical and Lay Deputies, voting by orders, may approve for use by this Church liturgical resources beyond the Book of Common Prayer or trial use.

b. Each Liturgical Text beyond those provided in the Book of Common Prayer or trial use as approved by the General Convention will be designated as either a Supplemental Liturgical Resource (available for use without permission of the bishop with ecclesiastical authority) or an Alternative Liturgical Resource (requiring permission of the bishop with ecclesiastical authority).

c. Those Supplemental and Alternative Liturgies reviewed and authorized may be used for public worship by the ministers of this church and may include, but are not limited to:

1. A Book of Occasional Services authorized for use as a Supplemental Liturgical Resource.

2. Propers for the celebration of lesser feasts and fasts, as well as a lectionary for the daily celebration of the Holy Eucharist authorized for optional use throughout this Church.

d. When proposing or reviewing liturgical resources pursuant to this canon, the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music shall use principles adopted by the General Convention of this Church.

e. Before their approval by the General Convention, all liturgies authorized pursuant to this canon shall be translated by the proper authorities into English, Spanish, French, and Haitian Creole, following the principles of dynamic equivalence.

f. All Supplemental and Alternative Liturgical Resources and their official translations will be made available in the public domain using digital means to provide access to the wider church.

g. Once approved by the General Convention, Supplemental and Alternative Liturgical Resources may be removed by an act of the General Convention.

h. If at such time as a previously approved Supplemental or Alternative Liturgical Resource authorized by act of General Convention under this canon is to be considered for trial use, said liturgy must be brought to the General Convention to begin the process for trial use approval as defined by the Constitution and Canons of this church.

Sec. 3. Other Books of Common Prayer

a. Any Book of Common Prayer memorialized by the General Convention is authorized for regular use at any service in all dioceses of this Church. The content of any memorialized Book is understood to be the version in use at the time of memorialization.

b. The liturgies from any other Book of Common Prayer that has been authorized previously by the authority in this Church shall be available for use for Sunday worship and for other occasions with the permission of the bishop with ecclesiastical authority.

Sec. 4. Use of Other Eucharistic Prayers and Liturgies not authorized by The Episcopal Church

A Eucharistic Prayer prepared according to An Order for Celebrating the Holy Eucharist (Book of Common Prayer, 1979 pp.400-405) may be authorized for seasonal use on Sunday provided that it has been submitted to and received advance approval in writing from the bishop with ecclesiastical authority.

Sec. 5. Alternate Psalter

An Alternate Psalter may be authorized by resolution at the General Convention for study and occasional use in The Episcopal Church with the approval of the bishop with ecclesiastical authority.

<Proposed amended resolution text showing exact changes being made:>

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c. *Those Supplemental and Alternative Liturgies reviewed and authorized may be used for public worship by the ministers of this church and may include, but are not limited to:*

1. A Book of Occasional Services authorized for use as a Supplemental Liturgical Resource.

2. Propers for the celebration of lesser feasts and fasts, as well as a lectionary for the daily celebration of the Holy Eucharist authorized for optional use throughout this Church.

d. When proposing or reviewing liturgical resources pursuant to this canon, the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music shall use principles adopted by the General Convention of this Church.

e. Before their approval by the General Convention, all liturgies authorized pursuant to this canon shall be translated by the proper authorities into English, Spanish, French, and Haitian Creole, following the principles of dynamic equivalence.

f. All Supplemental and Alternative Liturgical Resources and their official translations will be made available in the public domain using digital means to provide access to the wider church.

g. Once approved by the General Convention, Supplemental and Alternative Liturgical Resources may be removed by an act of the General Convention.

h. If at such time as a previously approved Supplemental or Alternative Liturgical Resource authorized by act of General Convention under this canon is to be considered for trial use, said liturgy must be brought to the General Convention to begin the process for trial use approval as defined by the Constitution and Canons of this church.

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b. The liturgies from any other Book of Common Prayer that has been authorized previously by the authority in this Church shall be available for use for Sunday worship and for other occasions with the permission of the bishop with ecclesiastical authority.

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A Eucharistic Prayer prepared according to An Order for Celebrating the Holy Eucharist (Book of Common Prayer, 1979 pp.400-405) may be authorized for seasonal use on Sunday provided that it has been submitted to and received advance approval in writing from the bishop with ecclesiastical authority.

Sec. 5. Alternate Psalter

An Alternate Psalter may be authorized by resolution at the General Convention for study and occasional use in The Episcopal Church with the approval of the bishop with ecclesiastical authority.

And be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention direct the President of the House of Deputies and the Presiding Bishop to task the working group charged with the implementation and reviews related to the newly adopted Article X of this church's constitution to review the

liturgical texts previously authorized by the General Convention and categorize them prior to the 82nd General Convention as:

a. Book of Common Prayer

b. Trial Use

c. Supplemental Liturgies (for use without permission of the bishop with ecclesiastical authority)

d. Alternative Liturgies (for use with permission of the bishop with ecclesiastical authority)

e. Once authorized, but subsequently removed from usage by General Convention.

Bo09 - Observing the 1700th anniversary of the First Council of Nicaea 325 CE

Final Status: Concurred as Amended

Proposed by: Edington, The Rt. Rev. Mark

Endorsed by: Eaton, The Rt. Rev. Peter, Franklin, The Rt. Rev. R. William, Stevenson, The Rt. Rev. E. Mark

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: Yes

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 14 - Ecumenical & Interreligious Relations

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Concur

Resolution Text

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church, together with all Churches that uphold the historic faith, affirm as part of our worship the doctrine agreed on by the First Council of Nicaea in 325, holding that the Son, as articulated in the Creed published by that council, is

***one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the Son of God,
begotten from the Father, only-begotten,
that is, from the substance of the Father,
God from God,
light from light,
true God from true God,
begotten not made,
of one substance with the Father,
through Whom all things came into being***

And be it further

Resolved, That the Nicene Creed, as ratified by the Council of Constantinople in 381 CE, identified in the Chicago-Lambeth Quadrilateral as “the sufficient statement of the

Christian Faith,” continue to guide the work of The Episcopal Church in its ecumenical conversations and dialogues; and be it further

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention commend to the whole Church the 1,700th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea in 2025 and encourage dioceses and congregations to find suitable ways to mark this historic anniversary; and be it further

Resolved, That this General Convention call on the Office of Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations to ensure the participation of The Episcopal Church in national and international commemorations of the anniversary of the Council.

B010 - Direct Executive Council to Create a task force to revise the disciplinary process of Title IV

Final Status: Concurred with Referral to an Interim Body

Proposed by: Johnson, The Rt. Rev. Deon

Endorsed by: Doyle, The Rt. Rev. C. Andrew, MacVean-Brown, The Rt. Rev. Dr. Shannon

Has Budget Implications: Yes

Cost: \$10,000.00

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 18 - Title IV Disciplinary Canons

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Concur with Referral to an Interim Body

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention direct the Executive Council to appoint a new task force of 18 persons composed of all nine provinces, all orders of ministry, and representing the diversity of The Episcopal Church created for a term of three years or one triennia, to revise the disciplinary process of Title IV; and be it further

Resolved, That the task force present their finds and recommendations to the 82nd General convention; and be it further

Resolved, That the work of the newly created task force include the following

- a. Consider in developing the process the mission of The Episcopal Church, as stated in the Book of Common Prayer's catechism, is "to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ;"
- b. Consider the processes of truth and reconciliation developed in South Africa following the end of Apartheid and Coventry Cathedral;
- c. Include a process for discipline of lay persons appointed and elected to serve at all levels of The Episcopal Church;

- d. Develop a process for listening to and documenting the experiences of those at all levels involved in Title IV;

And be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance to consider a budget allocation of \$10,000.

B011 - Commemoration of Harriet Tubman

Final Status: Concurred

Proposed by: Doyle, The Rt. Rev. C. Andrew

Endorsed by: Curry, The Rt. Rev. Glenda, Gunter, The Rt. Rev. Matthew A., Reddall, The Rt. Rev. Jennifer

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 10 - Prayer Book, Liturgy & Music

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Concur

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the commemoration of Harriet Ross Tubman on March 10, authorized for trial use by the 80th General Convention (Resolution 2022-C007), be now finally authorized and entered into the Calendar of the Church Year (BCP p. 19ff.) and in future revisions of Lesser Feasts and Fasts.

Co01 - On the Most Reverend Michael Bruce Curry

Final Status: Adopted Substitute HoD

Proposed by: North Carolina

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 23 - Privilege & Courtesy

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Adopt Substitute

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the House of Deputies of the 81st General Convention of The Episcopal Church congratulates the Most Reverend Michael Bruce Curry for his leadership and faithful service as the 27th Presiding Bishop; and be it further

Resolved, That Bishop Curry was ordained a priest in 1978 and served parishes in North Carolina, Ohio and Maryland until his 2000 election as bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina and is the author of five books and a regular guest on national and international media; and be it further

Resolved, That he was elected Presiding Bishop at the 78th General Convention in June 2015 and installed in November of that year and has served since that time as The Episcopal Church's chief pastor, spokesperson and president and chief executive officer; and be it further

Resolved, That he has been an animated visionary and messenger of the radical, life-giving love of Jesus of Nazareth thrilling and inspiring people around the world; and be it further

Resolved, That throughout his ministry, Bishop Curry has been a prophetic leader, particularly in the areas of racial reconciliation, climate change, evangelism, immigration policy and marriage equality regularly reminding Episcopalians that they are "the Episcopal branch of the Jesus Movement"; and be it further

Resolved, That the House of Deputies wish Bishop Curry the blessing of health and grace in his retirement as the Presiding Bishop this coming November.

Co02 - On Responsible Travel to the Holy Land

Final Status: Concurred as Amended

Proposed by: Rochester

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 06 - Social Justice & International Policy

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Concur

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention recommend that pilgrimage travelers to the Holy Land explore and engage the realities of the circumstances and conditions impacting the lives of today's Palestinians and Israelis, paying particular attention to the Israeli military Occupation of Palestinian territories, to the violations of human rights, and to Palestinian national aspirations. It further recommends that visits to the sites of biblical stories be accompanied by "Living Stones," i.e., Palestinian Christians who are descendants of the first Christians and who feel a special responsibility for maintaining Christian worship in the Holy Land; and be it further

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention acknowledge those individuals who manifest Jesus' ministry of love and justice as witnessed in today's Palestine and Israel in locations of suffering and hardship such as refugee camps and military checkpoints, as well as in churches and historical sites; and be it further

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention encourage travelers to arrange trips, either whole or in part, with agencies or companies that are Palestinian-owned and/or offer itineraries that include encounters with Palestinians who are experiencing the conditions of Occupation.

Co03 - On Affordable Housing

Final Status: Concurred as Amended

Proposed by: North Carolina

Has Budget Implications: Yes

Cost: \$95,000.00

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: Yes

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: Yes

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 07 - Social Justice & United States Policy

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Concur

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention authorize the establishment of a Task Force on Affordable Housing and the Unhoused. The Task Force, will be composed of thirteen (13) people, representing the diversity of the Church, as follows: 2 Bishops, 5 Priests or Deacons, and 6 Lay Persons, to complete the following work:

(a) Survey and document the engagement of Episcopal dioceses and congregations in the development of permanent, transitional, supportive, and emergency housing, and in ministries that assist families and individuals to access and sustain housing

(b) Recommend approaches that will increase involvement of dioceses and congregations based on best practices identified, given local needs;

And be it further

Resolved, That the Task Force on Affordable Housing and the Unhoused ends with the submission of their report to the 82nd General Convention; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request that Executive Council consider a \$70,000 budget allocation for the implementation of this resolution.

Co04 - The Episcopal Church Diocesan Assessment

Final Status: Took No Further Action

Proposed by: Oklahoma

Has Budget Implications: Yes

Cost: \$0.00

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 03 - Governance & Structure

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Take No Further Action

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention approves an assessment formula (Canon I.4.6.b) for the period January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2027 based on a single assessment of each diocese. In each year, 2025-2027, the diocesan total adjusted operating income, as reported in the annual diocesan financial report (Canon I.4.6.i and Canon I.6.4) for the year two years prior to the year to which the assessment is applied [e.g., 2025 assessments are to be based on 2023-2024 actual income figures], shall be reduced by a \$200,000 exemption. A single assessment shall be applied to the remaining amount (balance) at a flat rate of 13.5% ; and be it further

Resolved, That the 2025-2027 Episcopal Church budget shall be adjusted and managed as set forth in the Canons, Rules of Order, and Executive Council policies and procedures; and be it further

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention of The Episcopal Church asks Executive Council to set a plan for lowering the diocesan assessment to 10% by 2030.

C005 - Conversations Concerning the Relationships Between Dioceses and their Province

Final Status: Took No Further Action

Proposed by: Province VI

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 03 - Governance & Structure

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Take No Further Action

Resolution Text

Resolved, That each Diocese (bishops, clergy, and laity) discuss the ways it will be in relationship and support the identified ministries of the Province of which they are a part. Dioceses will offer this support to the Province through the Provincial Council/Executive Committee meetings prior to the 2027 General Convention.

Co06 - Conversations Concerning the Relationship Between The Episcopal Church and Provinces

Final Status: Took No Further Action

Proposed by: Province VI

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 03 - Governance & Structure

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Take No Further Action

Resolution Text

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church, through the Executive Council, determine the ways it will support the identified ministries of each Province. Representatives from each Province who serve on the Executive Council will be responsible for communicating this information to their respective Province.

Co07 - Support for the Provinces as Part of The Episcopal Church Structure

Final Status: Took No Further Action

Proposed by: Province VI

Has Budget Implications: Yes

Cost: \$80,000.00

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 03 - Governance & Structure

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Take No Further Action

Resolution Text

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church (TEC) support the Provincial part of The Episcopal Church structure by:

- participating in the networking and, when appropriate, the ministries of the Provinces
- ensuring each Province has the resources it needs to fulfill its commitment and responsibility to The Episcopal Church
- consulting with the Provinces for their support and participation in identifying qualified persons to serve TEC on various Interim Bodies; and be it further

Resolved, That Provincial ministry of TEC be partially funded through the establishment of a budget line for Provinces I - VIII in TEC budget; and be it further

Resolved, That the Provincial Representatives to Executive Council and the Provincial Leadership Conference together determine how this funding is to be distributed throughout Provinces I - VIII each year. Each Province will include its accounting for any funding received in the annual Provincial report to Executive Council; and be it further

Resolved, That The General Convention request a budget allocation of \$80,000 per budget year for the implementation of this resolution.

Coo8 - Review Diocesan Assessments

Final Status: Took No Further Action

Proposed by: Arkansas

Has Budget Implications: Yes

Cost: \$0.00

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 03 - Governance & Structure

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Take No Further Action

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention of The Episcopal Church direct the Executive Council of The Episcopal Church to lower diocesan assessments to 10% by 2030.

Co09 - Petition of The Episcopal Church In Navajoland to become a Missionary Diocese

Final Status: Concurred

Proposed by: Navajoland Area Mission

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 03 - Governance & Structure

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Concur

Supporting Documents: [ECN 1.7.24 Narrative Budget](#)

[Navajoland Budget 2024-2027 final 01.05.24](#)

[Navajoland Petition for Status as Missionary Diocese](#)

[Signed Petition Missionary Diocese 2024](#)

[Signed Resolution to Petition](#)

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention grant the Petition of The Episcopal Church in Navajoland to become a Missionary Diocese.

C010 - Access to Prison Ministries

Final Status: Concurred as Amended

Proposed by: California

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: Yes

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 17 - Accessibility & Inclusion

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Concur

Resolution Text

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church affirm its commitment to prison ministries consistent with the current theological and spiritual values of The Episcopal Church and provide all of God's children with opportunities to minister to and with this marginalized and oppressed population, in accordance with the following principles and policies:

- **The Episcopal Church supports inter- and multi-faith ministries that contribute to our mission to follow Jesus, loving our neighbors as ourselves (Matthew 22:36-40) and demonstrating particular care for those who are marginalized and oppressed (Matthew 25:31-46);**
- **Episcopalians find common cause and minister with organizations and individuals with whom we have theological differences, without proselytizing or demanding that our ministry partners adhere to the tenets we espouse;**
- **The over one million incarcerated individuals in this country are among the most marginalized and oppressed members of our society;**
- **Episcopalians faithfully engage in ministry with incarcerated individuals, seeking to provide support, encouragement, and hope to these persons;**
- **Among the many members of the incarcerated population as well as those who minister to and with them, are individuals who are LGBTQIA+, a community that also experiences marginalization in this country;**

- **Following the Way of Jesus, Episcopalians minister to and with all God’s children, with special focus on the support and liberation of those who are oppressed;**
- **Our canons prohibit the denial of access to any ministry of 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” (Canon III.1.2);**

And be it further

Resolved, That Episcopalians may not be forced to overtly or tacitly endorse theological statements or practices that conflict with our stated policies and beliefs in order to participate in shared prison ministry programs; and be it further

Resolved, That this Convention encourage dioceses to develop and share programs for their members to minister with incarcerated individuals, those newly released from prison, and families and loved ones of incarcerated individuals in ways that are consistent with our Church’s current spiritual teachings, principles, and policies.

C011 - Add Howard W. Thurman to the Episcopal Church Calendar

Final Status: Concurred as Substituted

Proposed by: California

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: Yes

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 10 - Prayer Book, Liturgy & Music

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Concur

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to prepare appropriate propers, collects and other liturgical resources commemorating the life and work of Howard W. Thurman and to present them to the 82nd General Convention; and be it further

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to prepare appropriate propers, collects and other liturgical resources commemorating the life and work of Ilia Chavchavadze of Georgia and to present them to the 82nd General Convention; and be it further

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention acknowledge the expiration of the trial use commemoration of Episcopal Deaconesses and remove it from the Calendar of the Church.

C012 - Add Howard W. Thurman to the Episcopal Church Calendar

Final Status: Took No Further Action

Proposed by: Northern California

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 10 - Prayer Book, Liturgy & Music

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Take No Further Action

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention designate April 10, or other appropriate date, on the Church Calendar as the annual celebration of the life and work of Howard W. Thurman, pastor, educator, theologian, and civil rights leader; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to prepare appropriate biblical lessons, collects and other liturgical resources commemorating the life and work of Howard W. Thurman; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention commends to our congregations the celebration of Howard W. Thurman's life and work.

C013 - Migration with Dignity

Final Status: Took No Further Action

Proposed by: Northern California

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 06 - Social Justice & International Policy

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Take No Further Action

Supporting Documents: [Peace and Justice Studies Association “Chronicle” an article describing Migration with Dignity principles](#)

[The UN’s Universal Declaration of Human Rights](#)

[The Lambeth Human Dignity Call of 2022](#)

[Analysis of previous General Convention and Executive Council resolutions, correlating them with the Migration with Dignity principles](#)

Resolution Text

Resolved, That, acknowledging that grave and serious mistreatment of ethnic minorities, migrants, and refugees is on the rise in the midst of record migration, the 81st General Convention, consistent with resolutions of previous General Conventions, declare itself to be in support of Migration with Dignity for all, including refugees, asylum seekers, displaced persons, and those who cross borders in search of opportunity; and be it further

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention directs the Office of Government relations to promote Migration with Dignity in its work with the Federal Government. Advocating for the enforcement of existing laws and policies that uphold these principles, and supporting the enactment of new laws and policies guaranteeing the adoption of these Migration with Dignity Principles.

C014 - A Resolution to Enhance Access to the Denominational Health Plan

Final Status: Rejected

Proposed by: Olympia

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 12 - Agencies & Boards

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Reject

Supporting Documents: [Episcopal Diocese of Olympia's Resolution #6 \(2021\)](#)

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention authorize the Church Pension Group to reduce the number of annual hours worked to gain self-funded eligibility and access to the Denominational Health Plan to 500 hours annually.

C015 - Migration with Dignity

Final Status: Took No Further Action

Proposed by: California

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 06 - Social Justice & International Policy

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Take No Further Action

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention, as people of faith who believe that all people are created in the image of God, advocate for Migration with Dignity, a set of immigration policies that assure equal and respectful treatment of all people, which follow directly from the teachings of Jesus and our baptismal promise to “respect the dignity of every human being,” while aligning with the world’s other great religions and principled humanism; and be it further

Resolved, That, acknowledging that grave and serious mistreatment of ethnic minorities, migrants, and refugees is currently on the rise in the midst of record migration across international borders, the 81st General Convention, consistent with resolutions of previous General Conventions of The Episcopal Church, declare itself to be in support of Migration with Dignity for all migrants, including refugees, asylum seekers, displaced persons, and those who cross borders in search of opportunity, including the following human rights within the Migration with Dignity framework:

A universal right of movement consistent with the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR), including freedom to leave and return to one’s country of origin, and freedom of movement within one’s country of origin or country of settlement (UDHR, Article 13).

The right to be secure: from sexual violence including rape and sexual exploitation, human trafficking, slavery, forced labor, and arbitrary and abusive detention.

The right of equality, to include: 1) equal treatment with no discrimination under the law based on color, gender, language, religion, political affiliation, national origin, or disability; and 2) equal opportunity for upward mobility.

Rights to a basic quality of life, including employment rights, housing rights, and food rights.

The right to access services such as health care, education, and legal representation.

Civil and political rights guaranteeing the right to identity, to use of one's language, and to freedom of speech and religion.

And be it further

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention call upon all Episcopalians, congregations, and dioceses to advocate that local, state, national, and international governing bodies promote Migration with Dignity by enforcing existing laws and policies that uphold these principles on behalf of refugees, migrants, asylum seekers, and displaced persons, and by enacting new laws and policies guaranteeing their welcome, protection, and integration into our common human journey.

C016 - Amend Canon III.12 to Provide for the Transfer of Bishops to Churches in Communion

Final Status: Concurred

Proposed by: Virginia

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: Yes

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 02 - Constitution & Canons

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Concur

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the General Convention amend Canon III.12 to add a new Section 7 as follows, renumbering subsequent sections:

<Amended text as it would appear if adopted and concurred. Scroll below the line of asterisks (***) to see the version showing all deleted and added text.>**

Sec. 7. Transfer to Churches in Full Communion with this Church

a. A Bishop desiring to become canonically resident within another member church, Province or equivalent jurisdiction of a Church in Full Communion (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 Presiding Bishop, which testimonial, with the advice and consent of a majority of the members of the Advisory Council to the Presiding Bishop, shall be given by the Presiding Bishop to the applicant, and a duplicate thereof may be sent to the Presiding Bishop or Primate of the member church, Province 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 member church, Province, or equivalent jurisdiction:

I hereby certify that A.B., who has signified to me the desire to be transferred to The Ecclesiastical Authority of _____, is a Bishop of The Episcopal Church in

good standing, and has not, so far as I know or believe, been justly liable to evil report, for error in religion or for viciousness of life, for the last three years.

(Date) _____

(Signed) _____

b. If the Presiding Bishop or Primate of the member church, Province or equivalent jurisdiction of the Church in Full Communion or Church in Communion with this Church accepts the testimonial, the canonical residence of the Bishop transferred shall date from such acceptance, and notice of acceptance shall be promptly forwarded by the Presiding Bishop or Primate to the Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church. Such notification from the receiving Ecclesiastical Authority may be in the following form:

I hereby certify that A.B. has been canonically transferred to my jurisdiction and is a Bishop in good standing.

(Date) _____

(Signed) _____

c. Upon receipt of said acceptance, the Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church shall notify the Church Pension Fund and the Recorder of Ordinations of the Bishop's departure from The Episcopal Church.

d. This provision shall not be used for Bishops who seek to enter Churches Not in Communion with this Church or for those who seek transfer to another member church or Province of the Anglican Communion while remaining geographically within the boundaries of The Episcopal Church. In such cases the provisions of Canon III.12.8 shall be followed.

<Proposed amended resolution text showing exact changes being made:>

Sec. 7. *Transfer to Churches in Full Communion with this Church*

a. *A Bishop desiring to become canonically resident within another member church, Province or equivalent jurisdiction of a Church in Full Communion (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 Presiding Bishop, which testimonial, with the advice and consent of a majority of the members of the Advisory Council to the Presiding Bishop, shall be given by the Presiding Bishop to the applicant, and a duplicate thereof may be sent to the Presiding Bishop or Primate of the member church, Province 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 member church, Province, or equivalent jurisdiction:*

I hereby certify that A.B., who has signified to me the desire to be transferred to The Ecclesiastical Authority of _____, is a Bishop of The Episcopal Church in

good standing, and has not, so far as I know or believe, been justly liable to evil report, for error in religion or for viciousness of life, for the last three years.

(Date) _____

(Signed) _____

b. If the Presiding Bishop or Primate of the member church, Province or equivalent jurisdiction of the Church in Full Communion or Church in Communion with this Church accepts the testimonial, the canonical residence of the Bishop transferred shall date from such acceptance, and notice of acceptance shall be promptly forwarded by the Presiding Bishop or Primate to the Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church. Such notification from the receiving Ecclesiastical Authority may be in the following form:

I hereby certify that A.B. has been canonically transferred to my jurisdiction and is a Bishop in good standing.

(Date) _____

(Signed) _____

c. Upon receipt of said acceptance, the Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church shall notify the Church Pension Fund and the Recorder of Ordinations of the Bishop's departure from The Episcopal Church.

d. This provision shall not be used for Bishops who seek to enter Churches Not in Communion with this Church or for those who seek transfer to another member church or Province of the Anglican Communion while remaining geographically within the boundaries of The Episcopal Church. In such cases the provisions of Canon III. 12.8 shall be followed.

C017 - Amend Canon III.7 to Provide for the Transfer of Deacons to Churches in Communion

Final Status: Concurred

Proposed by: Virginia

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: Yes

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 02 - Constitution & Canons

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Concur

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the **General Convention amend Canon III.7 to add a new section 7 as follows, renumbering subsequent sections:**

<Amended text as it would appear if adopted and concurred. Scroll below the line of asterisks (***) to see the version showing all deleted and added text.>**

Sec. 7. Transfer to Churches in Full Communion with this Church

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

I hereby certify that A.B., who has signified to me the desire to be transferred to The Ecclesiastical Authority of _____, is a Deacon of the Diocese of _____ of The Episcopal Church in good standing, and has not, so far as I

know or believe, been justly liable to evil report, for error in religion or for viciousness of life, for the last three years.

(Date) _____

(Signed) _____

b. If the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese or equivalent jurisdiction of the Church in Full Communion or Church in Communion with this Church accepts the testimonial, the canonical residence of the Deacon transferred shall date from such acceptance, and notice of acceptance shall be promptly forwarded by the Deacon to the Ecclesiastical Authority in the sending Diocese. Such notification from the receiving Ecclesiastical Authority may be in the following form:

I hereby certify that A.B. has been canonically transferred to my jurisdiction and is a Deacon in good standing.

(Date) _____

(Signed) _____

c. 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 Deacon's departure from The Episcopal Church.

d. This provision shall not be used for Deacons who seek to enter Churches Not in Communion with this 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.7.9 shall be followed.

<Proposed amended resolution text showing exact changes being made:>

Canon III.7

Sec. 7. Transfer to Churches in Full Communion with this Church

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

I hereby certify that A.B., who has signified to me the desire to be transferred to The Ecclesiastical Authority of _____, is a Deacon of the Diocese of

_____ of *The Episcopal Church* in good standing, and has not, so far as I know or believe, been justly liable to evil report, for error in religion or for viciousness of life, for the last three years.

(Date) _____

(Signed) _____

b. If the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese or equivalent jurisdiction of the Church in Full Communion or Church in Communion with this Church accepts the testimonial, the canonical residence of the Deacon transferred shall date from such acceptance, and notice of acceptance shall be promptly forwarded by the Deacon to the Ecclesiastical Authority in the sending Diocese. Such notification from the receiving Ecclesiastical Authority may be in the following form:

I hereby certify that A.B. has been canonically transferred to my jurisdiction and is a Deacon in good standing.

(Date) _____

(Signed) _____

c. 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 Deacon's departure from The Episcopal Church.

d. This provision shall not be used for Deacons who seek to enter Churches Not in Communion with this 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.7.9 shall be followed.

C018 - Amend Title II, Canon 3 to Retain a Printed Form of the Book of Common Prayer

Final Status: Took No Further Action

Proposed by: Virginia

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 10 - Prayer Book, Liturgy & Music

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Take No Further Action

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the General Convention amend Title II, Canon 3 as follows:

Amended text as it would appear if adopted and concurred. Scroll below the line of asterisks (***) to see the version showing all deleted and added text.**

Title II, Canon 3: Of the Standard Book of Common Prayer

Sec. 1. The copy of the Book of Common Prayer accepted by the General Convention of this Church, in the year of our Lord 1979, together with such alterations and additions approved in accordance with Article X of the Constitution, and authenticated by the signatures of the Presiding Officers and Secretaries of the two Houses of the General Convention, is hereby declared to be the Standard Book of Common Prayer of this Church.

Sec. 2. All copies of the Book of Common Prayer to be hereafter made and published shall conform to this Standard, and shall agree therewith in paging, and, as far as it is possible, in all other matters of typographical arrangement, except that the Rubrics may be printed either in red or black, and that page numbers shall be set against the several headings in the Table of Contents. The requirement of uniformity in paging shall apply to the entire book but shall not extend to editions smaller than those known as 32mo, or to editions noted for music.

Sec. 3. The Book of Common Prayer shall be available in both printed book and electronic form.

Sec. 4. In case any typographical inaccuracy shall be found in the Standard Book of Common Prayer, its correction may be ordered by a joint Resolution of any General Convention, and notice of such corrections shall be communicated by the Custodian to the Ecclesiastical Authority of each Diocese of this Church, and to actual publishers of the Book of Common Prayer.

Sec. 5. Folio copies of the Standard Book of Common Prayer, duly authenticated, as in the case of the Standard Book, shall be sent to the Ecclesiastical Authority of each Diocese in trust for the use thereof, and for reference and appeal in questions as to the authorized formularies of this Church.

Sec. 6. No print or electronic copy, translation, or edition of the Book of Common Prayer, or a part or parts thereof, shall be made, printed, published, or used as of authority in this Church, unless it contains the authorization of the Custodian of the Standard Book of Common Prayer, certifying that the Custodian or some person appointed by the Custodian has compared the said copy, translation, or edition with the said Standard Book of Common Prayer, or a certified copy thereof, and that it conforms thereto. The Custodian, or some person appointed by the Custodian, may exercise due discretion in reference to translations of the entire Standard Book or parts thereof, into other languages so that such translations reflect the idiomatic style and cultural context of those languages. And no copy, translation, or edition of the Book of Common Prayer, or a part or parts thereof, shall be made, printed, published electronically or in print, or used as of authority in this Church, or certified as aforesaid, which contains or is bound up with any alterations or additions thereto, or with any other matter, except the Holy Scriptures or the authorized Hymnal of this Church, or with material set forth in the Book of Occasional Services and The Proper for the Lesser Feasts and Fasts, as those books are authorized from time to time by the General Convention.

Sec.7.

a. Whenever the General Convention, pursuant to Article X of the Constitution, shall authorize for trial use a proposed revision of the Book of Common Prayer, or of a portion or portions thereof, the enabling Resolution shall specify the period of such trial use, the precise text thereof, and any special terms or conditions under which such trial use shall be carried out including translation.

b. It shall be the duty of the Custodian of the Standard Book of Common Prayer:

1. To arrange for the publication of such proposed revision;
2. To protect, by copyright, the authorized text of such revision, on behalf of the General Convention; which copyright shall be relinquished when such proposed revision or revisions shall have been adopted by the General Convention as an alteration of, or addition to, the Book of Common Prayer;
3. To certify that printed and electronic copies of such revision or revisions have been duly authorized by the General Convention, and that the printed text conforms to that approved by the General Convention.

c. During the said period of trial use and under the modifying conditions specified, only the material so authorized, and in the exact form in which it has been so authorized, shall be available as an alternative for the said Book of Common Prayer or the said portion or portions thereof; *provided, however*, that it shall be competent for the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies, jointly, on recommendation by a resolution duly adopted at a meeting of the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music communicated to the said presiding officers in writing, to authorize variations and adjustments to, or substitutions for, or alterations in, any portion of the texts under trial, which seem desirable as a result of such trial use, and which do not change the substance of a rite.

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

Sec 8. The appointment of the Custodian of the Standard Book of Common Prayer shall be made by nomination of the House of Bishops and confirmed by the House of Deputies at a meeting of the General Convention. The Custodian shall hold office until the second General Convention following the General Convention at which the Custodian was nominated and confirmed. A vacancy occurring in the office of Custodian when General Convention is not meeting may be filled until the next General Convention by appointment by the Presiding Bishop upon the confirmation of the Executive Council.

Sec. 9. It shall be the duty of the Ecclesiastical Authority of any Diocese in which any unauthorized edition of the Book of Common Prayer, or any part or parts thereof, shall be published or circulated, to give public notice that the said edition is not of authority in this Church.

<Proposed amended resolution text showing exact changes being made:>

Title II, Canon 3: Of the Standard Book of Common Prayer

Sec. 1. The copy of the Book of Common Prayer accepted by the General Convention of this Church, in the year of our Lord 1979, *together with such alterations and additions approved in accordance with Article X of the Constitution*, and authenticated by the signatures of the Presiding Officers and Secretaries of the two Houses of the General Convention, is hereby declared to be the Standard Book of Common Prayer of this Church.

Sec. 2. All copies of the Book of Common Prayer to be hereafter made and published shall conform to this Standard, and shall agree therewith in paging, and, as far as it is possible, in all other matters of typographical arrangement, except that the Rubrics may be printed either in red or black, and that page numbers shall be set against the several headings in the Table of Contents. The requirement of uniformity in paging shall apply to the entire book but shall not extend to editions smaller than those known as 32mo, or to editions noted for music.

Sec. 3. *The Book of Common Prayer shall be available in both printed book and electronic form.*

Sec. 3. Sec. 4. In case any typographical inaccuracy shall be found in the Standard Book of Common Prayer, its correction may be ordered by a joint Resolution of any General Convention, and notice of such corrections shall be communicated by the Custodian to the Ecclesiastical Authority of each Diocese of this Church, and to actual publishers of the Book of Common Prayer.

Sec. 4. Sec. 5. Folio copies of the Standard Book of Common Prayer, duly authenticated, as in the case of the Standard Book, shall be sent to the Ecclesiastical Authority of each Diocese in trust for the use thereof, and for reference and appeal in questions as to the authorized formularies of this Church.

Sec. 5. Sec. 6. No *print or electronic* copy, translation, or edition of the Book of Common Prayer, or a part or parts thereof, shall be made, printed, published, or used as of authority in this Church, unless it contains the authorization of the Custodian of the Standard Book of Common Prayer, certifying that the Custodian or some person appointed by the Custodian has compared the said copy, translation, or edition with the said Standard Book of Common Prayer, or a certified copy thereof, and that it conforms thereto. The Custodian, or some person appointed by the Custodian, may exercise due discretion in reference to translations of the entire Standard Book or parts thereof, into other languages so that such translations reflect the idiomatic style and cultural context of those languages. And no copy, translation, or edition of the Book of Common Prayer, or a part or parts thereof, shall be made, printed, published *electronically or in print*, or used as of authority in this Church, or certified as aforesaid, which contains or is bound up with any alterations or additions thereto, or with any other matter, except the Holy Scriptures or the authorized Hymnal of this Church, or with material set forth in the Book of Occasional Services and The Proper for the Lesser Feasts and Fasts, as those books are authorized from time to time by the General Convention.

Sec. 6. Sec. 7.

- a. Whenever the General Convention, pursuant to Article X of the Constitution, shall authorize for trial use a proposed revision of the Book of Common Prayer, or of a portion or portions thereof, the enabling Resolution shall specify the period of such trial use, the precise text thereof, and any special terms or conditions under which such trial use shall be carried out including translation.
- b. It shall be the duty of the Custodian of the Standard Book of Common Prayer:
 1. To arrange for the publication of such proposed revision;
 2. To protect, by copyright, the authorized text of such revision, on behalf of the General Convention; which copyright shall be relinquished when such proposed revision or revisions shall have been adopted by the General Convention as an alteration of, or addition to, the Book of Common Prayer;
 3. To certify that printed *and electronic* copies of such revision or revisions have been duly authorized by the General Convention, and that the printed text conforms to that approved by the General Convention.

c. During the said period of trial use and under the modifying conditions specified, only the material so authorized, and in the exact form in which it has been so authorized, shall be available as an alternative for the said Book of Common Prayer or the said portion or portions thereof; *provided, however*, that it shall be competent for the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies, jointly, on recommendation by a resolution duly adopted at a meeting of the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music communicated to the said presiding officers in writing, to authorize variations and adjustments to, or substitutions for, or alterations in, any portion of the texts under trial, which seem desirable as a result of such trial use, and which do not change the substance of a rite.

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

Sec.7. Sec. 8. The appointment of the Custodian of the Standard Book of Common Prayer shall be made by nomination of the House of Bishops and confirmed by the House of Deputies at a meeting of the General Convention. The Custodian shall hold office until the second General Convention following the General Convention at which the Custodian was nominated and confirmed. A vacancy occurring in the office of Custodian when General Convention is not meeting may be filled until the next General Convention by appointment by the Presiding Bishop upon the confirmation of the Executive Council.

Sec.8. Sec. 9. It shall be the duty of the Ecclesiastical Authority of any Diocese in which any unauthorized edition of the Book of Common Prayer, or any part or parts thereof, shall be published or circulated, to give public notice that the said edition is not of authority in this Church.

C019 - Adjusting Diocesan Assessments to the Wider Church

Final Status: Took No Further Action

Proposed by: Alabama

Has Budget Implications: Yes

Cost: \$0.00

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 03 - Governance & Structure

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Take No Further Action

Supporting Documents: [Resolution 4 - Assessment - Amended](#)

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention approves an assessment formula (Canon I.4.6.b) for the period January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2027 based on a single assessment of each diocese. In each year, 2025-2027, the diocesan total adjusted operating income, as reported in the annual diocesan financial report (Canon I.4.6.i and Canon I.6.4) for the two years prior to the year to which the assessment is applied [e.g., 2025 assessments are to be based on 2023-2024 actual income figures], shall be reduced by a \$200,000 exemption. A single assessment shall be applied to the remaining amount (balance) at a flat rate of 13.5%; and be it further

Resolved, That the 2025-2027 Episcopal Church budget shall be adjusted and managed as set forth in the Canons, Rules of Order, and Executive Council policies and procedures; and be it further

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention of The Episcopal Church asks Executive Council to set a plan for lowering the diocesan assessment to 10% by 2030.

Co20 - Add Ilia Chavchavadze of Georgia to Lesser Feasts and Fasts

Final Status: Took No Further Action

Proposed by: Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 10 - Prayer Book, Liturgy & Music

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Take No Further Action

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention authorize the inclusion of Ilia Chavchavadze in *Lesser Feasts and Fasts*.

Co21 - Second General Convention Reading to add Élie Naud, Huguenot Witness to the Faith, 1722, to Lesser Feasts and Fasts

Final Status: Took No Further Action

Proposed by: Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 10 - Prayer Book, Liturgy & Music

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Take No Further Action

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention reaffirm the inclusion of Élie Naud, *Huguenot Witness to the Faith, 1722*, in *Lesser Feasts and Fasts*, to be commemorated on or near September 7, his day of death in 1722.

Co22 - Migration with Dignity

Final Status: Took No Further Action

Proposed by: El Camino Real

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 06 - Social Justice & International Policy

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Take No Further Action

Supporting Documents: [McClain et al "Migration With Dignity: a Legal and Policy Framework"](#)

[Universal Declaration of Human Rights](#)

[LC Human-Dignity ENG](#)

[GC Resolutions Aligned with Migration with Dignity](#)

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention, as people of faith, recognize and honor the divine spark that animates all human beings and advocate for Migration with Dignity, which is a set of immigration policies that champions equal and respectful treatment of all people as set forth in McClain, Shanna, Bruch, Carl et al., "Migration With Dignity: a Legal and Policy Framework," 17 Journal of Disaster Research 3 (2022); and be it further

Resolved, That, acknowledging that grave and serious mistreatment of ethnic minorities, migrants and refugees is currently on the rise in the midst of record migration across international borders, the 81st General Convention, consistent with resolutions of the General Conventions of The Episcopal Church, declare itself to be in support of the following human rights included within the Migration with Dignity framework for all migrants, including refugees, asylum seekers, displaced persons, and those who cross borders in search of opportunity:

- A universal right of movement consistent with the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR), including freedom to leave and return to one's country of origin, freedom of movement within one's country of origin or country of settlement (UDHR, Article 13).

- The right to be secure from sexual violence including rape and sexual exploitation, human trafficking, slavery, forced labor and arbitrary and abusive detention.
- The right of equality, to include: 1) equal treatment with no discrimination under the law based on color, gender, language, religion, political affiliation, national origin and 2) equal opportunity for upward mobility.
- The right to access a basic quality of life, including employment, housing, and food.
- The right to access services such as health care, education and legal representation.
- Civil and political rights guaranteeing the right to identity, to use of one's language, and to freedom of speech and religion.

And be it further

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention call upon all Episcopalians, congregations, and dioceses to advocate that local, state, national, and international governing bodies promote Migration with Dignity by enforcing existing laws and policies on behalf of refugees, migrants, asylum seekers, and displaced persons, and by enacting new laws and policies guaranteeing their welcome, protection, and integration into our common human journey.

C023 - Commemorating The Philadelphia Eleven in the Church Calendar

Final Status: Concurred as Substituted

Proposed by: Los Angeles

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: Yes

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 10 - Prayer Book, Liturgy & Music

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Concur

Resolution Text

Resolved, Concerning the following “first reading” commemorations received from the church,

(1) That the commemoration of The Ordination of the Philadelphia Eleven (July 29) be authorized for trial use under Article X.b for the triennium 2024-2027 with the following propers:

I: O God of Persistent Grace, who didst call the Philadelphia Eleven to the priesthood and didst grant them courage and boldness to respond, thereby opening the eyes of thy church to the giftedness and equality of all: grant us so to hear, trust, and follow thy Holy Spirit wheresoever she may lead, that the gifts of all thy people may flourish throughout the earth, through Christ our Savior. Amen.

II: O God of Persistent Grace, you called the Philadelphia Eleven to the priesthood and granted them courage and boldness to respond, thereby opening the eyes of your church to the giftedness and equality of all: grant us so to hear, trust, and follow your Holy Spirit wherever she may lead, that the gifts of all your people may flourish throughout the earth, through Christ our Savior. Amen.

Preface of Baptism

Exodus 1:15-21

Sirach 1:4-15 (in place of the Psalm)

Galatians 3:23-29

Luke 24:1-11

and;

(2) That the commemoration of Élie Naud (September 7) be authorized for trial use under Article X.b for the triennium 2024-2027 with the following propers:

I: Blessed God, whose Son Jesus calmed the waves and knelt to serve his disciples: We give thee honor for the witness of the Huguenot Élie Naud, remembered as Mystic of the Galleys and Ser vant of Slaves; praying that, with him, we may proclaim Christ in suffering and joy alike, and call others to join us in ministry to those littlest and least, following Jesus who came not to be ministered to but to minister; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, to whom be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

II: Blessed God, whose Son Jesus calmed the waves and knelt to serve his disciples: We honor you for the witness of the Huguenot Élie Naud, remembered as Mystic of the Galleys and Servant of Slaves; and we pray that we, with him, may proclaim Christ in suffering and joy alike, and call others to join us in ministry to those littlest and least, following Jesus who came not to be ministered to but to minister; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, to whom be honor and glory for ever and ever.

Preface of Baptism

Daniel 6:10b–16,19–23

Psalm 30

James 1:2–4,12a

Matthew 15:21–28

and;

(3) That the commemoration of George of Lydda (May 6) be authorized for trial use under Article X.b for the triennium 2024-2027 with the following propers:

I: Almighty God, who didst commission thy holy martyr George to bear before the rulers of this world the banner of the cross: Strengthen us in our battles against the great serpent of sin and evil, that we too may attain the crown of eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

II: Almighty God, you commissioned your holy martyr George to bear before the rulers of this world the banner of the cross: Strengthen us in our battles against the great serpent of sin and evil, that we too may attain the crown of eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Preface of Lent (I)

Joshua 1:7-9

Psalm 3

Revelation 12:7-12

John 15:18-21

And be it further

Resolved, Concerning the following “first reading” commemorations received from the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music,

(4) That the commemoration of Lili‘uokalani of Hawai‘i (January 29) be authorized for trial use under Article X.b for the triennium 2024-2027; and that this General Convention authorize for trial use the propers for this feast as presented in the 2024 Blue Book Report of the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music, page 47; and

(5) That the commemoration of Adeline Blanchard Tyler and her Companions (November 4) be authorized for trial use under Article X.b for the triennium 2024-2027; and that this General Convention authorize for trial use the propers for this feast as presented in the 2024 Blue Book Report of the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music, page 45; and be it further

Resolved, That this General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to edit the biographies for these commemorations, attending to clarity, historical accuracy and timelessness.

Co24 - Diocesan Assessments to the Wider Church

Final Status: Took No Further Action

Proposed by: Georgia

Has Budget Implications: Yes

Cost: \$0.00

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 03 - Governance & Structure

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Take No Further Action

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention approve an assessment formula (Canon I.4.6.b) for the of period January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2027 based on a single assessment of each diocese. In each year, 2025-2027, the diocesan total adjusted operating income, as reported in the annual diocesan financial report (Canon I.4.6.i and Canon I.6.4) for the year two years prior to the year to which the assessment is applied [e.g., 2025 assessments are to be based on 2023-2024 actual income figures], shall be reduced by a \$200,000 exemption. A single assessment shall be applied to the remaining amount (balance) at a flat rate of 13.5%; and be it further

Resolved, That the 2025-2027 Episcopal Church budget shall be adjusted and managed as set forth in the Canons, Rules of Order, and Executive Council policies and procedures; and be it further

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention of The Episcopal Church ask Executive Council to set a plan for lowering the diocesan assessment to 10% by 2033.”

C025 - Juncture of The Episcopal Dioceses of Eastern and Western Michigan

Final Status: Concurred

Proposed by: Eastern Michigan

Endorsed by: Western Michigan

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 03 - Governance & Structure

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Concur

Supporting Documents: [Agreement of Union & Resolutions](#)

[El Acuerdo de Unión y las Resoluciones](#)

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention of The Episcopal Church ratify the Agreement of Union between the Episcopal Dioceses of Eastern and Western Michigan, approving the juncture of these two dioceses and creating the Episcopal Diocese of the Great Lakes, pursuant to Canon I.10.1.

Co26 - Religious Liberty

Final Status: Concurred as Amended

Proposed by: Atlanta

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 07 - Social Justice & United States Policy

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Concur

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention of The Episcopal Church urge the United States Congress and the state legislatures to refrain from passing laws/legislation that conflict with or interfere with the religious liberty of Episcopalians to practice their faith.

Co27 - Conditioning U.S. Military Aid to Israel

Final Status: Took No Further Action

Proposed by: Washington

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 06 - Social Justice & International Policy

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Take No Further Action

Supporting Documents: [2022-D024-Conditioning U.S. Military Assistance on Human Rights](#)

Resolution Text

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church calls on the state of Israel and all armed Palestinian forces to cease attacks on civilian targets and declare the existence of a humanitarian catastrophe, and urges them to facilitate and carry out robust assistance to people confined in Gaza, especially to prevent pandemic and famine and enable the wounded and vulnerable including hostages to be evacuated to safe and fully resupplied hospitals in Occupied Palestinian territory (in Gaza or the West Bank), or in Israeli hospitals; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church's Office of Government Relations and Episcopal Public Policy Network only support or enable policies which advance a peaceful, negotiated resolution to the conflict in Gaza; that both assures the future of Israel as a democratic state and leads to the establishment of a secure and self-governed Palestinian state; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church reaffirm General Convention Resolution 2022-D024 and continue to urge "that U.S. military assistance and arms sales not be used to perpetuate conflict, violate human rights, or contribute to corruption, instability, or violence", consistent with Psalms assuring preference for the "weak and the poor, destitute and downtrodden"; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church shall call upon the United States Government (USG) to enforce this policy on the state of Israel, as it does with all recipients, pursuant to section 502B(c) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, and all other applicable statutes, by issuing a report within the time period set forth in the law detailing Israel's human rights practices relevant to its use of U.S. military aid; and be it further

Resolved, That, if Israel is found to be in gross violation of said conditions, The Episcopal Church shall promptly call upon the USG to suspend all military aid to Israel and vigorously implement other appropriate penalties specified in law, for as long as Israel has not provided full and effective assurances that it intends to fully abide by said conditions in a manner continuously transparent to the USG.

Co28 - Adjusting Assessments for Mission

Final Status: Took No Further Action

Proposed by: West Missouri

Has Budget Implications: Yes

Cost: \$0.00

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 03 - Governance & Structure

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Take No Further Action

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention approves an assessment formula (Canon I.4.6.b) for the period January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2027 based on a single assessment of each diocese. In each year, 2025-2027, the diocesan total adjusted operating income, as reported in the annual diocesan financial report (Canon I.4.6.j and Canon I.6.4) for the year two years prior to the year to which the assessment is applied [e.g., 2025 assessments are to be based on 2023 actual income figures], shall be reduced by a \$200,000 exemption. A single assessment shall be applied to the remaining amount (balance) at a flat rate of 13.5%; and be it further

Resolved, That the 2025-2027 Episcopal Church budget shall be adjusted and managed as set forth in the Canons, Rules of Order, and Executive Council policies and procedures; and be it further

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention of The Episcopal Church asks Executive Council to set a plan for lowering the diocesan assessment to 10% by 2030.

Co29 - Supporting a Clean Energy Future

Final Status: Concurred with Referral to an Interim Body

Proposed by: Chicago

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 15 - Environmental Stewardship & Care of Creation

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Concur with Referral to an Interim Body

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention of The Episcopal Church acknowledge that in the transition away from fossil fuels there is a need to support the use of reliable carbon-free energy sources such as nuclear energy as a supplemental and stable supporter of weather dependent sources such as wind and solar; and be it further endorse the use of carbon-free nuclear energy for replacing the use of fossil fuel, which, when achieved, will reduce pollution of the environment, reduce carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gas emissions, and increase the reliability and resilience of the power grid year-round and during extreme weather events; and be it further

~~*Resolved, That by endorsing the use of carbon-free nuclear energy, the General Convention recognize that it is a valuable tool to replace the use of fossil fuels, reduce pollution in the environment and support a more just, equitable, and sustainable world for historically disadvantaged communities across the United States and the world, especially in developing countries; and be it further*~~

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention of The Episcopal Church endorse the use of carbon-free nuclear energy, recognizing that it is a valuable tool to replace fossil fuels while the supportive technologies for the successful implementation clean energy sources such as wind and solar energy are further being developed; and be it further

Resolved, That the 81st Convention of The Episcopal Church reaffirm General Convention Resolution 2018-D081, which recognizes that the negative impacts caused by the transition away from fossil fuels upon those communities that are economically, culturally, and socially identified

with the industry. And further support plans for suitable coal plants to be converted into nuclear plants as these communities are reliant on the plant to support their livelihoods; and be it further

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention of The Episcopal Church in its endorsement of the use of carbon-free nuclear energy extends to keeping existing nuclear power plants online provided that they continue to meet the strict regulatory standards and make advancements as new safety mechanisms become available to complement other clean energy sources, so to avoid increased fossil fuel use that would occur from premature closures of nuclear power plants, while also being a proponent of further research into alternative carbon-free energy generation; and be it further

Resolved, The 81st General Convention of The Episcopal Church recognize the concern of used nuclear fuel (“nuclear waste”). It supports responsible methods for securing such material and protecting the public from exposure to its radiation, and also supports the continued development of technology to recycle programs for the fuel that can be reused and the safe, long-term disposal facilities for unusable material.

C030 - A Resolution to Create Safe Spaces

Final Status: Rejected

Proposed by: Province VII

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 16 - Safety, Wellness & Mental Health

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Reject

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention commends Safe Church for creating a caring and inclusive church; and be it further

Resolved, That permission is granted to dioceses to authorize different resources, training products, and methods of delivery that meet the needs of dioceses, congregations, and diocesan institutions.

C031 - Migration with Dignity

Final Status: Concurred as Amended

Proposed by: Province V

Has Budget Implications: Yes

Cost: \$54,000.00

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: Yes

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: Yes

Directs Dioceses: Yes

Directs Executive Council: Yes

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 06 - Social Justice & International Policy

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Concur

Supporting Documents: [Migration with Dignity, Supporting Documents](#)

[Migración con Dignidad, Documentos de apoyo](#)

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention, as people of faith who believe that all people are created in the image of God, advocate for Migration with Dignity, a statement of specific principles about migration that resonate with the teachings of Jesus and our baptismal promise to “respect the dignity of every human being”; and be it further

Resolved, That, acknowledging the increase of dehumanization of ethnic minorities, migrants and refugees in the midst of record migration across international borders, and that such dehumanization leads to grave and serious mistreatment of these persons, the 81st General Convention, consistent with previous resolutions of the General Conventions of The Episcopal Church, declare itself to be in support of Migration with Dignity for all migrants, including refugees, asylum seekers, displaced persons, and those who cross borders in search of opportunity, including the following human rights within the Migration with Dignity framework:

- A universal right of movement, including freedom to leave and return to one’s country of origin, freedom of movement within one’s country of origin or country of settlement.

- **The right to be secure: from sexual violence including rape and sexual exploitation, human trafficking, slavery, forced labor and arbitrary and abusive detention.**
- **The right of equality, to include: 1) equal treatment with no discrimination under the law based on color, gender, sexual orientation, language, religion, political affiliation, national origin; and 2) equal opportunity for upward mobility.**
- **Rights to a basic quality of life, including employment rights, housing rights and food rights.**
- **The right to access services such as health care, education and legal representation.**
- **Civil and political rights guaranteeing the right to identity, to use of one's language, and to freedom of speech and religion;**

And be it further

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention affirm Migration with Dignity as a framework to guide ministry with migrants, calling upon all Episcopalians, congregations, and dioceses to make urgent efforts through direct action to support arriving migrants' immediate needs for shelter, food, clothing, legal assistance, work permits, healthcare, transportation, etc. and to advocate for Migration with Dignity to local, state, national, and international governing bodies exhorting them to enforce existing laws and policies that uphold these principles on behalf of refugees, migrants, asylum seekers, and displaced persons, and by enacting new laws and policies guaranteeing their welcome, protection, and integration into our common human journey; and be it further

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention call upon the Office of Government Relations and the church's UN Mission to affirm the Migration with Dignity framework as a tool to guide advocacy for incremental change toward a more humane and just immigration system, while continuing their efforts to support the Global Compact for Migration and other international frameworks, as well as previous General Convention resolutions; and be it further

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention direct the Presiding Bishop and President of the House of Deputies to establish a Task Force on Migration with Dignity (MWD) to build on and expand migration ministries in The Episcopal Church and to develop a strategic plan for coordinated, global Episcopal ministry consistent with MWD principles for all migrating persons at all stages of migration. The task force will be instructed to:

- **Inventory current assets and resources for serving and supporting migrants, church-wide**
- **Conduct a gap analysis to identify missing elements that could strengthen the church's response**

- **Recommend a coordinated whole-of-church strategy to strengthen our support for migrants, consistent with this resolution**
- **Assist with information and resource sharing across the Church;**

And be it further

Resolved, That the Task Force on Migration with Dignity consist of no more than 14 members who have direct experience with migration and/or are actively involved in migration-related ministry in The Episcopal Church, and who represent all Provinces, especially those with dioceses outside of the U.S. A minimum of three Bishops shall serve on the Task Force; and be it further

Resolved, That the Task Force report to Executive Council annually during the Triennium and to the 82nd General Convention; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request a budget allocation of \$10,000 for the implementation of this resolution; and be it further

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention direct Episcopal Migration Ministries, in collaboration with this Task Force, the Episcopal Migration Response Network, and other ministry partners, to develop and launch a churchwide Migration with Dignity formation program to help all Episcopalians live out their baptismal promises to seek and serve Christ in all persons, love neighbor as self, work for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being; and be it further

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention establish an annual Migration with Dignity Sunday for The Episcopal Church during the season of Epiphany.

C032 - A Prayer to Remember the Innocents

Final Status: Concurred as Amended

Proposed by: South Dakota

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: Yes

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 10 - Prayer Book, Liturgy & Music

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Concur

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention of The Episcopal Church express remorse for the role The Episcopal Church played in the irreparable harm suffered by Indigenous children who attended Indigenous boarding and residential schools in the 1800s and 1900s, and acknowledges that the effect of that harm carries on in boarding school survivors and their descendants; and be it further

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention receive the gift of the following prayer to remember the Indigenous children who were forcibly taken to boarding and residential schools in the 1800s and 1900s:

A PRAYER TO REMEMBER THE INNOCENTS

Ohiṅni wičhaunḱiksuyapi kte. "We will always remember them."

Dear Lord, Almighty God, we pray for all Indigenous children who were in residential and boarding schools in Canada and the United States. Some died there; we ask that you give assurance to their descendants that their souls are with you and their ancestors. Some survived there; we ask that you give your healing grace to all who endured hardship while there and are still struggling with those memories. Lastly, we ask you to help us guard our children against harm in this world. All this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

And be it further

Resolved, That the use of this prayer be encouraged in liturgies throughout The Episcopal Church; and be it further

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music, in consultation with Indigenous communities in The Episcopal Church, to determine an appropriate date on the Church Calendar as the annual remembrance of these Indigenous children; and be it further

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music, in consultation with Indigenous communities in The Episcopal Church, to prepare appropriate biblical lessons, collects, and other liturgical resources commemorating the lives and suffering of these children, and report to the 82nd General Convention with its recommendation for the inclusion of this commemoration in the church calendar and Lesser Feasts and Fasts.

C033 - Adjusting Diocesan assessments to the Wider Church

Final Status: Took No Further Action

Proposed by: East Carolina

Has Budget Implications: Yes

Cost: \$0.00

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 03 - Governance & Structure

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Take No Further Action

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention approves an assessment formula (Canon I.4.6.b) for the period January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2027 based on a single assessment of each diocese. In each year, 2025-2027, the diocesan total adjusted operating income, as reported in the annual diocesan financial report (Canon I.4.6.j and Canon I.6.4) for the year two years prior to the year to which the assessment is applied [e.g., 2025 assessments are to be based on 2023 actual income figures], shall be reduced by a \$200,000 exemption. A single assessment shall be applied to the remaining amount (balance) at a flat rate of 13.5%; and be it further

Resolved, That the 2025-2027 Episcopal Church budget shall be adjusted and managed as set forth in the Canons, Rules of Order, and Executive Council policies and procedures; and be it further

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention of The Episcopal Church asks Executive Council to set a plan for lowering the diocesan assessment to 10% by 2030.

C034 - Support for the Provinces as Part of TEC Structure

Final Status: Took No Further Action

Proposed by: Province V

Has Budget Implications: Yes

Cost: \$90,000.00

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 03 - Governance & Structure

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Take No Further Action

Supporting Documents: [Constitution & Canons - 2022 - Title I, Canon 9: Of Provinces](#)

[Constitución y Cánones 2022 - Título I, Canon 9: De las Provincias](#)

Resolution Text

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church (TEC) support the Provincial part of The Episcopal Church structure by:

- participating in the networking and when appropriate, the ministries of the provinces
- ensuring each province has the resources it needs to fulfill its commitment and responsibility to The Episcopal Church
- consulting with the provinces for their support and participation in identifying qualified persons to serve TEC on various Interim Bodies

And be it further

Resolved, That provincial ministry of The Episcopal Church be partially funded through the establishment of a budget line for the provinces in The Episcopal Church budget; and be it further

Resolved, That the Provincial Representatives to Executive Council and the Provincial Leadership Conference together determine how this funding is to be distributed throughout the provinces each year. Each province will include its accounting for any funding received in the annual provincial report to Executive Council; and be it further

Resolved, That The General Convention request a budget allocation of \$90,000 per budget year for the implementation of this resolution.

C035 - End the Practice of Labor Trafficking of Migrant Youth

Final Status: Concurred

Proposed by: Province II

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: Yes

Directs Dioceses: Yes

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 07 - Social Justice & United States Policy

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Concur

Supporting Documents: [New York Times: Alone and Exploited, Migrant Children Work Brutal Jobs Across the U.S.](#)

[New York Times: Solos y explotados, niños migrantes desempeñan trabajos crueles en EE. UU.](#)

Resolution Text

Resolved, That this 81st General Convention of The Episcopal Church call upon all members of the Church to become informed about the injustices of labor trafficking, particularly how it affects migrant youth; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church encourage its dioceses and congregations to engage in educational campaigns that raise awareness about labor trafficking, its signs, and prevention methods; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church advocate for comprehensive and enforceable policies at local, state, and national levels aimed at eradicating labor trafficking and protecting migrant youth; and be it further

Resolved, That the Office of Government Relations communicate this resolution to the appropriate legislative bodies, urging them to take decisive action against the exploitation of migrant youth.

C036 - The Peace of the Lord Be With You

Final Status: Took No Further Action

Proposed by: Nebraska

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 10 - Prayer Book, Liturgy & Music

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Take No Further Action

Supporting Documents: [Principles to Guide the Development of Liturgical Texts\[35\]](#)

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to include additional guidance in *The Principles to Guide the Development of Liturgical Texts*, to list as an option in paragraph 2a (Gathering and Preparation) the sharing of The Peace, defined in paragraph 2c as “a ritual expression of the unity of the Body of Christ as they come together to offer the Holy Eucharist” at the beginning of worship, offering a pastoral and realistic sense of unity as the community, coming together from different places and with different concerns, begins their liturgical journey together to the focal point of our shared worship experience, where unity, both in community, and in Christ, is realized.

C037 - Working for Equity, Support, and Protection of All LGBTQIA+ Anglicans

Final Status: Took No Further Action

Proposed by: Vermont

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 17 - Accessibility & Inclusion

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Take No Further Action

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention embolden the bishops of The Episcopal Church to open opportunities for engagement and to work actively for change in the Anglican Communion with regard to treatment of LGBTQIA+ persons; and be it further

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention, mindful of the failings of this Church to promote the dignity of every human being, stand ready, in a spirit of mutual confession and repentance, to work for reconciliation with other member churches of the Communion so that the injustices and violence of our several institutions against LGBTQIA+ persons be ended, both in our churches and in the larger society.

D001 - Commend the Episcopal Communicators Organization and Celebrate their 50th Anniversary

Final Status: Concurred as Amended

Proposed by: Williams, Ms. Liz

Endorsed by: Gordy, Ms. GJ, Trumble, The Rev. Jordan

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 23 - Privilege & Courtesy

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Concur

Resolution Text

***Resolved,* That the 81st General Convention commends the work of Episcopal Communicators, a professional organization created to foster community that inspires and supports excellence in church communications through year-round virtual education opportunities, annual conference, networking, active listserv for troubleshooting communication challenges, and resource sharing; and be it further**

***Resolved,* That the 81st General Convention celebrates Episcopal Communicators during its 50th anniversary, with its origins coming out of an assembly of diocesan editors in coordination with The Episcopal Church Center; Episcopal Communicators has increased the presence and capacity of church communications in The Episcopal Church and has continued the partnership with church leadership through the Office of Communication of The Episcopal Church; and be it further**

***Resolved,* That communicators in The Episcopal Church are integral to furthering the Gospel and communications is an essential component of every ministry of the Church including formation, evangelism, worship, and community engagement within and beyond The Episcopal Church.**

D002 - Review canonical requirement for Holy Communion

Final Status: Took No Further Action

Proposed by: Richardson, The Rev. James

Endorsed by: Dolan, The Rev. Pamela, Juvé, Mr. Peter, Denney, The Rev. Robin

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 10 - Prayer Book, Liturgy & Music

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Take No Further Action

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the General Convention reaffirm previous statements “that baptism is the ancient and normative entry point to receiving Holy Communion,” while acknowledging there are pastoral exceptions to what is normative; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to review the underlying biblical, theological and liturgical issues, history and practical impact of Canon I.17.7, which reads: “No unbaptized person shall be eligible to receive Holy Communion in this Church”; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to review whether eligibility requirements for the sacrament of Holy Communion appropriately belongs in the canons or elsewhere; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to develop a generous pastoral and invitational rubric to Baptism and Communion in the *Book of Common Prayer*, and other appropriate liturgical resources; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to consider proposing a revision to the canons with a positive pastoral statement affirming that the fullest meaning of our Holy Eucharist is lived out through our Baptism and Baptismal Covenant.

D003 - A Call for Ending Apartheid Against Palestinians

Final Status: Took No Further Action

Proposed by: Evans, The Rev. Boyd

Endorsed by: Neznok, Mary, Mok, Dr. Carolyn

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 06 - Social Justice & International Policy

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Take No Further Action

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention acknowledge that Human Rights Watch, Amnesty International, and B'Tselem Israeli Information Center for Human Rights in the Occupied Territories report that Israel's entrenched discriminatory rule over Palestinians amounts to the international wrong of apartheid; and be it further

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention join the Presbyterian Church USA, United Church of Christ, the New England and Oregon-Idaho Conferences of the United Methodist Church, and Disciples of Christ in naming the aforementioned policies and practices against the Palestinian people to be apartheid, a crime against humanity; and be it further

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention call on the Office of Government Relations to represent ending Israel's apartheid as a policy priority of The Episcopal Church and to influence policy and legislation on this issue.

D004 - Express Solidarity with Palestinians as an Indigenous People

Final Status: Rejected

Proposed by: Evans, The Rev. Boyd

Endorsed by: Powell, The Rev. RJ,Neznek, Mary,Sampson, The Rev. Leon

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 06 - Social Justice & International Policy

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Reject

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention reaffirm its solidarity with and concern for the well-being of “the Indigenous Peoples of the world,” in accordance with Resolution 2012-A131: Express Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples; and be it further

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention, in affirming this solidarity recognize that Palestinian Arabs, including our Palestinian Christian sisters and brothers, are among the indigenous people of the lands of Palestine and Israel lying between the Mediterranean Sea and the Jordan River; and be it further

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention and The Episcopal Church direct the Office of Government Relations to ~~apply~~ *urge the U.S. Government to use all its leverage to advocate for a change in policies, particularly applying the demands of Resolution 2012-A131 to Palestinian Arabs who experience displacement, discrimination, dispossession, and daily harassment at the hands of the state of Israel. Applying the those demands entails supporting their right to “retain their traditional lands and territories,” giving “high priority” to the protection of the human and civil rights of Palestinian Arabs., and urging the U.S. government, in its dealings with the government of Israel, to “identify” and correct Israeli laws and policies that treat Palestinians unfairly or with “invidious discrimination.”*

D005 - Solidarity with the Palestinian Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions Movement

Final Status: Rejected

Proposed by: Mok, Dr. Carolyn

Endorsed by: Neznok, Mary, Powell, The Rev. RJ, Evans, The Rev. Boyd

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 06 - Social Justice & International Policy

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Reject

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the ~~81st convention~~ *General Convention* of the ~~The~~ Episcopal Church acknowledge as consistent with established Church policy the demands of the Palestinian-led Boycott, ~~Divest~~ *Divestment*, and Sanctions movement, which are: ending Israeli occupation and colonization of all Arab lands and dismantling the separation wall; recognizing the fundamental rights of the Arab-Palestinian citizens of Israel to full equality (*2022-C039, Urge Congress to Oppose Inequality in Israeli Laws*); and respecting, protecting and promoting the rights of Palestinian refugees to return to their homes and properties (*2000-B016, Affirm Refugee Rights of Palestinians and Israelis*) as stipulated in UN Resolution 194 (*adopted December 1948*); and be it further

Resolved, That the ~~Church~~ *81st General Convention* acknowledge boycotts, economic divestment, and sanctions as time-honored means of nonviolent resistance to oppression long respected and upheld by the Church; and be it further

Resolved, That the ~~Church~~ *81st General Convention* acknowledge and ~~endorse~~ *commend for further study* the 2020 Kairos Palestine statement ("*Cry for Hope: A Call to Decisive Action*"), in which *some leading* Palestinian Christians expressed firm solidarity with the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions movement; and be it further

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention of The Episcopal Church recognize the legitimacy of BDS and express its solidarity with it the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions movement in the budgets of Episcopal Church dioceses as a concrete expression of solidarity (2018-B016, Develop Investment Criteria for Israel and Palestine Based on a Human Rights Screen).

D006 - Rejecting the Theology and Politics of Christian Zionism

Final Status: Concurred as Substituted

Proposed by: Mok, Dr. Carolyn

Endorsed by: Evans, The Rev. Boyd, Neznok, Mary, Powell, The Rev. RJ

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 06 - Social Justice & International Policy

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Concur

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention condemn the practical and political effects of that collection of theologies popularly known as ‘Christian Zionism,’ which, distinct from historic Jewish Zionism, in its many manifestations, promotes an eschatology in which the Second Coming of Christ is contingent upon the existence of the modern State of Israel, wrongly conflates that State with biblical Israel, and denies both the legitimacy of Palestinian existence and right to statehood in the Holy Land; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church, having embraced Resolution 2022-A216 acknowledging the threat to the Christian presence in the Holy Land from “Israeli radical groups who are actively seeking to undermine the Christian communities of the Holy Land,” and who “seek to change fundamentally the historic multi-cultural, multi-ethnic, and multi-religious character of the region,” recognize the significant contribution of Christian Zionism to that threat; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church affirm its long-standing commitment to stand in solidarity with our Palestinian Christian sisters and brothers in the Holy Land, sharing their deep distress regarding the dramatic diminishment of that community.

D007 - Peace Through Equal Rights in Israel/Palestine

Final Status: Concurred as Substituted

Proposed by: Sweeny-Bender, Mr. Tieran

Endorsed by: Lawton, Ms. Sarah, Fitzgibbons, The Rev. Sabeth, Meyers, The Rev. Dr. Ruth

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: Yes

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 06 - Social Justice & International Policy

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Concur

Supporting Documents: [Statement by Presiding Bishop Curry](#)

[Existing Resolutions of The Episcopal Church](#)

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention condemn and lament the Hamas-led attack and atrocities against Israel on October 7, 2023, and also the scale and scope of the Israeli government's ensuing military retaliation in Gaza, resulting in injury and death to many thousands of noncombatants, and to vast destruction of civil society and infrastructure there; and be it further

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention call for an immediate cease-fire in Gaza, for the release of all Hamas-held hostages, and of Israeli-held unjustly detained Palestinian prisoners, and for the urgent provision of comprehensive, substantial humanitarian aid to Palestinians in Gaza, in particular such vulnerable populations as children, the elderly, and those in need of medical care; and be it further

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention condemn the increasing seizure of land and the escalating military and Settler violence against Palestinians living under Israeli military occupation in the West Bank; and be it further

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention reaffirm its call for the building of a lasting peace between Palestinians and Israelis, with mutually negotiated solutions ending an inherently unjust and unstable military occupation, upholding the principle that no

peoples' right to self-determination should be exercised at the expense of another's (GC 1988-D053, 2018-D018, 2022-C039), and assuring equal rights, freedom, security, and self-determination for all; and be it further

***Resolved,* That the 81st General Convention call on the Office of Government Relations to promote policies to further these goals, and encourage all Episcopalians to join with other Christians, Jews, Muslims, and people of all faiths in calling for a ceasefire and a sustainable peace.**

Doo8 - Protection of Water “Ola i Ka Wai - Water is Life”

Final Status: Concurred

Proposed by: Costa, The Ven. Steven

Endorsed by: Carpenter, Ms. Mary, Kusumoto, Mr. Ryan, Arakawa, Ms. Kimberly

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: Yes

Directs Dioceses: Yes

Directs Executive Council: Yes

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 07 - Social Justice & United States Policy

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Concur

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention reaffirm the work of previous General Conventions regarding the protection of water, such as 2018-C064, 2018-B025, and 1973-B106, and that the General Convention recognize the “grave injustice wrongfully committed with the aid of American militia” to the sovereign nation of Hawai‘i as noted in the whereas clause of the 1979-B058 resolution; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention support and encourage the Presiding Bishop and Staff, the Executive Council and its Committees, and each of the Dioceses of The Episcopal Church to continue affirmation of the above with actions, statements, prayers, and witness that are consistent with the recognition of Native Hawaiians in their stewardship of water; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention adds its voice to those of Native Hawaiians calling for the protection of the water of O‘ahu that continues to be threatened by the storage and removal of jet fuel and the closure of the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility which the U.S. Navy manages; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention instructs the Office of Government Relations to advocate for safe and complete defueling and closure of the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility, restoration of the land on which the facility sits, and transparency by the U.S. Navy and other government agencies in this process; and be it further

Resolved, That the **General Convention** instructs the **Office of Government Relations** to **advocate for indigenous and native people’s rights to safety, transparency, and restoration in cases where the U.S. government and/or its agencies and military forces threaten or damage clean water and other natural resources;** and be it further

Resolved, That **copies of this resolution be sent to the President of the United States, the Secretary of Defense, and Hawai‘i’s U.S. Congressional delegation.**

Do09 - Swords Into Plowshares: U.S. Accountability and Responsibility in Rebuilding Gaza

Final Status: Concurred as Substituted

Proposed by: Lawton, Ms. Sarah

Endorsed by: Murray, Mr. Alan, Lindeen, Ellen

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: Yes

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 06 - Social Justice & International Policy

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Concur

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention, recognizing the moral and legal obligations of the United States to the people of Gaza, given the role of the United States in providing military aid and diplomatic support for the war directly affecting the lives, property, and livelihood of the mostly non-combatant population of Gaza, as part of the Israeli government's retaliation for the Hamas-led terrorist attack and atrocities of October 7, 2023, calls upon the United States government, through the Office of Government Relations, to provide, as part of a process for creating a negotiated and sustainable peace, significant and necessary aid for the long-term rebuilding of Gaza; and be it further

Resolved, That this aid address such concerns as: provision for food and clean water as well as extended medical and psychological support for the population, especially children; the restoration and rebuilding of homes, hospitals, schools, universities, libraries, factories, and farms; basic infrastructure such as roads, seaports and airports, along with water, sewage, and electricity systems; and be it further

Resolved, That the Office of Government Relations call upon the United States government to join with the United Nations, Israel, the European Union, Israel's other allies, and Israel's Arab neighbors, all of whom should be prepared to join in historic levels of aid and investment to fund the restoration and rebuilding of Gaza.

Do10 - The Creation of a Clergy Compensation Contribution Fund

Final Status: Took No Further Action

Proposed by: Duncan, Canon Noreen

Endorsed by: Buchanan, Canon Annette, Shoemaker, The Rev. Dr. Adam

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 12 - Agencies & Boards

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Take No Further Action

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81th General Convention of The Episcopal Church direct the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church (The "Episcopal Church") to conduct a study to determine if it is possible to establish a permanent Clergy Compensation Contribution Fund (the "Fund") whereby ~~the applicable 9% matching contributions will~~ *would* be made from the Fund to pay ~~the matching contributions of a~~ *toward the cost of a solo congregational priest's compensation in predominantly non-white congregations that could not otherwise afford it who would serve such congregation but for the fact that the required matching contributions makes it unaffordable for the hiring of such priest*; and be it further

Resolved, That such study shall include a review of all existing trust assets to determine if any such existing trust funds can be repurposed to finance the Fund; and be it further

~~*Resolved*, That no priest may be eligible to participate in receiving matching contributions from the Fund where his/her congregation's gross income exceeds \$250,000; and be it further~~

Resolved, That The Church Pension Fund also be included in the discussions because of its clergy compensation expertise; and be it further

Resolved, That the Officers of The Episcopal Church and Executive Council shall refer this resolution to the appropriate Interim Body for consideration; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church shall report to the 82nd General Convention on the progress that it has made during the triennium in its efforts to effectuate the purposes of this resolution.

D011 - The Prohibition of Assault Weapons

Final Status: Concurred as Amended

Proposed by: McDaniel, Mr. Joe

Endorsed by: Kemp, The Rev. Rowena, King, Sharalyne

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: Yes

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: Yes

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 07 - Social Justice & United States Policy

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Concur

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention of The Episcopal Church reaffirm Resloution 2015-C005; and be it further

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention acknowledge that since the passage of 2015-C005, as a nation, we have experienced some of the worst mass killings in the world – such as the 2016 Pulse Night Club Shooting, the 2017 Las Vegas Strip Shooting, and the 2022 Uvalde School Shooting; and it be further

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention strongly urge the United States Congress to ban, except for military and law enforcement agencies, the possession of all military-style assault weapons, bump stocks, and high-capacity magazines; and be it further

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention direct, consistent with established policies and procedures, Executive Council to refer this resolution to the Office of Government Relations.

D012 - Conditioning U.S. Military Assistance to Israel on Human Rights and a Negotiated Peace

Final Status: Concurred as Substituted

Proposed by: Lawton, Ms. Sarah

Endorsed by: Lindeen, Ellen, Murray, Mr. Alan

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: Yes

Directs Dioceses: Yes

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 06 - Social Justice & International Policy

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Concur

Supporting Documents: [2022-D024-Conditioning U.S. Military Assistance on Human Rights](#)

[2022-D024-Condicionar la ayuda militar de EE. UU. a los Derechos Humanos](#)

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention reaffirm the longstanding commitment of The Episcopal Church, as most recently undertaken in General Convention resolution 2022-D024 (Oppose U.S. Military Assistance to Countries that Violate Human Rights), to supporting human rights in our own countries and around the world, and to ensuring that U.S. military assistance and arms sales not be used to perpetuate conflict, violate human rights, or contribute to corruption, instability, or violence in any country in the world; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church support enforcement of policies that ensure U.S. government military assistance to the State of Israel be conditioned on adherence to international humanitarian law and U.S. statutes such as the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as Amended, which provides that U.S. military arms and technologies not be used to violate human rights or commit war crimes anywhere in the world, including in Israel and the Palestinian territories; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church support policies to ensure U.S. government assistance to the State of Israel and to Palestinian authorities be conditioned on concrete

commitments to: the cessation of attacks on civilian targets and a permanent ceasefire; effective humanitarian assistance for affected civilian populations, including provision of safe and fully resupplied hospital facilities; release of all hostages held without legal authority and prisoners held without charge or conviction in violation of international law; and measurable steps toward a negotiated peace agreement to end the occupation and violence on all sides, rebuilding devastated war-torn areas, and ensuring long-term security, civil rights, and self-determination for both Israelis and Palestinians; and be it further

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention encourage all Episcopalians to join with other Christians, Jews, Muslims, and people of all faiths to support the above policy goals; and be it further

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention call on the Office of Government Relations and Episcopal Public Policy Network to promote the above policy goals.

D013 - Affirm the Imperative of a Palestinian State

Final Status: Concurred as Substituted

Proposed by: Tomoso, The Rev. John

Endorsed by: Costa, The Ven. Steven, Carpenter, Ms. Mary

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: Yes

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 06 - Social Justice & International Policy

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Concur

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention of The Episcopal Church affirm our hope for all the people of Israel and Palestine to enjoy freedom, peace, justice, and national self-determination, and affirm our hope for the creation of a Palestinian State, coexisting with the Jewish State of Israel; and be it further

Resolved, That the October 7, 2023, attack on Israel by Hamas was an indefensible act of terrorism; that Israel's counterinsurgency in Gaza has exhibited a reckless disregard for the civilian population; that Hamas has shown reckless disregard for that civilian population by sheltering its armed combatants underneath and within places where civilians live or shelter; that the current government of Israel continues to commit acts and pass laws that result in fragmentation, segregation, and dispossession against the Palestinian people and the Occupied Territories; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention acknowledges that the language it uses to name and describe this horrific conflict divides the Church and many of God's people even where we have strived otherwise, for all of which we pray for forgiveness and guidance to find language that unites us in the effort to bring peace and justice to Palestine; and be it further

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention affirm the resolution of the Executive Council of The Episcopal Church (MB013) in lamenting the violence and loss of life in Gaza,

demanding the speedy provision of food and medical aid, and calling for an immediate ceasefire and the release of hostages and other captives; and be it further

Resolved, **That the 81st General Convention call on the Office of Government Relations to continue its work on human rights, justice, and other issues affecting the region while redoubling our church's advocacy of the two-state solution, especially by lobbying for linkage between military aid for Israel and the degree of its participation in the peace process as well as lobbying for sanctions against nations that support Hamas, Hezbollah, and other extremist anti-Israel groups; and be it further**

Resolved, **That the Office of Government Relations also promote The Episcopal Church's view that rebuilding Gaza, continuing to build up the economy of the West Bank, and promoting security for both Palestinians and Israelis are the responsibility of the United Nations, Israel, the U.S., Israel's other allies, and Israel's Arab neighbors, all of whom should be prepared to join in historic levels of aid and investment; and be it further**

Resolved, **That the 81st General Convention invite all Episcopalians to play a role in working for a durable, just peace through philanthropy, study, advocacy, investment in Palestinian enterprises, divestment from all firms doing business in or with West Bank settlements (2018-B016, Develop Investment Criteria for Israel and Palestine Based on a Human Rights Screen), and deepening personal relationships with those living in the region, through pilgrimages and by other means, standing in solidarity with the Diocese of Jerusalem.**

D014 - Declare Gun Violence a National Health Crisis

Final Status: Concurred as Amended

Proposed by: McDaniel, Mr. Joe

Endorsed by: Mathis, Canon Jill, Bell, Ms. Alma

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: Yes

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: Yes

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 07 - Social Justice & United States Policy

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Concur

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention of The Episcopal Church hereby urge Congress and all officials at the national, state, and local levels to work to have gun violence recognized and defined as a public health epidemic and national health crisis; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention urge Congress and all officials at the national, state and local levels to work together, to enact legislation and promote policies that protect the rights of all Americans to live in safe environments free from gun violence, and to allocate sufficient funding for education, awareness and research; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention urge the reform of the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) to ensure equal access to benefits without discrimination to families in communities with higher-than-average rates of homicide, and designate funding to provide community-based mental health services and supports to families who have lost loved ones to gun violence, homicide and suicide; and be it further

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention direct, consistent with established policies and procedures, that the Executive Council refer this resolution to the Office of Government Relations, so that it may take all actions necessary to accomplish the intentions and purposes of this resolution.

D015 - Examine the disparity in treatment in the adjudication of Clergy under Title IV Disciplinary Process by Race, Gender, and Sexual Orientation

Final Status: Concurred with Referral to an Interim Body

Proposed by: Kemp, The Rev. Rowena

Endorsed by: McDaniel, Mr. Joe, Buchanan, Canon Annette

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 18 - Title IV Disciplinary Canons

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Concur with Referral to an Interim Body

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention of The Episcopal Church direct the Office of Pastoral Development to maintain statistics of the Racial, Ethnic, Gender and Sexual Orientation of men and women who have been subjected to a Reference Panel inquiry, or where an accord has been reached, or where there has been an adjudication of guilt (i.e. a sentence imposed upon the cleric, which permanently inhibited in their ministry), as a result of being disciplined under Title IV and to report them annually to the Church; and be it further

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention direct the Office of Pastoral Development in consultation with the Office for Transition Ministry, dioceses, the Archives of The Episcopal Church and other appropriate agencies to gather data annually about 1) the composition by race, ethnicity, gender, and sexual orientation of men and women who have been subjected to a Reference Panel inquiry, or where an accord has been reached, or where there has been an adjudication of guilt (i.e., a sentence imposed which rendered the cleric permanently inhibited in the exercise of their ministry), as a result of being disciplined under Title IV, and 2) the numbers of all male and female clergy by race, ethnicity, gender, and sexual orientation of men and women who have been subjected to a Reference Panel inquiry, or where an accord has been reached, or where there has been an adjudication of guilt (i.e., a sentence imposed which rendered the cleric permanently inhibited in the exercise of their ministry), as a result of being

disciplined under Title IV, and to broadly disseminate the report by electronic and other means on an annual basis; and be it further

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention direct the Office of Pastoral Development in consultation with the Office for Transition Ministry, dioceses, the Archives of The Episcopal Church and other appropriate agencies to gather data going back from the year 1996 to the year 2024 about 1). the composition by race, ethnicity, gender, and sexual orientation of men and women who have been subjected to a Reference Panel inquiry, or where an accord has been reached, or where there has been an adjudication of guilt (i.e., a sentence imposed which rendered the cleric permanently inhibited in the exercise of their ministry), as a result of being disciplined under Title IV, and 2). the numbers of all male and female clergy by race, ethnicity, gender and sexual orientation of men and women who have been subjected to a Reference Panel inquiry, or where an accord has been reached, or where there has been an adjudication of guilt (i.e., a sentence imposed which rendered the cleric permanently inhibited in the exercise of their ministry), as a result of being disciplined under Title IV, and to report those findings to the Church.

D016 - Continued Funding of The Beloved Community

Final Status: Concurred as Amended

Proposed by: Kemp, The Rev. Rowena

Endorsed by: Duncan, Canon Noreen, Harris, Ms. Carolyn

Has Budget Implications: Yes

Cost: \$1,000,000.00

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: Yes

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 05 - Racial Truth-Telling, Reckoning & Healing

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Concur

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention request that the Executive Council Joint Standing Committee on Finance allocate \$1.0 million for the 2024-2027 triennium for the continued implementation of additional work of organizing our efforts to respond to racial injustice and grow a Beloved Community of healers, justice makers and reconcilers for the implementation of this resolution; and be it further

Resolved, That such monies shall again be utilized exclusively to make grants to agencies and dioceses and other affiliated entities of The Episcopal Church for the establishment of such programmatic activities aimed at addressing the issue of Racial Reconciliation. Such activities may include, but not be limited to, speaker series, sacred conversations, Racial Reconciliation Workshops, and other activities that promote the purposes of this resolution; and be it further

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention directs, consistent with established policies and procedures, that the Executive Council shall again 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 81th 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 2027 on the usage of the \$1.0 million allocation.

D017 - Support Regulations on Generative Artificial Intelligence

Final Status: Concurred

Proposed by: Curlin, Ms. Laura

Endorsed by: Miller, Mr. Kevin, Coulston, Mr Rob

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: Yes

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 07 - Social Justice & United States Policy

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Concur

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention reaffirm the principles of 2022-D020 (Addressing Implications of the Digital Age) and further acknowledge that generative artificial intelligence (AI) is rapidly changing how we relate to information and each other, and raises important ethical considerations regarding its impact on our understanding of truth, trust in institutions, authenticity, and human dignity, and that as a society and as a church we have not fully grappled with the important practical and ethical implications of advances in generative AI; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church, with the help of the Office of Government Relations and the Episcopal Public Policy Network, monitor advances in AI and speak on behalf of the most vulnerable according to the values of The Episcopal Church by supporting policies at the local, state, and national levels of governance, and efforts towards international frameworks to:

- Regulate the use of data to train algorithms, in order to recognize the rights of human creators, increase transparency about the data and methodologies used, diversify sources used for training data, and protect individuals' privacy rights;
- Restrict or regulate, requiring additional transparency, the use of generative AI to influence or interfere with elections and public information campaigns;

- Urge all political entities, and government officials, in the absence of legislation, to voluntarily commit to refrain from any deceptive use of AI in political campaigns;
- Restrict the use of AI to infringe on civil rights or applications of AI that perpetuate historic and ongoing discrimination and racism;
- Restrict or ban the use of deepfakes (images, videos, or audio altered to replace one person's likeness with another's) for purposes of fraud, defamation, and sexual exploitation;
- Support workers that have been negatively impacted by the use of generative AI in their industries, through support for policies such as retraining programs and regulations on monitoring in the workplace; and
- Regulate the use of generative AI by militaries, police, and in any other contexts related to the use of force.

And be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church call upon companies, organizations, and individuals working with and developing generative AI to include guardrails and safety measures in their products, set transparent ethical guidelines and policies for their work, and carry out independent and ongoing ethical reviews of their products and their impacts on people, workplaces, our democratic systems, and society as a whole; and that the Committee on Corporate Social Responsibility of the Executive Council of The Episcopal Church be tasked with engaging relevant companies in the Church's investment portfolio on these ethical questions.

D018 - Task Force on Lay Pension Parity

Final Status: Took No Further Action

Proposed by: Brown, Deputy Nathan

Endorsed by: Curlin, Ms. Laura, Warren, Ms. Evangeline

Has Budget Implications: Yes

Cost: \$30,000.00

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 12 - Agencies & Boards

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Take No Further Action

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention, pursuant to Joint Rule VII, create the Task Force on Lay Pensions (TFLP), whose mandate includes, but is not limited to, (1) determining what further steps are needed to ensure a greater degree of pension parity for Lay employees of the Church, (2) determining what barriers may exist to obtain this goal and (3) discerning what the Church, the General Convention, and the Church Pension Group can do to pursue opportunities to achieve greater pension parity, and (4) submitting any resolutions to the 82nd General Convention as it may deem appropriate to address this mandate; and be it further

Resolved, That the Task Force begin its work no later than January 1, 2025, with the Task Force concluding its work at the conclusion of the 82nd General Convention, unless its mandate is extended by the 82nd Convention; and be it further

Resolved, That this Task Force issue a detailed report of its finding to the 82nd General Convention; and be it further

Resolved, That this Task Force be appointed jointly by the Presiding Officers, with 13 members, three of whom shall be bishops, three of whom shall be clergy, and seven lay persons, with at least one member of the task force having been a current or former lay employee in the Lay Defined Benefit Plan; and be it further

Resolved, That the Church Pension Group shall appoint a representative to serve as a consultant to the Task Force; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request that the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance consider a budget allocation of \$30,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

D019 - Justice and Peace in Ukraine

Final Status: Concurred as Amended

Proposed by: Brown, Deputy Nathan

Endorsed by: Graves, The Rev. Charles, Miller, Mr. Kevin

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: Yes

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 06 - Social Justice & International Policy

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Concur

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention condemn the war crimes committed in Ukraine as a result of the Russian Federation's invasion, contrary to international law; and be it further

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention condemn Russia's deliberate targeting of civilian targets, documented by the Center for Civil Liberties and the UN Human Rights Monitoring Mission (Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights) in Ukraine, both of which have been monitoring war crimes and human rights atrocities since 2014; and be it further

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention urge all religious organizations in Russia, especially the Russian Orthodox Church Moscow Patriarchate, to condemn these war crimes as inconsistent with our shared faith, and to call for peace and accountability; and be it further

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention lament the loss of civilian lives and of state, religious, and private property in Ukraine, suffered by people of Christian, Muslim, Jewish, and other faiths since 2014, and especially since February 2022; and be it further

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention call for the Russian Federation to end its attacks in Ukraine, and for a just peace to be negotiated respecting all of Ukraine's pre-2014 territory as recognized by international law; and be it further

***Resolved,* That the 81st General Convention urge all parties to respect and fully cooperate with any relevant investigations by the International Criminal Court and the UN International Court of Justice to ensure that all those who command and commit war crimes are held to account for their actions; and be it further**

***Resolved,* That the 81st General Convention affirm Resolution 2022-B008 — "Call for the Cessation of Conflict in Ukraine" — and the Executive Council's memorial MB014 — "Resolution on War in Ukraine" — as well as the World Council of Churches' April 18, 2024 statement against the World Russian People's Council's March 27 decree, "The Present and Future of the Russian World," which declared Russia's presence in Ukraine a "holy war"; and be it further**

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention affirm the work of the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, in his ongoing calls for support to Ukraine and his statement that the invasion of Ukraine is an "unjust, unjustifiable attack on a neighbor"; and be it further

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention, aware that Russia has killed and injured thousands of civilians and has forced the displacement of multiple millions of people, support increased humanitarian aid from the US Congress and other government agencies for Ukraine; and support the work of the Office of Government Relations in their ongoing conversations with national leaders in support of such aid, as well as in their annual interfaith prayer vigils for the people of Ukraine.

Do20 - A Task Force on AI in The Episcopal Church

Final Status: Concurred as Substituted

Proposed by: Miller, Mr. Kevin

Endorsed by: Curlin, Ms. Laura, Coulston, Mr Rob

Has Budget Implications: Yes

Cost: \$50,000.00

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: Yes

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: Yes

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 03 - Governance & Structure

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Concur

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention authorize and create a Task Force on Artificial Intelligence (AI) in The Episcopal Church, composed of 12 members which shall include 1 bishop and may include priests, deacons, lay persons, seminary faculty or staff, representatives from Episcopal schools, and others with expertise in a variety of disciplines especially artificial intelligence (AI), liturgy, and ethics; and be it further

Resolved, That the Task Force be mandated with considering the relationship of The Episcopal Church with generative AI, including but not limited to:

- The use of generative AI in writing and preparing sermons and liturgies;
- The use of generative AI in hiring;
- The use of generative AI in writing theological and academic works;
- The use and potential misuse of The Episcopal Church's copyrighted materials; and
- Investigation of best practices with regard to generative AI from various sources, including other Christian denominations and nonprofit organizations;

And be it further

Resolved, That the Task Force include guidelines for The Episcopal Church for the use of generative AI, including beneficial and detrimental uses, in its report; and be it further

Resolved, That the membership of this task force be appointed by the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies; and be it further

Resolved, That the Task Force begin its work no later than January 1, 2025, with the Task Force concluding its work at the conclusion of the 82nd General Convention, unless its mandate is extended by the 82nd Convention; and be it further

Resolved, That the Joint Budget Committee of Executive Council consider a budget allocation of \$50,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

Do21 - Support for Child Labor Protections

Final Status: Concurred

Proposed by: Lawton, Ms. Sarah

Endorsed by: Russell, Ms. Laura, Metoyer, The Rev. Eric M. M.

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: Yes

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: Yes

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 07 - Social Justice & United States Policy

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Concur

Resolution Text

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church remember with the gratitude the work of faithful Christian and Episcopalian Frances Perkins, who is called the architect of the New Deal and the conscience of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, and as the first woman cabinet member and Secretary of Labor oversaw the enactment of the of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 which for the first time banned oppressive child labor in United States federal law, and who is remembered each year in Lesser Feasts and Fasts on May 13th; and be it further,

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church oppose current attempts to weaken child labor laws at the state and federal levels, such as: repealing age verification and parental permission requirements; granting employers immunity from civil liability for workplace injuries, illness, or death; lowering minimum ages for working in hazardous industries, including meatpacking and industrial laundries; creating sub-minimum wages for teenagers; and extending the number of hours children are permitted to work; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church recognize that the primary targets of these attempts to weaken child labor laws are our most vulnerable children, including very low-income and migrant children, who are often living apart from their parents; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church's Office of Government Relations and Episcopal Public Policy Network support domestic and foreign policies to strengthen and enforce

child labor laws in the United States of America and globally and throughout the labor supply chain, including supporting policies to:

- **eliminate separate treatment of agricultural workers under federal employment law;**
- **fully fund enforcement of child labor standards at federal, state, and local levels, and enhance company penalties for violating these rules;**
- **eliminate sub-minimum wages for youth;**
- **eliminate or prohibit two-tiered systems, often labeled as training programs, which fail to protect children from hazardous work, especially in the agricultural sector;**
- **strengthen wage theft laws and provide resources to enforce them, especially for children;**
- **provide adequate protection and oversight for unaccompanied minor and refugee children after they are released to their sponsors;**
- **improve government oversight and transparency regarding the use of child labor in the global supply chain, and the use of diplomatic pressure on foreign governments and regulation of global corporations and their imported products to eliminate the use of oppressive child labor in factories and products;**

And be it further

***Resolved,* That the Committee on Corporate Social Responsibility of the Executive Council of The Episcopal Church take this resolution into account in the implementation of its corporate human rights screen and in corporate advocacy via the Church's investment portfolio, with attention to the use of child labor in the global supply chain of companies in which the church is invested.**

D022 - Create a Task Force on the Legislative Process

Final Status: Concurred as Amended

Proposed by: Haight, Mr. Scott

Endorsed by: Fleener, Jr, Mr. William, Russell, Ms. Laura

Has Budget Implications: Yes

Cost: \$40,000.00

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: Yes

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 01 - Joint Rules of Order

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Concur

Resolution Text

***Resolved,* That the 81st General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons to:**

- (1) assess the changes to the legislative process introduced at the 80th General Convention, particularly the process of pre-Convention online legislative committee meetings and hearings;**
- (2) review the technology used for legislative committees, determining the best technology for maximum participation by all members of both Houses;**
- (3) make recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on Planning and Arrangements, the Presiding Officers, and the General Convention Office for the length and legislative process for the 82nd General Convention;**
- (4) assess the pros and cons of the current number of legislative days of General Convention;**
- (5) propose appropriate amendments to the Rules of Order for the House of Bishops, the House of Deputies, and the Joint Rules for the House of Bishops and House of Deputies to improve the legislative process in light of their findings;**

(6) develop a plan for ongoing review of the Rules of Order for the House of Bishops and the House of Deputies, and the Joint Rules for the House of Bishops and House of Deputies, by a diverse interim body; and

(7) develop a plan for training Deputies and Bishops on their Rules of Order, the Joint Rules, and the General Convention legislative process;

And be it further

Resolved, That the Commission hold hearings open to the Church, consult widely with current and former Bishops, Deputies, and others with extensive General Convention experience, and publish its Minutes in a timely manner.

D023 - Support for the Association for Episcopal Deacons

Final Status: Concurred as Amended

Proposed by: Grinnell, The Ven. Jan

Endorsed by: Neal, The Rev. Deacon Kristi, Maddux, The Ven. Carole, Campbell-Pearson, The Rev. Connie, Harrigan, The Rev. Canon Kate

Has Budget Implications: Yes

Cost: \$450,000.00

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: Yes

Directs Executive Council: Yes

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 19 - Title III Ministry

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Concur

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention celebrate and support the ministry of the Association for Episcopal Deacons (AED) which for the past 50 years, has served as the primary network to encourage and grow the diaconate, an order of ministry in The Episcopal Church, and provide resources and guidelines for its continuing development; and be it further

Resolved, That the Convention encourage individuals, congregations, seminaries, dioceses, and jurisdictions to support the work of AED by becoming members, participating in its conferences and activities, and engaging the work of diakonia in their own contexts; and be it further

Resolved, That this Convention looks forward to the day when The Episcopal Church engages more fully in resourcing and supporting the order of the diaconate; and be it further

Resolved, That in the meantime, this Convention requests the Executive Council's Joint Standing Committee on Finance to consider a one-time, \$200,000 allocation to the Association for Episcopal Deacons to support the ministry of the over 3,400 deacons in The Episcopal Church; and be it further

Resolved, That this funding also be used for the AED to engage with Executive Council in creating a working group to support the development of a long-term plan for the ongoing support of the diaconate in The Episcopal Church, and to present it to the 82nd General Convention.

D024 - Recommending Use of Episcopal Camps and Conference Centers

Final Status: Concurred

Proposed by: Bauer, The Rev. Charles

Endorsed by: Pringle, Ms. Pam, McKellaston, Ms. Louisa, Lindeen, Ellen, Marquart, Ms. Beth, Klein, Ms. Karen

Supported by: Episcopal Camp and Conference Centers, The Rev. Jess Elfring-Roberts, Eryn Fleener, Sara Gunter, Teresa Phares, Dr. Kathy Wilder, Kate Howtob, Ms. Erin E Wolf, Katie Sue Eichner, John Koch, Joanne Kovac-Roberts, Graham McKim, Maggie Rutherford, Anna Dinwiddie, Sean Martelli, Carla J. Odell, The Rev. Spencer Hatcher, Whitney Moore-Shea, The Rev. John Heck, Jerusalem Greer, Gareth Kalfas, The Rev. Sarah van Gulden, Tanja Wadsworth, Grechen Throop, Mary Jewell, Canon Ashley Hubbard, Laura Elliot, The Rev. Canon Carol W. Sedlacek, Andy Sigmon, The Very Rev. Kristina Maulden, Rebekah Mason, Anne Alexis Harra, The Rev. Richard Louis Nelson, Jeremy Adams, Talley Sale Banazek, Karen Klein, Daniel Chapman, Margaret Love, Megan Kittridge, Terry Smith

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: Yes

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 08 - Congregational Vitality & Data-Driven Initiatives

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Concur

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention recommends for The Episcopal Church and Episcopal entities to utilize Episcopal Conference Centers when gathering for events, whenever possible.

Do25 - Amend Canon IV.6 regarding Intake Officers

Final Status: Concurred as Amended

Proposed by: Brown, Deputy Nathan

Endorsed by: Gonzalez Hernandez, The Rev. Yoimel, Szarke , The Rev. Christopher, Warren, Ms. Evangeline, Miller, Mr. Kevin

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: Yes

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: Yes

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 18 - Title IV Disciplinary Canons

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Concur

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention amends Canon IV.6 as follows:

<Amended text as it would appear if adopted and concurred. Scroll below the line of asterisks (***) to see the version showing all deleted and added text.>**

IV.6

Sec. 4. Upon receipt of such information, the Intake Officer may undertake such initial inquiry as they deem necessary to make a determination outlined in Canons IV.6.5 and IV.6.7, 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.

<Proposed amended resolution text showing exact changes being made:>

IV.6

Sec. 4. Upon receipt of such information, the Intake Officer may undertake such initial inquiry as ~~he or she deems~~ *they deem* necessary to make a determination outlined in Canons IV.6.5 and IV.6.7, and shall incorporate the information into a written intake report, including as much

specificity as possible. The Intake Officer shall provide copies of the intake report to the other members of the Reference Panel and to the Church Attorney.

And be it further

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention directs the Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitutions, and Canons to study the possibility of creating Church-Wide, Provincial, or Regional intake officers and issue a detailed report of its findings and recommendations to the 82nd General Convention, along with any resolutions it may deem appropriate.

Do26 - Enable Episcopal Migration Ministries to More Fully Live Out its Mission

Final Status: Concurred as Substituted

Proposed by: Day-Strehlow, Ms. Janet

Endorsed by: Wiley, Mr. James, Cole, The Rev. Deacon Richard, Baer, The Ven. Dr. Walter, Silva-Strommer, Ms. Susie, Powell, The Rev. RJ

Supported by: Rio Grande Borderland Ministries and parish partners, Episcopal Diocese of San Diego Migration Ministry

Has Budget Implications: Yes

Cost: \$200,000.00

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: Yes

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: Yes

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 04 - World Mission

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Concur

Supporting Documents: [Enable EMM to More Fully Live out its Mission - including footnotes and links to supporting documents](#)

Resolution Text

Resolved, That this 81st General Convention affirm that The Episcopal Church with and through Episcopal Migration Ministries (EMM) seeks to serve forced migrants regardless of their status; and be it further

Resolved, That this General Convention acknowledge that the vast majority of EMM's work is through the U.S. Refugee Admissions Program, which focuses primarily on refugees, as well as supporting those eligible for humanitarian parole, as it has been since the program's founding in 1980; and be it further

Resolved, That this General Convention commend the U.S. Refugee Admissions Program and pledge our ongoing support to this lifeline for vulnerable refugees, and that the United States continue to lead in global refugee resettlement efforts; and be it further

Resolved, That this General Convention recognize the vast needs of migrants including asylum seekers, undocumented populations, DACA recipients and other Dreamers, TPS holders, and others with no status or pathway to citizenship and urge the Church to also serve these populations; and be it further

Resolved, That this General Convention affirm that Episcopal Migration Ministries is a vital ministry of welcome for The Episcopal Church; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request the Executive Council to allocate \$200,000.00 for Episcopal Migration Ministries to develop additional resources for the mission of supporting forced migrants.

Do27 - Addressing Traffic Fatalities

Final Status: Concurred

Proposed by: Curlin, Ms. Laura

Endorsed by: Coulston, Mr Rob, Rivera, David, Rousseau, Ms. Elizabeth

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: Yes

Directs Dioceses: Yes

Directs Executive Council: Yes

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 07 - Social Justice & United States Policy

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Concur

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention acknowledge and mourn the prevalence of fatalities due to traffic accidents including pedestrians, cyclists, drivers, and passengers; recognize this as a justice issue due to the disparate impact that our road and transportation systems have on vulnerable populations, including impacts by race, disability status, age, and economic means; and seek for ways ensure that all people, especially children, can travel safely and be safe in their communities; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church, with the help of the Office of Government Relations and the Episcopal Public Policy Network, support policies at the local, state, national, and international levels of governance to reduce traffic fatalities and increase transportation safety by:

- Prioritizing pedestrian, driver, and passenger safety in street design through use of traffic calming measures and investment in walkable communities;
- Incentivizing vehicle designs that promote pedestrian safety as well as passenger safety;
- Implementing policies to eliminate, minimize, or mitigate distracted or impaired driving;

- **Creating safe ways to share the road with cyclists, pedestrians, and riders of other small vehicles such as scooters, including protected bike lanes and high-visibility sidewalks;**
- **Investing in expansive and flexible public transit networks, including high speed rail and bus rapid transit;**

And be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church call upon car manufacturing and insurance companies to prioritize pedestrian and cyclist safety in vehicle design; and that the Committee on Corporate Social Responsibility of the Executive Council of The Episcopal Church be tasked with engaging relevant companies in the Church's investment portfolio on approaches to reduce traffic fatalities and promote pedestrian and cyclist safety; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church encourage congregations to assess both the transportation needs of their members and traffic safety needs of their parking lots and surrounding neighborhood, collaborate with local organizations on traffic safety issues, and advocate at the local level for improvements to reduce traffic fatalities.

Do28 - Close Guantánamo Bay Prison

Final Status: Concurred as Amended

Proposed by: Sweeny-Bender, Mr. Tieran

Endorsed by: Lawton, Ms. Sarah, Russell, Ms. Laura

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: Yes

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 07 - Social Justice & United States Policy

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Concur

Supporting Documents: [Action alert, January 2024, with resources and links for further study](#)

[Webinar, 2022 with Presiding Bishop Curry, the National Religious Campaign Against Torture, and several experts in the field](#)

[“Guantánamo by the Numbers – Fact Sheet,” Center for Constitutional Rights, November 14, 2015; updated April 2023](#)

[Executive Council Resolution EXC032007.31, March 2007.](#)

Resolution Text

***Resolved,* That The Episcopal Church reaffirm and renew our call from March 2007 (in Executive Council Resolution EXC032007.31) to close and commit to never reopening the U.S. military detention facility at Guantánamo Bay, Cuba, or any similar site, twenty-two years after the first of 780 Muslim men and boys were sent there as detainees, recognizing that indefinite military detention without access to a fair trial is deeply unjust, that the military base in Cuba was used for this purpose to avoid legal and constitutional constraints, and that the torture carried out on many of those who are still detained is a moral stain on the United States; we further recognize that there has been no justice for the victims or families of 9/11 due to this torture and the military commission process; we call upon the U.S. government to use all of their diplomatic leverage to transfer immediately those men who have already been cleared for transfer, and for justice to be served for those men who have been charged in a way that offers closure for the 9/11 victims’ families, and a swift, responsible, and lawful resolution of the cases of the remaining aging and increasingly ill men; and be it further**

Resolved, That this Convention commend the work of The Episcopal Church's Office of Government Relations for continuing to shine a light on this issue even as prisoners continue to languish without trial, via their action alerts, public advocacy, and a recent webinar hosted by the Office of Government Relations with Presiding Bishop Curry and the National Religious Campaign Against Torture.

D029 - Commit to the 30x30 Initiative for Biodiversity

Final Status: Concurred as Substituted

Proposed by: White, The Rev. Deborah

Endorsed by: Metoyer, The Rev. Eric M. M., Lawton, Ms. Sarah

Supported by: Creation Care Caucus

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: Yes

Directs Dioceses: Yes

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 15 - Environmental Stewardship & Care of Creation

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Concur

Supporting Documents: [The Episcopal Church Creation Care Website](#)

[United Nations Biodiversity Conference](#)

[Preparations for the Post-2020 Biodiversity Framework MBMW02 Biodiversity Resolution](#)

[2022 A087 Commit to Carbon Neutrality by 2030](#)

[Urge Dioceses to Educate on Environmental Decisions Affecting Animal Species](#)

[Urge Stewardship of Water Resources](#)

[Support Ecologically Responsible Stewardship of Church Property](#)

Resolution Text

Resolved, That this General Convention commend United Nations efforts and those of 190 countries who have made commitments to protect biodiversity and species preservation; and be it further

Resolved, That General Convention endorse the commitment by the U.S. government to conserve at least 30% each of U.S. lands and waters by the year 2030, as consistent with The Episcopal Church's commitment to care for creation; and be it further

Resolved, That General Convention direct the Office of Government Relations to advocate the implementation of these biodiversity and species preservation efforts in the United States and with multilateral and international partners; and be it further

***Resolved,* That in order to support the above commitments and to improve the health and resilience of ecosystems in their communities (“biodiversity”), General Convention urge dioceses, congregations, church camps, schools, and other institutions of The Episcopal Church to collaborate with their local communities, including congregations in other denominations, faith-based advocacy groups, non-profit organizations, and local and state governments to establish and implement effective land management practices to enhance and protect biodiversity for their communities and for church lands within these communities; and be it further**

***Resolved,* That, Convention urge Episcopal Church leaders, as part of their fiduciary duties to care for church property and to protect biodiversity and the health and safety of people using such property, to make decisions about the operation, maintenance, lease, encumbrance, acquisition, or divestiture of church property, after careful consideration of the environmental issues that foreseeably arise in connection with such property, so that they strive to:**

Manage church land and buildings to prioritize

- 1. the use of native plant species in order to help pollinator species thrive, where reasonably feasible, onsite collection of stormwater for use onsite in dry weather and to reduce peak stormwater flows offsite during wet weather,**
- 2. reduction in the use of irrigation, fertilizer, pesticides, and fossil fuel-fired equipment, restoration of degraded areas, including appropriate reforestation efforts, and the increase and improvement of wildlife habitat where reasonably feasible and consistent with applicable local law;**

Consider the placement of conservation easements on church lands where lawful, appropriate, and effective in protecting important local ecosystems;

Address the potential presence in buildings of asbestos-containing material (ACM), lead-based paint (LBP), lead in drinking water, radon, toxic vapor intrusion, and mold, particularly as such conditions may affect children and other vulnerable populations;

Assess the potential for contamination with hazardous substances and petroleum arising either from current or past use of the property, diligence outlined by federal standards for commercial real estate diligence about such issues found in 40 C.F.R. Part 312;

Take timely and appropriate action to remedy identified hazards in such property and buildings;

And be it further

***Resolved,* That those who implement these practices and policies for protection and promotion of biodiversity and reduction of environmental hazards are asked to report such efforts by submitting them to the Creation Care website thereby providing usable**

information and templates for Congregations, Dioceses, Provinces, and the Creation Care ministry of The Episcopal Church.

D030 - Create a Task Force in Imagining a Church Grounded in Creation Healing as Christian Ministry

Final Status: Concurred as Substituted and Amended

Proposed by: Merrick, The Rev. Barbara

Endorsed by: Norman, Ms. Camille, Shafer, The Rev. Dr. Lee

Has Budget Implications: Yes

Cost: \$60,000.00

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: Yes

Directs an Interim Body: Yes

Directs Dfms Staff: Yes

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: Yes

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 15 - Environmental Stewardship & Care of Creation

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Concur

Supporting Documents: [GC 81 Creation Healing Proposed Resolution Text](#)

Resolution Text

Resolved, That in the event that this 81st General Convention approves the formation of a Standing Commission on environmental matters, the duties assigned to the Task Force created below shall be assumed by the Standing Commission and no Task Force shall be formed; and be it further

Resolved, That this General Convention direct the creation of a Task Force on Creation Healing as Christian Ministry with 16 members, to include 2 bishops, 2 priests, 2 deacons, and 10 laypersons, and shall include among the 16 members at least eight (8) people of color, including at least four (4) indigenous members in that number; and be it further

Resolved, That the Task Force so formed shall do the following work and report the results by November 2026 to Executive Council and to the 82d General Convention:

1. in consultation with the staff of the General Convention Office, conduct a survey of diocesan efforts on creation care and compile the information needed, including contacts, to aid in the formation of networks of similar efforts;

2. **Identify available program and teaching resources for use by dioceses and congregations to use in teaching about creation care and ecojustice ministry;**
3. **formulate detailed recommendations for changes in The Episcopal Church needed to support creation healing and ecojustice as Christian ministry, including changes in the areas of governance, structure, prayer, liturgy, catechesis and lifelong formation for discipleship, especially with laypeople;**
4. **consult with the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music and the Standing Commission on Governance, Structure, Constitution and Canons, and other relevant interim bodies in formulating appropriate recommendations for changes in liturgy, prayer, and governance to support this ministry;**

And be it further

Resolved, That the Task Force shall work with the Office of Government Relations and with program staff of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society to help assure the robust presentation of indigenous viewpoints in national and international forums addressing climate change, resource extraction, clean energy, biodiversity, and adaptation treaties, laws, and binding rules, as well as assuring that procedures for making such decisions expressly include presentation of indigenous viewpoints; and be it further

Resolved, That the Task Force shall also work to prepare and disseminate by December 2025:

1. **Prayers and study materials for use by dioceses, congregations, and church institutions to use in their regular business meetings to help assure the reverent treatment of creation in their decisions, including steps to correct and amend past harmful uses of creation and sinful treatment of marginalized people in past decisions;**
2. **Appropriate liturgical and program materials for dioceses to offer in annual or more frequent diocesan-wide events, programs, and liturgies to engage their congregations and members in listening to and understanding God's love for all creation and our complicity in its wounding, with attention to our local opportunities for repentance and healing;**

And be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request that the Executive Council Budget Committee consider a budget allocation of \$10,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

D031 - Addressing the Ongoing Harm of Coercive and Abusive Christian Ministries

Final Status: Concurred

Proposed by: Warren, Ms. Evangeline

Endorsed by: Curlin, Ms. Laura, Coulston, Mr Rob

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: Yes

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 16 - Safety, Wellness & Mental Health

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Concur

Resolution Text

Resolved, ;That the 81st General Convention, recognizing that our baptismal promise to “seek and serve Christ in all persons” goes hand in hand with our charge to “respect the dignity of every human being,” lament the historic and ongoing prevalence of coercion and abuse within Christian social ministries, with particular acknowledgement of how participation in religious services has been a prerequisite for the receipt of social support, how evangelizing publications have been packaged with material support, and how support has been denied to individuals whose relationships do not conform to Church-dictated structures; and be it further

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention repent for The Episcopal Church’s own past complicity in coercive and abusive ministries such as, but not limited to, Indigenous boarding schools, homes for unwed mothers, and crisis pregnancy centers (also known as pregnancy resource centers); and be it further

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention direct the Office of Government Relations to work to defeat funding initiatives and governmental support for these, and other, coercive and abusive Christian ministries.

D032 - Raising the Clergy Mandatory Retirement Age to 75

Final Status: Concurred as Substituted and Amended

Proposed by: Raney, The Rev. Canon Raymond

Endorsed by: Bailey, Ms. Cathy, Cave, The Rev. Daniel

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: Yes

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 19 - Title III Ministry

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Concur

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention directs Executive Council to study clergy mandatory resignations upon reaching age 72, including, but not limited to:

1. Identifying methods to assess the capacity of clergy to continue in ordained ministry regardless of age, recognizing that advances in health, well-being, and longevity mean that age may no longer be the overriding criterion for evaluating clergy effectiveness.
2. Recommending whether the mandatory resignation age for our current and anticipated clergy population should be increased.
3. Investigating and reporting on the range of financial vehicles available to clergy following mandatory resignation.
4. Investigating the impacts on Church Pension Group (CPG) if the mandatory resignation age changes beyond 72.
5. Investigating the impacts on CPG if pension contributions for clergy were to continue beyond 72.
6. Resolving ambiguities in language around mandatory retirements and resignations between the canons and CPG's publications and policies.

7. Investigating the impact on congregational vitality with aging clergy who are reluctant to let go of ministry beyond seasons of fruitfulness.

D033 - Add George of Lydda, martyr, to Lesser Feasts and Fasts

Final Status: Took No Further Action

Proposed by: Taylor, Mr. Matthew

Endorsed by: Taber-Hamilton, The Rev. Rachel, Brown, Deputy Nathan

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 10 - Prayer Book, Liturgy & Music

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Take No Further Action

Supporting Documents: [Elizabeth Martejijn, Martyrdom, Liberation, and Belonging: An Ethnography on the Popular Saint George Veneration among Palestinian Christians](#)

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention designate April 23, May 6, or another appropriate date on the Church Calendar as the annual celebration of the life, martyrdom, and witness of Saint George of Lydda, a symbol of liberation throughout the Middle East, and patron of England and numerous Episcopal parishes around the world; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention encourage commemorations of Saint George to include discussion and prayers for peace and justice in the Holy Land and for the continued witness of Christians in the Holy Land; and be it further

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to prepare appropriate biblical lessons, collects and other liturgical resources commemorating the life and work of Saint George of Lydda.

D034 - Support and Advocacy for Restorative Justice and a Moral Commitment to Abolition of Prisons and Policing

Final Status: Not Concurred

Proposed by: Culbreath, The Rev. Leeann

Endorsed by: Lawton, Ms. Sarah, Steele, The Rev. Kelly

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 07 - Social Justice & United States Policy

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Not Concur

Supporting Documents: [CR_abolitioniststeps_antiexpansion_2021_eng](#)

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[Christians for Abolition website](#)

[Community Safety Toolkit from SURJ-Faith](#)

[Abolition Curriculum from the Mennonite Church Abolitionist Sanctuary website](#)

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention of The Episcopal Church recognize that this Convention affirm that Jesus proclaimed freedom for prisoners (Luke 4:18) and promised the possibility of justice aimed at restoration even for those who murdered him (Luke 23:34), and thus that our baptismal vow to “proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ” calls us to proclaim God’s desire for liberation for all who are incarcerated and for real justice and accountability that restores relationships, transforms situations of harm, creates community-centered safety, and aims at reconciliation, which is the core mission of the Church; and be it further

Resolved, That this Convention affirm that reducing the number of people incarcerated in the current system of prisons and responsible policing is a moral obligation and advocate for greater justice in the use of incarceration and in the methods of policing, recognizing that the current state of our prisons and policing form an inequitable system of racial control and a site of violence

and dehumanization that does not resemble nor bring about the liberating and reconciling Reign of God; and be it further

Resolved, That this Convention of The Episcopal Church encourage all Episcopalians, parishes, congregations, dioceses, and prison ministries to engage at the local level in restorative and transformative justice programs, which seek to prevent and respond to crime and harm in creative and non-violent ways beyond prisons and policing; and be it further

Resolved, That this Convention encourage parishes, congregations, dioceses, and prison ministries to learn and teach about prison reform including abolition and uphold Christian values within the contexts of their own ongoing work for social justice; and be it further

Resolved, That this Convention hereby reaffirm and deepen The Episcopal Church's commitment to advocacy for policy changes to end mass incarceration (Resolution 2015-A011) and defend the rights of disabled persons within the criminal legal system (Resolution 2015-D-32); and The Episcopal Church's opposition to solitary confinement (Resolution 2018-D029), private prisons (Resolution 2015-D067), monetary bail (Resolution 1973-D097), and the school-to-prison pipeline (Resolution 2015-D068); and be it further

Resolved, That this Convention of The Episcopal Church further direct the Office of Governmental Relations and urge all Episcopalians, parishes and congregations, and dioceses to advocate for policy efforts consistent with the goal of reforming prisons and policing, including reforms aimed at focusing police budgets in other community needs, such as these specific policies:

- Supporting policies for reducing traditional funding of police departments and investing more in community-based policing, and mental health/crisis response*
- Supporting monetary investment in community needs such as affordable housing, health care, and education*
- Supporting restorative and transformative justice efforts in the criminal legal system that bring about restitution, accountability, and healing for both perpetrators and victims*
- Supporting quality of life and rehabilitation of prisoners*

Supporting capital improvements of prisons that will improve quality of life for incarcerated people and support education and rehabilitation programs rather than continued investment in increased capacity; And be it further

Resolved, That this Convention of The Episcopal Church further direct the Office of Government Relations and urge all Episcopalians, parishes and congregations, and dioceses to oppose policies which do not lead toward the reform of prisons and policing, including:

- Opposing increased investment in police budgets for new hires or police "training" programs inconsistent with these goals*
- Opposing police militarization through the sale or provision of military supplies from the federal government to municipal and state police departments*

Opposing governmental plans to open new prisons or jails, including plans for facilities for specific populations, such as immigrant detention facilities (see Resolution 2022-D031) And be it further

Resolved, That this Convention of The Episcopal Church urge the Committee on Corporate and Social Responsibility and Episcopal Migration Ministries to take reform of prisons and policing into account in their advocacy and decision-making.

~~That the 81st General Convention of The Episcopal Church recognize that the moral witness of the Church stands against racially inequitable practices of exclusion and punishment and against our current systems of prisons and policing which function as racist systems of social control and treat people who have committed crimes as disposable; and be it further~~

~~*Resolved, That this Convention repent of the fact that The Episcopal Church never adopted resolutions calling for the abolition of chattel slavery in the 18th and 19th centuries, and repent for our complicity in the our society's ongoing racially inequitable reliance on policing and prisons to produce security for some people at the expense of the lives and dignity of others; and be it further*~~

~~*Resolved, That this Convention affirm that Jesus proclaimed freedom for prisoners (Luke 4:18) and promised the possibility of justice aimed at restoration even for those who murdered him (Luke 23:34), and thus that our baptismal vow to "proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ" calls us to proclaim God's desire for liberation for all who are incarcerated and for real justice and accountability that restores relationships, transforms situations of harm, and aims at reconciliation, which is the core mission of the Church; and be it further*~~

~~*Resolved, That this Convention affirm that abolition of the current system of prisons and policing is a moral obligation and advocate for the abolition of prisons and policing, recognizing that prisons and policing form an inequitable system of racial control and a site of violence and dehumanization that does not resemble nor bring about the liberating and reconciling justice of God; and be it further*~~

~~*Resolved, That this Convention of The Episcopal Church encourage all Episcopalians, parishes, congregations, dioceses, and prison ministries to engage at the local level in restorative and transformative justice programs, which seek to prevent and respond to crime and harm in creative and non-violent ways beyond prisons and policing; and encourage parishes, congregations, dioceses, and prison ministries to learn and teach about abolition and uphold abolitionist values within the contexts of their own ongoing work for social justice; and be it further*~~

~~*Resolved, That this Convention hereby reaffirm and deepen The Episcopal Church's commitment to advocacy for policy changes to end mass incarceration (Resolution 2015-A011) and defend the rights of disabled persons within the criminal legal system (Resolution 2015-D-32); and The Episcopal Church's opposition to solitary confinement (Resolution 2018-D029), private prisons (Resolution 2015-D067), monetary bail (Resolution 1973-D097), and the school-to-prison pipeline (Resolution 2015-D068); and be it further*~~

~~*Resolved, That this Convention of The Episcopal Church further direct the Office of Governmental Relations and urge all Episcopalians, parishes and congregations, and dioceses to advocate for policy efforts consistent with the goal of the abolition of prisons and policing, including reforms aimed at disinvesting from police and reinvesting police budgets in other community needs, such as these specific policies:*~~

- ~~Supporting efforts to close prisons and jails, and policies that release incarcerated people; opposing governmental plans to open new prisons or jails, including plans for facilities for specific populations, such as immigrant detention facilities (see Resolution 2022-D034)~~
- ~~Supporting policies for reducing police budgets or disinvesting from policing~~
- ~~Supporting monetary investment in community needs such as affordable housing, health care, and education, because investment in poverty reduction, health, and education in fact reduces crime and promotes public safety~~
- ~~Supporting restorative and transformative justice efforts in the criminal legal system that bring about restitution, accountability, and healing for both perpetrators and victims;~~

~~And be it further~~

~~*Resolved,* That this Convention of The Episcopal Church further direct the Office of Governmental Relations and urge all Episcopalians, parishes and congregations, and dioceses to oppose reform policies which do not lead toward the abolition of prisons and policing, including:~~

- ~~Opposing increased investment in police budgets for new hires or police “training” programs, because larger police forces and new training do not shift resources towards other community needs that address the underlying causes of crime.~~
- ~~Opposing police militarization and NDAA Section 1033, the federal act which provides for selling military supplies to police departments~~
- ~~Opposing the prosecution and incarceration of police officers for excessive force and civil rights violations, because prosecution of high-profile cases does not change the resources given to other community needs, and reinforces the punitive logic of prisons and policing~~
- ~~Opposing reforms that offer supposed “alternatives” to prison like electronic monitoring or house arrest, which actually increase the scope of systems of incarceration and criminalization, and increase the number of people under correctional control~~
- ~~Opposing reforms that aim to build “better” prisons, such as by focusing on specific populations or by replacing old jails and prisons with newer facilities, which requires further investment in the carceral system;~~

~~And be it further~~

~~*Resolved,* That this Convention of The Episcopal Church urge the Committee on Corporate and Social Responsibility and Episcopal Migration Ministries to take abolitionist opposition to prisons and policing into account in their advocacy and decision-making.~~

D035 - Authorize The Witnessing and Blessing of a Marriage

Final Status: Concurred

Proposed by: Meyers, The Rev. Dr. Ruth

Endorsed by: Geiszler-Ludlum, Ms. Joan, Murray, Mr. Alan

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: Yes

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 10 - Prayer Book, Liturgy & Music

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Concur

Supporting Documents: [The witnessing and blessing of a marriage](#)

[Testificando y bendiciendo un matrimonio](#)

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention authorize the rite The Witnessing and Blessing of a Marriage for continued use under Article X.c; and be it further

Resolved, That this General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to review the rite The Witnessing and Blessing of a Marriage and consider proposing it to the 82nd General Convention for trial use under Article X.b.

D036 - Sacrament of healing within the context of worship services

Final Status: Rejected

Proposed by: Pendergast, The Rev. Dr. Margaret

Endorsed by: Bailey, Ms. Cathy, Bender, The Rev. Jane Arrington, Dickerson, Mrs. Judith, Alleman, The Rev. Timothy L., Nortey, Mrs. Cynthia, Miller, Ms. Jay, Maconaughey, The Rev. Debra

Has Budget Implications: Yes

Cost: \$15,000.00

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 10 - Prayer Book, Liturgy & Music

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Reject

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention direct the Presiding Officers to an Interim Body of their choice to conduct research to determine the number of Public Services of Healing which take place in the church.

And be it further

Resolved, That this data is used to explore the various forms, frequency, and practices of Healing in The Episcopal Church. This includes but is not limited to:

- the annual frequency of Public Services of Healing (BOS)
- whether bishops bless Oils for the Sick at a Chrism Mass, or other service
- whether contemplative practices are available in parishes

And be it further

Resolved, That guidance, and materials, for best practices when instituting the Sacramental Oils be explored; and be it further

Resolved, That a summary report of healing practices is submitted to the 82nd General Convention; and be it further

Resolved, That the Assigned Body explore worship services making available Healing and the Sacrament of Anointing; these services may be Care for Creation, Celtic, "Blue Christmas", and 'themed' services (a Saint, perhaps Patrick, a crisis such as opioid) using the structure for liturgy from Book of Common Prayer pages 400-401; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request the Executive Council Standing Committee on Finance allocate \$15,000 to work on the resolution during the triennium; and be it further

Resolved, That a report is submitted to the 82nd Convention.

D037 - Encourage All Ministries of The Episcopal Church to Assess Intersections with Migration

Final Status: Concurred as Amended

Proposed by: Culbreath, The Rev. Leeann

Endorsed by: Day-Strehlow, Ms. Janet, Wiley, Mr. James

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: Yes

Directs Dfms Staff: Yes

Directs Dioceses: Yes

Directs Executive Council: Yes

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 06 - Social Justice & International Policy

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Concur

Supporting Documents: [Migration Policy Institute Article](#)

[Article on climate-related migration](#)

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention celebrate that immigrants are part of every community and congregation; and be it further

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention acknowledge that immigration and the lives of immigrants are intimately linked with diverse phenomena that are the focus of Ministries of The Episcopal Church, including but not limited to creation care, racial justice, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, economic justice, healthcare, social justice, and evangelism; and be it further

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention encourage all Ministries and organizations of The Episcopal Church, including local, diocesan, provincial, and churchwide ministries and seminaries, to assess how issues of migration intersect with these ministries, using a survey developed by Episcopal Migration Ministries in collaboration with Episcopal Migration Response Network; and be it further

Resolved, That completed surveys be compiled and sent to the Standing Commission on World Mission, who will then review and analyze the data with Episcopal Migration Ministries, which will then share the findings with the Executive Council Joint Standing

Committees on Mission Within The Episcopal Church and Mission Beyond The Episcopal Church, and with participating ministries and organizations, for reflection and further action and report back to the 82nd General Convention.

D038 - Amend Canon II.3 to Remove Copyright Restrictions from Non-English Books of Common Prayer

Final Status: Concurred with Referral to an Interim Body

Proposed by: Pankey, The Rev. Dr. Steve

Endorsed by: Trambley, The Rev. Dr. Adam, Parish, The Rev. Canon Nurya, Castellán, The Rev. Megan L.

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 02 - Constitution & Canons

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Concur with Referral to an Interim Body

Resolution Text

Resolved, That Canon II.3 is revised to insert a new section 6, renumbering all following sections:

<Amended text as it would appear if adopted and concurred. Scroll below the line of asterisks (***) to see the version showing all deleted and added text.>**

Sec. 6. All editions of The Book of Common Prayer authorized by the Custodian of the Book of Common Prayer, including translations into languages other than English, shall be held without copyright in the public domain.

<Proposed amended resolution text showing exact changes being made:>

Sec. 6. *All editions of The Book of Common Prayer authorized by the Custodian of the Book of Common Prayer, including translations into languages other than English, shall be held without copyright in the public domain.*

D039 - Condemning Censorship

Final Status: Concurred as Substituted

Proposed by: Smith, Ms. Dianne Audrick

Endorsed by: Conley, Canon Judith, Pierce, Mr. James

Supported by: The Union of Black Episcopalians

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: Yes

Directs Dioceses: Yes

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 07 - Social Justice & United States Policy

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Concur

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention condemn harmful and oppressive book bans which undermine the Beloved Community; and be it further

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention direct the Office of Government Relations to advocate for access to material affirming of LGBTQIA+, racial minority, and other marginalized experiences in schools and libraries; and be it further

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention encourage dioceses and local parishes to work more broadly to support the reading of and access to these affirming materials through initiatives such as:

- **storing affirming books and materials in church libraries**
- **archiving affirming material about LGBTQ+ and POC Christian experiences**
- **facilitating connection and affirmation of oppressed individuals;**

and be it further

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention request grant making bodies affiliated with The Episcopal Church to consider directing funds to support these aims.

Do40 - Amend Canon IV.13.13 to Provide for Notice of Dismissal

Final Status: Concurred as Amended

Proposed by: Carter-Edmands, The Rev. Lynn

Endorsed by: Bays, The Rev. Terri, Stokes-Wayne, Ms. Deborah, Patrick, Mr. Harold

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: Yes

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 18 - Title IV Disciplinary Canons

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Concur

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention amend Canon IV.13.13 (Of Hearing Panels/Order of Dismissal) to read as follows:

<Amended text as it would appear if adopted and concurred. Scroll below the line of asterisks (***) to see the version showing all deleted and added text.>**

Sec. 13. 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. A copy of the Order shall also be made available to the Church and the Church media in the same manner with which documents were initially made available to the Church and the Church media as set forth in Canon IV.13.3.

<Proposed amended resolution text showing exact changes being made:

Sec. 13. 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. *A copy of the Order shall also be made available to the Church and the Church media in the same manner with which documents were initially made available to the Church and the Church media as set forth in Canon IV.13.3.*

Do41 - Support the Adoption of an Ecumenical Feast Day of Creation in our Liturgical Calendar

Final Status: Concurred as Amended

Proposed by: Meyers, The Rev. Dr. Ruth

Endorsed by: Hassett, The Rev. Miranda, Mok, Dr. Carolyn, Sweeny-Bender, Mr. Tieran

Has Budget Implications: Yes

Cost: \$30,000.00

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: Yes

Directs Dfms Staff: Yes

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: Yes

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 10 - Prayer Book, Liturgy & Music

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Concur

Supporting Documents: [The Feast of Creation and the Mystery of Creation - Report.2024](#)

[Assisi seminar report - Feast of Creation](#)

[Informe del seminario de Asís - Fiesta de la Creación](#)

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention support global ecumenical efforts to declare a worldwide Feast Day of Creation in 2025, and direct the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music, the Standing Commission on Ecumenical Relations, any interim body charged with matters relating to the care of creation, and the Presiding Bishop's staff to participate in liturgical and theological conversations with the Anglican Consultative Council and its various bodies and Member Churches, together with other worldwide communions and the Consultation on Common Texts, to gain consensus on issues such as the name of the Feast Day, liturgical resources, and lectionary readings; and be it further

Resolved, That the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music implement the process to add the Feast to the Book of Common Prayer, once the global ecumenical process achieves consensus on the details; and be it further

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention encourage promotion of the first Sunday in September, 2024, as a special day of prayer for Creation, and encourage congregations

and other worshipping communities to use resources from the Liturgical Materials Honoring God in Creation found in the Book of Occasional Services 2022 to celebrate this special day of prayer; and be it further

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention encourage celebration of the Season of Creation (September 1-October 4) in The Episcopal Church with liturgical and educational resources; and be it further

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention request the Executive Council Budget Committee to consider an allocation of \$10,000 for implementation of this resolution.

Do42 - Ending Child and Forced Marriage

Final Status: Concurred as Amended

Proposed by: O'Neal, Ms. Yvonne

Endorsed by: Russell, Ms. Laura, Wong, Mr. Warren

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: Yes

Directs Dfms Staff: Yes

Directs Dioceses: Yes

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 07 - Social Justice & United States Policy

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Concur

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention acknowledge the harm caused by forced marriages (marriages where one party does not consent, but is forced to marry), a human rights violation, and the harm caused by underage marriages (marriages of those under eighteen years of age), which rob children of their childhood and increase incidents of domestic violence and poverty; both disproportionately affecting women and girls globally; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church, with the assistance of the Office of Government Relations, support state and national policies that advocate for the minimum age to marry be eighteen, without exception and eliminate parental consent as an exception to marriage; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church support policies that end child and forced marriages, by supporting policies such as access to educational, social and economic opportunities for girls; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church call upon all members, congregations and dioceses to advocate for legislation at the state and federal levels that establishes eighteen as the minimum marriage age without exceptions; and be it further

Resolved, That General Convention urge Episcopal dioceses and organizations to commit to create awareness, provide support for survivors, and promote legislation that protects

individuals from coerced and forced marriages as well as underage marriages; and be it further

Resolved, That the Task Force to Study Household & Relationship Diversity considers the impact of child and forced marriage upon individuals and families.

Do43 - Support and Advocacy for Iraqi Christians

Final Status: Concurred

Proposed by: O'Neal, Ms. Yvonne

Endorsed by: Candler, The Very Rev. Samuel G., Conley, Canon Judith

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: Yes

Directs Dioceses: Yes

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 04 - World Mission

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Concur

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention reaffirms its commitment to advocating for the protection and rights of Iraqi Christians and other persecuted minorities in Iraq, as they seek to live in harmony and security per Resolution 2018-D063; and be it further

Resolved, That Episcopal Church dioceses, congregations, and organizations work collaboratively with national and international organizations, other denominations, and government bodies to enhance visibility and encourage response to the issues faced by these vulnerable communities in Iraq; and be it further

Resolved, That Episcopal Church dioceses, congregations, and organizations partner with organizations such as Stand with Iraqi Christians, that provide economic investment for the creation of sustainable livelihoods for persecuted minorities in Iraq; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church commend and support the ministry of St. George's Anglican Church in Bagdad, which provides vital services of health and education for all who seek its services, regardless of religious affiliation; and be it further

Resolved, That the Office of Government Relations be instructed to monitor U.S. policy in Iraq, informing individuals and parishes on ways to engage with policies and legislation in support of sustaining Christians and other minority groups in Iraq toward a sustainable and secure future for all Iraqi citizens.

Do44 - Task Force on Church Property Development

Final Status: Took No Further Action

Proposed by: Olson, The Rev. Canon Britt

Endorsed by: Curlin, Ms. Laura, Baer, The Rev. Tim

Has Budget Implications: Yes

Cost: \$30,000.00

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 08 - Congregational Vitality & Data-Driven Initiatives

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Take No Further Action

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention create the Task Force on Church Property Development, whose mandate is to (1) collect information and resources useful to churches and dioceses considering redevelopment, including success stories from around the church (2) identify any gaps in the information available and hurdles to redevelopment, (3) make recommendations on how to leverage existing church property and financial assets to further the work of mission and ministry, including congregational redevelopment, church planting, and evangelism, and (4) propose or establish a group, network, or para-church organization that can assist churches in future efforts; and be it further

Resolved, That the Task Force begin its work no later than January 1, 2025, with the Task Force concluding its work at the conclusion of the 82nd General Convention, unless its mandate is extended by the 82nd Convention; and be it further

Resolved, That this Task Force be appointed jointly by the Presiding Officers, with 12 members, 3 of whom shall be bishops, 4 of whom shall be clergy, and 5 lay persons, including members with experience in the development of church property, church planting, and entrepreneurial ministry; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church Building Fund, Trinity Wall Street Mission Real Estate and Development (MRED), and Episcopal Parish Network shall each appoint a representative to serve as a consultant to the Task Force; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request that the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance consider a budget allocation of \$30,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

D045 - Task Force for Reviewing Intellectual Property of the Church

Final Status: Concurred

Proposed by: Carlson, Ms. Megan

Endorsed by: Brown, Deputy Nathan, Coulston, Mr Rob, Curlin, Ms. Laura

Has Budget Implications: Yes

Cost: \$30,000.00

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: Yes

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: Yes

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 02 - Constitution & Canons

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Concur

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention authorize the establishment of a Task Force for Reviewing Intellectual Property of the Church, composed of 10 people as follows: 2 Bishops, 2 Priests, 2 Deacons, and 4 Lay Persons, to complete a comprehensive review of the canons of the church as they pertain to matters of Intellectual Property and recommend any changes that are needed to modernize the canons based on changes in practice and law since the last changes in the Intellectual Property canons; and be it further

Resolved, That the Custodian of the Standard Book of Common Prayer, the Chief Legal Officer of The Episcopal Church, the Chancellor to the Presiding Bishop, and the Chancellor to the President of the House of Deputies should serve *ex officio*; and be it further

Resolved, That the Task Force will look specifically at canon II.3.6.b as to the meaning of “copyright shall be relinquished”; and be it further

Resolved, That the Task Force offer best practices for the church for streaming and digital evangelism based on updated copyright and trademark laws; and be it further

Resolved, That the Task Force offer a first draft of a comprehensive Branding and Marking guidance document for Interim Bodies of General Convention to use when creating deliverables on behalf of the General Convention; and be it further

Resolved, That the Task Force submit a report to the 82nd General Convention summarizing their recommendations, identifying best practices, submitting any relevant resolutions to the 82nd General Convention, and offering any amendments to the constitution and canons as determined by the task force's work; and be it further

Resolved, That the Executive Council Joint Standing committee on budget allocate \$30,000 for this work.

Do46 - The Commemoration of Sister Sophi and her companions, the Deaconesses of The Order of St. Katherine, of the Appleton Church Home

Final Status: Concurred with Referral to an Interim Body

Proposed by: Baker, The Ven. Stannard

Endorsed by: Woodall, The Rev. Dcn. Carolyn, Maddux, The Ven. Carole

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 10 - Prayer Book, Liturgy & Music

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Concur with Referral to an Interim Body

Supporting Documents: [Sister Sophi Propers](#)

[Hermana Sophi Propios](#)

Resolution Text

Resolved, That this 80th General Convention recognize the ministry of Sister Sophjenlife “Sophi” Pettison and her companions, honoring their devotion and perseverance in feeding, housing, nursing, educating, and nurturing the faith of orphaned and destitute girls through works of mercy for more than six decades after the American Civil War, by adding them to the calendar of Lesser Feasts and Fasts (or other such calendar as may be adopted for the use of The Episcopal Church) with the following text propers:

Sister Sophi and her companions, founders of the Appleton Deaconess house

Suggested date of Commemoration: September 15 [Sophi’s birthday]

Do47 - Response to the crisis in Sudan and support for The Episcopal Church of Sudan

Final Status: Concurred as Amended

Proposed by: Randle, Mr. Russell

Endorsed by: Bartol, Ms. Cindi, Bentley, The Rev. Susan

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: Yes

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 04 - World Mission

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Concur

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the General Convention lament the overthrow of the civilian transitional government of Sudan in October 2021, and the subsequent April 2023 outbreak of devastating civil war between the Sudanese Armed Forces and the Rapid Support Force militia, resulting in the death of tens of thousands of people, the displacement of nearly nine million people, the breakdown of civil society, collapse of the medical system, disruption of the banking system, extensive damage to industrial, agricultural and other infrastructure, including the oil facilities vital to the economies of both Sudan and South Sudan, and the impending onset of famine threatening even more people, with over 18 million reportedly acutely food insecure; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention salute the courageous work of The Episcopal Church of Sudan (ECS), led by its Archbishop, the Most Rev. Ezekiel Kondo, its clergy, and its lay people in continuing to preach the Gospel and to provide tangible relief to the people of Sudan in these dire circumstances; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request that our Presiding Bishop send greetings on behalf of The Episcopal Church (TEC) to Archbishop Kondo, with assurances of our continued prayer for ECS, its clergy, and people, and our continued efforts to provide tangible relief and advocacy for peace on their behalf; and be it further

***Resolved,* That the General Convention authorize TEC's Office of Government Relations to advocate appropriate United States Government and International efforts to bring about a cease-fire and a negotiated peace resulting in the restoration of democratically elected government for Sudan, efforts including but not limited to:**

- 1. High level diplomatic engagement (a) to persuade countries supporting the combatants with arms, equipment, and funds to stop doing so, and (b) to mobilize the funds and equipment from many countries needed to relieve the impending famine, to restore medical care, and to reconstruct Sudan;**
- 2. Imposition of a comprehensive United Nations arms embargo to cut off the flow of military equipment into Sudan and the hands of the combatants;**
- 3. Application of appropriate U.S. and international sanctions (including secondary sanctions on parties in third countries) and export controls to discourage private parties from financing and from providing the combatants with the means to continue the conflict;**
- 4. As appropriate, the deployment of peacekeeping forces under the auspices of the United Nations to help stabilize the situation and separate the armed combatants from each other**

And be it further

***Resolved,* That the General Convention ask the Presiding Bishop to:**

- 1. designate a season of prayer later this year by our diocese, congregations, clergy and people for peace in Sudan;**
- 2. encourage donations to Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD) and the American Friends of The Episcopal Church of the Sudans (AFRECS) to aid in this effort**

And be it further

***Resolved,* That the General Convention direct the Secretary of General Convention to dispatch a copy of this Resolution to the Honorable Thomas Perriello, the United States Special Envoy for Sudan, and to the Honorable Anthony Blinken, Secretary of State.**

Do48 - Length of Future General Conventions

Final Status: Took No Further Action

Proposed by: Ambos, Canon Paul

Endorsed by: O'Neal, Ms. Yvonne, Pollard, Ms. Diane

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 03 - Governance & Structure

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Take No Further Action

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the Joint Standing Committee on Planning and Arrangements schedule future General Conventions for not fewer than ten days between July 1 and August 15, to include committee meetings for up to four days prior to Convention, in accordance with the Guidelines set forth in Resolution 1988-A150.

D049 - Increase by one the possible number of bishops suffragans in a Diocese [First Reading]

Final Status: Concurred

Proposed by: Sherrod, Ms. Katie

Endorsed by: Tavolaro, The Rev. Dante, Troutman-Miller, The Rev. Jana

Supported by: Samuel G. Candler, Stephen Hutchinson, Anna Carmichael, Carolyn Woodall, Jan Dunlap, Cindy Smith, Mary Emeny, Mike Ehmer, Ricardo Lopez, Paige McKay, Miriam Scott, Carla Holeva, Kathy Balch, Dann Wigner

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: Yes

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 02 - Constitution & Canons

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Concur

Resolution Text

Resolved, That Article II of the Constitution is amended as follows:

<Amended text as it would appear if adopted and concurred. Scroll below the line of asterisks (***) to see the version showing all deleted and added text.>**

Article II: Of Bishops

Sec. 4. It shall be lawful for a Diocese, at the request of the Bishop of that Diocese, to elect not more than three Bishops Suffragan, without right of succession, and with seat and vote in the House of Bishops. A 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 Bishop Suffragan shall be eligible for election as Bishop Diocesan or Bishop Coadjutor of a Diocese, or as a Bishop Suffragan in another Diocese.

<Proposed amended resolution text showing exact changes being made:>

Article II: Of Bishops

Sec. 4. It shall be lawful for a Diocese, at the request of the Bishop of that Diocese, to elect not more than ~~two~~ *three* Bishops Suffragan, without right of succession, and with seat and vote in the House of Bishops. A 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 Bishop Suffragan shall be eligible for election as Bishop Diocesan or Bishop Coadjutor of a Diocese, or as a Bishop Suffragan in another Diocese.

D050 - Resolution to Complete the Journey to Net Carbon Neutrality by 2030

Final Status: Concurred as Substituted and Amended

Proposed by: Dolan, The Rev. Dr. Pamela

Endorsed by: Elmquist, Mr. Jay, Wong, Mr. Warren

Has Budget Implications: Yes

Cost: \$225,000.00

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: Yes

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: Yes

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 15 - Environmental Stewardship & Care of Creation

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Concur

Resolution Text

Resolved, In order to carry forward the carbon neutrality commitments previously made by this church and additional commitments made at this General Convention, the Executive Council Budget Committee is directed to consider a change to the budget this triennium in the amount of \$225,000 to pay for the additional staffing needed for these commitments; and be it further

Resolved, That the Executive Council Budget Committee allocate \$90,000 (\$30,000 per year) over the triennium, to fund this work of climate care in Province 9 of The Episcopal Church.

D051 - The Reunion of the Diocese of Wisconsin

Final Status: Concurred

Proposed by: Troutman-Miller, The Rev. Jana

Endorsed by: Albright, The Rev. Meredyth, Charles, The Rev. Canon Kathleen

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 03 - Governance & Structure

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Concur

Supporting Documents: [Cover letter Joint Agreement of Union](#)

[Wisconsin final joint agreement of union - with signatures May 4](#)

[Acuerdo final conjunto de Wisconsin - Español con página de firmas](#)

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention approve the reunion of the Dioceses of Eau Claire, Fond du Lac, and Milwaukee, into the Diocese of Wisconsin pursuant to Canon I.10.6.

D052 - Amend Canon IV.10.3

Final Status: Concurred as Amended

Proposed by: Ambos, Canon Paul

Endorsed by: Carter-Edmands, The Rev. Lynn, Little, Mr. Thomas

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: Yes

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 18 - Title IV Disciplinary Canons

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Concur

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention amend Canon IV.10.3 to read as follows:

<Amended text as it would appear if adopted and concurred. Scroll below the line of asterisks (***) to see the version showing all deleted and added text.>**

Sec. 3. If the conciliation is successful in reaching agreement among the parties on a suitable resolution of all issues, an Accord will be prepared as provided in Canon IV.14. If conciliation cannot be achieved within a reasonable time, the Conciliator will report such to the Bishop Diocesan, and the matter will be referred back to the Reference Panel. The Reference Panel shall consider the report to determine whether to: (a) conclude the matter with an appropriate pastoral response pursuant to Canon IV.8; (b) refer the matter to the Bishop Diocesan for consideration of proceedings pursuant to Canon IV.9; (c) investigate the matter pursuant to Canon IV.11; or (d) refer the matter directly to the Hearing Panel pursuant to Canon IV.13. The determination shall be approved by a majority vote of the Reference Panel.

<Proposed amended resolution text showing exact changes being made:>

Sec. 3. If the conciliation is successful in reaching agreement among the parties on a suitable resolution of all issues, an Accord will be prepared as provided in Canon IV.14. If conciliation cannot be achieved within a reasonable time, the Conciliator will report such to the Bishop Diocesan, and the matter will be referred back to the Reference Panel. *The Reference Panel*

shall consider the report to determine whether to: (a) conclude the matter with an appropriate pastoral response pursuant to Canon IV.8; (b) refer the matter to the Bishop Diocesan for consideration of proceedings pursuant to Canon IV.9; (c) investigate the matter pursuant to Canon IV.11; or (d) refer the matter directly to the Hearing Panel pursuant to Canon IV.13. The determination shall be approved by a majority vote of the Reference Panel.

D053 - Amend Title IV to require timely appointments to church-wide disciplinary boards

Final Status: Concurred

Proposed by: Van Brunt, Mr. Paul

Endorsed by: Brown, Deputy Nathan, Lawton, Ms. Sarah

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: Yes

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 18 - Title IV Disciplinary Canons

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Concur

Resolution Text

Resolved, That Canon IV.5.4.j is hereby amended to read as follows:

<Amended text as it would appear if adopted and concurred. Scroll below the line of asterisks (***) to see the version showing all deleted and added text.>**

Vacancies on the Court of Review must be filled by the President of the House of Deputies for lay and Clergy members and by the Presiding Bishop for Bishop members within sixty days of the President of the Court of Review's declaration of a vacancy on the Court.

<Proposed amended resolution text showing exact changes being made:>

Vacancies on the Court of Review must be filled by the President of the House of Deputies for lay and Clergy members and by the Presiding Bishop for Bishop members *within sixty days of the President of the Court of Review's declaration of a vacancy on the Court.*

And be it further

Resolved, That Canon IV.17.3.e is hereby amended to read as follows:

<Amended text as it would appear if adopted and concurred. Scroll below the line of asterisks (***) to see the version showing all deleted and added text.>**

A vacancy among the member Bishops must be filled by the Presiding Bishop with the advice of the Bishop members of the Executive Council. A vacancy among the other members must be filled by the President of the House of Deputies with the advice of the lay, Priest, and Deacon members of the Executive Council. All vacancies must be filled within sixty days of the vacancy arising.

<Proposed amended resolution text showing exact changes being made:>

A vacancy among the member Bishops must be filled by the Presiding Bishop with the advice ~~and consent~~ of the Bishop members of the Executive Council. A vacancy among the other members must be filled by the President of the House of Deputies with the advice ~~and consent~~ of the lay, Priest, and Deacon members of the Executive Council. *All vacancies must be filled within sixty days of the vacancy arising.*

And be it further

Resolved, That Canon IV. 17.8.b is hereby amended to read as follows:

<Amended text as it would appear if adopted and concurred. Scroll below the line of asterisks (***) to see the version showing all deleted and added text.>**

The Presiding Bishop must fill any vacancies on the Court of Review for Bishops within sixty days of the vacancy arising.

<Proposed amended resolution text showing exact changes being made:>

The Presiding Bishop must fill any vacancies on the Court of Review for Bishops *within sixty days of the vacancy arising.*

D054 - A Resolution to Address The Issue of Black Maternal Mortality Rate

Final Status: Concurred as Amended

Proposed by: Johnson Russell, The Rev. Tracy

Endorsed by: McDaniel, Mr. Joe, Buchanan, Canon Annette

Supported by: The Deputies of Color

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: Yes

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: Yes

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 07 - Social Justice & United States Policy

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Concur

Resolution Text

Resolved, That this 81st General Convention of The Episcopal Church hereby strongly urges Congress to adopt the following package of reforms that would greatly reduce the maternal mortality rate of Black Women by: enhancing curriculum and diversifying the workforce to address implicit bias and to improve cultural humility; exploring the impact of environmental and occupational exposures on maternal morbidity and mortality; addressing social determinants of health by exploring the impact of structural racism on maternal health outcomes; and improving social policies and programs; and be it further

Resolved, That this 81st General Convention directs, consistent with established policies and procedures, that the Executive Council refer this Resolution to the Office of Government Relations, so that it may take all actions necessary to accomplish the intentions and purposes of this Resolution.

D055 - 50th Anniversary Triennium of the Ordination of Women

Final Status: Concurred as Amended

Proposed by: Wong, Mr. Warren

Endorsed by: Pollard, Ms. Diane, Sherrod, Ms. Katie

Has Budget Implications: Yes

Cost: \$18,000.00

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: Yes

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 11 - Formation & Discipleship

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Concur

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention of The Episcopal Church affirms Resolution [1976-B005](#) that amended Canon III.9.1 (now Canon III.1.3) to apply provisions regarding the three ordained Orders equally to men and women, and Resolution [1976-B300](#) that regularized the ordinations of those women ordained to the priesthood prior to this action; and be it further

Resolved, That the 50th anniversaries of women ordained to the priesthood in 1974 and 1975, and women ordained in early 1977 following the actions of the 1976 General Convention occurred within a three-year span that roughly parallels the span of the 2024 to 2027 triennium; and be it further

Resolved, That this General Convention encourages and supports churchwide events and programs commemorating the 50th anniversary of the ordination of women to the priesthood and the 50th anniversary of the first time a woman priest presided at the Eucharist. In doing so the Church celebrates both the historical and contemporary significance of increased gender diversity in the three ordained Orders, more closely reflecting that of the church overall; and be it further

Resolved, That commemorations occur across the 2024-2027 triennium utilizing liturgy, formation, reconciliation, and theological education, as we continue to transform unjust structures in the church and society; and be it further

Resolved, That the Executice Council Joint Budget Committee make available \$18,000 for support programs, events, and materials and implementation of diocesan and churchwide commemorative efforts, to be administered by the Director of LGBTQI and Women's Ministries.

D056 - Calling for a Ceasefire in Gaza

Final Status: Concurred as Amended

Proposed by: Castellan, The Rev. Megan L.

Endorsed by: Shoemaker, The Rev. Dr. Adam, Powell, The Rev. RJ

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: Yes

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 06 - Social Justice & International Policy

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Concur

Resolution Text

***Resolved,* That the 81st General Convention decry the terrorist attack on Israel on October 7, 2023, and the ongoing terrorist activity of Hamas, as well as the disproportionate loss of Palestinian lives that continues in Israel's war against Hamas; and be it further**

***Resolved,* That the 81st General Convention also lament the ongoing complicity of the United States, of which many of us are citizens, and other nations in the world, in the continuing devastation in Gaza, and accept the call of Christ to be makers of peace in the midst of violence and war; and be it further**

***Resolved,* That the Presiding Bishop and President of the House of Deputies set aside a specific day of fasting, prayer, and mourning for the lives lost in Israel and Palestine in this conflict, including urgent prayers that the conflict not end in genocide; and be it further**

***Resolved,* That all members of this church be urged to contact their elected representatives in Congress to ask for a comprehensive, equitable, and immediate ceasefire in Gaza, and that materials for such an ask be made available by the Episcopal Public Policy Network; and be it further**

***Resolved,* That the members of this church be asked to pray and work for a just and equitable peace until such day when that peace arrives, through the help of the God who created all of us.**

D057 - Advocate for Housing Solutions

Final Status: Concurred

Proposed by: Russell, Ms. Laura

Endorsed by: Murray, Mr. Alan, Lawton, Ms. Sarah

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: Yes

Directs Dioceses: Yes

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 07 - Social Justice & United States Policy

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Concur

Resolution Text

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church reaffirm our call for Housing as a Human Right (2018-C041) by advocating for expansive solutions for the rising cost of housing in the United States; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church, with the help of the Office of Government Relations and the Episcopal Public Policy Network, support policies at the local, state and national levels to decrease the unhoused population and increase affordable housing by:

- **Transforming voucher programs into federal entitlements, so that every household that qualifies would receive them;**
- **Provide government funding for fair and affordable housing investments;**
- **Create pathways for unhoused veterans, those returning from incarceration or those with mental health or substance use problems to obtain affordable housing;**
- **Support, through funding and legislation, short term and transitional housing;**
- **Eliminate housing discrimination on the basis of source of income;**
- **Create a right to shelter, guaranteeing the unhoused the right to a shelter bed, if needed;**

And be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church encourage Dioceses and congregations to review their unused land and property as a potential pathway to more affordable housing units; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church encourage congregations to assess the housing needs in their communities, collaborate with local organizations on the issues of homelessness and housing insecurity and advocate for affordable housing.

D058 - Ceasefire in Israel– Hamas War

Final Status: Took No Further Action

Proposed by: Replogle, The Rev. Jenny

Endorsed by: Brown, Deputy Nathan, Eccles, The Very Rev. M.E.

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 06 - Social Justice & International Policy

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Take No Further Action

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention stands with Presiding Bishop Michael Curry and other religious leaders in their November call to President Joseph R. Biden for his Administration to support an “immediate ceasefire, de-escalation, and restraint by all involved” in the current Israel– Hamas war; and be it further

Resolved, That this General Convention stands with past Acts of Convention that have called for peace and equality in the Middle East, including “Justice and Peace in the Holy Land - Our Call to Action” ([2022-C039](#)); “Reaffirm Jerusalem as the Shared Capital of Israel and Palestine” ([2018-B003](#)); “Commit to a Negotiated Solution to Israeli-Palestinian Conflict” ([2018-D018](#)); “Support Israeli-Palestinian Peace” ([2012-B019](#)); “Urge Congregations Into Conversations With Jews and Muslims” ([1994-A012](#)); “Affirm 1993 Israeli-PLO Declaration of Principles” ([1994-A103](#)); “Affirm Goals of Justice, Peace and Reconciliation for Israelis and Palestinians” ([1988-D053](#)); and “Call for Peace in the Middle East” ([1982-B047](#)); and be it further

Resolved, That this General Convention stands with past Resolves of the Executive Council that have called for peace and equality in the Middle East, including “Support for Peace Between Israel and Palestine” ([EXC022010.24](#)) and “Support for the Palestine and Israel Joint Understanding” ([EXC022008.16](#)); and be it further

Resolved, That this General Convention, which meets on the 260th through 265th days of the Israel– Hamas War, calls for an equitable, just, and permanent ceasefire in Israel, Gaza, and the West Bank and condemns all attacks and killings of innocent lives; and be it further

Resolved, That this General Convention extends its prayers and condolences for all who have died or have been otherwise traumatized over the course of this war; and be it further

Resolved, That this General Convention calls for an immediate exchange of all hostages and prisoners held without charge held by parties in the aforementioned war and condemns the taking of hostages, no matter by whom; and be it further

Resolved, That this General Convention calls for both Israel and Palestine to negotiate in good faith, with a neutral party moderating as needed, for a lasting ceasefire for peace in the region and development of a two-state solution; and be it further

Resolved, That this General Convention calls on the Heads of State, Heads of Government, Foreign Ministers, and Legislative Leaders in countries where The Episcopal Church has an active presence to assist as necessary in the furthering of an equitable peace in the Middle East, including the leaders of the European Union; and be it further

Resolved, That this General Convention direct the Secretary of the General Convention and the Office of Government Relations to send a copy of this resolution to all officeholders mentioned in the seventh resolved, and to send a copy to any appropriate Heads of State, Heads of Government, Foreign Ministers, and/or Legislative leaders who did not receive the first copy at the beginning of February 2025.

D059 - Addressing Antisemitism in the Church and the World

Final Status: Concurred as Substituted

Proposed by: Replogle, The Rev. Jenny

Endorsed by: Brown, Deputy Nathan, Erdman, Ms. Rachel

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: Yes

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 14 - Ecumenical & Interreligious Relations

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Concur

Supporting Documents: [Gods Unfailing Word Principles](#)

[La palabra inquebrantable principios](#)

[Christian-Jewish Relations Theological and Practical Guidance for Episcopalians](#)

[Relaciones judeo-cristianas Guía teológica y práctica para episcopales](#)

Resolution Text

Resolved, That this General Convention confess antisemitism is one of the most pernicious forms of prejudice, and that Episcopalians have been guilty of antisemitic words and actions; and be it further

Resolved, That this General Convention acknowledge that antisemitism can be variably defined, but tends to include one or more of these four claims as identified by the Church of England in “God’s Unfailing Word: Theological and Practical Perspectives on Christian-Jewish Relations,”

1. That there is something inherently wrong with Jews as a people;
2. That Jews always seek to control and influence others;
3. That because there is something inherently wrong with Jews, this influence is inevitably to the detriment of those others; and that
4. Those with authority have a duty to restrict so far as possible the scope for Jews to exercise any influence over others

And be it further

Resolved, That this General Convention lament the global rise in antisemitism; and be it further

Resolved, That this General Convention repent of the ways that our Church has fostered antisemitism in its liturgy, teaching, and discourse; and be it further

Resolved, That our Church recommit itself to resisting antisemitism as we strive for lasting justice and peace among all people, and furthering collaborative dialogue with our Jewish neighbors; and be it further

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention charge the Standing Commission on Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations with combating antisemitism in the Church in the triennium, and shall report to the 82nd General Convention on the following topics:

1. **Pastoral guidance, commentary, and optional alternate lections for those lections that are known to have been perceived as antisemitic, supersessionist, and/or contemptuous of Jewish traditions, consulting with the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music;**
2. **Pastoral guidance and direction on avoiding the appropriation of Jewish rituals and rites of passage, consulting with the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music;**
3. **Training resources for clergy, seminarians, and lay leaders on avoiding antisemitism, beginning with greater distribution and teaching of “Christian-Jewish Relations: Theological and Practical Guidance for The Episcopal Church,” consulting with the Standing Commission on Formation and Ministry Development, and determining the value for usage of “God’s Unfailing Word: Theological and Practical Perspectives on Christian-Jewish Relations” from the Church of England’s Faith and Order Commission as an additional teaching resource for the church; and**
4. **Consultation with Jewish partners, recognizing the broad variety of Jewish voices and traditions, to inform The Episcopal Church in its words and actions.**

Do60 - Support For a Solution to the Crisis in Haiti

Final Status: Concurred as Amended

Proposed by: Wiley, Mr. James

Endorsed by: Russell, Ms. Laura, Day-Strehlow, Ms. Janet

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: Yes

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: Yes

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 06 - Social Justice & International Policy

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Concur

Resolution Text

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church lament the current situation in Haiti resulting in an environment of political chaos, insecurity and fear for many Haitians; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church, including the Office of Government Relations, work to support a solution to the crisis Haiti that includes:

- Supporting an UN-authorized security mission with all necessary human rights safeguards, while addressing political drivers of insecurity and working to support democratic norms;
- Restarting a transitional government clearly focused on supporting democratic norms and ensuring trusted elections, while respecting Haitian sovereignty;
- Stabilization of mechanisms for basic necessities, such as food, water, fuel, healthcare and the opening of airports;
- Encouraging international humanitarian support to help fund both basic necessities and recovery, including by supporting qualified non-profits and NGOs;
- Assist Haiti in rebuilding its justice system, in a rights-respecting way;

- **Advocating to genuinely engage and heed the voices of Haitians, who are suffering from food and healthcare insecurity, gang violence and human rights threats;**
- **Work towards the elimination of gang violence, and arms and drug trafficking;**

And be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church, through the Presiding Bishop's office, work with the clergy of Haiti to bring a Bishop's presence to Haiti; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church stand with the Episcopal Diocese of Haiti through prayer and listening, to support them and assist in their needs; and be it further

Resolved, That Executive Council provide a report to the 82nd General Convention on the actions taken regarding Haiti as described above.

Do61 - Creating Space for Difference

Final Status: Took No Further Action

Proposed by: Quelly, Jewels

Endorsed by: Russell, Ms. Laura, Black, The Rev. Cynthia

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 11 - Formation & Discipleship

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Take No Further Action

Resolution Text

Resolved, That we as Episcopalians recognize the rich diversity of thoughts and feelings among us, especially during this difficult time of political strife; and be it further

Resolved, That we acknowledge that all need comfort and space at this time, as well as a path forward for civil discourse; and be it further

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention ask all congregations to develop skills to hold space for our comfort and discomfort, and create discourse to talk to and be with one another when we disagree, and to have conversations in these brave spaces that respect each other and are grace filled; and be it further

Resolved, That congregations use resources such as the Civil Discourse Curriculum developed by The Episcopal Church Office of Government Relations, to guide conversations while discussing issues that make us vulnerable, such as politics.

Do62 - Support and Solidarity with Armenia

Final Status: Concurred as Amended

Proposed by: Swanson, The Rev. Kirstin

Endorsed by: Ostendorf, The Rev. Kristen, Adzima, The Rev. Melissa, Alexandre, The Rev. Hickman, Flexer, the Rev. Katharine, Hill, The Rev. Heather

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: Yes

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 06 - Social Justice & International Policy

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Concur

Resolution Text

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church reaffirm its centuries-long ecumenical relationship with the Armenian Church; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church promote educational initiatives concerning the history of the Armenian Church and the historic and present relationship between the Episcopal and Armenian churches, including but not limited to webinars, informational resources, lectures, and dialogue groups; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church stand in solidarity with the people of Armenia and the refugees from Nagorno Karabagh as they face the ongoing threat of military and political violence; and condemns all efforts by Azerbaijan and other regional actors that diminish and threaten to eliminate the ancient, indigenous Armenian identity and presence from the region; and be it further

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention authorize the Office of Government Relations and Episcopal Public Policy Network to advocate for and promote U.S. government policies and legislation to further this position, humanitarian relief to Armenia, and diplomatic interventions.

Do63 - On Mandatory Diocesan Assessment

Final Status: Concurred with Referral to an Interim Body

Proposed by: Bailey, Ms. Catherine

Endorsed by: Kopren, The Rev. Kristin, Maulden, The Rev. Kristina

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 03 - Governance & Structure

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Concur with Referral to an Interim Body

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the Executive Council, in its pivotal role, must lead the development of an equitable, transparent, and unbiased process for evaluating waiver requests and Diocesan assessments. This crucial step, led by the Executive Council, will address the perceived arbitrariness of decisions and inequitable distribution of funds and alleviate the process's demeaning nature. The Executive Council, as the key driver of this change, will significantly contribute to fostering healthy relationships between dioceses, provinces, and the wider church by establishing such a process; and be it further

Resolved, That the Executive Council must also develop a new and previously unseen strategy to ensure that The Episcopal Church continues to exist throughout our current territory. This means not sitting back and waiting for dioceses to combine with other dioceses, be absorbed by larger dioceses, or perish. Instead, the General Convention and Executive Council need to use the significant accumulated wealth of The Episcopal Church to ensure that the weak dioceses among us survive and thrive, bringing a new era of hope and health to the whole body. This strategy holds the promise of a brighter future for all; and be it further

Resolved, That we, as a church, acknowledge that many dioceses across The Episcopal Church have a proportion of their parishes in decline, that these dioceses will have incredible difficulty paying their fair share, and that more of these dioceses may request waivers in the future; and be it further

Resolved, That the Executive Council will approach the waiver and fair share assessment process with an unwavering commitment to a “holy spirit of abundant generosity,” trust, and love. (Mark 4:20) This approach is not just a suggestion but a beacon of hope for fostering healthy relationships between the separate dioceses, provinces, and the wider church. This approach, which includes assisting struggling dioceses with advice, coaching, and financial support for evangelism, congregational vitality, and stewardship, underscores our deep commitment to the well-being of all dioceses; and be it further

Resolved, That the very monies and grants being withheld from dioceses who cannot pay assessments are punitive and antithetical to building the “beloved community” and ignore the gifts of all our people, especially those suffering temporary hardships brought about by brutal economic realities. “In ministering to each other, each from the riches that each possesses, we work together for the full coming of God’s kingdom.” Henri Nouwen, *The Spirituality of Fundraising*

Do64 - Amend Canon IV.14.12 .a and .b; Canon III.7.10; Canon III.9.12; III.12.7.c; and Canon III.12.9.c Regarding Consistency of Reporting Across Canons

Final Status: Concurred with Referral to an Interim Body

Proposed by: Carter-Edmands, The Rev. Lynn

Endorsed by: Steele, The Rev. Kelly, Bauer, The Rev. Charles

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 18 - Title IV Disciplinary Canons

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Concur with Referral to an Interim Body

Resolution Text

Resolved, That Canon IV.14.12 .a and .b be amended to read as follows:

<Amended text as it would appear if adopted and concurred. Scroll below the line of asterisks

(***) to see the version showing all deleted and added text.>**

Sec. 12.

a. In the case of any Accord or Order pertaining to a Priest or Deacon, the Bishop Diocesan shall, within 30 days, 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 and the Secretary of the House of Deputies; and to the Office for Transition Ministry, which must make note on the Respondent's OTM Portfolio of the month, year, and diocese regarding the Accord or Order.

b. In the case of any Accord or Order pertaining to a Bishop, the Presiding Bishop shall, within 30 days, give notice of the Accord or Order to the Ecclesiastical Authority of every Diocese of the Church, to the Recorder of Ordinations, to the Secretary of the House of Bishops, to all Archbishops and Metropolitans, to all Presiding Bishops of Churches in full communion with this Church, and to the Office for Transition Ministry, which must make note on the Respondent's OTM Portfolio of the month, year, and diocese regarding the Accord or Order.

<Proposed amended Resolution Text showing exact changes being made:>

Sec. 12.

a. In the case of any Accord or Order pertaining to a Priest or Deacon, the Bishop Diocesan shall, *within 30 days*, 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 and the Secretary of the House of Deputies; and to the Office of *for* Transition Ministry, which ~~shall insert a copy of the notice of Accord or Order,~~ *must make note* on the Respondent's OTM Portfolio *of the month, year, and diocese regarding the Accord or Order.*

b. In the case of any Accord or Order pertaining to a Bishop, the Presiding Bishop shall, *within 30 days*, give notice of the Accord or Order to the Ecclesiastical Authority of every Diocese of the Church, to the Recorder of Ordinations, to the Secretary of the House of Bishops, to all Archbishops and Metropolitans, to all Presiding Bishops of Churches in full communion with this Church, and to the Office of *for* Transition Ministry, which ~~shall insert a copy of the notice of Accord or Order,~~ *must make note* on the Respondent's OTM Portfolio *of the month, year, and diocese regarding the Accord or Order.*

And be it further

Resolved, That Canon III.7.10 be amended to read as follows:

<Amended text as it would appear if adopted and concurred. Scroll below the line of asterisks (***) to see the version showing all deleted and added text.>**

Sec. 10.

In the case of the release and removal of a Deacon 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 Members of the Clergy, and shall be entered in the official records of the Diocese in which the Deacon being released and removed is canonically resident. The Bishop who pronounces the declaration of release and removal as provided in this Canon shall, within 30 days, 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 Deacon 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 House of Deputies, The Church Pension Fund, and the

Office for Transition Ministry, whose staff must make note of the month, year, and diocese on the deacon's OTM Portfolio regarding the release and removal.

<Proposed amended Resolution Text showing exact changes being made:>

Sec. 10.

In the case of the release and removal of a Deacon 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 Members of the Clergy, and shall be entered in the official records of the Diocese in which the Deacon being released and removed is canonically resident. The Bishop who pronounces the declaration of release and removal as provided in this Canon shall, *within 30 days*, 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 Deacon 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 House of Deputies, The Church Pension Fund, and the ~~Office Board~~ Office for Transition Ministry, *whose staff must make note of the month, year, and diocese on the deacon's OTM Portfolio regarding the release and removal.*

And be it further

Resolved, That Canon III.9.12 be amended to read as follows:

<Amended text as it would appear if adopted and concurred. Scroll below the line of asterisks (***) to see the version showing all deleted and added text.>**

Sec. 12.

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, within 30 days, 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 House of Deputies, the Church Pension Fund, and the Office for Transition Ministry, whose staff must make note of the month, year, and diocese on the priest's OTM Portfolio regarding the release and removal.

<Proposed amended Resolution Text showing exact changes being made:>

Sec. 12.

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, *within 30 days*, 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 House of Deputies, the Church Pension Fund, and the ~~Office Board~~ for Transition Ministry, *whose staff must make note of the month, year, and diocese on the priest's OTM Portfolio regarding the release and removal.*

And be it further

Resolved, That Canon III.12.7.c be amended to read as follows:

<Amended text as it would appear if adopted and concurred. Scroll below the line of asterisks (***) to see the version showing all deleted and added text.>**

Sec. 7.

c. In the case of the release and removal of a Bishop from the ordained Ministry of the Church as provided in this Canon, a declaration of release and removal shall be pronounced by the Presiding Bishop in the presence of two or more Bishops, and shall be entered in the official records of the House of Bishops and of the Diocese in which the Bishop being removed and released is canonically resident. The Presiding Bishop shall, within 30 days, 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 Office for Transition Ministry, *whose staff must make note of the month, year, and diocese on the bishop's OTM Portfolio regarding the release and removal.*

<Proposed amended Resolution Text showing exact changes being made:>

Sec. 7,

c. In the case of the release and removal of a Bishop from the ordained Ministry of the Church as provided in this Canon, a declaration of release and removal shall be pronounced by the Presiding Bishop in the presence of two or more Bishops, and shall be entered in the official records of the House of Bishops and of the Diocese in which the Bishop being removed and released is canonically resident. The Presiding Bishop shall, *within 30 days*, 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 ~~Office Board~~ for Transition Ministry, *whose staff must make note of the month, year, and diocese on the bishop's OTM Portfolio regarding the release and removal.*

And be it further

Resolved, That Canon III.12.9.c be amended to read as follows:

<Amended text as it would appear if adopted and concurred. Scroll below the line of asterisks (***) to see the version showing all deleted and added text.>**

Sec. 9.

c. In the case of the release and removal of a Bishop from the ordained Ministry of this Church as provided in this Canon, a declaration of removal and release shall be pronounced by the Presiding Bishop in the presence of two or more Bishops, and shall be entered in the official records of the House of Bishops and of the Diocese in which the Bishop being removed and released is canonically resident. The Presiding Bishop shall, within 30 days, 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 the 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 Office for Transition Ministry, whose staff must make note of the month, year, and diocese on the bishop's OTM Portfolio regarding the release and removal.

<Proposed amended Resolution Text showing exact changes being made:>

Sec. 9.

c. In the case of the release and removal of a Bishop from the ordained Ministry of this Church as provided in this Canon, a declaration of removal and release shall be pronounced by the Presiding Bishop in the presence of two or more Bishops, and shall be entered in the official records of the House of Bishops and of the Diocese in which the Bishop being removed and released is canonically resident. The Presiding Bishop shall, *within 30 days*, 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 the 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 *Office Board* for Transition Ministry, *whose staff must make note of the month, year, and diocese on the bishop's OTM Portfolio regarding the release and removal.*

Do65 - Study Canons on Canonical Residence

Final Status: Concurred as Amended

Proposed by: Warren, Ms. Evangeline

Endorsed by: Lawton, Ms. Sarah, Brown, Deputy Nathan

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: Yes

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 02 - Constitution & Canons

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Concur

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution, and Canons to review the application of the canons of this Church on parochial cures, canonical residence of clergy, and letters dimissory, with particular attention to Canons I.13, III.7.6, III.9.4, and other canons the Commission may deem relevant; and be it further

Resolved, That this Convention recommend the Commission gather input from bishops and diocesan leaders representing a variety of ministry contexts, including at least one diocese from each province of this Church; and be it further

Resolved, That this Convention direct the Commission to report its findings to the 82nd General Convention; and be it further

Resolved, That this Convention request the House of Bishops Theology Committee to prepare a statement on the ecclesiology of this Church as it relates to the practical implementation of policies on canonical residence, letters dimissory, the cure of souls, and the role of the bishop and the college of presbyters in the governance and good order of a diocese.

Do66 - Creating a Task Force for Truth-Telling, Reckoning and Reconciliation for LGBTQIA+

Final Status: No Action

Proposed by: Litzenberger, Dr. Brian

Endorsed by: Murray, Mr. Alan, Shumate, The Rev. Gavin

Has Budget Implications: Yes

Cost: \$60,000.00

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 17 - Accessibility & Inclusion

Completion Status: Incomplete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Adopt

Resolution Text

That The Episcopal Church recognize, repent, and atone for the harm it has caused to LGBTQIA+ people through actions, participation and support of homophobic/heterosexist and shaming cultures and systems; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church recognize, repent, and atone for the ways that these actions, positions, and for participating in limiting the ability of The Church's people to fully manifest the love of God and live into their baptismal covenants, sharing their gifts and authentic selves fully with the church and the world; and be it further

Resolved, That, as a result of these actions, a group of the ordained and laity within the church have been dissuaded of their calling and biased in their ordination processes. Some ordained and lay have been forced to remain closeted, and others still were deposed from ministry; and be it further

Resolved, that the 81st General Convention authorize the establishment of a Task Force for Truth-Telling, Reckoning, and Reconciliation for LGBTQIA+ for the purpose of helping the Church engage in truth-telling, confession, and reconciliation regarding discrimination, harassment, violence, and all harmful behaviors against LGBTQIA+ in all their forms including but not limited to those who were deposed from ministry, barred from discernment/ordination processes and

excluded from full participation of all ministry of the baptized by those in power within the Church; and be it further

Resolved, That this Task Force be appointed jointly by the President of the House of Deputies and the Presiding Bishop in collaboration and consultation with the Gender Justice Officer, be composed of 12 members - 5 lay people (at least 4 of whom identify as LGBTQIA+), 4 priests or deacons members (at least 3 of whom identify as LGBTQIA+), and 3 bishops members (preferably at least 2 of whom identify as LGBTQIA+). The overall composition of this task force shall include people of color and reflect regional diversity. The overall composition of this task force shall include at least 5 members who have experienced LGBTQIA+ discrimination, harassment, and or violence and including experts in church jurisprudence and psychology; and be it further

Resolved, This Task Force shall report its progress to the 82nd General Convention on the following tasks:

- To develop a survey on discrimination, harassment, and violence against LGBTQIA+ in all their forms (truth-telling and reckoning) as we understand these sins, including but not limited to spiritual, and emotionally abusive behavior, and oppression based on sexual orientation, gender identity and gender expression. This survey should be distributed widely in The Episcopal Church for access by both laity and clergy no later than spring of 2025, said survey being available primarily on-line, and with adaptations made as determined by the task force to enable responses by those members of the general Church who may not have ready and easy access to the internet;
- To conduct a review of survey responses and data regarding discrimination, harassment, and violent behavior that has been experienced by those who identify as LGBTQIA+ and the impact of this treatment on lay and ordained persons, their ministries, and the ministry of The Episcopal Church;
- To create a Truth and Reconciliation process to guide churches, dioceses, provinces, and churchwide as they develop their own paths for reconciliation and restoration; recognizing a one-size-fits-all process will not be helpful given the diversity of our Church, and to plan a service of Lament, Apology and Reconciliation at the 82nd General Convention which serves as a liturgical model to be used across The Episcopal Church and beyond.

And be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request that Executive Council allocate \$60,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

Do67 - Support Temporary Protected Status

Final Status: Concurred

Proposed by: Russell, Ms. Laura

Endorsed by: Lawton, Ms. Sarah, McDaniel, Mr. Joe

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: Yes

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 07 - Social Justice & United States Policy

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Concur

Resolution Text

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church reaffirm and renew our call to Christian Principles to Guide Responses to Human Migration (2018-D009) by advocating for changes to Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for immigrants, as the current program is limited in its protections, by expanding the program to:

- **Allow for a pathway to citizenship for those with Temporary Protected Status;**
- **Creating a transparent designation process for choosing countries designated for TPS which allows for all countries similarly situated to be designated;**
- **Allow for an expansive use of Temporary Protected Status;**
- **Allow for those with Temporary Protected Status the ability adjust their status without leaving the United States;**

And be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church also continue to advocate for the use of TPS, recognizing it is currently a policy tool that is available to the executive branch to support vulnerable migrants; and be it further

Resolved, That this Convention work with The Episcopal Church's Office of Government Relations to continue to advocate for immigration policies that expand Temporary Protected Status, and protect those who qualify for Temporary Protected Status.

Do68 - Addressing the Increase in Gambling

Final Status: Concurred as Amended

Proposed by: Russell, Ms. Laura

Endorsed by: Lawton, Ms. Sarah,McDaniel, Mr. Joe

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: Yes

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 16 - Safety, Wellness & Mental Health

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Concur

Resolution Text

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church acknowledge the increase and prevalence of gambling disorders in our society brought about by the ease of access to gambling, whether in person or online; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church recognize the toll persistent and problematic gambling may have on a person, such as anxiety, depression, substance abuse, poverty, legal consequences and increases in suicidal tendencies, and the elevated risk of gambling disorders in certain communities, such as communities of color, low-income communities and veterans; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church support efforts to educate and increase awareness regarding problem gambling; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church encourage congregations to use opportunities such as Mental Health Sunday to heighten awareness of research and resources for problem gambling and gambling disorder.

Do69 - Advocating for People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities

Final Status: Took No Further Action

Proposed by: Murray, Mr. Alan

Endorsed by: Russell, Ms. Laura, Lawton, Ms. Sarah

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 17 - Accessibility & Inclusion

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Take No Further Action

Resolution Text

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church recognize those with intellectual and developmental disabilities including neurodivergence are multifaceted individuals who should be included in all aspects of church life; and be it further

Resolved, That intellectual and developmental disabilities, and neurodivergence encompasses a large spectrum of diverse chronic conditions, with the only common factor that the impairment arose before adulthood; and be it further

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention direct The Episcopal Church, through its website, to publish best practices, trainings and other resources for use in support of full inclusion of all people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, and neurodivergence; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church advocate for full inclusion of all people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, and neurodivergence, by understanding the specific condition one may have, stop using ableist language, and support legislation that respects the rights and dignity of all with these disabilities and conditions.

D070 - Prayers for Haiti

Final Status: Concurred as Amended

Proposed by: Fortunato, The Rev. Susan

Endorsed by: Cañas, Ms. Wendy, Swanson, The Rev. Kirstin

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: Yes

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 10 - Prayer Book, Liturgy & Music

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Concur

Resolution Text

Resolved, **That the 81st General Convention encourage all Episcopal congregations and other worshipping communities to include the people of Haiti in their intercessory prayers regularly.**

D071 - Governance support for the Diocese of Haiti and leadership for Dioceses in Crisis

Final Status: Concurred as Substituted

Proposed by: Fortunato, The Rev. Susan

Endorsed by: Cañas, Ms. Wendy, Swanson, The Rev. Kirstin

Supported by: The Rev. Dr. Pierre-Andre Duvert, The Rev. Sam Owen, The Rev. Lisa Mason, The Rev. Nathanael Saint-Pierre

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: Yes

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 03 - Governance & Structure

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Concur

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons to create a committee to study the leadership obstacles faced by the Diocese of Haiti in order to create a canonical process which allows for the appointment of a Bishop Provisional for the Diocese of Haiti and enables the election of a Bishop Diocesan for the Diocese of Haiti and report to the 82nd General Convention; and be it further

Resolved, That the Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons create a canonical process to provide Ecclesiastical Authority and oversight for dioceses in crisis; and be it further

Resolved, That the Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons consider other dioceses that have experienced governance crises in drafting proposed legislation for the 82nd General Convention.

D072 - Amend Canon I.6.5 to Provide for Mission-Driven Data Strategies Regarding the Vitality of the Church

Final Status: Rejected

Proposed by: Warren, Ms. Evangeline

Endorsed by: Hardegree, Dr. Lindsey, Curlin, Ms. Laura, Rousseau, Ms. Elizabeth, Brown, Deputy Nathan, Lawton, Ms. Sarah

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 02 - Constitution & Canons

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Reject

Supporting Documents: [ELCA Reference \(EN ES\)](#)

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention amend Canon I.6.5 to add item c as follows:

<Amended text as it would appear if adopted and concurred. Scroll below the line of asterisks (***) to see the version showing all deleted and added text.>**

c. The collection, analysis, and dissemination of these and other data regarding the membership, composition, activities, health, or vitality of the Church shall be undertaken in consultation with a professional researcher familiar with best practices in survey design, analysis, reporting and dissemination.

<Proposed amended resolution text showing exact changes being made:>

c. The collection, analysis, and dissemination of these and other data regarding the membership, composition, activities, health, or vitality of the Church shall be undertaken in consultation with a professional researcher familiar with best practices in survey design, analysis, reporting and dissemination.

And be it further

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention direct the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society to establish a staff position of Officer for Mission-Driven Data Strategy, to implement the work of canon I.6.5.c, including to:

- Collaborate with the Office of the General Convention to manage research and data required by Church canons (e.g. Parochial Report) and other research and data needs identified by the General Convention;
- Equip The Episcopal Church, including the Executive Council, the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, Standing Commissions, and Interim Bodies, to make data-informed decisions by conducting relevant research, data collection, projection, analysis, and evaluation;
- Provide, manage, and design experiments and processes (including related goals, metrics, and measurement) to develop and evaluate new and existing programs and initiatives;
- Disseminate Church research and data widely through a centralized data repository managed by this Officer;
- Support use of Church data by providing trainings, such as webinars, to inform and equip members of the Church in their ministries;
- Employ professional best practices in the collection, analysis, and dissemination of Church data through the use of software and consultants as needed; and be it further

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention request that the Executive Council consider a 2025-2027 budget allocation of \$150,000 annually for the implementation of this resolution, covering salary, benefits, and operations for this role.

D073 - Procedure for Reconciliation: Amend Canon 1.17.6

Final Status: Rejected

Proposed by: McKellaston, Ms. Louisa

Endorsed by: Downing, The Rev. Patty, Bond, Mrs. Kate

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 02 - Constitution & Canons

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Reject

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention encourage dioceses to train bishops and clergy in the appropriate application of the Disciplinary Rubrics found on page 409 of the Book of Common Prayer and of Canon I.17.6; and be it further;

Resolved, That canon I.17.6 be amended as follows:

<Amended text as it would appear if adopted and concurred. Scroll below the line of asterisks (***) to see the version showing all deleted and added text.>**

Sec. 6. A person to whom the Sacraments of the Church shall have been refused, or who has been repelled from the Holy Communion under the rubrics, or who has been informed of an intention to refuse or repel him or her from the Holy Communion under the rubrics, shall have the right to meet with the priest who has issued the refusal and request a process for reconciliation, and may appeal to the Bishop or Ecclesiastical Authority. A Priest who refuses or repels a person from the Holy Communion, or who communicates to a person an intent to repel that person from the Holy Communion shall inform that person, in writing, within fourteen days thereof of (i) the reasons therefor, (ii) the process for reconciliation and restoration and (iii) the person's right to appeal to the Bishop or Ecclesiastical Authority. No Member of the Clergy of this Church shall be required to admit to the Sacraments a person so refused or repelled without the written direction of the Bishop or Ecclesiastical Authority. The Bishop or Ecclesiastical Authority may in certain circumstances see fit to require the person to be admitted or restored because of the insufficiency of the cause assigned by the member of the Clergy. If it shall appear to the Bishop or

Ecclesiastical Authority that there is sufficient cause to justify refusal of the Holy Communion, however, appropriate steps shall be taken to institute such inquiry as may be directed by the Canons of the Diocese; and should no such Canon exist, the Bishop or Ecclesiastical Authority shall proceed according to such principles of law and equity as will ensure an impartial investigation and judgment, which judgment shall be made inwriting within sixty days of the appeal and which shall also specify the steps required for readmission to Holy Communion.

<Proposed amended resolution text showing exact changes being made:>

Sec. 6. A person to whom the Sacraments of the Church shall have been refused, or who has been repelled from the Holy Communion under the rubrics, or who has been informed of an intention to refuse or repel him or her from the Holy Communion under the rubrics, *shall have the right to meet with the priest who has issued the refusal and request a process for reconciliation, and* may appeal to the Bishop or Ecclesiastical Authority. A Priest who refuses or repels a person from the Holy Communion, or who communicates to a person an intent to repel that person from the Holy Communion shall inform that person, in writing, within fourteen days thereof of (i) the reasons therefor, ~~and~~ (ii) *the process for reconciliation and restoration and* (iii) ~~his or her~~ *the person's* right to appeal to the Bishop or Ecclesiastical Authority. No Member of the Clergy of this Church shall be required to admit to the Sacraments a person so refused or repelled without the written direction of the Bishop or Ecclesiastical Authority. The Bishop or Ecclesiastical Authority may in certain circumstances see fit to require the person to be admitted or restored because of the insufficiency of the cause assigned by the member of the Clergy. If it shall appear to the Bishop or Ecclesiastical Authority that there is sufficient cause to justify refusal of the Holy Communion, however, appropriate steps shall be taken to institute such inquiry as may be directed by the Canons of the Diocese; and should no such Canon exist, the Bishop or Ecclesiastical Authority shall proceed according to such principles of law and equity as will ensure an impartial investigation and judgment, which judgment shall be made inwriting within sixty days of the appeal and which shall also specify the steps required for readmission to Holy Communion.

D074 - Renouncing the Theology of Slavery held by the Rev. James Craik, 11th President of the House of Deputies

Final Status: Concurred as Amended

Proposed by: Pankey, The Rev. Dr. Steve

Endorsed by: Hart, The Rev. Benjamin, Merrick, The Rev. Barbara, Shafer, The Rev. Dr. Lee, Norman, Ms. Camille, Carter, Shelley

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: Yes

Directs Dfms Staff: Yes

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 05 - Racial Truth-Telling, Reckoning & Healing

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Concur

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention of The Episcopal Church renounce the theology of slavery held by the Rev. James Craik, the unanimously elected 11th President of the House of Deputies as described in General Convention Memorial 2024-M003, summarized here: In his pamphlet, Craik, a Unionist, argues that slavery is, in fact, an evil institution. Among his reasons, it is an economic hardship to the enslavers, it relegates the working class to an inferior status, while inciting pride and contempt for labor in the children of slave-owners, and the responsibility of caring for the enslaved is “a burden grievous to be borne.” “But,” he goes on to write, “it is not often that God permits an evil to exist long, and on a large scale, out of which he does not bring some corresponding good.” The evils, Craik says, fall only upon the white race, while the enslaved receive all the benefits because “a race of barbarians, gradually degraded by many thousand years of ignorance and brutishness to the lowest stage of humanity, has thus been place[d] in intimate contact, and under the constant and authoritative superintendence and government, of the most enlightened and civilized race upon the globe. Humanity, religion, and interest concur to make the cultivated and master race the friends, protectors, and instructors of the inferior race.”; and be it further

Resolved, That General Convention acknowledge the role our leadership played in the institution of chattel slavery; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention repent of the ongoing benefits and accrued wealth by this church through the enslavement of children of God; and be it further

Resolved, That because our baptismal promises call us to ongoing repentance, to persevere in resisting evil, and respect the dignity of all people, we must commit to bravely communicating to the church and the world our truths about our history and ourselves; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention urge the Canonical Archivist and Director of the Archives of The Episcopal Church and the Archives Advisory Committee to update the entry for the Rev. James Craik on the website of the Archives of The Episcopal Church to include information about the theology of slavery and white supremacy he espoused as well as a link to the pamphlet he published.

D075 - The Immediate Release of Ms. Layan Nasir, 24 from Administrative Detention in Israel

Final Status: Concurred

Proposed by: Evans, The Rev. Boyd

Endorsed by: Atkins-Romero, The Rev. Hannah, Culbreath, The Rev. Leeann, Nyback, The Rev. Dr. Rachel

Supported by: Palestinian Anglicans and Clergy Allies

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: Yes

Directs Dioceses: Yes

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 06 - Social Justice & International Policy

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Concur

Resolution Text

***Resolved,* That the 81st General Convention condemn the April 7, 2024 arrest and imprisonment of Palestinian Anglican Layan Nasir by the Israeli military, taken from her family home in the occupied West Bank city of Birzeit; and be it further**

***Resolved,* That 81st General Convention call for Layan’s immediate release from Administrative Detention at the notorious Damon Prison in Israel, and that she be returned to her home and family; and be it further**

***Resolved,* That the 81st General Convention direct the Office of Government Relations of The Episcopal Church to continue its advocacy at the U.S. State Department, U.S. Embassy, Israeli Embassy, White House and among influential members of the Senate and House of Representatives, to demand Layan’s release; and be it further**

***Resolved,* That 81st General Convention denounce and object to the use of administrative detention wherein thousands of Palestinians—including children—are held for months without charge, trial, or conviction with no, or extremely limited, access to legal counsel or family visitation; and be it further**

Resolved, That 81st General Convention direct the Office of Government Relations to advocate for the U.S. government to pressure Israel to end the practice of administrative detention; and be it further

Resolved, That members of The Episcopal Church be invited to pray daily for Layan, together with other Palestinians held in administrative detention, to share Layan's story, and to advocate for her and others' immediate release from prison.

D076 - Supporting Reparative Investment Vehicles

Final Status: Concurred as Substituted

Proposed by: Boyce, Mr. Billy

Endorsed by: Coleman, The Rev. Dr. Karen, Wendell, The Rev. Chris

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: Yes

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 13 - Stewardship & Socially Responsible Investing

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Concur

Supporting Documents: [Supporting Reparative Investment Vehicles - Agenda Fund Executive Summary - June 2024](#)

[Apoyo a los vehículos de inversión reparadora - Resumen ejecutivo del Fondo de la Agenda - Junio de 2024](#)

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention of The Episcopal Church reaffirm our commitments to reparations for slavery, to community development, and to the role of the church in leading the nation towards racial reconciliation; and we recognize the dioceses are at various stages in this essential work; and because this Convention remembers the 1969 Special General Convention, wherein, the Rev. Paul M. Washington, and attendee from Pennsylvania Barbara C. Harris, spoke to The Episcopal Church's inadequate response to reparations, and called on all Black deputies to walk out in protest; and be it further

Resolved, That this convention asks the Executive Council to create and make available tools, comprehensive resources, and specific reparative capital vehicles so that the church can do this work.

D077 - Celebrating and Continuing the Work and Witness of the Church of the Advocate, Site of the Ordination of the Philadelphia Eleven

Final Status: Concurred as Amended

Proposed by: Matthews, The Rev. Kevin

Endorsed by: Stanitis, Mr. Rick, Russell, The Rev. Daniel Scott, Ostendorf, The Rev. Kristen, Wallis, The Rev. Benjamin, Wendt, Ms. Liz

Has Budget Implications: Yes

Cost: \$25,000.00

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: Yes

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 05 - Racial Truth-Telling, Reckoning & Healing

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Concur

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention, lamenting the sins of racial bigotry and gender discrimination, commend the past and present clergy and lay leadership of the Church of the Advocate for their steadfast commitment to faithful service to the people of North Philadelphia, particularly its ministry of racial justice under the Reverend Paul Washington (1962-1987) and celebrate his role in offering the Church of the Advocate for the Ordination of The Philadelphia Eleven, which occurred in July of 1974 in the City of Philadelphia; and be it further

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention recognize the continued significance of the Church of the Advocate in The Episcopal Church's efforts to reckon with the sins of racial bigotry and gender discrimination; and be it further

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention exhort the Bishops, Clergy, and People of The Episcopal Church to support the continued work and witness of the Church of the Advocate and commend and develop it as a pilgrimage site for the whole church.

Do78 - Combating Anti-Muslim Bias

Final Status: Concurred as Amended

Proposed by: Powell, The Rev. RJ

Endorsed by: Guidero, The Rev. Kirsten, Brown, The Rev. Claire

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: Yes

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 14 - Ecumenical & Interreligious Relations

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Concur

Supporting Documents: [A Declaration of the ELCA to the Muslim Community](#)

[The ACW document](#)

[Relaciones entre cristianos y musulmanes- Orientacion teologica y practica para episcopales](#)

[Christian-Muslim Relations- Theological and Practical Guidance for Episcopalians](#)

Resolution Text

Resolved, That this General Convention commit to addressing anti-Muslim bias in The Episcopal Church; and be it further

Resolved, That this General Convention identify anti-Muslim bias as fear or suspicion of Muslims or those perceived as Muslim, often reducing the global and historical faith tradition of Islam to harmful stereotypes and narratives of othering, including hateful rhetoric, that all too often lead to violence against Muslims and those perceived to be Muslim; and be it further

Resolved, That our Church commit itself to resisting anti-Muslim bias as part of our baptismal covenant to love our neighbor as ourselves, strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being; and be it further

Resolved, That this General Convention charge the Standing Commission on Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations to pursue the work of combating anti-Muslim bias over this next triennium, with a report back to the 82nd General Convention including but not limited to the following aspects of that work:

- 1. Continue raising awareness of anti-Muslim bias within The Episcopal Church;**
- 2. Advance its ongoing dialogues with Muslim partners, recognizing the broad variety of Muslim voices and traditions, to inform The Episcopal Church in words and actions;**
- 3. Distribute and offer trainings on “Christian-Muslim Relations: Theological and Practical Guidance for The Episcopal Church” for clergy, seminarians, and lay leaders, consulting with the Standing Commission on Formation and Ministry Development;**
- 4. Continue working alongside partners in existing coalitions including the Shoulder to Shoulder Campaign: Standing with American Muslims, Advancing American Ideals, of which The Episcopal Church is a founding member, to offer relevant resources and trainings on understanding, countering, and preventing anti-Muslim bias and bigotry.**

D079 - Nominations for President and Vice President of the House of Deputies

Final Status: Concurred as Amended

Proposed by: Black, The Rev. Cynthia

Endorsed by: Sherrod, Ms. Katie, Crawford, The Rev. Dr. Lee, Fleener, Jr, Mr. William, Pollard, Ms. Diane, Diaz, Mr. Thomas, Bowen, Robin, Montes, Rev. Luz, Ridge, Ms. Betsy

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: Yes

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 01 - Joint Rules of Order

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Concur

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution, and Canons to study, and report to the 82nd General Convention, on:

- 1) a structure for nominations for President and Vice President of the House of Deputies;
- 2) a process that includes determination of qualifications;
- 3) a process for recruitment of qualified deputies for nomination to each office; and
- 4) changes to the Canons and/or Rules of Order of the House of Deputies that would be needed to implement any recommendations.

Do80 - Direct Executive Council to Create Committee on Disability and Deaf Inclusion

Final Status: Concurred as Amended

Proposed by: White, The Rev. Deborah

Endorsed by: Lawton, Ms. Sarah, Curlin, Ms. Laura, Brown, Deputy Nathan, Warren, Ms. Evangeline

Has Budget Implications: Yes

Cost: \$3,000.00

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: Yes

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: Yes

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 17 - Accessibility & Inclusion

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Concur

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention direct the Executive Council to create a **Committee on Disability and Deaf Inclusion**, composed of eight to ten (10) members members at least 50% of whom have to be members of the Deaf and/or disabled community and at least 2 of whom must be members of the Episcopal Conference on the Deaf (also known as ECD), to do the work outlined in the Blue Book Report of the Task Force on Disability and Deaf Access for a Disability Advisory Group and to make available trainings and resources on disability and Deaf access, anti-ableism, and cultural competency; and be it further

Resolved, That the Executive Council seek the wisdom and leadership of the Episcopal Conference of the Deaf; recognized disability policy experts and members of the Disability and Deaf Communities in the Church; task forces whose work centers on disability, deafness, and mental health; and external expert advisors as needed, especially in considering Committee membership; and be it further

Resolved, That the Joint Budget Committee of Executive Council consider a budget allocation of \$10,000 for the creation and work of this committee this triennium.

Do81 - Childcare at General Convention

Final Status: No Action

Proposed by: Pomerenk, Mrs. Erica

Endorsed by: Hitt II, Prof. Lawrence, Moir, The Rev. Tory, Murray, Mr. Alan, Winter, The Rev. Brian, Theobald, Mr. Chuck, Richter, the Rev. Anne, Helmer, The Rev. Richard Edward, Nishibayashi, Ms. Kathryn, Cole, Dr. L. Zoe, Adzima, The Rev. Melissa

Has Budget Implications: Yes

Cost: \$110,000.00

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 17 - Accessibility & Inclusion

Completion Status: Incomplete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Refer to an Interim Body

Resolution Text

Resolved, That a Church interested in attracting younger members into church governance and leadership needs to make accommodations for those who have ~~families~~ *children*; And be it further

Resolved, That the cost to provide high quality formative children's programing and child care, which for 2024 was approximately \$90,000 for 45 children, should be borne by General Convention so that those who are already volunteering their time and talents in the service of the church, who also have young children to care for should not also be expected to bear this extra cost; And be it further

Resolved, That childcare will be provided during all events of the General Convention, including those events held at night, and those held in the days immediately preceding or following General Convention; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention will provide children's programing and child care for all Deputies, Alternate Deputies, Bishops, Volunteers and Staff at no cost to ~~the guardians/parents~~ *those raising children*. A nominal fee, per child, per day or week may be requested for children of exhibitors and visitors; And be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request the Executive Council Finance Committee allocate a budget of at least \$110,000 for the creation and implementation of The Children's Program at each ~~the next~~ General Convention, ~~beginning with the 82nd General Convention~~; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention encourage dioceses to assist with costs associated with bringing children to General Convention, including but not limited to airfare or other transportation, per diem, and lodging costs as a way to support, and encourage families *with children* to participate and to thank ~~families~~ *them* for participating; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention form a scholarship to assist parents with the costs of traveling to General Convention, including but not limited to airfare or other transportation, per diem, and lodging costs; And be it further

Resolved, As the nature of a large body meeting may include last minute illness, travel changes, and childcare changes, and as the General Convention has provisions in the rules of order for said changes, ~~parents/guardians~~ *those with children* who are Deputies, Alternate Deputies, Bishops, Volunteers or Staff shall not be required to register more than 24 hours in advance to be assured care and shall not be penalized if their need changes within 24 hours.

X001 - House of Deputies Special Orders for the 81st General Convention

Final Status: Adopted by HoD

Proposed by: HOD Committee on Dispatch

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 21 - Dispatch of Business/HoD

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Adopt

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the House of Deputies set the following Special Orders for the 81st General Convention:

Elections and Nominations

Nominations for the President of the House of Deputies must be submitted to the Secretary by the adjournment of the House on the Second Legislative Day, June 24.

The Election of the President of the House of Deputies will occur during the afternoon session on the Third Legislative Day, June 25.

Nominations for the Vice President of the House of Deputies must be submitted to the Secretary by the adjournment of the House on the Fourth Legislative Day, June 26.

The Election of the Vice President of the House of Deputies will occur on the Fifth Legislative day, June 27.

Nominations from the floor for the offices for Executive Council, Trustees of the Church Pension Fund, Disciplinary Board for Bishops, Court of Review, and the Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop, and the Treasurer of General Convention must be submitted to the secretary by the end of the Third Legislative Day, June 25.

Elections for the offices of Executive Council, Trustees of the Church Pension Fund, Disciplinary Board for Bishops, Court of Review, and the Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop, and the Treasurer of General Convention will occur during the morning session on the Fourth Legislative day, June 26.

All nominations for Executive Council, Church Pension Fund Trustees, President of the House of Deputies, Vice President of the House of Deputies, and Treasurer of the General Convention must have cleared the background check process outlined in Joint Rule V.5. A nominee does not need to designate which office they will be a candidate for when initially undergoing the background check.

Legislative Items.

On the First Legislative Day, June 23, as the first items on the legislative calendar, the House will consider Resolutions A149, A150, A151, A153, A154, and A155 (Amendments to the Rules of Order) under the following provisions:

- Before the consideration of the above resolutions, the Legislative Committee will be allotted 6 minutes to present its report.
- Following the Committee's report, the House will be provided a 10-minute Question Period to ask questions on the above referenced resolutions. Questions and answers will be limited to 2 minutes per question.
- After the completion of the Committee Report and Question Period, the House will take up each resolution in order under its normal debate rules as supplemented by this resolution.

On the Second Legislative Day, June 24, as the first item on the legislative calendar, the House will consider resolution A101 (Denominational Health Plan) under the following provisions:

- Before the consideration of the above resolution, the Legislative Committee will be allotted 10 minutes to present its report.
- Following the Committee's report, the House will be provided a 10-minute Question Period to ask questions on the above referenced resolutions. Questions and answers will be limited to 2 minutes per question.
- After the completion of the Committee Report and Question Period, the House will take up each resolution in order under its normal debate rules as supplemented by this special order.

On the Third Legislative Day, June 25, as the first item on the legislative calendar, the House will consider the Budget for The Episcopal Church under the following provisions:

- Before the consideration of the above resolution, the Treasurer of the General Convention and Budget Committee of Executive Council will be allotted 10 minutes to present its report.

- Following the Committee's report, the House will be provided a 10-minute Question Period to ask questions on the above referenced resolutions. Questions and answers will be limited to 2 minutes per question.
- Debate on the resolution following the Question Period will be limited to 60 minutes.
- During the first 6 minutes of debate, no motion to suspend the rules, refer, take no further action, end debate, or amend will be in order.
- Following the first 6 minutes of debate, the House will take up amendments. Debate on each amendment will be limited to 10 minutes.

On the Third Legislative Day, June 25, at or around 5:00 p.m., the House will consider Resolution C009 (Petition of The Episcopal Church In Navajoland to become a Missionary Diocese).

On the Fourth Legislative Day, June 26, at or around 4:00 p.m., the House will consider certain resolutions on the Holy Land from the Committee on Social Justice and International Policy. The Committee on Dispatch of Business will identify the Resolution(s) to be considered under this order and publish these resolutions to the House. The Resolutions will be considered under the following provisions:

- Before the consideration of the above resolution(s), the Legislative Committee will be allotted 6 minutes to present its report.
- Following the Committee's report, the House will be provided a 10-minute Question Period to ask questions on the above referenced resolution(s). Questions and answers will be limited to 2 minutes per question.
- After the completion of the Committee Report and Question Period, the House will take up each resolution in order under its normal debate rules as supplemented by this resolution.
- During the first 6 minutes of debate, no motion to suspend the rules, refer, take no further action, end debate, or amend will be in order.
- Following the first 6 minutes of debate, the House will take up amendments. Debate on each amendment will be limited to 10 minutes.

On the Fifth Legislative Day, June 27, as the first items on the legislative calendar, the House will consider Resolutions A152, A156, and A157 (Amendments to the Rules of Order) under the following provisions:

- Before the consideration of the above resolutions, the Legislative Committee will be allotted 6 minutes to present its report.
- Following the Committees report, the House will be provided a 10-minute Question Period to ask questions on the above referenced resolutions. Questions and answers will be limited to 2 minutes per question.

- After the completion of the Committee Report and Question Period, the House will take up each resolution in order under its normal debate rules as supplemented by this resolution.

On the Sixth Legislative Day, June 28, as the first item on the legislative calendar, the House will consider Resolution C025 (Juncture of The Episcopal Dioceses of Eastern and Western Michigan).

On the Sixth Legislative Day, June 28, as the second item on the legislative calendar, the House will consider Resolution D051 (Reunion of the Diocese of Wisconsin).

All amendments to resolutions considered under these special orders must be submitted in advance of the session that the resolutions will be considered and will be published to the House. Following the first 6 minutes of debate, amendments will be considered in the order they are submitted unless they have been withdrawn.

Special Presentations.

The House will receive the following special presentations. The presenters will be admitted to the floor around the time of their presentation and each presentation will be limited to six minutes.

Day 2, June 24, at or around 3:30 p.m. – A presentation from Episcopal Relief and Development.

Day 3, June 25, at or around 4:00 p.m. – A presentation from Episcopal Church Women and the celebration of their 50th Triennial.

Day 4, June 26, at or around 3:30 p.m. – A presentation from Episcopal Camps and Conference Centers.

Day 5, June 27, at or around 10 a.m. –A presentation from the Official Youth Presence.

Day 6, June 28, at or around 11:30 a.m. – A presentation from the Episcopal Coalition for Racial Equity and Justice.

X002 - Election of Secretary of the General Convention

Final Status: Concurred

Proposed by: Emily Mellott

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 21 - Dispatch of Business

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Concur

Resolution Text

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

X003 - Appointments to the Archives Advisory Committee

Final Status: Concurred as Amended

Proposed by: Emily Mellott

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 21 - Dispatch of Business

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Concur

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the 81st General Convention confirms the appointments for six-year terms on the Archives Advisory Committee to:

Ms. Luisa Bonillas (Los Angeles)

Mr. Lawrence Hitt II (Colorado)

Ms. Margaret Porter (New Hampshire)

The Rev. Keith McCoy (New Jersey)

Mr. Franklin Robinson (Washington)

The Rev. Joseph Thompson (Virginia)

X004 - Appointments to the Board for Transition Ministry

Final Status: Concurred

Proposed by: Emily Mellott

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 21 - Dispatch of Business

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Concur

Resolution Text

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

The Rev. Anita Braden (Arizona)

The Rev. Arienne Davison (Olympia)

Ms. Jennifer Phelps (Indianapolis)

Ms. Catherine Massey (North Carolina)

X005 - Confirmation of Election to Executive Council (Bishops)

Final Status: Adopted by HoD

Proposed by: Emily Mellott

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 21 - Dispatch of Business/HoD

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Adopt

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the House of Deputies confirms the election by the House of Bishops of Diane Jardine Bruce and Jonathan Folts to the Executive Council.

X006 - Confirmation of Election to the General Board of Examining Chaplains (Lay)

Final Status: Adopted by HoD

Proposed by: Emily Mellott

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 21 - Dispatch of Business/HoD

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Adopt

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the House of Deputies confirms the election by the House of Bishops of Cynthia Hill, David Miron, and Dhananjay Jagannathan to the General Board of Examining Chaplains in the lay order.

X007 - Confirmation of Election to the General Board of Examining Chaplains (Clergy)

Final Status: Adopted by HoD

Proposed by: Emily Mellott

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 21 - Dispatch of Business/HoD

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Adopt

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the House of Deputies confirms the election by the House of Bishops of Mark Kowalewski, Milquella Mendoza, and Scott Parnell to the General Board of Examining Chaplains in the clergy order.

X008 - Confirmation of Election to the General Board of Examining Chaplains (Faculty)

Final Status: Adopted by HoD

Proposed by: Emily Mellott

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 21 - Dispatch of Business/HoD

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Adopt

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the House of Deputies confirms the election by the House of Bishops of Scott Bader-Saye, Tricia Lyons, and Kara Slade to the General Board of Examining Chaplains as faculty.

X009 - Confirmation of Election to the General Board of Examining Chaplains (Bishops)

Final Status: Adopted by HoD

Proposed by: Emily Mellott

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 21 - Dispatch of Business/HoD

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Adopt

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the House of Deputies confirms the election by the House of Bishops of Nicholas Knisely and Gretchen Rehberg to the General Board of Examining Chaplains in the bishop order.

X010 - Confirmation of Election of Trustees of the Church Pension Fund

Final Status: Adopted by HoB

Proposed by: Wendell Gibbs

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 21 - Dispatch of Business/HoB

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Adopt

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the House of Bishops confirms the election by the House of Deputies of

Billy Boyce

Sharon Brown-Veillard

Alexizendra Link

Yvonne O'Neal

Linda Watt

Michael Barlowe

Sam Candler

Austin Rios

Leon Sampson

Molly Weiss

Diana D. Akiyama

Susan Brown Snook

as Trustees of the Church Pension Fund.

X011 - Confirmation of Election to Executive Council (Lay)

Final Status: Adopted by HoB

Proposed by: Wendell Gibbs

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 21 - Dispatch of Business/HoB

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Adopt

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the House of Bishops confirms the election by the House of Deputies of

Grecia Christian Reynso

Gerlene Gordy

Warren Hawk

Heidi Kim

Laura Russell

Katie Sherrod

to the Executive Council in the lay order.

X012 - Confirmation of Election to Executive Council (Clergy)

Final Status: Adopted by HoB

Proposed by: Wendell Gibbs

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 21 - Dispatch of Business/HoB

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Adopt

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the House of Bishops confirms the election of Lester Mackenzie and Stannard Baker, Deacon to the Executive Council in the clergy order.

X013 - Confirmation of Election of Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop (Lay)

Final Status: Adopted by HoB

Proposed by: Wendell Gibbs

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 21 - Dispatch of Business/HoB

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Adopt

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the House of Bishops confirms the election by the House of Deputies of

Brandon Beck

Tivaun Cooper

Ora Houston

Eddie Vance

Andrea McKellar

to the Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop in the lay order.

X014 - Confirmation of Election of Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop (Clergy)

Final Status: Adopted by HoB

Proposed by: Wendell Gibbs

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 21 - Dispatch of Business/HoB

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Adopt

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the House of Bishops confirms the election by the House of Deputies of

Carole Maddux (Deacon)

Adrienne Hymes

David Jackson

Luis Lopez

to the Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop in the clergy order.

X015 - Confirmation of Election of Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop (Deacons)

Final Status: Adopted by HoB

Proposed by: Wendell Gibbs

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 21 - Dispatch of Business/HoB

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Adopt

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the House of Bishops confirms the election by the House of Deputies of Carolyn Foster to the Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop in the deacon order.

X016 - Confirmation of Election of Treasurer of the General Convention

Final Status: Adopted by HoB

Proposed by: Wendell Gibbs

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HB

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 21 - Dispatch of Business/HoB

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoB Acts to Adopt

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the House of Bishops confirms the election of N. Kurt Barnes as Treasurer of the General Convention.

X017 - Appointment to the Archives Advisory Committee

Final Status: Adopted by HoD

Proposed by: Emily Mellott

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 21 - Dispatch of Business/HoD

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Adopt

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the House of Deputies confirms the appointment of Jake Owensby to the Archives Advisory Committee.

X018 - Appointments to the Board for Transition Ministry

Final Status: Adopted by HoD

Proposed by: Emily Mellott

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 21 - Dispatch of Business/HoD

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Adopt

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the House of Deputies confirm the appointments for six-year terms on the Board for Transition Ministry of Phoebe Roaf and Frank Logue.

X019 - Nomination by the Presiding Bishop for Historiographer

Final Status: Adopted by HoD

Proposed by: Emily Mellott

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 21 - Dispatch of Business/HoD

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Adopt

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the House of Deputies confirms the appointment of Sheryl Kujawa-Holbrook for Historiographer.

X020 - Nomination by the Presiding Bishop for Recorder of Ordinations

Final Status: Adopted by HoD

Proposed by: Emily Mellott

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 21 - Dispatch of Business/HoD

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Adopt

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the House of Deputies confirms the appointment of the Church Pension Fund for Recorder of Ordinations.

X021 - Confirmation of Election of Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop (Bishop)

Final Status: Adopted by HoD

Proposed by: Emily Mellott

Has Budget Implications: No

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: No

Requests New Interim Body: No

Directs an Interim Body: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: HD

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: 21 - Dispatch of Business/HoD

Completion Status: Complete

Latest House Action: HoD Acts to Adopt

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the House of Deputies confirms the election by the House of Bishops of

Jennifer Baskerville-Burrows

Mariann Budde

Mark Lattime

Jose McLoughlin

Phoebe Roaf

to the Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop in the bishop order.